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OUR SIXTEENTH VOLUME.

A FEW remarks may not be considered out of place in our present number. We have this week entered on our Sixteenth Volume, and as the horizon before us seems tolerably clear, we have no reason to doubt that, so far as human anticipations appear to be realisable, we shall, in due course, bring it to a completion, and with it the eighth year of our existence. The period of that existence has not been entirely uneventful. It embraces nearly the whole of the Prince of Wales's Grand Mastership, and, as far as the activity and numerical strength of the Craft are concerned, the most prosperous period in the annals of our Fraternity. It is no doubt due to the great interest exhibited by all classes in the memorable Installation at the Royal Albert Hall of His Royal Highness as Grand Master that Freemasonry is indebted for its greater popularity, its large accession of strength, and above all, the increased resources which have been placed at the disposition of our three Institutions. As regards ourselves, the more immediate consequence of this prosperity is that, while our progress has not been unattended by difficulties, we have nevertheless found it easier than we can imagine it would have been in ordinary circumstances. As we have said on previous occasions of a similar character, we have the satisfaction of knowing that we have been able to retain the support of a majority of our earliest friends and constituents. We have largely added to the number of those friends, and though, as in the usual ups and downs of journalism, we have failed to give satisfaction to all our readers, we have a consolation for this inevitable failure, that we have been able to go as far as other journals in accomplishing the impossible. As regards the future, we shall strive to follow in the path we have laid down for ourselves from the beginning. We shall observe the same rigid impartiality in dealing with questions as they may arise. If we think a particular policy is wholly objectionable, or should be modified, we shall not hesitate to say so firmly, but we trust, with that courtesy which it behoves a Masonic journal in particular, to observe on all occasions and towards everybody. We shall continue to lay the same stress, as heretofore, on the necessity for keeping up our Institutions at their present strength, and in their present state of efficiency. We believe it will be well for them if they are content to remain, for some time to come at all events, at their present strength; but if other counsels prevail, and that strength is increased, we shall simply exert ourselves with, if possible, a greater amount of zeal on their behalf. In short, our policy will remain unchanged; and, that being so, we feel we may, not without reason, look forward to a continuance of that approval and support which has been so kindly extended to us in the past.

A COMPLEX QUESTION.

OUR opinion has been asked as to one or two questions which have arisen out of a case of some delicacy, and even greater complexity. The facts are as follow: At the installation meeting of the Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto, on the roll of Grand Lodge, Canada, a certain brother proposed for initiation a gentleman with whom, for eight years, he had been in almost daily intercourse, and who had been nearly ten years in his then position. The proposition was, in due course, submitted to the Committee of General Purposes, and reported upon favourably. When, however, the next regular meeting of the Lodge was held, the candidate in question was one of three out of four gentlemen who were blackballed, and our correspondent suggests that this may have happened either because he had refused to lend money to a certain brother of the Lodge, who had borrowed two separate sums of a third brother and not repaid them, or because the said brother to whom he had refused the loan had had a candidate of his own blackballed at a previous meeting. With these surmises, however, which never can be anything else than surmises, we have nothing whatever to do. What made the rejection of our communicant's friend the more conspicuous was the fact that, as the W.M. of the Doric Lodge remarked, the Worshipful Master of the St. George's Lodge, Toronto, No. 367 on the roll of Grand Lodge, Canada, had asked permission to initiate the candidate. So far all is clear; but henceforth we find ourselves in some difficult circumstances. It happened about this time that the W.M. elect of St. George's Lodge, Montreal, which stands No. 440 on the roll of Grand Lodge England, and is one of three Lodges which since the separation of Canada and England, have elected to remain under the banner of the latter, took up his residence at Toronto, whence, at the appointed time, he travelled to Montreal—a distance of 333 miles—in order to be installed in the chair of K.S. This brother and another had both been present in the aforesaid Doric Lodge, Toronto, at the blackballing of our friend's candidate, and we presume in consequence of this, the rejected of the Doric Lodge, Toronto, made application to St. George's, Montreal, English Constitution, for initiation, being supported by "the recommendation of the Worshipful Master" of the latter. Our correspondent was applied to as to character, and his report being considered satisfactory, the applicant was balloted for and accepted, and on the 25th April was initiated into the First Degree in the said St. George's Lodge, Montreal. So far again, all is clear, and so likewise is the next step in the proceedings, namely, that the newly-initiated member of St. George's, Montreal, No. 440, English Constitution, presented himself for acceptance into the degree of Fellow Craft at the next regular meeting of the St. George's Lodge, No. 367, Canadian Constitution, but was notified by the Worshipful Master that the District Deputy Grand Master had advised him not to pass the newly-fledged English E.A.P. without "very careful consideration" of the circumstances.

These are the facts of the case. Let us now pass to the questions on which our correspondent requests us to give him information. These questions he bases on certain extracts from the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and for greater convenience, as well as to place matters in the clearest possible light before our readers, we shall combine, in the order of their occurrence, extract, question, and our answer.

(1) Our correspondent, quoting Article 7, "Of Proposing Candidates," from the said Constitutions, points out that "No Person shall be made a Mason or admitted a member *of a Lodge*, if, on the ballot, two black balls shall appear against him"; and he asks, "Do the words (*a Lodge*) refer to all the Lodges of every jurisdiction, or only to those in the particular"—that is, the Canadian—"jurisdiction?" To this our answer is to "those of the

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Canadian jurisdiction only," and our reason for this is clear; the Grand Lodge of Canada has no authority whatever outside its own jurisdiction.

(2) He then quotes from Article 17, "Of Private Lodges": "No Lodge shall, on any pretence, make more than five new brothers in one day, nor until they have been balloted for and approved; *nor can a rejected applicant for admission be balloted for again in the same or any other Lodge within twelve months from the time of such rejection.*" On this he asks, "Do the italicised words refer to any other Lodge in another jurisdiction?" to which, and for the same reason as before, we reply, "Most decidedly not."

(3) Article 23, "Of proposing Members," he tells us, lays it down that, "No Lodge shall initiate a candidate whose residence is nearer the jurisdiction of another Lodge, unless by dispensation of the Grand Master," and he explains, "the jurisdiction extends in every direction halfway to the nearest Lodge." With reference to this he is desirous of knowing if "the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada extends to the jurisdiction of a Lodge in this country working under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England?" to which the only reply it is in our power to give is, "Certainly not." Grand Lodge of Canada has already formally and officially recognised the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England over certain Lodges in Montreal, of which the St. George's, No. 440, is one.

(4) Passing over the next query, which is virtually the same as the one immediately foregoing, only expressed in somewhat different language, we come to Article 4 "Of Proposing Members," which is to the following effect: "In cases of emergency, the following alteration as to the mode of proposing a candidate is allowed. Any two members of a Lodge may transmit, in writing, to the Master the usual declaration of any candidate whom they wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency; and the Master, if the emergency be proper, shall issue a notice to every member,—appoint a Committee—summons the Lodge to meet at a period of not less than seven clear days from issue of summons for the purpose of balloting for the candidate; and, if the candidate be then approved, he may be initiated in the first degree of Masonry." Premising that we are not responsible for the accurate wording of this or previous or following excerpts from the Canadian Constitutions, we may state that our correspondent's inquiry in this case takes the form of a statement to the effect that what was required was duly carried out, and our one and only remark in consequence is, that this compliance with a law which appears to be common to both the English and Canadian Constitutions is obviously a matter for sincere congratulation.

(5) The query that follows is substantially the same with No. 2, and concerns the time that must elapse between the rejection of a candidate and the renewal of his application form.

(6) We are told that Article 7, "Of Members and their duties," is to this effect: "All differences between, or complaints of, members that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular Lodge, shall be reduced into writing and delivered to the Grand Secretary, who shall lay them before the Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master, or Board of General Purposes. After investigation, adjudication shall be made, as shall be authorised by the Bye-Laws and regulations of Masonry. We are here told that nothing, as laid down by this article 7, has been done, and, we are asked—if we rightly understand the wording of the question—whether, in the event of its not not being completed within a given time, anything can be brought up or done to debar the brother, to whose rejection in a Toronto Lodge, Canada Constitution, and initiation in a Montreal Lodge under the English Constitution, we are indebted for the origin of these difficulties, from the exercise of his rights and privileges as a Mason. We reply, (a) "As far as we can judge from the premises, there is nothing whatever in the shape of an obstacle to the Brother's exercise of his rights and privileges in his own Lodge." (b) "Canada has formally recognised the English Lodge of which he is a member, and among his rights and privileges is that of visiting other Lodges, if properly vouched for;" but (c) "A Brother who has, even unintentionally, slighted the self-respect of the Grand Lodge within whose territorial jurisdiction he resides, by offering himself as a candidate for acceptance into a Lodge outside that jurisdiction, cannot, in reason, expect to be made welcome, much less to have degrees conferred upon him, in one of its subordinate Lodges."

Before quitting the subject we will remark that the circumstances as laid before us appear to be most unfortunate, nor can we imagine any thing more calculated to promote the elements of discord between the Lodges in two contiguous, but independent, jurisdictions than for a candidate who has been rejected in one to apply for admission into another, especially when he resides in the former, and at a distance of over 300 miles from the locality of his Lodge in the latter. We will not go so far as to say that, in the circumstances, he has been guilty of a legal wrong—the answers we have given to our correspondent's questions are sufficient to dispose of any intention on our part to lay down such a proposition. Yet we cannot but express our belief that he has been guilty of a very grave indiscretion, more especially when we take into account the extreme sensitiveness with which the American Grand Lodges regard this question of jurisdiction.

MUNICIPALITY AND MASONRY.

THE walls of the grand old City Guildhall and its precincts have resounded with unusual scenes of festivity and happiness within the past few days; but we question if any of them have afforded more solid and abiding satisfaction to our worthy Bro. the Lord Mayor, and Grand Junior Warden of England, than that in which he participated on Monday evening last at the Guildhall Tavern. It is not long since the laudable idea was conceived that, taking into consideration the number of brethren who are, in a variety of ways, connected with the work of the Corporation of the City of London, nothing could be more conducive to their fraternal comfort and convenience than to establish a Lodge within hail of the grand historic precincts from which radiate the powers and functions of the local government of the City. Accordingly, steps in this direction were taken, and we believe we are correct in stating that amongst those who assisted most zealously in the initiatory stages were the present Grand Secretary, the President of the Board of General Purposes, and other prominent and distinguished members of Grand Lodge. Under such robust auspices, it was no wonder that the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, should have made rapid and healthy progress, and have taken its stand so proudly and prominently amongst the Lodges in the metropolis. Nor can we be surprised that, having regard to the aspirants for office, among the pick and cream of the professional and legal elements which hover around the Guildhall, the working of the Lodge should have attained a standard of excellence but very rarely approached elsewhere. It is not our province, however, here to speak, even in general terms, of the perfection attained by a united band of brethren whose "local habitation" may be said to be yet hardly matured. The immediate occasion for these lines is to congratulate them upon the pre-eminent success which crowned their efforts on Monday evening, when they received within their hospitable circle the eminent Brother who now so ably and so happily fills the post of the highest dignity in the City of London. Seldom has a Lodge been so profusely honoured by the attendance of Grand Officers as on the occasion to which we refer. The daïs of the Lodge-room and the upper tiers at the banquet table were ablaze with a wealth of purple, and resplendent with jewels, and the whole scene was one of the most gratifying nature. But most pleasing of all was it to observe the hearty unity and cordial sentiment which actuated the brethren in their reception of the Chief Magistrate of the City, on whom our beloved Sovereign has recently conferred such proud distinctions. We venture to believe that Sir J. Whittaker Ellis will not soon forget the hearty grip of the hand with which he was received by the brethren of the Alliance, and that he was actuated by no mere after-dinner courtesy when he remarked that "amongst the many honours I have had poured upon me during the last few months there is not one I value more highly than that of being elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England." The hearty and spontaneous welcome accorded to his Lordship was a charming feature in a gathering which was very much more numerous than could reasonably have been expected on a sultry afternoon in June. Even with the more than ordinarily adequate accommodation afforded at the Guildhall Tavern—the home of so many Masonic families—its resources were taxed to the utmost

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in order to find room for the large and distinguished company who sought admission to the Lodge-room. It was necessary, in consequence of many of the brethren having other engagements later in the evening, that the meeting should be called for an early hour, for in addition to the work set down on the "emergency" agenda, the Lord Mayor and several of his friends were to take part in scenes of fresh enjoyment, for which the preparations had been just completed, within the Guildhall itself. A grand ball given by the Chief Magistrate of London to the Mayors and Mayoresses of the provincial towns, without the Lord Mayor being present, would have afforded a striking illustration of the play of Hamlet, minus the Prince of Denmark. Accordingly, Bro. Frank Green, who has the honour of presiding over the Alliance Lodge as its Worshipful Master this year, fixed four o'clock as the time for labour, which consisted of electing, as a joining member, Bro. the Rev. Joseph Henry Smith, P.M. 279, Past Provincial Grand Chaplain of Leicestershire and Rutland, who had been proposed by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton P.M. and Town Clerk to the Corporation. The only other item on the paper was that of passing Brother Edward Thomas Rodney Wilde to the sublime degree, and it would be only fulsome adulation on our part to say that the work performed by the Master, assisted by his excellent Wardens (Bros. H. Wildey Wright, the well-known barrister, and G. W. Brown), was of the most perfect and satisfactory character. At six o'clock there was a whisper that the Lord Mayor had arrived, and presently his Lordship entered the Lodge-room, and advancing to the Wor. Master, shook hands with him heartily and took his seat on the right of the chair upon the daïs. He was saluted with due honours as Junior Grand Warden of England, and the business portion of the meeting concluded with an extraordinary number of hearty good wishes.

The banquet, which took place subsequently, in the gilded throne-room of the hotel, was a pattern of culinary excellence, brightness, and elegance. With such a number of visitors as to warrant the observation which fell from the Worshipful Master later in the evening, that they so "bewildered" the Tyler that he was unable to give a complete record of them, it was a difficult task to dispose of them satisfactorily; but with the utmost tact and ability, the worthy Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. Joseph E. Turner, contrived to put all the square men into square places, and thus accomplished the almost impossible task of pleasing everybody. Under such circumstances the remainder of the evening was a continued period of quiet, happy enjoyment. Amongst the many distinguished brethren who occupied positions near the chair may be mentioned Bro. R. H. Giddy D.G.M. of Griqualand, who, we were informed, had discharged vastly important duties in Grand Lodge, and indeed in every part of the world in which it was possible for him to perform Masonic work. Then there was that hearty and zealous Mason, the Rev. C. W. Arnold Past Grand Chaplain, Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, Horace Jones, the eminent City Architect and Grand Superintendent of Works, Sir John B. Monckton, one of the founders of the Lodge, J. A. Rucker P.G.D., Frank Richardson P.G.D., Sir Albert Woods (Garter) P.G.W., Peter de L. Long P.G.D., Thomas Fenn P.G.D., Captain Bedford Pim, Alderman Staples, John Messent G.S.B., W. T. Howes P.G.P., W. H. R. Skey P.G.J.W., the Hon. Mark F. Napier, Deputy Edmeston, and a host of others, as the auctioneer would say, "too numerous to mention." The post-prandial speeches, though abundant in heartiness of spirit, were brief and to the point, and were a refreshing set-off to the long-windedness too frequently the bane of Masonic banquets. The "Queen and the Craft," of course, took precedence, and in giving the toast, Bro. Green observed rightly that Freemasons were amongst the most Loyal of Her Majesty's subjects, as had recently been shown in a memorable and very interesting manner. He referred, of course, to the deputation of Grand Officers, headed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, who waited upon the Queen a short time since to present her with an address, voted unanimously at perhaps one of the greatest gatherings ever assembled in the Masonic Temple, congratulating Her Majesty upon her providential escape at the hands of a mad would-be assassin. There was an enthusiastic outburst of loyalty following these remarks which fully endorsed the sentiments so ably alluded to in the Worshipful Master's opening speech. Then came the healths of the Rulers of the Craft, to each of whom fraternal reference was made, with a well-earned tribute of praise to all for the zeal and ability they displayed in promoting the best interests of the Institution. The toast of the evening was inevitably that with which the principal and honoured guest was associated, and in a few happily chosen sentences, Bro. Green extended to the Grand Junior Warden a sincere and fervent welcome in the names of all the brethren of the Alliance Lodge.

Bro. Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Lord Mayor and Junior Grand Warden, must have been himself delighted and surprised at the ovation which greeted him on rising to respond. He said there were many distinguished positions which a man might occupy, and sometimes when one looked around him, and found with whom he was associated, he felt it somewhat difficult to respond for them. On the present occasion he felt, as Bacon expressed it, he was "young in hours," and that he was surrounded by a distinguished body of Officers who for a length of time had borne the brunt and heat of the important affairs of that great Institution—the Grand Lodge of the Freemasons of England. When he looked around he saw near him Bro. Sir Albert Woods, who occupied so prominent a position, and was so esteemed by the whole of the Brotherhood; and near him was Brother Sir John Monckton and other distinguished members of Grand Lodge, with their excellent Grand Secretary, who was so zealous and ubiquitous—in fact he (the Lord Mayor) wished he was like him, for he seemed to be able at any time to be in two places at once. No sooner had he done a good office for one Lodge than he was, almost before they could imagine it possible, doing a good office for another. His Lordship went on to say he felt himself placed in a very distinguished position by the good offices of his friends, and by the kindness and condescension of Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Master of Grand Lodge. He was also pleased to think that, amongst the brethren who surrounded him, and allowed him to be their mouthpiece on this occasion, he could claim so many good and tried friends, in whom, even long before he entered into the happy state of the Brotherhood, were those whom he could look up to with respect. He felt it would have been well if the names of some of his brother Grand Officers had been associated with the toast, so that they might have spoken after him, and have dwelt, with that florid eloquence which they heard in G. Lodge at the Quarterly Communications, upon those useful and difficult questions which the Grand Registrar so eloquently and so conspicuously rendered to them. But on this occasion he could only repeat that amongst the many honours he had had poured upon him the last few months, there was none he valued more highly than that of being elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England. Their Worshipful Master had referred to the Deputation that recently waited upon Her Majesty, and presented her with an interesting Address. He believed that was the first time on which the Freemasons of England had tendered an Address in person to Her Majesty, and it certainly was a very imposing and very instructive sight. Bro. Sir Albert Woods, who had seen more than any one present of the ceremonials that had been exercised in the world, because he had been called upon by Her Majesty to invest the most illustrious of potentates with that much-desired appendage, the Garter, was much struck with the dignity and the imposing character of the event, which afforded Her Majesty such evident satisfaction. In conclusion, his lordship again expressed his deep sense of the honour which had been conferred upon him by the brethren of the Alliance Lodge. Amongst the Visitors it was an arduous task for the W.M. to select one who should answer for such a galaxy of Masonic stars; but with courtesy and tact he contrived to bridge the difficulty, and to pay a graceful compliment to Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, who, although not a Grand Officer, is nevertheless a true and zealous promoter of the interests of the Craft. The remaining speeches were necessarily of a complimentary character, but all must admit that the accents of praise that were showered upon the Worshipful Master and his Officers, and especially his indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Joseph E. Turner, were as deserved as they were freely and sincerely bestowed. The scene throughout was pregnant with hearty goodfellowship and urbanity, and the company only reluctantly withdrew when the cadences of music, wafted from the Guildhall, spoke of the opening of festivities on a larger and more magnificent scale, in which "fair women

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and brave men" had been invited by Bro. Ellis to participate in the warmth of his Civic munificence and generosity.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, BENGAL.

A REGULAR Communication of the Mark Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, on the 25th February, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. Stewart P.G.O. England, Prov. G.M.M.M., and from the copy of the proceedings which has reached us we learn that he was supported by the following Prov. Grand and acting Prov. G. Officers, namely:—Bros. W. Adlard P.D.G.P.M. P.G.O. of England as D.P.G.M.M., Captain George Blake P.M. 219 P.S.G.W., Major H. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.O. England as P.J.G.W., Geo. Wallace as P.G.M.O., William Bull P.G.S.O., J. R. B. Fitzherbert P.G.J.O., R. B Nightingall P.G.R., H. W. Warmington acting P.G.S., James Carswell as P.G.S.D., W. Jones as P.G.J.D., Capt. G. W. M. Turnbull P.G.D.C., Major A. H. Turner P.G.A.D.C., H. J. Walker P.G.S.B., E. J. Coates P.G.O., D. G. D'Rozario P.G.I.G., R. B. Teeling P.G. Tyler; together with representatives of Lodge No. 98, and several visitors. After the confirmation of the minutes of previous meetings, the P.G. Master delivered his address, in which he congratulated the brethren on the progress the degree had made during the last half year. There were, he said, twenty-three Lodges on the roll of the Province, one of which had been opened on the 24th January, and was already in good working order. The brethren had increased in number from 380 on 30th June 1881, the date of the previous return, to 402 on 1st January of this year; but though this increase was comparatively small, there had been ninety-two brethren advanced as against seventy-one and sixty-two respectively, in the two previous half-years. On the other hand, there had been as many as eighty-five resignations, caused by the large number of transfers among military brethren. Having congratulated his predecessor, R.W. Bro. Hon. H. T. Prinsep, on the prosperous state of the degree during his last half-year of office, Bro. Lt.-Col. Stewart went on to state that the degree of Royal Ark Mariner, which numbered only seven Lodges, was not quite in the same satisfactory condition, there being only ninety-nine members on 1st January 1882 as against 117 on 30th June 1881, but as he had received that evening a petition for a provisional warrant for a new R.A.M. Lodge, he trusted that matters would improve in the course of the half-year then commencing. The Treasurer's account, which showed receipts, including balance from previous half-year, amounting to over 1304 rupees, disbursements over 906 rupees, and balance 397 rupees and upwards, was received and passed, after which a resolution recommending a donation of 100 rupees to the Bengal Masonic Association, and one of a like amount to the Punjab Masonic Institution was unanimously agreed to. The Prov. G. Master having announced that Bro. Adlard, their then Prov. Grand Treasurer was not desirous of being re-elected, by reason of his absence from Lahore during the hot season, Bro. J. H. Sullivan was unanimously chosen his successor. The following brethren were then appointed and invested as Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year, namely:—

Bro. H. J. Sparks	Dep. P.G. Mark Master
Adam Paxton	P. Grand Senior Warden
J. Gannon	P. Grand Junior Warden
W. R. Barry	P. Grand Master Overseer
Lt.-Col G. E. L. S. Sanford	P. Grand Senior Overseer
P. C. Dutt	P. Grand Junior Overseer
Rev. L. F. Phillips	P. Grand Chaplain
J. H. Sullivan	P. Grand Treasurer
R. B. Nightingall	P. Grand Registrar
H. W. Warmington	P. Grand Secretary
W. H. Loof, Pestonjee Basonjee	P. Grand Senior Deacons
Jas. Carswell	P. Grand Junior Deacon
Captain J. A. F. H. Stewart-Mackenzie	P. Grand Inspr. of Works
James Tuck	P. Grand Dir. of Cers.
W. H. H. Money	P. Grand A. Dir. of Cers.
E. F. Stanack	P. Grand Sword Bearer
J. Kirby	P. Grand Standard Bearer
G. E. Coates	P. Grand Organist
W. W. Clifford	P. Grand Inner Guard
W. Girling, Captain G. T. Morris, James Smart	P. Grand Stewards

Bro. Captain George Blake, with the permission of the Provincial Grand Master, then expressed regret for the part he had played in endeavouring to bring about the separation of the Punjab from Bengal, and its erection into a separate Mark Province, and requested that his recantation might be made known to Bro. Hon. H. T. Prinsep I. Past Prov. G.M.M.M., and apologies for non-attendance having been read from several brethren, Prov. G. Lodge was closed in the usual manner.

The Monthly Meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The three chairs were occupied by Bro. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B. President, James Brett P.G.P. Junior Vice-President, and Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C. Amongst the other brethren present were C. A. Cottebrune, C. Atkins, W. Mann, H. Garrod, Thomas Sanders, Charles Dairy, J. H. Matthews, A. E. Gladwell, E. F. Storr, H. Massey, H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, W. Stephens, and H. Sadler Grand Tyler. The brethren first confirmed grants to the amount of £240, recommended at the last meeting in May. The new list contained the names of twenty-eight applicants, eighteen of which were country and eleven town. The brethren were engaged over three hours in considering these cases, and at the termination the following was found to be the result:—Two cases dismissed, and one deferred; two cases relieved with £50 each, three with £40 each, five with £30 each, six with £20 each, two with £15 each, five with £10 each, and two with £5 each. The Lodge was then closed.

The following arrangements have been announced in connection with the Festival, at the Royal Pavilion at Brighton on Wednesday next, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. A special train of first-class carriages will leave London Bridge at 10·45 A.M., calling at East Croydon at 11 A.M., in order to take up passengers with special tickets by the ordinary train from Victoria at 10.15 a.m., and Clapham Junction at 10.20 A.M. The party will be landed at Brighton at 12.15 P.M., and are requested to assemble at the Royal Pavilion not later than 3.30 P.M. The Dome, in which the banquet and subsequent proceedings will take place, and the entire lower suite of rooms, have been reserved for the guests, and Stewards, ladies, and brethren will meet in the large rooms on the ground floor, an ante-room being specially arranged for the use of the Stewards. Wands will be borne only by the special Stewards, who will have charge of, and distribute the badges to the rest of their colleagues. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., Grand Junior Warden, who is the chairman of the day, will be received on his arrival by the Officers of the Board of Stewards, and conducted by them to the room at the back of the orchestra in the Dome, entering by the door marked A, while the Stewards and their friends will enter the banquet room by doors marked B, and seat themselves at Tables 1 to 13. When the company are seated, the Chairman will enter, accompanied by the House Committee of the Institution, the Officers of the Board, and the Grand Officers, for whom seats will be provided at the Dais Table. Private drawing-rooms will be set apart for the exclusive use of the ladies, and light refreshments, such as tea, coffee, &c. &c., will be served throughout the evening. Smoking is forbidden in the Dome. There will be attendants in the rooms adjacent to the entrance, who will take charge of hats and coats. The Band of the School will be in attendance under Bandmaster Wbare, and will play a selection of music on the arrival of the visitors and during the afternoon. The special return train leaves Brighton punctually at 8.30 P.M., and at East Croydon will set down passengers for Clapham Junction and Victoria; but those visitors who may wish to remain over night may return by any train, except express, on the day following, instead of by the special train. Tickets, including railway fare—gentlemen 21s each, ladies 18s each. Brethren—morning dress without Masonic clothing or jewels; Ladies, morning dress, with or without bonnets.

St. James's Church, Clerkenwell, which is about being restored, will shortly, through the generosity of the Crusaders' Lodge, be enriched by the addition of two large painted windows, the work of the well-known artist in stained glass, Bro. Charles Evans, of Warwick-street, Regent-street, W.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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ORIGIN OF THE ROYAL ARCH.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I thank you and Bro. Q. for the complimentary notices of my letter under the above heading. With regard to my not having proved every thing from records, this I admitted, by stating that "*this is but a theory of my own*," subject to disproval. I maintain, however, that it is the most logical conclusion I could come to, and whenever any one shall produce a better theory or explanation, I shall cheerfully acknowledge it.

It is certain that William Leslie, and other Scotch brethren, obtained from the Ancients a Dispensation in the month of March 1763, and that the said organisation was constituted on the 20th April ensuing. There is a list of the names of the members of that Lodge, headed by William Leslie. Preston's name is the twelfth on the list, and as Preston was the second person initiated in that Lodge, the original founders consisted of ten brethren. About twenty on the list paid one shilling each to the G.L.; about twenty remaining members are marked on the list as having paid two and sixpence, or five shillings. I suggested to Bro. Buss that the difference in the fee to the G.L. may have been owing to those who joined the Lodge, while, under dispensation having paid one shilling, while, after the constitution of the Lodge, its candidates paid a higher fee; this theory may be confirmed or disproved, but any how, there are about (as far as I can judge) forty names on the said list. The Ancients observed the Evangelist's day, 27th December, as their annual feast, when the Masters or Secretaries of Lodges had to furnish the G.S. with lists of the members of their respective Lodges; and as No. 111 was a new Lodge, it was probably prompt upon that occasion in furnishing its list of members, &c. It may seem incredible for the membership of the Lodge to have increased fourfold in less than ten months. This, however, is confirmed by Bro. Stephen Jones in 1795, who says, "The Lodge was soon after" [after it had received a Dispensation] "regularly constituted by the Officers of the Ancient G.L. . . . . Having increased considerably in numbers, it was found necessary to remove to the Horn Tavern, Fleet-street," &c. How many members joined the Lodge before the November following, when it seceded from the Ancients, I know not. I know that Preston left it in the interim, and joined a modern Lodge; probably others may have seceded with Preston, but supposing that the new initiations equalled in number those who seceded, the Caledonian Lodge must have numbered forty brethren when it was re-constituted by the Moderns in November 1764, a number of whom were doubtless R.A. Masons. And if this was the first Ancient Lodge converted into a Modern, then it must have been the first time when the Modern G.L. dignitaries held social and fraternal communion with a number of Chapter Masons. If so, we may readily suppose that curiosity prompted the Grand Officers to learn about the Lodge work of the Ancients, and more especially about the R.A. degree. Finally, some of the G.L. dignitaries probably ventured to receive the degree in the "*Caledonian Chapter*," and reported favourably upon the sublimity of the ceremony, &c. But as the social position of the Caledonians may not have come up to the standard of the Grand Lodge dignitaries, the said dignitaries, therefore, decided to form a Chapter of their own. Hence, in January 1765, the R.A. Chapter of Jerusalem was inaugurated, and its membership was kept sufficiently select, so that even the Grand Master, and other noblemen, were induced to join it. I again admit that *this is but a theory, which I cannot prove from records*; but my friends here are of my opinion, that it is the best conclusion I could come to. Bro. Charles L. Woodbury (whose theory on Egyptian Masonry I assailed in your journal some two years ago), after carefully reading my communication to you on "The Origin of the R.A.," said, "Well! I cannot see how you could come to any other conclusion."

I must not, however, omit to inform you that, at the suggestion of the R.W. G.Sec. of England, I inquired of Bro. J. Nunn, a prominent member of the Caledonian Lodge, regarding the old records of his Lodge and Chapter, who replied, that the oldest Lodge records were destroyed some years ago in a fire, and that the Caledonian Chapter was of recent formation. Subsequently, upon further inquiry of my friend in the G.S.'s office, I was informed that the old Caledonian Chapter ceased to meet soon after 1813.

I am always ready and willing to acknowledge an error; and I shall now take the opportunity of acknowledging a very curious oversight of mine. About a year ago I came across the *Freemason's Magazine* 1795, wherein I found the memoir of Preston by Stephen Jones, which furnished me with a clue to the history of the Caledonian Lodge, and of Preston's initiation therein. As Bro. Jones received his information from Preston *verbally*, he made a muddle about the period of the Lodge's Constitution under the Ancients, and its subsequent Constitution by the Moderns. Thus much, however, I learned. 1st. That the Lodge was first constituted in, or soon after, 1760, and 2nd. That it met at the White Hart in the Strand. To ascertain the exact date, I scanned over the Lodges in Bro. Gould's "Atholl Lodges" from 1760, till I came to No. 111, which met at the *White Hart, Strand*. Having identified the Lodge, I put the book aside without perusing the comments thereon. Bro. Buss first called my attention to that part of the note where it is stated that Preston was the second person initiated in the said Lodge. I naturally assured him that I had not read the note, &c. I then merely noticed that fact, without troubling myself to read the remainder of the note. Last week I had again occasion to hunt up a Lodge in the "Atholl Lodges," when I came to Lodge No. 111. I thought that I would just read the whole note, and to my surprise I found therein all the facts about the Caledonian Lodge, which I took so much pains last year to hunt up. True, Bro. Gould furnishes no authorities for his statements, but the facts are there. And now I will give you some information, which caused me to re-examine Bro. Gould's work last week.

During a visit to New York, about six weeks ago, I stumbled upon a ritual of the Royal Arch, said to have been sent to Hayti in 1802, for a Chapter that worked there under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of England. The said ritual was either originally written in English or in French. But be that as it may, in 1833 it found its way to New York, where Bro. Marconnay copied it. It is the same Bro. Marconnay who made a great stir among the A. and A. *Riters* in 1833, by asking the Three Globes G.L. at Berlin, about whether Frederic the Great was a *high degreer*, and whether he sent a Charter for 33 degrees to Charleston, South Carolina, &c., to which the Three Globes Grand Lodge replied, that Frederic the Great was not a *high degreer*, and that the Charleston Charter was a fraud. Well, to be brief. Last week I was again in New York, and the owner of the document kindly allowed me to take it with me to Boston. Brother S. D. Nickerson P.G.M., now Grand Secretary, of Massachusetts, will translate it into English in a few weeks, but in the meantime I send you the introduction, as translated by Bro. Nickerson.

ROYAL ARCH.

"7th Degree of the ancient York Rite, as it is worked in England and the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of England. Copied from the original and official ritual deposited with the Sovereign Chapter of Heureuse Union of Aux Cayes, [Hayti]. Constituted by the Grand Chapter of England in 1802.

"This copy was made by the undersigned, at New York, in 1833, from the copy of Brother the Count de Saint Lawrent,——

Leblanc de Marconnay 33°."

It must seem strange to English Masons to see the R.A. degree styled "*seventh* degree of the *York Rite*." The R.A. degree was made into a seventh degree by Thomas Smith Webb, the great American tinker of rituals and degrees; and then, again, our profound American Masonic luminaries have somehow taken a notion into their wise heads, that the Blue degrees, the R.A. degrees, and the K.T. degrees, *a baker's dozen in all*, ought to be called "York Rite," hence Bro. Marconnay styled the R.A. the "7th degree of the York Rite."

After perusing Marconnay's introduction, doubts suggested themselves to my mind. 1st. Whether there was ever any Chapter at all in Hayti? And 2nd. As there were two Grand Chapters in England in 1802, to which of these Chapters did the Hayti Chapter belong? To find this out, I had to wade again through Bro. Gould's Lodge lists (for I have no Chapter lists to consult). First I went, one by one, through the "Atholl Lodges," but found no Hayti there. Next I went through the lists of the Lodges of the Moderns up to 1802, but still could not find a Lodge at Hayti. I was about to give up the hunt; but thinking that persons are apt to make mistakes in copying, I went on from Lodge to Lodge, until I came to page 81, where I found—"604. La Loge de La Heureuse Reunion aux Cayes, Hayti."

This Lodge was not granted in 1802, but in 1809. I have, however, no doubt (*though I have no record evidence to prove it*) that the Union Chapter, to whom the ritual belonged, was a branch of No. 604 Lodge at Hayti.

I shall only add, that as soon as the ritual is translated into English, a copy will be sent to the Grand Secretary of England, when there will be an opportunity of comparing it with another old ritual recently discovered in London, as well as with the present one.

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 6th June 1882.

A DAY IN THE COUNTRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Last year some of your readers were generously led to help us provide a Day's Excursion into the country for 500 poor girls and boys who attend the Hackney Juvenile Mission. The manager hopes to be able to take at least as many children this summer, and I should be glad if your readers will assist him practically, by sending donations towards this Tenth Annual Excursion to either the Hon. Manager, Mr. J. Newman, 117 Cheapside, E.C., Mr. H. M. Heath, 4 St. Thomas-road, or to,

Yours faithfully,

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ELECTRICITY v. GAS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Of all the letters written to bolster up the electric light, I think few can compare with that published in the *Times* of Friday, signed "C. M'L. M'Hardy." The writer begins by stating that an incandescent lamp gives a light of from 16 to 20 candle power; and afterwards, to compare it with gas, he states that an ordinary burner consuming from 5 to 8 feet of gas per hour gives from 6 to 8 candle power. Now this is simply reversing the candle power of the two lights. Five feet of London gas will give from 15 to 17 candle power, and this is periodically stated in the JOURNAL

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and other papers, when giving the reports of the Metropolitan Gas Examiners.

Mr. Hardy favours us with *his* estimate for plant for 2000 incandescent lamps, at from £4,200 to £5,200 (the margin of £1000 being on one item—the dynamo machine). With respect to the cost of the engine and boilers, it is a pity he did not consult an engineer as to the cost of such articles; he would then, perhaps, have been surprised at the very low figures he has named as the cost. But, *taking his own figures*, he has forgotten to state that, for safety, in case of a breakdown, and to provide for heavy repairs, he must have duplicate machinery and apparatus; and as the engine-house is put down at the low sum of £200, and the lamps are not included in the total for plant, we have simply to double his amount for plant—say £10,400—for 2000 incandescent lamps. Even these figures melt into insignificance when Mr. Hardy comes to the (purely imaginary) cost for working expenses. I say imaginary, because he does not say, "I find from experience that during so many months' work at the Crystal Palace the working expenses have been found to be so and so;" but he gives his own idea of what *he* considers they should be. Well, he gives certain mysterious figures as to the cost of working expenses for the 2,000 incandescent lights, making a total of £2,500 per annum. Now, if any one will add up the figures given, he will find that an error has been made of £1,000 per annum, the total being £3,500. In these figures, on the annual cost, Mr. Hardy states the time for burning to be from dusk till midnight. Why he stops at midnight is best known to himself, as the public lamps burn from dusk till *dawn*; but perhaps it is to keep down the working expenses on machinery running on till dawn. He then goes on to compare the cost of the electric light with gas; and to do this he starts with the price of gas at 3s 4d per 1000 feet. Why 3s 4d? Why not 2s 10d, the price charged to the Brush Electric Light Company for lighting their premises in Belvedere Road? However, he compares the cost of gas light (3s 4d per 1000 feet) with the incandescent lights at the *imaginary* illuminating power of from 16 to 20 candles, with plant some thousands of pounds below the actual amount required, a mistake in the total working expenses of £1,000 per annum, and the machinery running till midnight instead of till dawn; and by these means he arrives at the unwarrantable conclusion that incandescent lights are cheaper than ordinary gaslights.

It may be said that, as I am connected with gas companies, I must be strongly biassed in favour of gas. Well, so I am; but I am also biassed in favour of truth, and of facts as to the real cost of electric lighting. I will ask this question: If electric lighting *is* so much cheaper than gas, why do the Brush Electric Lighting Company light their premises with gas? their gas bill for last quarter being more than £40.

With regard to increasing the light of the London streets by night, I hold, perhaps (for one connected with gas companies) peculiar views on this subject, as I think it a folly and a shame to waste more money on the artificial illumination of public thoroughfares than is *absolutely necessary* to enable the public to find their way about, and the police to do their duty. Artificial illumination in any form is, and to me it appears as if it ever will be, a costly process; but, if we are determined to turn night into day, in the face of Nature's opposition, we can only do so at the cost of health and by heavy money expenditure. If, in this electric light excitement, there are those who like to blaze up the interior of their houses with a flood of garish light for their midnight entertainments, let them do so; but I respect and admire the thrifty vestryman who desires to keep down *extravagant* lighting for public thoroughfares, and who will not tax the overburdened tradesman to meet the luxurious wishes of the rich, nor make free with other people's money to aid electric light companies to advertise their speculations.

MAGNUS OHREN, Assoc. M. Inst. C.E.

Arrangements have been made for the customary visit of the Festival Stewards and annual distribution of prizes on Tuesday next, the 27th instant. The R.W. Bro. the Lord Mayor, Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., G.J. Warden, who will preside, the day following, at the Festival, has kindly undertaken the duty of occupying the chair, and we doubt not there will be a merry and numerous gathering of the brethren and ladies interested in the success of the Institution. The proceedings will commence at one p.m., and the band of the Institution will contribute towards the entertainment of the visitors. After a Part Song by the Choir, a Debate will take place on the question, "Are the Mental Capacities of the Sexes Equal?" two farces, "The Man with the Carpet Bag," by Mr. S. A. A'Beckett, and "B. B.," by Messrs. M. Williams and F. C. Burnand, will be played, and several Part Songs will be given at intervals. Nor will the "inner man" be overlooked, as a cold collation will be served in the Hall at 4.30 p.m. We have great pleasure in noting that R. Head, who took second class honours, Seniors, in the Cambridge Local Examination last December, has been awarded nine prizes, of which six were first; while A. R. Parker, third class honours same Examination, has secured eleven, one being the silver watch and chain given by the Supreme Council A. and A. Rite for good conduct. H. P. Palmer, silver medallist (good conduct) and V. J. Lee, Canonbury gold medallist, have been awarded six and four prizes respectively. Bro. Captain Wordsworth's prize of two guineas for elocution has yet to be adjudged.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKSHIRE AND BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE brethren of this Province met on Monday last, at Reading, where the annual meeting was held, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P. The Provincial Grand Master was supported by his Deputy, the Very Worshipful Brother the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., and the following Officers of the Province, viz.:—Bros. Thomas Taylor P.M. 1410 Grand Senior Warden, John Wilson P.M. 209 Grand Junior Warden, Rev. Nicholas T. Garry 414 Grand Chaplain, Rev. Gilbert Henry Layton 591 Grand Junior Chaplain, Charles Stephens P.M. 414 Grand Treasurer, Ephraim Davey P.M. 1566 Grand Registrar, Robt. Bradley P.M. 414 Grand Secretary, Leopold M. Nixon P.M. 771 and 1501 Grand Senior Deacon, William Ferguson P.M. 1101 Grand Junior Deacon, Charles Edward Belcher P.M. 1770 Grand Superintendent of Works, William Biggs P.M. Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, Stephen Knight P.M. 574 Grand Director of Ceremonies, Dick Edwards Radclyffe 209 Assist. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Edward Margrett P.M. 1101 Grand Standard Bearer, William F. Large P.M. 840 Grand Pursuivant, Charles Nowell Assist. Grand Purs., Edward Blackwell, Rd. Dowsett 1101, J. W. Martin 414, Jos. E. Sydenham 414, C. A. Charubin 591, James Wilson Thorpe 1787 Grand Stewards, W. Hemmings Grand Tyler. Amongst the Visitors were the R. W. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master Middlesex, W. Bro. Reginald Bird Deputy Provincial Grand Master Oxon, Bro. J. L. Thomas P.G.A.D.C., Bro. James Terry P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, J. G. Poole P.M. 1417 South Africa, R. P. Spice P.G.S., W. W. Morgan FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. The Past Provincial Grand Officers were represented by Bros. H. D'Almaine P.S.W., H. H. Hodges P.S.W., B. T. Fountaine Treasurer, J. Weightman P.J.W., Charles Oades P.G. Registrar, Arthur Welch P.G. Registrar, W. Biggs P.G. Secretary, W. S. Cantrell, J. W. Hounslow, J. W. Blowers P.G. Senior Deacons, J. E. Danks, J. T. Brown, E. Baker P.G. Superintendents of Works, C. W. Cox P.D.C., W. P. Ivey P.S.B. The Lodges by Bros. Rev. R. P. Bent P.G.C. W.M. 1894, Rev. W. A. Hill P.G.C., Rev. Arthur Fearon P.G.C., Eastern Archipelago, J. H. Clarke P.M. 1887, Major Shanks P.M. 1887 P.G.W. Devon, S. G. Kirchhoffer P.M. 1899 P.G.S.W. Surrey, E. C. Knight W.M. 948, W. B. Wilson W.M. 574, T. R. Lynch W.M. 631, S. Bradley P.M. 414, Charles A. Barrett W.M. 945, and about eighty other members of Lodges in the Province. The Prov. G. Lodge was opened at the Foresters' Hall, West-street, when the Prov. Grand Secretary called over the roll of the Lodges in the Province, and it was found that all were represented. With but one exception the Provincial Grand Officers of the year were in their several places; this speaks well for the zeal displayed by the Craftsmen of the Province. On the motion of the Deputy Prov. G.M. the minutes of the last Prov. G. Lodge, held at Aylesbury, on the 20th June last year, were taken as read. The Prov. G. Secretary reported that Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg D.P.G.M. had, on the 14th September 1881, consecrated the Herschel Lodge, at Slough. He further stated that, on the 3rd May, a Masonic Hall was dedicated by the Prov. G.M. at Aylesbury. From the financial statement it appeared that the receipts for the previous year amounted to £208 10s 2d, the present balance in hand being £101 8s 3d. The Charity Committee's Report was next read, the total receipts, including a balance in hand from last year, were £163 10s, the sum of £74 5s being the amount of the present balance. On the proposition of the Prov. G. Master it was unanimously resolved that the sum of £26 5s be voted from the Provincial to the Charity Fund, and that £105 be appropriated from the Charity Fund to the various Lodges who had contributed. The Prov. G. Master then briefly addressed the brethren: he congratulated them on the steady progress Freemasonry had made during the year. He hoped other towns in the Province would follow the example of Aylesbury, and have Lodge-rooms of their own, thereby avoiding the necessity of meeting at public establisments. He was also gratified at being able to offer them his congratulations upon the prosperous state of the Charity Fund. The report as to the condition of the Lodges in the Province came next; this showed the following membership:—Etonian 75, Union 63, Hope 61, Buckingham 52, Methuen 16, Windsor Castle 62, St. Johns 19, Scientific 62, Abbey 42, St. Barnabas 39, Grey Friars 28, SS. Peter and Paul 41, Alma Mater 11, Wycombe 31, Ellington 7, Watling Street 29, Vale of White Horse 28, Grenville 19, St. Hilda 19, Herschel 22, and Wellesley 18. The re-election of Brother Stephens, of Reading, as Prov. G. Treasurer, was then proposed by the D.P.G.M. The Prov. G. Master seconded the nomination, remarking upon the satisfactory manner in which Brother Stephens had always performed his duties. The election was unanimous, and Bro. Stephens, replying, thanked the brethren for the honour done him, assuring them that to fulfil the duties of the office was a pleasure to him.

The Provincial Grand Master referred to a letter that had been received from the Grand Secretary, as to Brother Clabon's proposal to increase the quarterages to the Benevolent Fund. A discussion followed, the D.P.G.M. expressing himself as decidedly opposed to any increase; he feared it would interfere with the flow of benevolence which was being carried on successfully throughout the Province by the contributions to the Charity Fund. On motion of the Provincial Grand Master, it was resolved that the different Lodges in the Province should be asked for an expression of opinion, and a letter was ordered to be sent to each Lodge by the Provincial Grand Secretary. The following brethren were invested with the Charity jewel:—Bros. Joseph Andrews S.D. 209, Charles Stephens P.M. 414, F. J. Ferguson S.W. 414 I.G. 1899, Walter B. Wilson W.M. 574, F. H. Lyon P.M. 574, Gust. A. Charubin 591, Andrew McDowell W.M. 948, Charles M. Footit Steward 1566.

The Officers for the ensuing year were then invested:—

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The announcement was made that the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Windsor, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

A capital banquet was most bountifully supplied by Bro. W. C. Flanagan, of the Great Western Hotel, Reading, at the Old Town Hall. The tables were laid for a party much beyond that which presented itself. The floral decorations by Bro. Dick Radclyffe were in excellent taste. Great praise was awarded the caterer for his exertions. The customary toast list followed, and the proceedings were enlivened by some capital singing, Bros. Dyson (Windsor), Shartan (Westminster Abbey), and Becket and De Lacey (St. Paul's), being the artistes engaged.

Those who are interested in the new system of Electric Lighting, will be pleased to hear that the Electric Sun Lamp, which was invented by MM. Louis Clerc and Bureau and was adjudged the Gold Medal at the Paris Exhibition of 1881, is now on view in the vaults beneath the Royal Exchange. The private view is fixed for to-day (Saturday), and it will afford us the utmost pleasure to give full particulars of the new lamp is our issue of next week.

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By command,
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The R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the Brethren at Divine Service at Christ Church, Woking Station, at 4.45 p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Brethren not to appear in Masonic Costume at Divine Service.

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PRINCESS'S.—At 8, THE ROMANY RYE.

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HAYMARKET.—At 8, ODETTE.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, THE MARBLE ARCH. At 8.40, THE COLONEL.

STRAND.—At 7.30, TWO TO ONE. At 8.10, THE MASCOTTE.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES. At 8.40, PATIENCE. This day (Saturday), at 2.30, also.

AVENUE.—At 7.30, SIMPSON AND DELILAH. At 8.15, MANTEAUX NOIRS. This day, at 2, also.

GAIETY.—FRENCH PLAYS. This evening, at 8.30, L'AVENTURIERE and LES PRECIEUSES RIDICULES. This afternoon, L'AVENTURIERE.

TOOLE'S.—At 7.30, DEAF AS A POST. OFF THE LINE. At 9, THE VILLAINOUS SQUIRE AND THE VILLAGE ROSE. ROBERT MACAIRE.

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

CRITERION.—At 8, CUPID IN CAMP. At 8.45, FOURTEEN DAYS.

COURT.—At 8, MY LITTLE GIRL. At 8.45, THE PARVENU.

ALHAMBRA.—At 7.45, BABIL AND BIJOU.

COMEDY.—At 7.15, THE FAST COACH. At 8, BOCCACCIO.

GLOBE.—At 8, FIRST IN THE FIELD. At 8.45, FAR FORM THE MADDING CROWD.

ROYALTY.—At 7.30, BOARDING SCHOOL. At 8.45, LONG AGO. At 9.30, SINDBAD.

OLYMPIC.—At 8, LOCKED OUT. At 8.30, MOTHS.

STANDARD.—At 7.30, HUMANITY; or, A PASSAGE IN THE LIFE OF GRACE DARLING. A ROYAL MARRIAGE.

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PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 238.

A WELL-ATTENDED meeting of the brethren of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of Bros. Thomas Richnell Prov. G.S.B. for Middlesex and Surrey, who was supported by Bros. T. C. Walls P.M. G.S.B., Colonel Wigginton P.M. P.G.S.W., Alfred Tisley I.P.M., Sir Charles Palmer S.W., John H. Dodson J.W., W. Farrington S.O., Groves acting M.O., J. Farrington J.O., Harding I.G., F. Clemow, Dodd, Webb, Saunders, Skelton, Harrison Tyler, and others. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rite at six o'clock, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and, there being no practical business on the agenda, the brethren proceeded to certain matters of finance connected with the Lodge. Several new candidates were proposed for advancement, and during the evening the Worshipful Master announced that, in accordance with a resolution passed at a previous meeting, a congratulatory address had been forwarded to Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, upon the occasion of his marriage with Her Serene Highness the Princess Helen of Waldeck-Pyrmont, with which was coupled an expression of loyalty and attachment to the Throne. To this a gracious reply had been received from His Royal Highness, which he (the W.M.) would request the Secretary to read. Bro. Colonel W. Wigginton Secretary then read the Address, which had been beautifully illuminated and engraved on vellum, in the finest style of the art. The text ran as follows :—

THE PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 238.

Bro. Thomas Richard Richnell, P.G.S.B. Middlesex and Surrey W.M.

To His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany.

We, the brethren of the Prince Leopold Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 238 on the Register of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and Dependencies of the British Crown, by resolution proposed by Bro. Colonel W. Wigginton, founder and first Master, seconded by Bro. T. C. Walls, founder and Past Master, and carried unanimously, beg most respectfully, sincerely, and fraternally to tender to your Royal Highness the expression of our love and staunch fidelity to our beloved Sovereign, Queen of England and Empress of India, your ever-to-be revered mother, whose whole life has chastened and sanctified those of an entire people, and created a vivifying power, the force of which can never be fully gauged, even when the present age and generation shall have passed away.

To your Royal Highness we offer our most heartfelt congratulations upon your marriage with her Serene Highness Princess Helen, the estimable daughter of his Serene Highness the Prince of Waldeck, and our most fervent prayers that the Great Architect of the Universe may be pleased to pour down upon you both Heaven's richest earthly blessings, that as Victoria and Albert, so Duke and Duchess may always be as truly united together, ever mindful of your country's good, in its best and purest sense, and ever secure in its loyal, loving, strong protection.

Permit us further, your Royal Highness, to welcome your illustrious bride, and to tender to her—now one of England's daughters—that loyalty and devotion which you, your Royal Highness, well know is the bounden duty and high privilege of every Free and Accepted Mason. God bless you both.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge,

THOMAS R. RICHNELL,
P.G.S.B. Middlesex and Surrey, W.M.

W. WIGGINTON P.M. Secretary.

To this a gracious reply had been received from his Royal Highness, as follows :—

"Claremont, Esher, Surrey,
12th June 1882.

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg you will yourself accept, and will convey to the members of the Prince Leopold Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 238, my most cordial thanks for the resolution they have passed congratulating me upon my marriage, and for their kind wishes for the future happiness of the Duchess of Albany and myself.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,
LEOPOLD."

Bro. T. R. Richnell, W.M.

It was ordered that the address be entered on the minutes, together with the Duke of Albany's reply. At the close of the Lodge the brethren dined together, Bro. Clemow catering in his well-known excellent style. The Worshipful Master (Bro. T. R. Richnell) presided, and at the conclusion of the repast, gave the customary Loyal and Mark Masonic toasts. In proposing the Queen and Mark Masonry, he said the toast was one that was always received with enthusiasm in all Masonic gatherings. It was his good fortune to preside as their Master to-day, being the forty-fifth anniversary of Her Majesty's accession. Forty-five years since a maiden Queen ascended the throne; a few years more she became a fond wife and mother, and her career would stand as a bright example to the daughters of Britain. The future mothers of England would never weary of telling their children that the life of Victoria was one of purity and chastity. The interest she felt in Freemasonry was manifested by the fact that most of her sons were distinguished members of the Craft, and ever ready to promote its interests. The toast was enthusiastically received, the National Anthem being sung by Bros. Farrington and Saunders. The next toast was that of the Officers of Grand Mark Lodge Past and Present; and, in proposing it, the W.M. said they were peculiarly fortunate in having their Lodge named after that illustrious and distinguished Mark Mason Past Grand Master Prince Leopold, who was the only member of the Royal family belonging to the degree. They all knew how great had been the interest His Royal Highness had manifested in the Prince Leopold Lodge since its formation. He associated with the toast the name of Bro. Prince Leopold, and would ask Bro. Col. Wigginton to respond. Bro. Col. Wigginton, in an eloquent speech, referred to the valuable services rendered to Mark Masonry by the Officers of Grand Lodge, and spoke of the rapid advance which had been made in the degree, especially of late years. In proposing the health of the Officers of Prov. Grand Mark Lodge, the Worshipful Master referred to the great services and ability of the Provincial Grand Master Bro. Col. Sir F. Burdett, who presided over the two counties of Middlesex and Surrey, to the great advantage of both. He (the speaker), as a Prov. Grand Officer, knew something of the work thus performed, and assured the brethren it could be no easy task. The other Officers were equally zealous and able; he would couple with the toast their friend and Prov. G. Senior Warden, Bro. Sir Charles Palmer, who was a Past Officer of Prov. Grand Mark Lodge. Bro. Sir Charles Palmer, in responding, spoke of the progress of Mark Masonry, which he was glad so see so flourishing in the Province. The immediate Past Master, Bro. Alfred Tisley, then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, alluding, in a few happily-chosen sentences, to the straightforward and energetic manner in which he discharged the duties of his high position, and which gave universal satisfaction to the brethren. Bro. Richnell, in responding, acknowledged the compliment paid him, and said he was proud to occupy so exalted a position amongst brethren who had been associated with him so many years in his Masonic career. He should ever exert his utmost power to maintain that prestige which the Prince Leopold had gained amongst Mark Lodges of the Province. Several other toasts were honoured, including the Past Masters, the Officers of the Lodge, &c., and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

NORTH AFRICA.

INSTALLATION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK MASTER.

THE installation of R.W. Brother Thomas Fellowes Reade 33, P.D.D.G.M. of Egypt, Her Majesty's Political Agent and Consul General at Tunis, as P.G.M.M.M. for North Africa, took place at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, on the 10th June. R.W. Broadley D.G.M.M.M. of the Mediterranean opened District Grand Lodge in ample form at 7 p.m. He was supported by a goodly attendance of District Grand Officers, and of the members of the Kingston and Saint Louis Mark Lodges. The District Grand Master having briefly explained the object of the meeting, and the dispositions adopted by the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason as to the division of the district over which he had ruled as District Grand Master, and as P.G.M. of Malta and Tunis for three years, took leave of the brethren in affectionate terms. Brother Broadley's concluding remarks were heartily applauded, and he then proceeded to install in an impressive manner Brother Reade in the chair of A. This ceremony accomplished, Brother Reade was duly presented, and his patent having been read, he was obligated and installed as Provincial Grand Master. Bro. Reade then appointed and invested his P.G. Officers as follow :—Bros. Dr. A. Perini P.M. 222 D.G.M., Professor Souiller, Officier d'Académie, S.W., L. Curletto J.W., Prof. Clément, Officier d'Académie, M.O., A. Blanch S.O., P. Q. Puliga, LL.D., J.O., Rev. T. Robinson P.G.M. Kent Hon. Member 222 and 254 Chaplain, G. Barsotti Treasurer, A. Andry Secretary, Dr. Pace, M.D., Registrar, General E. Musalli Supt. Works, J. E. Gessel S.D., A. Attard J.D., G. B. Cassar D. of C., J. Monge Assistant Secretary, N. D'Amico Assist. D. of C., Capt. R. A. Johnstone Organist, F. Michel Sword Bearer, J. Catalano Standard Bearer, J. Barsotti, J. Souiller, S. Angelica Stewards, L. Chevallier I.G., A. Villareale Tyler. Bro. Reade then addressed the brethren at some length, and expressed his determination to support the Mark Degree throughout his Province, and to follow in the steps of his excellent friend and predecessor Bro. Broadley, from whom he had received the gavel. He invited the brethren to mark their high appreciation of their P.D.G.M. by helping him in his office of Steward at the coming Festival of the R.M.I.B., when he would represent the Mark Province of North Africa. At the proposal of Professor Souiller, seconded by Bro. Reade, a vote of thanks to the P.D.G.M. was placed on the minutes of P.G.L. The brethren then adjourned to the Grand Hotel, where they were entertained by the P.G.M. at a banquet provided by Bro. F. Michel. The usual toasts were honoured, and a most harmonious and agreeable evening spent.

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ROYAL ARCH.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

PRESENTATION TO COMP. F. BROWN, THE PRECEPTOR.

THE last meeting for the session of 1881 and 1882 was held on Tuesday evening, 13th June, at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, and the occasion being one of more than usual importance, it drew together a large number of Royal Arch Masons, to show by their presence the interest they felt in the cause that had drawn them together. The ceremony of installation was worked as usual, the Principals and Officers being as follow :—Comps. Lardner Z., J. S. Fraser H., Webb J., F. Brown S.E., W. H. Postans S.N., W. Fraser P.S., Bentley Haynes candidate ; and the rest of the Companions were—Comps. N. Loveland G.J. Herts, J. E. Le Feuvre Prov. G.S.E. Hants, Lilley, Abel, Cull, Thompson P.Z. 519, M'Dowell, Pounceby, Mickley, Veal, Chicken, Rowe, Daniel, Dottridge, G. Darcy, G. Brown, Grabham, H. Halford, and Henry Darcy. The ceremony of exaltation was gone through in a most painstaking manner, and there appeared to be a desire on the part of all to make this a meeting that should be long remembered. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the M.E.Z. (Comp. Lardner) said that a most important duty devolved upon him as chairman at that, the last meeting of the session, to present a testimonial to Comp. Brown, their Preceptor, as a token of their sincere regard. The matter had originated with him, about seven weeks ago, and had been readily taken up by the Companions, and he (Comp. Lardner) must say that, having communicated with many of the Companions, in every case he had received a satisfactory response, accompanied by letters most cordially approving of the proposition for presenting Comp. Brown with a suitable testimonial. The Committee had met and agreed to purchase such a testimonial as they hoped would be satisfactory to him, and also to the subscribers, which they presented to Comp. Brown as a mark of their respect and esteem for his zeal and ability in furthering the interests of the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement ; wishing him long life and happiness to enjoy the esteem of those Companions who had so largely benefited by his instruction. The testimonial was then uncovered ; it consisted of a very handsome clock, with two side ornaments. The centre of the clock-stand bore the following inscription :—

"METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

"Presented to Comp. F. Brown, by the members of the Chapter, as a recognition of his valuable services, and for the zeal and energy he had displayed in maintaining its interests as Preceptor.

"June 1822."

Comp. Brown, in acknowledging the gift, said he hardly knew what words to use to express his feelings for the kind remarks which had fallen from the M.E.Z., although he was not usually bashful in giving utterance to them. When he joined the Chapter four or five years ago, he did not know much about the ceremony, and he felt anxious to know more fully about it ; and he might say that from the time he joined he had never been absent from more than two meetings. When he joined the Chapter there was but a very small attendance, and Comp. Boyd, with one or two others, used to attend occasionally to give instruction. It was at that time he had learned the ritual, and he also learned the manner in which he could deliver it the most impressively. He took a liking to the ritual, and pursued it in a manner that he might almost call an infatuation, for he threw aside the Craft, and made it his most complete study. In the course of time, the Companions called upon him to give them instruction, and by some means or other, that he did not then recollect, he acceded to their desire, and became the Preceptor of the Chapter. Since then the Chapter had increased in numbers, and the attendance had so far improved that for the last three years the average attendance at each meeting had been sixteen. He was gratified to find that the Chapter was prospering so satisfactorily, and that the work that was done there was appreciated by the Companions. As far as his abilities were concerned, and his love for the Royal Arch, it would be an inducement for him to come there to continue his duties ; but there was a much greater incentive to him to do so, as he thereby became acquainted with very many worthy Masons ; and amongst all who attended there was not one whom he could not number amongst his friends. His reward was priceless, for to enjoy the friendship of his fellow-men was of a value beyond price, and would be an incentive to him as long as he lived to continue with them, and he should always consider that on every Tuesday evening he was pledged to be in his place at the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement. When, on his return home, he saw the handsome testimonial before him, and he gazed on the face of the clock, his wife would know that he had been amongst men engaged in a good cause, and he was quite sure she would then never murmur at his absence. He heartily thanked the M.E.Z. for his kind expressions, which had been endorsed by the Companions ; he must say that he never met with anything but kindness from them. He wished them all health and happiness, and as that was their last meeting for the session, when they met again in October, he trusted that their future meetings would be as successful and happy as they had been in the past. He added, what he had omitted to state before, that during the last three years they had been enabled to contribute twenty-one guineas to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons. The M.E.Z. said there was a balance standing over of the subscriptions, which it was suggested should be placed in the hands of Comp. Brown to present some little testimonial to Mrs. Brown. Companion H. Thompson moved the thanks of the Chapter to Companion Lardner and the other members of the Committee engaged in getting up the testimonial, which was seconded and unanimously agreed to. Companion Lardner returned thanks, and the proceedings, which throughout were of a highly gratifying description, were brought to a close.

THE MAURITIUS.

ONE of the finest Masonic gatherings in Mauritius, within the memory of man, took place on the 13th April, in the splendid temple and banqueting hall of the Triple Espérance. The occasion was the voting an address of congratulation to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, on the providential escape of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen from the attack of an assassin.

The brethren assembled in the Temple by 8 p.m., when H.E. the Lieut.-Governor accompanied by his Private Secretary Mr. W. W. West arrived, and was met at the door by the Directors of Ceremonies Bros. Smith and Bewsher, the Military band in the Court playing "God Save the Queen" and was conducted by them to the Temple, where H.E. was received under an arch of Steel, the band in Lodge taking up the National Air. Lodge was then opened in the usual form by Bro. de Caila, who acted as W.M. The ritual was the English, and to do especial honour to the occasion, every office, both in Lodge and at the banquet, was filled by actual reigning Masters or Past Masters. The business of the evening was opened by Bro. de Caila moving the following address, which was read by the Secretary :—

To HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES M.W. Grand Master of the United Fraternity of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of England.

May it please Your Royal Highness.

We, the undersigned W.M.'s, P.M.'s and Masons, belonging to the several Masonic Lodges of Mauritius, under the English, Scotch and Irish Constitutions, and the "Grand Orient de France," beg most respectfully to approach Your Royal Highness as Grand Master of the English Lodges, praying that you may be pleased to lay at the feet of Her Most Gracious Majesty the expression of our Loyal and Masonic devotion to Her throne.

It was with feelings of horror and indignation that all the true Masons in the Colony received the news of the cowardly attempt made on the life of Her Majesty, and our hearts united in thanksgiving to the G.A.O.T.U. for having saved our Queen and Empress from the dastardly blow of an assassin. May He continue to defend Her from every latent foe, and long preserve our dearly beloved Sovereign for the wellbeing of Her faithful and devoted subjects scattered over the four quarters of the Globe.

We unite in making vows for the welfare of all the Royal family, more especially we pray that the G.A.O.T.U. may grant your Royal Highness health and happiness, and for many years to come, may we see your Royal Highness, as Grand Master of English Freemasonry, uphold the genuine tenets of our Order.

Bro. de Caila then rose and said :—Brethren, I have now to inform you of the object of this grand reunion ; and to propose to you the adoption of this address to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Grand Master of English Masons, conveying through His Royal Highness to his Royal Mother, the Queen of England, the expression of our feelings at her happy deliverance, by the special interposition of the G.A.O.T.U. You know that the statutes of our Order remind its followers that one of their chief duties as Masons and as citizens is to respect the laws of the country they inhabit. Well, these laws, the laws of all civilised countries, have just been violated in the attempt against the life of our Gracious Sovereign. You know that we are the protectors of all those who suffer unjustly, wherever they may be found. Well, in this address we declare our principles. You know that, as Brothers in Masonry, we are, in consequence, the Brothers and Friends of all humanity, from the king on his throne to his meanest subject. Our mission has no other limits than those defined by duty and love of Truth. This, my brethren, is why I invite you as Masons, one and all of you, to place your names at the foot of the Address that we are going to send to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, our Royal Brother in Masonry, to be presented by him to Her Majesty the Queen. Our Brother, E. Didier St. Amand, Past Master of the Lodge of Harmony, in seconding this motion, will explain to you more fully our motives in sending this Address.

Bro. Didier St. Amand, in seconding the motion, said : Brethren, I rise to second the Address which has just been read to you. The W.M. of the Triple Espérance has addressed you in French, and you have heard what true feelings of devotion to the Throne he has expressed. It is now my turn to say a few words, in the language of the mother country so dear, so justly dear to all of us who are far away from home.

Brethren, when the attempt made on the life of Her Majesty and her providendential escape became known, the voices of all her faithful subjects united and ascended to heaven in one common Hosanna, returning thanks to the G.A.O.T.U. for having preserved our beloved Sovereign, and the several notes, as it were, in that great hymn of joy and gratitude were the several languages spoken by the many devoted subjects of Our Queen and Empress.

Brethren, when we think of the loss which England might have suffered, it seems to bring back vividly to our minds the whole spotless life of our Queen.

In 1821 King William was too old, and in too indifferent a state of health, to see children born unto him. Our Queen was then twelve years of age, and, all unconscious of her future greatness, she was being carefully brought up by her widowed mother within the homely brick walls of Kensington Palace. It became then necessary to make her acquainted with her future destiny, and Baroness Lezben, her governess, tells the following touching story about the manner in which her place in the succession was made known to her. With the consent of the Duchess of Kent, she placed in her historical book the genealogical table ; the Royal child opened the book and looking at the table said : "I am nearer the Throne than I thought." "So it is," replied the governess, and our Queen, giving her hand to the Baroness, said : "I will be good ; I

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understand your advice now, I will be good!" Brethren, you can picture this touching scene—the Royal child looking into the eyes of her governess and saying, I will be good; and, brethren, was it not like a revelation? For, what has been the life of our Queen but one series of good and noble deeds? When William IV. died, our Queen was eighteen years of age, and to a King, who had sided with the opposition, and often obtained with difficulty the reluctant homage of England's children, succeeded a Queen, in all the freshness of youth, whose graceful modesty and propriety raised among all a new sense of loyalty, mingled with feelings of chivalry. For, brethren, England ever loved a Queen! No doubt some of you have seen, and you have heard, of the picture in the corridor of Windsor Castle which is called Her Majesty's first Council. The girl Queen sits with grave simplicity among the veterans of England's statesmen. She has a pensive and straightforward look ever present in her face, and history tells us that she presided over that first Council with natural ease; but, at the same time, with that calm dignity and firmness which ever after characterised all her actions. This, brethren, was the first act of that long reign of prosperity of which we English are so justly proud.

Royal domestic life in the past generation had been far from edifying; but what could be more touching than the Royal romance of our Queen, terminating in a happy marriage which the whole nation fully approved of? Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle became the abode of love and harmony; the young pair were artistic; they had mutual tastes; and their Royal house, full of stately gaiety and sober pomp, offered to all the brightest example of a happy English Home. Our Queen and Prince Albert gave to all the example of purity and virtue; she ever cheerful in her exterior, and he ever tender, and watchful to please her; both encouraging everything that was good, and showing that the higher the station in life, the greater its duties and responsibilities. Children came, and the Royal Palaces echoed their innocent mirth; and when the Welsh nurse, answering a great ambassadress said, that at the Castle the living for the children was poor; only a bit of roast meat, and perhaps a plain pudding, and added that our Queen was as fit to be a poor man's wife as well as a great Queen, little did she know what great compliment she was paying the best of women, and the highest lady in the land.

If the private life of her Majesty was sympathetic, her political career offers the example of good and able work transacted day by day, with unceasing diligence and love of her people, keeping in view that the great parties in England, Whigs and Tories in the beginning, and Liberals and Conservatives now, have always had at heart the prosperity and happiness of the nation, our Queen has always accepted loyally the choice of the people, whatever may have been her private feelings. And such was her influence over all those who approached her that the several political leaders who in turn have been at the head of affairs have all become her staunch friends. Exempted by right from all taxes, our Queen came forward, and, as an English woman, claimed to contribute her share to the revenue of the nation. In happy contrast with the careless habits of a past generation of Kings shone the economy of our Queen. When King Louis Philippe and the Czar visited England, Sir Robert Peel, then Minister, was enabled to state to Parliament that these receptions, though worthy of England and of our Queen, would not cause any increase of expenditure. The student of History follows with admiration and respect the action of our Queen during the effervescence caused by the Corn Laws, the Irish Famine and the Chartist Demonstration. Then came the first Great Exhibition, giving a new impetus to trade and art in their several branches, and due to the untiring energy of Prince Albert, who displayed great powers of mind and a true love of England's greatness. Then came the Crimean war, where the tricolour floated by the side of our national ensign; and may the two great pioneers of civilisation ever remain friends. Then came the terrible Indian mutiny of which we English cannot speak without a shudder, and both of which ended, as usual, in our complete victory. Then the American War: and during all these important events, history tells us what amount of business the Royal worker transacted, with unswerving devotion to the best interests of England; and, brethren, we have seen with what happy results for our country.

Then came a terrible blow. Prince Albert died, and a shadow passed over the life of our Queen; and though the country has often grudged her mourning so long, yet we have all been proud, justly proud, of her faithful sorrow. And yet, during those long years of grief, deep grief, her attention to state affairs and business never failed her, and the stamp of her hand is visible on every act of the ministry. The happiness of her children, and the springing up of a new generation of children about her, restoring hope and cheerfulness to the Royal Castles of England, England saw with joy and gratitude our Queen once more taking her wonted place in all state ceremonials.

Such is the pure spotless life which for the fourth time the hand of an assassin has attempted, but an all seeing Providence has each time preserved our Queen, and thus secured the happiness of England.

Brethren, the most remarkable feature about these dastardly attempts is, that political ideas had nothing to do with them. Insanity or a morbid desire for notoriety alone prompted the mean and starving creatures who had raised their hands to our beloved Sovereign. Thrones on the Continent have tottered and crumbled to pieces. King Louis Philippe left Paris and died in exile under the shelter of British hospitality. Nicholas of Russia died of failure and of a broken heart; and the man who had helped to ruin and crush him, Napoleon the third, came back to that England where he had been received with all the honours due to a mighty potentate, to lay himself down and die. The late Czar of Russia has been cruelly and cowardly murdered by the hand of the Nihilist. Revolutionis rife all over the Continent; but our Institution stands firm in the midst of it all. Our Girl Queen, if I may be allowed the expression, is now one of the most experienced Statesmen of Europe, and the greatest protection of her Throne is that great love which we all bear Her Majesty. The Queen has kept the word of the Royal Child—"I will be good." England is at the head of nations: Our Queen gives the world the example of a loyal constitutional Sovereign, and her private and public life are the pride of all Englishmen. I have no doubt that you will with joy sign the Address, which has just been read to you, and that you will say with me, one and all, and from the bottom of your hearts,—May Her name be blessed, and her days be long for the greatest happiness of England.

The usual collection was then made, and on the proposition of Bro. Bewsher, was handed to Lady Barker for distribution as she might think fit.

The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to sign the address.

A dinner followed, whereat 150 Masons took their respective places, and did ample justice to the repast prepared for them.

THE OLD FOLKS AT HOME.

ON Wednesday afternoon, the Summer Entertainment, which is now annually given to our dear old friends at Croydon came off. The Clerk of the weather was sufficiently considerate, the Railway Company (L. and S.E. Company) laid themselves open to accommodate visitors to the best of their ability, and Bro. Lieut. Cole, with his wonderful ventriloquial powers, kept the Old People and their friends in a perpetual state of excitement—perhaps it would be better to state, in the condition in which, at the close of the marriage service, the newly-wedded couple find themselves — namely, "in amazement." Bro. Cole's engagements, however, did not admit of his staying the whole evening, and when his part of the entertainment had been brought to a conclusion, amid enthusiastic applause, the Misses Terry and Strong—names intimately familiar to all lovers of the Benevolent—took his place, and played and sang, in a style which proved them to be excellent musicians, several choice selections of music. Miss Berrie Stephens, likewise, who has a good soprano voice, met with hearty and well-deserved applause for her vocal contributions to the evening's enjoyment, her duet, "No, Sir!" with Bro. H. Prenton, being not only vocally, but dramatically, a great success. Our "musical inmate," Mrs. Bonorandi, by her tasteful performance on the pianoforte, is equally deserving of thanks for the part she played in entertaining her co-inmates and their friends. Nor must we overlook the claims upon our regard of Bro. Harry Sullivan, who is ever ready and equally capable of entertaining any gathering of folk, be they Masonic or non-Masonic ladies or brethren, or of Miss Owen, whose services were greatly appreciated. As a matter of course, the Festival, if we may term it such, was not allowed to pass without the drinking of sundry toasts, and equally certain is it that that of Bro. Terry's health was the most conspicuous amongst them. Of course, Bro. Terry was happiness itself in his acknowledgments, and he pointed out how, formerly, the inmates of the Institution at Croydon hardly knew anything of each other, and even went the length of occasionally indulging in those jars from which even old and experienced Masons and their widows are not exempt. He further explained how this had all been changed, and how, out of a friendly "tea fight," the now regular half-yearly entertainments had sprung into actual existence. Bro. Raynham Stewart P.G.D., who takes a leading part in all that relates to the Benevolent Institution, spoke in his usually complimentary terms of everything and everybody, while the venerable Warden, Bro. Norris, and his respected daughters, were most cordially thanked for the persistent attention they had paid to their "ancient charges." We trust it may never be our fortune to spend a less enjoyable evening.

We understand that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. will, at an early date, be installed W.M. of the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, and that the ceremony will be performed by H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, P.G. Warden England and Prov. Grand Master Oxon. It will be in the recollection of our readers that some time back H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was installed Worshipful Master of this Lodge by the Deputy Gaand Master of England, the Earl of Lathom.

DEATH.

BERRY.—On the 13th inst., at Arbour-square, Commercial-road, E., Miss MARY ANN BERRY, the beloved sister of Bro. J. J. Berry P.M. 554, &c., after a long and painful illness.

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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, 24th JUNE.

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 Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst

MONDAY, 26th JUNE.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
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.)
1628—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)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
734—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, at 8. (Instruction)
1543—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 27th JUNE.

Stewards' Visit and Distribution of Prizes, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green
55—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)
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.)
1340—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)
1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
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.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

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
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
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
1508—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 JUNE.

2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.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.)
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
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.)
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1694—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)

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
164—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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
1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—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, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 29th JUNE.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
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 Shordditch, 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.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
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.)

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
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, Olitheroe
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
636—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
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manhesctor

FRIDAY, 30th 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.)
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)
1293—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.)

General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
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
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

SATURDAY, 1st JULY.

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 Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Melthan
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Antiquity Lodge, No. 148.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 14th inst., at the Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton, at six o'clock p.m. Bros. George Taylor W.M., Richd. Buxbury S.W., Hy. Broughton J.W., W. Nicholson Prov. G.S.B. Treasurer, John Morris P.M. Secretary, John W. Skelton S.D., Joshua Galloway J.D., John Wild P.M. D.C., N. Tyldesley as I.G., Thos. Higson Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Thos. Collins, Wm. Carter. Visitor—Bro. G. P. Brockbank P.M. and Secretary 37 P.Prov. S.D. Lodge opened at 6.30 and minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. James Newton P.M. 37 and Hon. Member 170 offered, through the Secretary, his manuscript history of the Lodge from its formation, with lists of its members and Officers to the present time, on condition of its being published by the Lodge for the use of the members of the Lodge and the Craft generally. Bro. Brockbank addressed the brethren, earnestly desiring the Lodge to accept the offer, and publish the work so ably edited and compiled by Bro. Newton, which contained so many interesting records of the past, and evincing, as it did, the great interest the early members took in the prosperity of Ancient Masonry, and how diligently and efficiently they performed the manifold duties imposed upon them. He stated that Deputations were given to the Officers of this Lodge to consecrate or open four Lodges in Lancashire under the Ancient Institutions, notably his mother Lodge 303, now 231, of which he had written and published a history from all the facts at his command, and in the compilation of which he was much indebted for a perusal of the old records of this Lodge, which gave a well written and lucid account of the consecration of the Lodge now meeting at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, as well as of a Lodge at Wigan, now No. 178 (Antiquity) of which a very excellent and readable account had been written by Brother Joseph Brown Secretary, and published by Brother R. Platt, of Wigan, also of a Lodge at Chorley, but this Lodge ceased to exist soon after 1832; together with the details of opening of a Lodge at Blackburn, but which now meets at Littleborough (Benevolence, No. 226), this being the last warrant granted to Lancashire under the Ancient Grand Lodge. These facts would show that the Lodge had a good reputation in bygone days, and it ought to be a source of gratification to the present members to be able to peruse the records of the past, and in the future to emulate the good work of their predecessors. Bro. Morris Secretary undertook to bring the matter before the brethren at their next meeting, when he expected a more numerous attendance. Bro. W. Nicholson Prov. Grand Sword Bearer received the congratulations of the brethren on his appointment to office. Bro. Thomas Higson, who was elected on the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution as an annuitant in May last, warmly expressed his thankfulness for the interest taken by the brethren in obtaining assistance to secure his election, and his gratitude to the Craft generally in providing for himself and other aged Masons the means of subsisting in comfort "in the decline of years." Hearty good wishes having been expressed from the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and other Lodges, business was concluded in peace and harmony, at 8 p.m.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—Meeting held on Wednesday, 21st inst., at the Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge, Bros. Taplin W.M., Brooks S.W., Gray J.W., Andrews P.M. S.D., Bailey J.D., Nicholson I.G. and Tyler. The work comprised the rehearsing of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Cotton candidate. Bro. Andrews P.M. acted as Preceptor, and worked the fifth section of the first lecture Bro. Brooks S.D. was elected to the chair for next meeting. Lodge was closed and adjourned until Wednesday, the 28th inst.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—A meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, S.E., on Friday evening, 16th inst. The attendance of members on this occasion was not so large as usual, but a good evening's work afforded useful instruction to those present. Amongst them were Bros. J. Bate W.M., H. M. Williams S.W., G. W. Knight J.W., C. H. Phillips S.D., A. Blank J.D., J. W. Watts P.M. I.G., J. S. Terry P.M. Secretary, James Stevens P.M. Preceptor; and others. Lodge was opened in first and second degrees, and proof of proficiency given by candidate for raising. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony, with traditional history, was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Lodge was then closed down to the first degree, for discussion on points of ritual, and subsequently was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned to the 23rd inst., when the entire lectures on first and second tracing boards will be given by the Preceptor. On Friday, 30th inst., the ceremony of installation of W.M. will be rehearsed by Bro. Stevens, who has been elected W.M. for that occasion.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Met on Tuesday, 28th instant, at Brother Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Catling W.M., Edwards S.W., Glass J.W., Christian S.D., Corble J.D., A. J. Clark I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Brasted, Wardell, Jones, Banker, Smyth, Gosling, Forss, Young, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Banker offered himself as candidate for raising; he was interrogated and entrusted, and duly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties, when Bro. Forss worked the second, and Bro. Christian the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed to the first degree, when Bro. Edwards was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. will deliver his Lecture Explanatory of the Rituals and Ceremonies of the first degree, in the above Lodge of Instruction, on 11th July proximo.

Grey Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1101.—A regular Lodge meeting was held on Wednesday, 14th June. Present—Bros. E. J. Blackwell W.M., W. Ferguson I.P.M., R. Dowsett S.W., H. Margrett P.M. acting J.W., Stransom Treasurer, Ivey P.M. Secretary, Hawkes S.D., Prickett J.D., Hickie Organist, Ravenscroft I.G., Hemmings Tyler; Bro. J. E. Danks P.P.G.S. of W. Berks and Bucks P.M.; Bros. Hukins, Rhind, Whitfield, Creed, W. Blackwell, Greenaway, Bailey, Slaughter. Visitors—Bros. Tarrant 1158, Butler M.C. 414. Lodge was opened in the first degree, when the minutes of last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. W. Margrett, who was declared to be elected. The Lodge was opened in the second degree; Bro. Slaughter, a candidate for raising, gave satisfactory proof of his effeciency in the former degree; he was entrusted and retired. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Brother Slaughter was re-admitted and raised. The ceremony was admirably performed by the Master and Officers, the effect being considerably heightened by the vocal and instrumental parts, under the able direction of Brother Hickie Organist. The W.M. gave the charge and the traditional history in a masterly manner. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. The sum of ten guineas was voted to the R.M.I.B., to be added to the list of Brother Margrett P.M., who will represent the Lodge at the forthcoming festival of that Institution, the amount was ordered to be placed in the name of the S.W. of the Lodge. Brother Stransom was nominated as Treasurer for the ensuing year. The labours of the evening being ended, Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned to the second Wednesday in October.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.— This Lodge met as usual on Tuesday evening, 20th inst., at Bro. George Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton. Present—Bros. Hy. Baldwin W.M., George Millen S.W., H. Goodwin J.W., C. H. Phillips Treasurer, Hy. M. Williams Secretary, E. A. Francis Preceptor, G. W. Knight S.D., R. R. Johnstone J.D., J. Perry I.G., John A. Danks, Walter Millen, G. Monk, and others. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the Secretary read the minutes of the previous Lodge meeting, which were duly confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing ably rehearsed by the W.M. with Bro. Millen as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the third, and closed to the first degree. The Secretary proposed, the Treasurer seconded, and it was resolved unanimously, that Bro. John A. Danks, of the Royal Leopold Lodge, No. 1669, be elected a member. Bro. Danks suitably responded; as likewise did Bro. Monk, who was elected at the previous meeting. The remaining business having been transacted, and Bro. Geo. Millen elected as W.M. for the ensuing week, the Lodge was closed in due form.

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THE Annual Speech Day of this Institution, which prepares candidates for Woolwich, Sandhurst, Home and Indian Civil Service, took place on the 21st instant. Lord Waveney, in the absence of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, who wrote to express his regret at not being able to attend, gave away the prizes to the successful competitors for military proficiency. Letters of regret were likewise read from Lords Hertford and Jersey, Colonel Sir Robert Loyd Lindsay, Bishop Claughton, and many others. His lordship was supported by General Burnaby, M.P., and Colonel F. Duncan R.A. The proceedings opened by an inspection of the students on parade; after the riding, sword, lance, and carbine exercises had been gone through, the reports of the Governor, General Desborough, and the Disciplinarian, Colonel Macarthy, on the military studies, were read. The Sword of Honour, given by Colonel Sir Robert Loyd Lindsay to the student passing highest into Sandhurst or Woolwich, was awarded to Mr. Reade, and another sword, given for military proficiency, by Lord Waveney, was awarded to Mr. Hibbert. His lordship addressed the students at some length, and said that he was glad to find so much stress was laid by the College authorities upon the study of modern languages, the importance of which could not be well over-rated now-a-days; he complimented the students upon the able manner in which they had performed the various military exercises. General Burnaby, M.P., said he too attached the greatest importance to the study of modern languages by military men, particularly that of French and German. Colonel Duncan said he was sure that if marks were given by the Examiners for physical training, the students from the College would have a great advantage over those coming from other Institutions. After an excellent luncheon, General Burnaby proposed the usual complimentary toasts.

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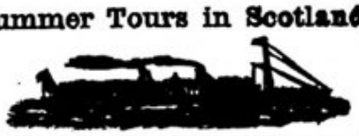

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THE FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.I.B.

THE Anniversary Festival, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Wednesday, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, passed off satisfactorily in most respects. There was a genial and energetic chairman in the person of the Right Hon. Brother Lord Mayor Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., Grand Junior Warden, who was loyally supported by Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., the Grand Master of the Province of Sussex, the Grand Secretary, Brother Marriott, Q.C., M.P., one of the Parliamentary representatives of Brighton, and a goodly company of ladies and brethren. The weather was everything that could be desired, the catering and accommodation excellent, and the enthusiasm considerable. It will be seen that, under these circumstances, one thing only was needed to complete the satisfaction of the guests, and that was a subscription list filled to overflowing. The amount which Bro. Binckes announced in the course of the evening was £11,588, which, it must be conceded, was a goodly sum, but not exactly in correspondence with what we had hoped for. Perhaps it is not altogether surprising that this Festival of Wednesday should have yielded only what it has. The year began very successfully, with an aggregate of subscriptions to the R.M.B.I. amounting, as announced at the time, to £12,237, afterwards increased to £12,500. The Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in May yielded still more abundantly, the total being £13,232, with, as usual, more lists to follow. The £11,588 of Wednesday exhibits the reaction, which is but natural perhaps after the prodigious exertions at the previous Festivals, but which, in respect of the Boys' School, is none the less lamentable. Be this as it may, we know that the year 1882 at its triad of Anniversaries has yielded a grand total of £37,057, or an average per Anniversary of £12,352.

But to resume our narrative of the actual doings at the Festival. We have said already that the Lord Mayor presided, and that he was loyally supported by the Prov. G. Master of Sussex, Bro. Marriott, Q.C., one of the members for Brighton, and the Grand Secretary. Among others present were the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Hallet Mayor and the Mayoress of Brighton, Bros. J. Wordsworth President of the Board of Stewards, J. M. Case P.G.D., Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B., Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., John S. Scott P.G.D. D.Pr. G. M. Sussex, George Plucknett P.G.D. Treasurer of the Institution, Horace B. Marshall, C.C., Acting President of the Board of Stewards, Matthew Clarke P.G.D., Baron De Ferrieres, M.P., John Messent G.S.B., C. W. Thompson Hon. Treasurer, E. C. Davies P.G.S., Rev. Dr. Morris Head Master of the School, H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, D. M. Dewar, Adlard, Grabham, Terry Sec. R.M.B.I., Hedges Sec. R.M.I.G., S. Rosenthal, Sir John Bennett, J. H. Cohen, Geo. Kenning, W. R. Wood, Wyndham Burrell, G. P. Festa, F. W. Otter, C. R. Burrell, Mather, Edgar Bowyer, C. F. Matier, &c., &c. On removal of the cloth the loyal toasts were disposed of with the accustomed warmth, and then the Mayor of Brighton gave that of the Chairman, in doing which he paid a high compliment to his Lordship, as well as to a former Lord Mayor of London, who had likewise during his mayoralty presided at the Festival of the Boys' School. The Lord Mayor cordially acknowledged both the manner in which the toast of his health had been proposed, and the reception it had experienced. The health of the Grand Officers was given by Bro. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., who remarked that, while he did not know how many Provinces were represented on the occasion; of this he was quite certain, that if the others were as well off as Sussex in possessing such a chief as Sir W. W. Burrell, they must indeed be exceedingly fortunate. The toast having been suitably acknowledged, the Lord Mayor gave the toast of the day, and having quoted a saying of the late Earl of Beaconsfield to the effect that while it was individuals who formed communities, it was institutions that made a nation, went on to appeal to those present, but especially to the ladies, to support the School. "Is there," he said, "any object that can be more moving to their hearts and souls than that the little children who are left in unfortunate circumstances, by reason of the death of their parents, or by reason of some misfortune that has overtaken them—can there be any object more dear to their hearts and souls than that these children should have fatherly and motherly care extended to them by this Institution? Ladies and brethren, I say that that ought to stir the heart of every Freemason, and it is by such means that great ends are attained." Then, he added, great sums may be given by those who are in prosperous circumstances, but a far better plan is for the general body to act together, each contributing what he can afford to give. Having paid a high compliment to our Rev. Bro. Morris, the Head Master, his lordship sought to impress on those present the necessity of contributing liberally towards a School which was so well conducted, which had thus far been so successful, and which at the same time stood so much in need of support. With the toast was associated the name of Bro. Plucknett, the Treasurer of the Institution, who briefly responded to the compliment. At this period of the proceedings, owing to the Lord Mayor being under the necessity of leaving, Bro. Binckes read out the list of contributions, which is appended at pp 20 and 21, and Sir W. W. Burrell having taken his lordship's place as Chairman, the other toasts were drunk. Bro. Baron de Ferrières, M.P., briefly acknowledged that of the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, and members of Committee, while Bro. the Mayor of Brighton responded to a similar compliment proposed by the Grand Secretary, the Health of the Ladies concluding the proceedings. Bro. W. Ganz had charge of the musical arrangements, and the band of the School, under band-master Whare, was also in attendance, and contributed successfully to the general entertainment. Having thus far reported, in brief, the proceedings, let us betake ourselves to our accustomed task of analysing the subscription list.

Taking the Metropolis first, we find that ninety-seven of its Lodges were represented by one hundred Stewards, a Knight Templar Preceptory, and the Dinner Committee of the Institution, together with thirteen Stewards unattached, making up a total of 115 Representatives for this district. The total of the lists, so far as they have been received, amount to £5,646 17s 5d, the following being among the most considerable:—Temple Bar Lodge, No. 1728, sends up, per Bro. T. W. C. Bush, £291; the Earl of Carnarvon, No. 1642, per Bro. Samuel Smout, being a good second with £261 9s to its credit. Next in order is the Montagus Guest Lodge, No. 1900, with £182 18s 11d, of which £177 13s 11d belongs to Bro. Festa's list, and the other £5 5s to that of Bro. W. H. Dean. The Creaton

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Lodge, No. 1791, with Bro. John Williams for its Steward, contributes £164, and the Metropolitan, No. 1407, per Bro W. M. Stiles, £153 11s. Bro. Frederick Brewer, acting on behalf of the Kilburn, No. 1608, figures for the very respectable total of £142 16s, the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962, per Brother Neville Green, for £130 12s 6d, and the Aldersgate, No. 1657, per Brother Alfred Brookman, and the Islington, No. 1471, per Brother D. Pound Holness, for £115 10s and £112 7s respectively. Felicity Lodge, No. 58, on whose behalf Bro. W. J. Crump did duty as Steward, is close at the heels of the two preceding, with £110 5s. Royal Athelstan, per Bro. E. B. Grabham, has given £105 16s, and the Duke of Edinburgh, No. 1259, per Brother Edward Jex, £105, while Friends in Council, No. 1383, per Brother K. R. Murchison, with £103 8s, and Brother Goodall, for Dinner Committee R.M.I.B., with £102 18s, bring the three-figure lists to a close. Corinthian, No. 1382, per Brother J. Delves, contributes only a fraction short of £100, namely, £98 3s 6d. The Lodges which are always to be found on the lists on these occasions are also represented. Thus, while the older Lodges are to the fore, as usual, we find the younger Lodges entering into honourable rivalry with them, and, indeed, in this instance, even taking the lead. On the whole, the Metropolis may congratulate itself on having done so well.

Of the Provinces three-fourths were represented, the absentees being Bedford, Cambridgeshire, and Herefordshire, as usual; Bristol, Cornwall, Cumberland and Westmoreland, Lincolnshire, Monmouthshire, Norths and Hunts, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire, Guernsey, Isle of Man, and the Channel Islands, the last two, like Beds, having no Provincial Organisation; but unlike that county being remote from the headquarters of Masonry, and consequently not expected to contribute like the Provinces and Lodges in England itself. The majority of the foregoing absentees, however, are very far from being unmindful of their duty towards our Institutions, and if they are not represented regularly, they are so frequently, and to good purpose. But to pass on. Taking in their alphabetical order the thirty Provinces, which, by the hands of their Stewards, contributed amongst them £6,081 0s 7d, we find that Berks and Bucks, with its twenty-one Lodges, four of which were represented, by half a dozen Stewards, contributes £176 18s. In February, at the Benevolent Festival, it gave £243 14s, and at that of the Girls in May £198 13s 6d. This gives a total for the current year of £619 5s 6d, and an exceeding good total into the bargain. Cheshire, with its thirty-eight Lodges, figures for the comparatively small sum of £56 10s, by the hands of three Stewards, acting for as many Lodges. In February, one of its Lodges gave £45 to the Benevolent, while in May seven of its Lodges worthily upheld its reputation, by raising amongst them £321 6s; the three amounts making together £422 6s. It must, however, be recollected that in this Province there is a very flourishing Educational Masonic Institution, which expends every year not far short of £200 in educating and advancing the children of distressed and deceased brethren, and has a snug little nest-egg of its own in the shape of over £4,000. Derbyshire (19 Lodges) contributes £176 14s 6d, five Stewards, representing as many Lodges, having charge of its interests. It had already contributed £53 11s to the Benevolent, and £459 16s to the Girls' School, so that it has given this year to our Institutions a sum total of £690 1s 6d. Devonshire (50 Lodges) gives £241 10s, in addition to £318 5s in May to Our Girls, and the nominal sum of £5 5s to the Benevolent in February, but here again we have a local Charity, which has been only recently established, and, of course, diverts to its own use some of the moneys raised by the Craft in the county. Dorset (thirteen Lodges) sends £84, one list being yet outstanding, and this, in addition to £36 15s in February to the R.M.B.I., and £73 10s to the R.M.I.G. in May. This makes up a respectable total for so small a Province, but doubtless it would have been greater still, but for the heavier efforts of previous years. Durham (twenty-seven Lodges) sends up, per two Stewards, £286 15s; at each of the previous Festivals it gave £63, making for the year £406 15s. What it did last year, when its chief, the Marquis of Londonderry, K.P., presided at the Festival of the Boys, held in the same locality, is still fresh in the recollection of our readers. Essex (nineteen Lodges) began the year with a contribution of £93 10s to the Benevolent. This it followed up with £15 15s (one other list being still due) to the Girls', and now "Our Boys" benefit to the handsome tune of £243 9s 1d. Gloucestershire, under its popular chief, Bro. Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., has been doing capitally of late, its contributions at the three Festivals of the current year being, in the order of their occurrence, £115 10s, £137 11s, and £279 6s, making together £532 7s, which is satisfactory for its fourteen Lodges. We have seen larger totals sent in by the Province of Hants and Isle of Wight, with its thirty-six Lodges. Still, having regard to what has been done on former occasions, and its subscription of £290 10s to the Benevolent in February, and £278 5s to the Girls in May, we cannot be otherwise than satisfied with its present contribution to the Boys of £186 7s 6d. "Little Herts," with its eleven Lodges, began the year splendidly, with £533 14s to the Benevolent. It followed this up in May with £325 11s to the Girls, and now it hands over to the sister Institution no less than £190 9s 6d, making a grand total for the year of £1,049 14s 6d. We need hardly be at the trouble of repeating a former exclamation of ours when the same Province similarly distinguished itself. Kent (46 Lodges) is entered for £248 16s, which, with £370 9s 6d in February, and £356 13s 6d in May, make up £975 19s.

We must now betake ourselves northward, and have a glimpse at the Lancashires; the Eastern Division (ninety-one Lodges) contributing £273, and the Western (eighty-one Lodges) £367 13s. In February the former raised £414 19s 6d for the Benevolent, and in May £84 for the Girls, while the latter at the same Festivals contributed £237 19s and £84 respectively. These amounts, of course, sound small for our two largest Provinces, and especially if we compare them with those that are smaller. Yet we must keep in mind that on the two occasions on which the Earl of Lathom has been Chairman he has had the liberal support of the Western Lodges, while Colonel Starkie, P.G.M. of the Eastern Division, when he presided at the Benevolent Festival, experienced an equally loyal support from the members. Leicester and Rutland (ten Lodges), another small Province, supplements its subscription to the Benevolent in February, of £152 15s, with £89s 5s on the present occasion—or together £242, no bad sum for so few Lodges. Middlesex (32 Lodges) invariably shows to advantage. It began the year with £408 2s for the Benevolent. In May it followed this up with £408 6s 6d to the Girls, and now it completes its work with £359 6s 6d for "Our Boys." A total of £1,175 15s needs no comment. Norfolk (16 Lodges) gave a modest £36 15s in February; in May its contribution, per Lord Suffield, its P.G.M., reached £102 7s 6d; on Wednesday it increased these by £61 19s. Oxfordshire (10 Lodges) has contributed this year £176 18s to the Benevolent, £149 2s to "Our Girls," and £78 18s 6d to "Our Boys," in all £304 18s 6d, or an average per Lodge of about £30 10s. Somersetshire (22 Lodges), which gives £118 13s, has not figured before at either Festival this year, but it has liberally supported all our Institutions in turn when it has found a convenient opportunity. Staffordshire (26 Lodges) started with a contribution of £26 5s in February. In May it raised £289 16s for the Girls, and now it crowns its previous labours with a handsome sum of £348 1s 6d, in all £664 2s 6d. Well done, Staffordshire! Suffolk (20 Lodges) contributes £110, in addition to £130 3s in February, and £71 12s in May, or, in all, £311 15s.

Passing thence to the Province of Surrey, we find ourselves near home again. It has twenty-four Lodges, and in February contributed £162 1s 6d, in May £242 0s 6d, and on Wednesday £90 13s, the sum total of the three being £494 15s. Sussex also has twenty-four Lodges, and like Gloucestershire has a popular chief—Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P. Last year, when the Boys' Anniversary was for the first time held out of the Metropolitan district, Brighton was chosen as the scene of the Festivities, and the Province gave over £700 to this School. It could hardly be expected to repeat this year so handsome a sum, yet it has done well in raising £179 11s, in addition to £162 9s in February for the Benevolent, and £577 10s for the Girls in May: grand total £919 10s. We congratulate Sussex accordingly. Warwickshire (30 Lodges) raised £810 10s for the Girls' School in May, and now gives "Our Boys" £187 19s, or together only a few shillings less than £1000. Wilts (19 Lodges) gave £89 5s in February, and £56 3s

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in May, or together £145 8s. On Wednesday, it made up a total of £161 14s, thus carrying its contributions beyond £300. Worcestershire (eleven Lodges) has bestirred itself of late, and figures this year at all three Festivals, its February contribution being £176 8s, that in May £42, and that on Wednesday £169 1s, or, together £287 9s. North Wales and Salop (27 Lodges) began the year with £160 7s 6d towards the R.M.B.I., and in May it made up a total of £352 10s. On Wednesday it contributed only £24 3s, but its total for the year is considerably in excess of £500, which is by no means an unworthy result. South Wales, Eastern Division (15 Lodges), figured for £200 in May, and on Wednesday handed over a total of £374 6s 6d, while its Western neighbour, with nine Lodges, raised £360 3s at the Benevolent Festival, the Chairman of the day being none other than Col. Lloyd-Philipps, its Prov. Grand Master. This time it has sent up a Steward, but as yet there is no return. North and East Yorkshire, with twenty-seven Lodges, supplements its £42 of February, and £500 of May with a comfortable £103 2s on this occasion, while its powerful Western neighbour, with sixty-six Lodges, contributes £603 15s, making, with £350 to the Benevolent, and £650 to the Girls, a total of £1,603 15s. Very much bravo, West Yorkshire. Two contributions from abroad, one being Bro. Broadley's list of £90, and the other Bro. Windrieur's of £31 10s, with Bro. Matier's, as representing the Mark Degree, to the tune of £74 1s, completes our survey.

To sum up these results. The amount announced was £11,588, but as invariably happens, other sums drop in almost immediately after the Festival, and the figures as we publish them elsewhere give London, £5,646 17s 5d; Provinces £5,885 9s 7d; Foreign Stations and Mark Degree £195 11s; total, 11,714 5s. We congratulate Bro. Binckes on having so nearly approached £12,000, though we could have welcomed for him even better fortune still.

THE CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

We have before us the Nineteenth Report of this admirable Provincial organisation for the education and advancement in life of the children of distressed and deceased Freemasons. It contains no features of especial interest, there having been in the course of the twelve months to which it relates no efforts made out of the ordinary course, either by Lectures or other entertainments, to increase the funds of the Institution. Yet it is satisfactory to note that the whole of the current expenditure has been defrayed out of the income derived from invested moneys, so that it has been unnecessary to trench upon the sum received in fees, donations, and subscriptions. The property of the Institution consists of £3,720 6s 3d, invested advantageously in various approved securities, and there are balances in the North and South Wales Bank and hands of Treasurer, amounting together to £401 2s. It is to be regretted, however, that the Committee should have felt themselves under the necessity of inserting in the Report the following paragraph:—

"It is a matter of extreme regret that the majority of the Lodges and Chapters in the Province do not contribute to this Institution. Surely the Worshipful Masters do not bring its importance sufficiently before their Lodges. Why they do not do so is an enigma. From experience your Committtee find that it is only when a Lodge has a candidate that they make any special exertion to augment the funds of the Institution, whereas, Masonically speaking, the whole of the Lodges in the Province ought to contribute to this, their special home Charity."

We do not doubt that it must have been painful for the Committee to write in such forcible terms, but there are occasions on which it is as well to be outspoken. It is within the general experience of all Masons that, as there are some Lodges and brethren who make a point of regularly, or, at all events, frequently subscribing to our Charities, whether local or central, so are there others which are as regularly conspicuous by their absence from subscription lists, or, if they contribute at all, do so but very seldom. In this respect, therefore, Cheshire does not stand alone. Yet, if there are in its ranks, as there are in London and the other Provinces, a number of members who are indifferent to the claims of Charity, those who are otherwise minded have every reason to be proud of this Institution.

The audited statement of accounts shows receipts for last year amounting to £586 16s 9d, of which £10 10s 9d was the balance brought forward from last year; fees, donations, and subscriptions from Lodges, Chapters, and brethren to the extent of £244 9s, including £7 from Lord De Tabley P.G.M. and Lady De Tabley; interest on investments £181 17s; and £150, being the amount received in respect of a Mersey Dock Bond, expired 1st July 1881. The Expenditure reached the sum of £185 14s 9d, £135 3s 8d being for the education of twenty-two children, and £10 10s for the advancement of two, leaving only a fraction of over £40 for all the expenses incidental to printing, audit and committee meetings, stationery, postages, &c. The Balance in North and South Wales Bank at the close of the year was £301 17s 5d, and in Treasurer's hands £99 4s 7d, making together, as already stated, £401 2s. Adding this to the £3,720 6s 3d invested in different securities, we find the available resources of the Institution amount to £4,121 8s 3d, a goodly sum, it must be admitted.

Having in previous years described at length the qualifications and privileges of Governors, and the qualifications which candidates for the benefits of the Institution must possess, we need not be at the trouble of repeating them. We shall merely add, therefore, to the foregoing remarks our congratulations to Lord De Tabley and the brethren of the Province who support him, on the efficiency and success of the work they have been doing during past years, and the expression of a hope that those who have not hitherto done anything towards advancing the interests of this Institution will take the words of the Committee to heart, and pluck up courage to lend a helping hand in the future. Let them follow the worthy example, mentioned in the report, of the Lodge of Instruction attached to the Lodge of Industry, No. 461, Hyde, which has just contributed the sum of £5 5s to the funds in order to constitute its Preceptor a Life Governor.

Colonel Creaton presided at a meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, held on Thurday, 29th June, when there were also present Bros. E. Letchworth, F. Richardson, J. H. Matthews, H. A. Dubois, Joshua Nunn, P. de L. Long, R. Grey, J. A. Rucker, E. H. Finney, Edgar Bowyer, A. E. Gladwell, F. W. Ramsay, H. Phythian, J. Terry, C. H. Webb. R. W. Stewart and E. C. Massey. After the minutes of the last General Committee had been verified, and the minutes of the Special General Court and the House Committee had been read for information, the sum of £1000 was, on the recommendation of the Treasurer, ordered to be invested. On the recommendation of the House Committee, Louisa Broadbent, the "next pupil," was appointed at a salary of £20 a-year as an additional assistant in the clothing department. Sixteen petitions were considered, of which fifteen were approved, and the names ordered to be added to the list of candidates for election.

The Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys acknowledges a contribution of one hundred and fifty guineas, from a member of the Court of Common Council, at the Anniversary Festival, presided over by the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor.

We have already drawn attention elsewhere to Bro. Festa's List of £177 13s 11d for the Boys' Festival. We are glad, however, to note further that he was one of the Reception Committee at Brighton on Wednesday, and what is still more to our purpose, as illustrating the keen interest he takes in our Institutions, that he gave a special prize at Tuesday's prize distribution at Wood Green for Short Hand.

We are very much pleased to find that the Royal Victoria Lodge, No. 1013, Liverpool, has, after a long absence, reappeared in a list of Festival contributions. The amount raised is entered as £40, and we trust that Bro. Tomlinson, who acted as Steward, and who is taking great interest in his Lodge, will induce it to repeat this effort on future occasions with praiseworthy regularity.

The installation meeting of the Cornwallis Lodge, No. 1107, will take place on Wednesday next, at the Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swanley, Kent, Bro. H. Cleverly is the W.M. elect.

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R.M.I.B. FESTIVAL.

We append the lists as furnished by the Secretary of the Institution.

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The Chairman			36	15	0
Grand Stewards'		Robert Paulson Spice	15	15	0
Grand Masters'	1	Bradshaw Brown	15	15	0
		J M Case	10	10	0
		Francis J Hartridge	10	10	0
Antiquity	2	John Batley	57	15	0
Fidelity	3	Jos Barber Glenn	28	7	0
Royal Somerset House and Inverness	4	W T Whitmore	10	10	0
St. George and Corner Stone	5	H F Pollock	66	3	0
Friendship	6	H H Dobree	21	0	0
Royal York of Perseverance	7	Arthur Hill	11	11	0
British	8	E Walter Rushworth	12	12	0
Albion	9	Edward Dalby Willey	52	10	0
Westminster and Keystone	10	Rev. S Maude	23	2	0
Enoch	11	Felix Carlier			
Fortitude and Old Cumberland	12	E E Barratt-Kidder	73	10	0
Tuscan	14	George H Hopkinson	45	13	6
Old Dundee	18	Capt. Clifford Probyn	30	9	0
Royal Athelstan	19	E B Grabham	105	16	0
Emulation	21	Arthur Hill	84	13	0
Neptune	22	John Harper	32	11	0
Globe	23	E C Davies	24	3	0
Robert Burns	25	Augustus Henry Stead	30	9	0
Castle Lodge of Harmony	26	E W Milner			
Old King's Arms	28	C Dew Miller			
St. Albans	29	Von Dadelzen	49	7	0
Britannic	33	Arthur Girard Browning	36	4	6
Mount Moriah	34	J H Date	66	3	0
Constitutional	55	G M E Snow	13	13	0
Felicity	58	William John Crump	110	5	0
Peace and Harmony	60	Daniel Nicols	62	14	0
Mount Lebanon	73	Charles Rayden	69	16	6
Regularity	91	Thomas Lough	44	2	0
Shakespeare	99	W W Venn	52	10	0
St. Thomas's	142	T H Lane			
Bedford	157	John Cox	31	10	0
Honour and Generosity	165	Charles Belton	44	2	0
Amity	171	J Clever	35	14	0
Old Concord	172	John Watson	21	0	0
Manchester	179	J G Webb	37	16	0
Universal	181	Alfred Layton	24	4	0
Tranquillity	185	T W C Bush	75	12	0
Industry	186	Henry Jas Johnson	79	10	6
Joppa	188	Israel Abrahams	15	15	0
Jerusalem	197	Edward Burnell	23	2	0
Percy	198	Robert Rowell	31	10	0
St. Michael's	211	Usher Back	52	10	0
Unions	256	Rowland Hill Blades	25	14	6
Prince of Wales	259	John Scott	47	5	0
Salisbury	435	W H Hooper	42	0	0
Zetland	511	Carter Millbourne	52	10	0
Panmure	715	E W Richardson	21	0	0
Panmure	720	Daniel Trusler	30	10	0
Westbourne	733	E Arrowsmith	68	5	0
Crystal Palace	742	Robert Roberts	50	0	0
William Preston	766	Ebenezer Kidman	64	0	0
Royal Alfred	780	Benjamin Blasby	86	1	0
New Concord	813	L C Haslip	36	15	0
Victoria Rifles	822	John Andrew Wilson	48	6	0
Southwark	879	William Topp	52	10	0
City of London	901	George A Cundy	73	10	0
Maybury	969	C W Thompson	42	0	0
Perfect Ashlar	1178	Robert Callingham	55	0	0
Macdonald	1216	George Waterall	24	3	0
Duke of Edinburgh	1259	Edward Jex	105	0	0
John Hervey	1260	Henry Evans	42	0	0
Corinthian	1382	J Delves	98	3	6
Friends in Council	1383	K R Murchison	103	8	0
Stockwell	1399	James Salmon			
Islington	1471	Daniel Pound Holness	112	7	0
Henley	1472	Dr William J Vance	36	15	0
Metropolitan	1507	W M Stiles	153	11	0
St. Peter's Westminster	1537	Arthur Garrard	64	1	0
St. Martin's-le-Grand	1538	George Gregory	17	17	0
St. Dunstan's	1589	Frederick Farrington	15	15	0
Ravensbourne	1601	C W Thompson			
Kilburn	1608	Frederick Brewer	142	16	0
Northern Bar	1610	R Luck			
Bayard	1615	Captain Henry S Andrew	36	15	0
Royal Kensington	1627	C E Soppett	36	4	6
Earl of Carnarvon	1642	Samuel Smout	261	9	0
Aldersgate	1657	Alfred Brookman	115	10	0
Anchor	1704	Thomas Wells Thorpe	56	14	0
Orpheus	1706	J Joyce Murray	73	10	0
Eleanor	1707	E M Money	43	2	0
Plucknett	1708	Henry Cooper	21	0	0
Kaisar-i-Kind	1724	T Barrett-Lennard	42	0	0
Temple Bar	1728	T W C Bush	291	7	0
Perseverance	1743	John L Mather	58	16	0
Royal Savoy	1744	James Willing jun.	73	18	0
Progress	1768	T W Ockenden	25	14	6
Pimlico	1772	John Elliott			
Creaton	1791	John Williams	164	0	0
Coborn	1804	Paul Balme	26	15	6
Alliance	1827	Frank Green			
Duke of Cornwall	1839	Joseph W Brooke	25	0	0
Montague Guest	1900	G P Festa	177	13	11
		W H Dean	5	5	0
London Rifle Brigade	1962	Neville Green	130	12	6
Duke of Albany	1963	R J Vincent	25	4	0
Clerkenwell	1964	Edgar Bowyer	95	0	0
St. George's Preceptory K.T.			13	13	0
		H S Goodall (Committee Dinner Club R.M.I.B.)	102	18	0

UNATTACHED.

Robert Berridge	85	11	0
Frederick Binckes	63	10	6
William Bristow			
Aretas Akers Douglas, M.P.			
George Kenning	10	10	0
John Henry Leggott	10	10	0
Rev. Richard Morris	26	5	0
E Shedd	39	18	0
John Stanley	10	10	0
H N Taylor	12	12	0
Abner Torkington	52	10	0
Rev. A F A Woodford	26	5	0
William March	15	15	0

PROVINCES.

BERKS AND BERKS.

Union	414	R C Mount	63	0	0
Grey Friars	1101	Edward W Margrett	47	5	0
Wycombe	1501	James Batting	36	0	0
		Richard Puttick			
Ellington	1566	Charles Miller Foottit	30	13	0
		Robert Nicholson			

CHESHIRE.

St. John	104	Francis Preston	10	10	0
Rock	1289	A H Correlli	25	0	0
		George Richardson	10	10	0
Cope	1357		10	10	0

DERBYSHIRE.

Royal Sussex	353	William Johnson	47	5	0
Devonshire	625	David A Davis			
Hartington	1085	W B Hextall	55	19	6
Rutland	1179	— Carling			
Phœnix of St. Ann	1235	William Boughen	60	18	0
Arkwright	1495	— Parker			
Buxton	1688	W Cameron Moore	12	12	0
Carnarvon	1739	W S Allen			

DEVON.

St. John's	70	Charles Godtschalk	210	0	0
Benevolent	303	George Wareing Ormerod	10	10	0
St. John's	328	David Watson	21	0	0

DORSET.

Amity	137	W Douglas Dugdale	84	0	0
Portland	1087	R N Howard			

DURHAM.

Restoration	111	R Luck	50	0	0
Harbour of Refuge	764	Charles Sherriffe Lane	236	15	0

ESSEX.

Good Fellowship	276	James L Brown	24	6	7
Hope	433	Richard Dickson Poppleton	21	0	0
Chigwell	453				
Star in the East	650	Richard Clowes	74	11	0
Priory	1000	Thomas Firmen Barrett	73	14	0
Liberty of Havering	1437	A J Manning	49	17	6

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

		Baron de Ferrieres, M.P.	10	10	0
Foundation	82	Rev. Middlemore-Whithard	21	0	0
Royal Union	246	W B Felton	21	0	0
Royal Lebanon	493	Samuel Moss	52	10	0
Cotteswold	592	Clement Tudway	100	16	0
Royal Gloucestershire	839	James Bruton	10	10	0
		Richard Vassar Smith	31	10	0
St. George's	900	E J Gregory	10	10	0
	Chapter				
Unanimity	82	J Brook-Smith	21	0	0

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HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

	Lodge				
Medina	35	Asher Barfield	10	10	0
Albany	151	Rev. Edward W Watts	15	4	6
Panmure	723	Henry Stone, Henry Hacker	68	5	0
Carnarvon	804	H Martin Green	73	10	0
Sandown	1869	Richard Loveland-Loveland	18	18	0

HERTS.

Hertford	403	T S Carter	70	7	0
Berkhamstead	504	George Lambert	52	10	0
Gresham	869	A C Wylie	26	5	0
Halsey	1479	Thomas Kent	23	10	6
King Henry the Eighth	1757	Rev. W O Thompson	17	17	0

KENT.

The Province			147	0	0
Knole	1414	F B Lambarde			
Lord Warden	1096	Rev. J Branfill Harrison	64	0	0
Hervey	1692	John James Hamilton	37	16	0

LANCASHIRE (East Division).

Virtue	152	William Jaffrey	10	10	0
Commercial	215	Thomas Hargreaves	63	0	0
St. John's	221	Thomas Glaister	73	10	0
Charity	350	George Galloway	21	0	0
Tudor	467	Walter Potts	15	15	0
Humphrey Chetham	645	Edward Ponsonby Stubbs	52	10	0
Shakespeare	1009	Frank Alex. Huet	10	10	0
De Grey and Ripon	1161	A H Jefferis	15	15	0
	Chapter				
Affability	317	William H Nicholl	10	10	0

LANCASHIRE (West Division).

	Lodge				
Harmony	220	Edgar Humphries	31	10	0
Sincerity	292	Reginald Young	52	10	0
Ellesmere	730	T Forrester	10	10	0
St. Helen's of Loyalty	897	R J Brook	21	0	0
Royal Victoria	1013	T E Tomlinson	40	0	0
Bridgewater	1213	— Harsell	31	10	0
Hindpool	1225	James C Hunter	31	10	0
Equity	1384	W J Thomson	10	10	0
Chorlton	1387	Henry Marshall	26	5	0
Baldwin	1398	William Whiteside	36	15	0
Bootle	1473	J P McArthur	38	18	0
Emulation	1505	Robert Foote	26	5	0
Morecambe	1561		10	10	0

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

Ferrers and Ivanhoe	779	W W Allen	89	5	0

MIDDLESEX.

Carnarvon	708	James Ingliss	21	0	0
Lebanon	1326	Fletcher Knight			
Hemming	1512	T W Ockenden	28	6	6
Musgrave	1597	Robert Langford Sindall	52	10	0
Royal Hanover	1777	Horace Brooks Marshall	157	10	0
Sir Charles Bright	1793	C L Laurence			
St. James's	1579	Henry Corben Weld			
	Chapter				
Enfield	1237	J Garrod	100	0	0

NORFOLK.

	Lodge				
Cabbell	807	George Green	21	0	0
Walpole	1500	C W Bacon	40	19	0

OXFORDSHIRE.

Alfred	340	Thomas Lucas	15	15	0
Apollo University	357	Rev. F H Penny	32	5	0
Churchill	478	Captain S Sandbach	15	3	6
Thames	1895	George E Brakspeare	15	15	0

SOMERSETSHIRE.

Agriculture	1199	Charles Lund Fry Edwards	118	13	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

The Province			136	10	0
Staffordshire Knott	726	John Storer	68	5	0
Honour	526	T J Barnett	143	6	6
Tudor	1792	Edmund Piddock			

SUFFOLK.

Doric	81	W Page Phillips	110	0	0

SURREY.

St. George's	370	Frederick William Mitchell	39	18	0
Royal Alfred	777	William Wells	15	15	0
Brownrigg	1638	C E Oldridge	35	0	0

SUSSEX.

	Lodge				
Yarborough	811	Lewis Lewis	43	1	0
Royal Brunswick	732	V P Freeman, Samuel Solomon, John M Reed	126	0	0
Hova Ecclesia	1466	A J Hawkes	10	10	0

WARWICKSHIRE.

Shakespeare	284	John William Margetts	105	0	0
Unity	567	J Boddington	15	15	0
Temperance	739	G Board, A W Wilkinson	18	18	0
Leigh	887	F G Swinden	6	6	0
St. Alphege	1431	Joseph Boston	42	0	0

WILTS.

		William Nott	145	19	0
Loyalty	1533	Surgeon General T Ringer	15	15	0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

Worcester	280	H F Dale	31	10	0
		William Barkley	11	11	0
Stability	564	W G Turney	10	10	0
Semper Fidelis	529	George Williamson	10	10	0
Leehmere	1874	George Taylor	105	0	0

YORKSHIRE—NORTH AND EAST RIDINGS.

York	236	J Sykes Rymer	66	7	0
Leopold	1760	— Kirk	36	15	0

YORKSHIRE—WEST.

Britannia	139	Wm Hy Brittain, John Taylor, John Henry Burrows, Simeon Hayes, Horatio Marsden, Richard Richardson, George Williams, Joseph Binney, Arthur Heron			
Three Great Principles	208	James France, George Newsome			
Amphibious	258	George Heaton			
Hope	302	Francis Holland, William Watkins			
Three Graces	408	H S Holdsworth			
Phœnix	904	William Dickie			
St. Oswald	910	R Fisher			
Harrogate and Claro	1001	Max Blume			
Sincerity	1019	John Wordsworth, W H Gill, Captain John, Robert Holliday			
Defence	1221	Richard Kingston			
Brighouse	1301	John Holliday Powley, Alfred Stott, Henry Sutcliffe Stott, Richard Kershaw, Frederick Laxton			
Zetland	1311	Joseph Chadwick			
Wharncliffe	1462	Thomas Farrar, George Hasketh			
Friendly	1513	Thomas W Embleton, Wm Jas Lourance, Ben Gaunt			
Colne Valley	1645	Joseph Crowther			
			£603	15	0

NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

St. Tudno	755	Geo L Woodley	12	12	0
		Captain Hunter	10	10	0
St. Oswald	1124	Ephraim Wood	1	1	0

SOUTH WALES—EAST DIVISION.

Bute	960	G H Noel	374	6	6

SOUTH WALES—WEST DIVISION.

Prince of Wales	671	Aaron Stone			

FOREIGN STATIONS.

United Service	1341	John Henry Windrieur	31	10	0
Prov. G. Mark Lodge of North Africa		A M Broadley	90	0	0

MARK DEGREE.

		C F Matier	74	1	0

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BRO. RAYNHAM STEWART'S MOTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I can hardly bring myself to imagine that any attempt will be made at the September Communication of Grand Lodge to non-confirm so much of the June minutes as relate to the grant of £800 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution out of the Fund of General Purposes. The proposal, when first submitted to Grand Lodge, last December, was agreed to unanimously. Then in March it was held over for a Committee of inquiry into the income of the said Fund of General Purposes to report. In June that Committee reported that the Fund had a net income, which had better have been described as a clear balance to the good, of £4,000. On this Bro. Stewart re-submitted his motion, which was carried over a rival proposition that the grant should consist of no more than £400 by a respectable, if not a particularly large, majority. Surely, in the face of these facts, no brother will have the hardihood to suggest that Grand Lodge, having ample funds at its disposal, should again commit itself so egregiously as to rescind a motion which has been twice agreed to by the brethren. Still it is quite as well that a note of warning should be sounded, so that the supporters of the motion may rally in sufficient numbers to prevent the catastrophe which has awakened the fears of "OLIM, 474."

Approving, as I do, this portion of your correspondent's letter, I the more regret that he should have singled out for condemnation the mover of the amendment on the ground that, though he "professed his willingness to do what he could for the Charities," his name was not to be found in the subscription lists issued by the Institution. "OLIM, 474" should remember, as has been remarked by another of your correspondents, that a man may do a great deal of good without giving money.

Fraternally yours,

M. M.

THE DEGENERACY OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Various articles have from time to time appeared in your valuable paper (which I am glad to observe is attracting increasing attention in my Province) upon the subject of Masonic impositions, and the questionable uses to which Freemasonry is put as a medium for pushing trade. The matter is one upon which all true Masons must feel deeply, as they are constrained to preserve the integrity, and to maintain the honour, of our beloved Institution. But there are two sides to every question, and there is no rule without an exception. I am not fond of rushing into print, and do not purpose in this letter to touch upon the vexed question of "Trading on Masonry," which was so ably dealt with in a recent article in the CHRONICLE, and which has excited no small amount of comment here. But in conversing with a brother the other day on the subject of charity—the keystone of all our Masonic professions—the remarks turned upon the wisdom or otherwise of putting too freely into practice the "distinguishing characteristic" of which we are so forcibly reminded at the North-east corner.

Now, I have painfully observed, in the columns of your own and other Masonic journals, explicit "cautions," and, indeed, somewhat ostentatious ones, exhorting the brethren to "beware of Masonic impostors," and one can hardly hardly help entertaining a shrewd idea that these monitions do not spring from the charitable strata of the writers' hearts. Unquestionably, there are many amongst us who, from unforeseen circumstances of calamity and misfortune are reduced to the lowest ebb of poverty and distress, whom it is our bounden duty to relieve if within the bounds of possibility. Are we then to leave all our humane and noble inspirations and all our benevolence at the North-east corner, where we have nothing to bestow? There may be a few, and it strikes me very few, who adopt the nomadic profession in Freemasonry, who levy their black-mail continually on the indiscriminating benevolent. Such an unworthy brother would surely be detected; and, without publishing his name and his doings to the world, there should be a means of cutting short his career of imposture. But, on the other hand, how many brethren have we amongst us who, though utte[illegible]down and overwhelmed by adverse circumstances, would fain, like another poor man we read of, stretch forth a grateful hand for the crumbs that fall from the rich man's table, but dare not? To work he cannot; to beg he is ashamed.

I have been told such scenes in this regard as would make an angel weep; nor do I descend to maudlin sentimentality when I use the expression. For instance, not long ago a poor wayworn brother, once in comparative comfort, and a willing supporter of his Lodge, but now utterly broken down, was seen shivering in the cold and wet, outside a brilliantly-lighted hotel, within whose sumptuous walls the voices of mirth and fraternal greeting resounded merrily. The poor fellow, by some instinct, or information, knew there were in that jovial company those who professed to hold charity as a most cardinal point of the Masonic profession; and so, heart-sick and weary—and hungry—he waited in hope that brotherly love relief and truth might find exemplification in some at least of those who joined in the after-dinner sentiments which usually hover round the banquet table. The Tyler had concluded the "official programme" with his prayer for "all poor and distressed Masons," and the few lingerers, who are ever to be found on such occasions, were enjoying a "last glass" at the bar before parting for the night. Hesitatingly—for he had not been accustomed to supplicate—the destitute brother approached, and enquired whether there were any Freemasons present? In an instant, as though a thunderbolt had fallen, every tongue was silent, and all the loud expressions uttered upstairs of charity vanished into thin air! The dejected one was too faint and exhausted to be importunate, and with a despairing look around, he withdrew, into the cold and rain, unrelieved, hungry, and homeless!

This is not a fancy picture, but a fact; and when we are so glib in talking about, and cautioning the would-be benevolent against, presumed impostors—for, mind you, the genuine ones may speedily be detected—let us pause and consider how many there are who, having seen "better days," shrink even in the dire hour of need from looking askance at the hand of charity, to whom a little aid would be the revival of hope, if not the raising of life. We are too apt, I fancy, to be a little Pharisaical in our dispensation of alms. What if even an unworthy brother extorts a few shillings from the Lodge funds or from individuals? Better that than allow one genuine case of distress to go unrelieved, and a libel perpetrated on the professions of the Craft. If a little more discretion were observed in the Fourth Degree, we should have the wherewithal to be a little more real in our practice of charity, and it would be to the lasting credit of the Craft if the figures in our balance-sheets, under the respective heads of "house expenses" and "benevolence" were a little more equalised. I could multiply instances such as the one I have quoted, but must not trespass on your space.

I remain, Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A CONSTANT READER.

28th June 1882.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—This cooling Medicine has the happiest effect when the blood is overheated and a tendency to inflammatory action is set up in the system; one Pill taken shortly before dinner does away with the indigestion, fullness, and flatulency—indications of a weak stomach, or disordered liver. A few Pills taken at bedtime act as alteratives and aperients; they not only relieve the bowels, but regulate every organ connected with them, overcome all acrid humours, and encourage a free suppy of all the secretions essential to our well-being. Holloway's Pills thoroughly cleanse and perfectly regulate the circulation, and beget a feeling of comfort in hot climates and high temperatures, which is most desirable for preservation of health.

PORT ELIZABETH.

LODGE OF GOOD HOPE, No. 863.

THE Masonic Temple of Port Elizabeth was, on Thursday, 20th April last, attended by an unusually large number of the brethren, fully a hundred from various parts being present. The occasion was the installation of Bro. A. C. Wylde (C.C. and R.M.) as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. In addition to the Officers and others of the Goodwill and Southern Cross (Uitenhage) Lodges, Brother W. Wedderburn P.M. of Grahamstown, and many others made homage to the worthy and accepted Master elect. The installing Officer was the District Grand Senior Warden, Bro. C. W. Mouat P.M., and he was assisted by Past Masters Bros. Wheelwright, Smythe, Blakeway, Dickinson, James Kemsley, Wedderburn, J. W. C. Mackay, S. White, and others Before proceeding with the business, the District Grand Senior Warden said he had been requested by the members of the Lodge of Good Hope to invest Bro. Mackay P.M. with a jewel, in recognition of his services in the years 1879-80, and he had much pleasure in doing so, bearing his own testimony to the appropriateness of the presentation. The recipient, who evidently had not anticipated this, replied in a few chosen words, and the ordinary business of the meeting was proceeded with. The various offices were filled by Past Masters Bros. James Kemsley S.W., Wheelwright J.W., White I.G. After prayer by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Wirgman, Bro. Alfred Carrington Wylde was, in a most impressive manner, installed as W.M., and he then proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. C. Dickenson I.P.M., E. Cohn S.W., Rev. A. Grant Chaplain and J.W., C. T. Wheelwright P.M. Treasurer, E. R. Smyther P.M. Secretary, A. W. Rowsell S.D., H. Light J.D., E. H. Gunning I.G., J. Bredell Organist, W. Henderson Tyler. Due honour having been paid to the W.M. elected, Lodge was closed, and the brethren present were invited to attend a banquet given by the Lodge of Good Hope in the Leidertafel Hall, which had been kindly lent for the occasion. Here a most sumptuous repast was provided, and at about half-past nine the guests sat down, the chair being taken by A. C. Wylde W.M., his two principal Officers serving as croupiers. Messrs. Duncan Brothers, who acted as caterers, needed no better proof than they received of the hearty appreciation by all present of their efforts to afford satisfaction, and the Stewards of the Lodge were indefatigable in attending to the wants of their brethren. After ample time had been allowed in the Junior Wardens' department, the Chairman proposed first the Queen and the Craft, and next H R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., at the same time expatiating upon the beneficial influence exercised by Royalty in upholding the dignity of the ancient Craft, when supported by such worthy brethren as the members of the English Royal Family. The health of Bro. Egan Deputy Grand Master was heartily received, and his regret at not being able to attend was shared by all present. The toast of the W.M. of the Lodge of Good Hope was happily given by Bro. Mouat, and responded to by Bro. Wylde, who expressed his warm attachment to the principles of Freemasonry, and his heartfelt desire to advance the Order here during his term of office. He then, in turn, proposed the health of Bro. C. T. W. Mouat the Installing

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Officer, and bore testimony to the many obligations the Lodges were under to him. In a speech of some length, and much eloquence, the D.G.S.W. responded. He exhorted his hearers to a more active interest in Masonry and the study of grand truths underlying it, and gave his own case as one in proof of the distinction one can rise to in the Craft. The other toasts proposed—were, by Bro. Mackay, the Newly Installed Officers, responded to by Bro. Cohn; by Bro. J. Kemsley, the Immediate Past Master, responded to by Bro. Dickinson; by Bro. S. White, the Retiring Officers, responded to by Bro. Josling; by Bro. Wheelwright, the W.M. Good Will Lodge, responded to by Bro. Blakeway; by Bro. Reade, the Southern Cross Lodge, responded to by Brother Smythe; the Visiting Brethren, responded to by Bros. W. Wedderburne and Disney Roebuck; by Bro. Rev. Grant, Past Masters, responded to by Bro. Wheelwright; by Bro. Rev. Bennetts, Sweethearts and Wives, responded to by Bro. C. J. Barber; by Bro. Blakeway, the Banquet Committee, responded to by Bro. Simpson; All poor and distressed brethren, by the Tyler. The National Anthem, sung by Bro. Smerdon, brought the proceedings to a close. During dinner, and the intervals between the speeches, the Theatre Royal Band (which had been generously lent for the occasion by Captain Roebuck,) favoured those present with some choice selections of music, exquisitely rendered, and added much to the pleasures of the evening. The arrangements throughout were perfect, and reflected great credit on all who were instrumental in carrying them out. The jewel presented to Bro. Mackay is a handsome gold and inlaid Past Master's, and bears the following inscription :—"Presented to Bro. J. W. C. Mackay P.M. by the members of Good Hope Lodge, No. 863, Port Elizabeth, South Africa, as a token of esteem, on his retirement from the office of Worshipful Master, 1879-80."

THE THEATRES, &c.

COVENT GARDEN.—ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA. This evening, DON GIOVANNI. On Monday, CARMEN. On Tuesday, VELLEDA. On Thursday, AIDA. On Friday, VELLEDA.

DRURY LANE.—On Monday, RISTORI.

LYCEUM.—At 8, ROMEO AND JULIET.

ADELPHI.—At 8, RICHELIEU.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7.30, A PHOTOGRAPHIC FRIGHT. At 8, THE ROMANY RYE.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 8, MONEY.

HAYMARKET.—At 8, ODETTE.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, THE MARBLE ARCH. At 8.40, THE COLONEL.

STRAND.—At 7.30, TWO TO ONE. At 8.10, THE MASCOTTE.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES. At 8.40, PATIENCE. This day (Saturday), at 2.30, also.

AVENUE.—At 7.30, SIMPSON AND DELILAH. At 8.15, MANTEAUX NOIRS. This day, at 2, also.

GAIETY.—FRENCH PLAYS. This evening, at 8.10, RUY BLAS. On Monday, DIVORCONS. This afternoon, LES RANTZAU.

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ONE of the finest days that have been vouchsafed to us during this veritable "dripping month of June" smiled upon the pupils who are fortunately cared for by the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood Green, on Tuesday, the day set apart for the annual visit of the Stewards, and the distribution of prizes that had been gained in the various branches of study during the year. The sun shone gloriously the whole day through, from what Tennyson would call a "blue unclouded sky," whilst a gentle breeze was astir, modulating the otherwise sultry atmosphere into a refreshing temperature. As the trains arrived, groups of visitors followed each other in rapid succession towards the Institution, until the gymnasium was crowded by a fashionably-attired company, amongst whom the ladies preponderated, and evinced the liveliest interest in the proceedings. In one corner of the hall a stage had been erected, with proscenium, wings, and all the necessary accessories of a histrionic performance, and the manner in which the lads acquitted themselves reflected the utmost credit upon their preceptors, whilst at the same time bringing their latent elocutionary powers into full and effective play. Near this was a gallery in which the pupils sat, in tiers, and their smart robust appearance gave the best possible proof that their physical, as well as their mental, faculties are most judiciously studied. Bro. Raynham Stewart, as Chairman of the House Committee, occupied the chair, and was supported on the platform by a large number of the executive, together with many of the prominent supporters of the Institution. Bro. Frederick Binckes, the indefatigable Secretary, to whom so much of the success of the School is due, succeeded with ubiquitous tact in making all the arrangements go along smoothly, whilst his urbane manner elicited the remark, by no means *in apropos* to the occasion, that although he strove with the utmost triumph to please everybody, he was "as much a boy as any of them." The

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interior of the hall, with its trophies of flags, evergreen decorations, and little bannerets depending from the rafters of the roof, presented a picturesque and animated spectacle, when filled with the hundreds of visitors who were induced by the brilliant weather and an attractive programme, to spend a happy afternoon at Wood Green. The entertainment opened with a part-song, "Britons, arise," arranged from Bellini's "Norma," very nicely sung by the choir, and the manner in which it was sustained gave evidence of careful and efficient training. It was then announced that, in consequence of another engagement, the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., Grand Junior Warden, P.G.S., and W.M. of the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, would be unable to attend until later in the afternoon, and the prizes presented by the Institution and by private donors were given away by the Chairman of the House Committee, who was in an exceedingly happy vein, and accompanied each award with a few characteristic and humorous observations. The presentations were judiciously divided into sections, and in the intervals the choir sung several selections, including "O hush thee, my baby," (A. S. Sullivan); "'Mid the Golden Corn," (J. L. Hatton), sung for the first time in public, and received with genuine expressions of approbation; "Now is the month of Maying," (Thomas Morley); "Hearth and Home," (Ciro Pinsuti); "The Cuckoo sings in the poplar tree," (G. A. Macfarren); and the "Song of the Vikings," (S. E. Faning); all of which were capitally rendered. Alternating the vocal essays were matches of elocutionary skill, and the way in which the lads debated the somewhat delicate question, "Are the mental capacities of the sexes equal?" afforded not only intense amusement to the audience, but evinced considerable talent and keenness of perception on the part of the "hon. gentlemen" who took part. It is almost unnecessary to say that the decision of the conclave was most flattering to the ladies, whose "busy fans" and arch smiles betokened their entire appreciation of the common sense and judgment of those who took part in the sketch, and whose unanimity on the point was wonderful! The original farce, "B.B.," by Messrs. M. Williams and F. C. Burnand, was capitally enacted, V. J. Lee delineating in capital style Bob Rattles, the ex-chicken and retired prizefighter, while little F. F. Godfrey provoked intense fun by the way in which he sustained the part of Joe, waiter at the Percy Arms. R. Keddell—who had been voted by the ladies as the champion elocutionist, on account of the part in which he took in the opening debate—personated Mr. Benjamin Bobbin, the agent; while C. King made up into a buxom Mrs. Puncheon, the landlady of the hostelry, which formed the head-quarters of the "P.R." W. P. Cooper figured as Dorothy, the housekeeper, and H. P. Pulman, as Squire Greenfield; and the piece went with a smoothness and precision highly creditable to the juvenile actors. Equally good was the farce, by S. A. A'Beckett, "The Man with the Carpet Bag," which was thus cast:—

Pluckwell	(A Magistrate)	S. Woodhouse
Wrangle	(A Junior Barrister)	R. Keddell
Grab	(An Attorney)	H. P. Pulman
J. Grimes	(Man with Carpet Bag)	V. J. Lee
John	(Waiter at Inn)	F. F. Godfrey
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Harriet	(Pluckwell's Daughter)	H. Searle
Chambermaid		F. Smith
Barmaid		C. King

V. J. Lee was irresistibly droll in his sustentation of the principal character, and came in for repeated outbursts of applause, which were spontaneous and genuine, whilst all the minor parts were well filled in.

Soon after three o'clock there was a general move on the part of the executive on the platform, and the interest of the occasion increased when it was known that the Lord Mayor had arrived. On entering the building, his lordship was received with every expression of welcome, both from the visitors and the boys, and he seemed to evince the liveliest interest in the proceedings.

Bro. Frederick Binckes, addressing the company, said the Lord Mayor, in the midst of his numerous duties, had kindly spared a short time that afternoon to come amongst them, and their thanks were due to him for the interest he thus displayed in the Institution. There had been a large number of prizes distributed, but several of the most important had been reserved for his lordship to give. The first was that which was looked upon as the "blue riband" of the Institution, the silver medal awarded many years past to the pupil who manifested the greatest good conduct, which was regarded by the executive as an essential element amongst the various branches of instruction imparted in the School. He had pleasure in introducing Henry Percy Pulman, the winner of this prize, and the Lord Mayor congratulated him upon the distinction he had won. The next was the Canonbury gold medal, presented by Bro. Edward Cox, Vice Patron, P.M. 657, with the express provision that the boy should be elected by the suffrages of his fellow schoolfellows. While there had been extraordinary differences of opinion as to the policy of awarding a prize under such circumstances—because the boy might be popular amongst the boys, and yet most troublesome to the masters, no one would begrudge Vincent John Lee the distinction he had gained. He (Bro. Binckes) only hoped Lee would be as popular in after life as he had been in the School. Lee was then decorated with the medal and blue ribbon, amidst the cheers of his comrades. The silver watch and chain for general good conduct, presented by the Supreme Council 33° to the pupil leaving the Institution, was then presented to Alfred Ramsay Parker, who was greeted with ringing cheers. They had been fortunate in the Cambridge Local Examinations, and it was a source of intense satisfaction to the management of the Institution that the pupils had reflected honour upon it and upon themselves by the success they had thus gained. Bro. W. Winn P.M. 657, Vice Patron, had presented £525, from the interest of which had been apportioned £23, which sum is divided among those who had taken honours in the senior and junior classes (nineteen candidates passed), and the fortunate winner was deservedly applauded. When the prizes had all been given away, Brother the Lord Mayor said: I must apologise for not spending quite so much time here as I should have desired, but you are aware that there are certain duties that I have to perform—public duties—which I must without fail fulfil. Upon this occasion, however, it certainly is a matter of the deepest interest to me to again be present at a School gathering. Nothing could be of more importance to the country at large than that our youth should be brought up in a manner which shall afterwards make them faithful citizens. I have seen a great number of Institutions in which philanthropic men and beneficent women do that which they thought would be beneficial to the youth of this country, but I have never seen anything more perfect or more complete, or more bold in its design, than this great establishment which I have the honour of visiting to-day. It is another proof of what strength love and affection have, when brought to bear in any benevolent project. There is no more important charity than that those who have lost their parents, or who from various causes could not have afforded to them by their natural protectors that education which they require in youth, should have it provided for them by those who have been more successful and more happy in the world in which we have been placed. I am sure this great Institution is the glory of the Freemasons of England. I have been present at several of the Festivals, and have seen the great interest which the Freemasons take in matters of education; but until I saw the completeness and perfection of this Institution I could not so well apprehend and understand why they took so deep an interest in this place. As regards the boys, I would say to you now, you have all the world before you, and as you sow so must you reap. The "boy is the father of the man," and it is for you now to take advantage of the opportunities which are offered to you, and which will make you in future times happy and wealthy; or, if you disregard them, from the seeds which you now plant will grow up your unhappiness, and in all probability a difficulty even in obtaining your living. I can only say it was these views which filled my own mind when I was at school, and I hope they will fill yours. If you do, it will lead to success and happiness, for depend upon it the world will value the worth you place upon yourselves in the future. In a meeting like this, you cannot ignore the great importance of the masters who have the management of such an establishment as this; and, from what I have been told by the Committee who aid in this undertaking, it is quite clear there is not only talent and learning and ability, but there is a noble sympathy of character, which links the boy to the master, and makes him feel he is not only his teacher but his friend. I should have been pleased if I could have been here earlier and partaken in all the entertainments and pleasures which are connected with prize-giving, and if I could have dealt more at large with this great subject which has been placed in my hands. But I feel you will sympathise somewhat with me in what I have to undertake, or when I tell you how much I should have liked to see the athletic sports. I have only to say, I have to be present this evening at an entertainment to Her Majesty's judges at the Mansion House, so that I am obliged to leave you at an earlier hour than I should otherwise have desired. I thank the Committee for the kindness and courtesy I have received at their hands, and hope success will attend this undertaking, and that there will always be the same amount of sympathy and generosity to carry it on, not only with the great success which has hitherto attended it, but with far greater. I would add one more word to the boys. You must remember it is not possible for all to succeed, and to those who have been successful I only give one word of advice—Never allow one success for a moment to interfere with your continued effort for another success. As soon as you have achieved one success, endeavour to look forward for another. The greatest element of success in life is "courage, courage, courage," or, as the great Athenian orator said, "action, action, action." Never let a stone be unturned, never let an opportunity pass you, always seize every opportunity, look about you, be on the alert, be alive to every occasion, whether in school or out of it, and prizes will come to you when you least expect them. To the unsuccessful boys I would only say, the world is before you; the field has never been trampled by your feet; and you should exert yourselves in such a way as to ensure success in the future, and never be discouraged.

Bro. Raynham Stewart, in the name of the House Committee, tendered to the Lord Mayor their sincere thanks for presiding over the meeting, and the proceedings, which had been of a very interesting character, terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

The visitors then repaired to the dining-hall and school-room, where a substantial collation was partaken of by nearly 500 guests, after which they proceeded to an adjoining field in which a number of foot races and athletic sports were contested, in the presence of a vast assemblage of spectators. The band of the Institution, under the leadership of Mr. W. Whare, performed an excellent selection of music, and the pastimes were watched with genuine and lively interest. Mr. H. Bowler officiated as starter, Mr. E. V. Gardner as judge, Mr. S. Donovan, clerk of the course, and Messrs. H. P. Pulman, V. J. Lee, R. G. Head, H. J. Percy, E. Hair, and R. Keddell Committee. The events were thus decided:—

100 yards flat race for boys over 14 years of age.—G. Allison (allowed 5 yards start) 1; J. Hutton (5 yards) 2. The other competitors were A. R. Parker, H. Percy, L. Jones, H. Pulman and H. England (scratch), and E. Hair (8 yards).

100 yards flat, under 14 years.—W. H. Healey (scratch) 1; W. Emmott (scratch) 2. This was a capital race, and was won in the last effort by about a foot. E. Iles, R. J. Warner, J. Walker, T. Allison, and P. Marshall also competed.

High Jump, under 14 years.—W. Emmott 1 (height 4 feet 1 inch) 1; J. Walker 2. E. Iles and H. Healey were unsuccessful.

High Jump, over 14 years.—L. Jones (4 feet 6 inches) 1; J. Hutton 2. The other competitors were H. Pulman and J. Hutton.

Quarter Mile Handicap. There were fifteen entries for this race, but several were absent. The contest was finished by E. Iles (30 yds.)

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1; J. Walker 2; and T. Allison 3. L. Jones pulled up well from scratch, and looked like winning in the last lap, but when nearly home he fell.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—H. England (91 yards) 1; A. R. Parker 2. G. Dawson, H. Pulman and V. J. Lee also competed.

Half Mile Handicap.—E. Iles (30 yards) 1; J. Hutton (10 yards) 2; F. Booth (60 yards) 3. Twelve competitors.

Long Jump (Open).—L. Jones (14 feet) 1; J. Waddington 2. Nine competitors.

Tug of War.—In the first pull off V. J. Lee's team won easily against A. R. Parker's; and in the second R. Head's team were victorious against R. Keddall's. In the final, after a tie, Head's team secured the prizes, though they had a slight advantage in respect to ground.

Sack Race.—J. Walker 1; S. Roberts 2.

Small Boys' Race.—G. Warner 1; W. Emmott 2; T. Allison 3.

Band Boys' Race.—E. B. Tibbitt 1; P. Garston 2; E. Jones 3.

Special Race for prizes given by the Lord Mayor.—First, 21s, L. Jones; second, 12s 6d, R. Iles; third, 7s 6d, H. Healey.

At the conclusion of the sports the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Edgar Bowyer, for whom hearty cheers were given, as well as for the Lord Mayor, Bro. Raynham Stewart and the other members of the House Committee, Bro. Frederick Binckes, the Secretary, and the Head Master Bro. the Rev. Richard Morris. Afterwards there was dancing in the schoolroom, and a most enjoyable evening was passed, up to the latest hour of the returning trains for town.

YORK CASTLE.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

ONE of the most picturesque of our numerous York ruins is what is left of the old Castle of York, and strangers should make a point, in fine weather, of getting a view of the ancient tower from the Bail Hill, or part of the old fortifications on the opposite side of the river. Of the stout pile which for so many centuries alternately guarded and threatened the good burgesses of York, little now remains, but the remnant is both characteristic and interesting. As York was always the key of the military roads, north and south, so, from the very earliest recorded days, its castle was an important stronghold, and so remained until the age which saw the demolition of the mediæval fortresses, the advent of battering artillery, and the substitution of earthworks for high stone walls. For many years York Castle has been used as a county prison, and a modern battlemented wall with massive towers now takes the place of the former moat, but inside this wall is enclosed the old keep, known as Clifford's Tower, whose interior has been the scene of some of the most tragic episodes in England's history. The ancient family of Clifford were appointed Wardens of this tower during the reign of William the Conqueror, and from that date until 1684, when the tower was gutted by fire, it remained a military stronghold. It was the scene, in the reign of Richard I., of a horrid massacre of Jews, rivalling in atrocity those which are now taking place in Russia. A conspiracy against these unfortunate people, many of whom, possessing great wealth, resided in York, was formed by the inhabitants of the city, and most of them in alarm begged to be admitted into the tower for safety. Here they would have been secure, except for a misconception on the part of the governor, who imagined the Jews had taken possession of the fortress, and appealed to the sheriff, who instantly called out his whole *posse comitatus* to besiege the castle. When the Jews saw that they were certain to be destroyed, they resolved to cut the throats of their women and children, and then set fire to the tower, which they did. Those who escaped the knife or the flames were murdered by the bloodthirsty mob outside, to whom the last remnant of the Jews had opened the gates under a promise of safety. Thus, on the 11th March 1190, perished about 2000 of the chosen people, men, women and children.

Perhaps the criminal records and associations of the Castle as a jail are as interesting as anything to most people, and this county prison could tell some terrible stories of the captives who have lived and died within its walls, or been dragged out to suffer a terrible death. The first record we have of its use as a jail is in 1569, when its governor or jailer Oswald Wilkinson was taken to London, tried as a traitor, and hanged, drawn and quartered, at Tyburn. This same method of doing to death was as common at York as anywhere else, for the assize records show that between 1370 and 1879 about five hundred and sixty-four people were beheaded or hanged here. Up to the former date the power of life and death had been in the hands of the Abbot of St. Mary at York, whose ancient prison-house is still to be seen, but subsequently this terrible authority was usurped by the government, and a new gallows was built on the Knaves Mire, a low-lying and level tract of land outside the City, and now the race course, and there men were hanged and quartered, and women guilty of "petty treason" (which included husband murder) were burned. All sorts of prisoners were held here in promiscuous bondage, and frequently enough the judges were spared the trial, and the hangman the despatch of many wretched individuals, by the diseases peculiar to prisons, which then raged without hindrance, and often decimated the crowd of unhappy wights. The parish register of St. Mary, the nearest church to the castle, gives sickening proof of this, for "natural death," in those days, was held to be synonymous with every form of fever, bronchitis and other ailments connected with cold and starvation, which were wont to be contracted by those confined in the wretched apartments of a prison in the good old days. All sexes and ages were bundled together into one set of rooms, and the condition of their lives was so horrible that misery became converted into desperation, and fights were frequent. As often as not the results of these scrimmages were fatal, and the governor seldom cared to interpose unless the noise interfered with the comfort of the garrison, in which case a few of the jailers would make a raid upon the prisoners, armed with enormous keys fastened to heavy chains, which they swung round and round, and which coming in contact with a prisoner's head would undoubtedly knock his brains out, or at any rate leave him senseless, upon the floor. Under such circumstances it is not to be wondered at that attempts to break prison were frequent and desperate. In 1653 six prisoners got away, and in 1761 when some one hundred and twenty-one French captives of war were confined in York Castle, they cut away the bars of a window, and twenty escaped, of whom only six were re-captured.

There was a great difference in the respective accommodations of the first, second and third-class debtors and of the criminals. The two former were, up to a very late date, allowed the run of the grass lawn, in the centre of the prison, where a herd of deer were kept. Both sexes were allowed to mix together, and hold high jinks if they were so minded. Gay and festive was the scene when these privileged folks met at nice little dinners prepared by the fair hands of some of the debtors and midnight revels broke the stillness of the grim court yards. For the third-class debtors, however, there were no such delights. They were made to feel the pinch of their poverty and inferiority, and had to sleep on rushes in cells with unglazed windows, and subsist on prison fare. Occasionally members of our own Brotherhood found themselves in this unpleasant predicament, for in some of the older minutes of the Grand Lodge of York, I have noticed entries of sums voted for the relief of poor Brethren languishing in the debtors' prison.

When the unhappy debtors were admitted, they had to pay fees technically known as "garnish" and "obummage," and when they were discharged, they were again mulcted in various sums before they were suffered to depart.

In our York prison records are many incidents closely bearing upon the history of this country. In 1291 the Welsh rebel Rees, of Meredith, was hanged here. During the great struggle between the Red Rose of Lancaster and the White Rose of York, this prison alternately held the prisoners of both parties. The head of the Duke of York was stuck upon Micklegate Bar, the southern entrance of the city, and his face was turned towards York, in order that he might look upon the spot whence he derived his title. Soon afterwards Shakespeare's "Sun of York" having turned the tables at Taunton Field, rode into York and substituted the heads of the Earl of Devon, the Earl of Ryme, and other titled foes, for that of his father. After the suppression of the Yorkshire rebellion against the land tax of Henry VII., the leader of the canny Yorkshiremen, John á Chambre, was hanged on a "gibbet raised a stage higher than ordinary in the midst of a square gallows, as a traitor paramount, and a number of his men that were his chief accomplices were hanged upon the lower storey round about him." Next amongst the prominent victims of the political struggles of those days came the Yorkshire leaders of the Pilgrimage of Grace, Robert Aske, Lord Hussey and William Wade, who also suffered the last penalty in the same place. In the great civil war of the Stuarts, York was loyal almost to the last. In 1640, one Thomas Stafford, was clapped in the Castle for saying that "souldgeares were all rogues," and that the King was "fitter to be hanged than to be a King," and two years later, one, John Trontbeck, was also sent to durance vile for the expressed opinion that the King was "halfe French, halfe Germaine, and that he could live as well without a King as with a King." But later on, things were changed, and Colonel Morris and Cornet Blackburn, who were suspected of being concerned in the death of Colonel Rainsborough, at Doncaster, were executed at York after a smart attempt to escape from the Castle. In 1663 there came a time when the old Puritan spirit broke out again in Yorkshire, and there was a rising against the merry monarch, which cost twenty-two lives on the scaffold and many other living deaths in the cells of the gloomy castle. In the rebellion under Prince Charlie, York remained steadfast to the House of Hanover, and on the return of cruel Cumberland from the fatal field of Culloden, he rewarded the citizens for their constancy by leaving to their disposal a large collection of prisoners, most of whom were executed in the revolting manner peculiar to the age. As for the immense numbers of persons immured in the place because they had the misfortune to be Roman Catholics, Protestants, Quakers, Methodists, or what not, at the wrong time, their name is legion, to say nothing of women accused of witchcraft. Most of these poor people, however, were guiltless of any crime that in these days would be visited by more severe penalties than a short imprisonment, and many of them were void of offence either towards God or man. Far otherwise was it with some others, who were the perpetrators of desperate crimes, such as Eugene Aram, whose wretched story is so romantically told by Lord Lytton; Nevison, who was the hero of the feat attributed to Turpin, of riding from London to York on his mare in fifteen hours, a distance of 200 miles. Dick Turpin was simply a wretched murderer, who was executed in 1734, whereas Nevison flourished many years before. About 1676, he committed a robbery in London, and at daybreak (4 a.m.) mounted his mare and rode into York at 7 p.m. He was arrested and tried, but managed to prove an *alibi*, and Charles II. nicknamed him "Swift Nick." Finally, Nevison met his deserts and was hanged on the Knavesmire, in 1684.

Our last titled prisoner was a Lord Eglinton, who managed to kill a Mr. Maddox, in a gambling quarrel, in 1816, but who was afterwards reprieved.

Some portions of the interior structures, and especially the old debtors' prison, are exceedingly fine examples of architecture, of the style of Wren, and the frowning heights of the mediæval walls, laved by the waters of the river Foss, carry the thoughts back to an early period of our history. I am looking forward to meeting some of your friends this summer, as we are told that a great number of Americans will visit us, and I hope that any Brother Masons who come to York will send me notice of their visit, and give me the pleasure of greeting them in old Eboracum.

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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, 1st JULY.

1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New North-road, S.E., at 7. (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 Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
306—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1233—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, 3rd JULY.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
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.)
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)
1831—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1934—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley.
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 6.30. (Instruction)
M.M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven.
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
833—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 4th JULY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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.)
840—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)
1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
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)
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
228—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.
393—St. David, Masons' 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.
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.
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
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, 5th JULY.

193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
539—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.)
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)

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
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.
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
1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swanley.
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)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
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
R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 6th JULY.

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)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, 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—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 Loudon, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 107—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
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
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1384—Equity, Alfords Chambers, Widnes

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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
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1907—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 7th JULY.

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.)
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.)
1366—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.
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
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
531—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1525—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1643—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, 8th JULY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New North-road, S.E., at 7. (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)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ANGEL LODGE, No. 51.

THE members of this Lodge celebrated their annual festival of St. John the Baptist, at Colchester, on 22nd ult.; the proceedings passed off with considerable *eclat*. Bro. James Round, M.P., for the second time very kindly granted the use of the Castle Library, and about 4.30 between forty and fifty brethren assembled in that handsome apartment to witness the installation as W.M. for the ensuing year of Bro. Wm. Sowman, the S.W. This ceremony was performed by the Worshipful Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D. (Recorder of Colchester), in a most impressive manner, and at its close the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the year as under:—Bros. William Richey P.M. 700 I.P.M., Chas. E. Denton S.W., Charles Osmond P.P.G.O. J.W., W. P. Lewis P.M. P.P.G.D. Treas., Thos. J. Ralling P.M. P.G.Sec. Sec., R. Haward Ives S.D., Joseph Grimes J.D., E. Hennemeyer P.M. P.P.S.G.W. M.C., A. S. B. Sparling Org., W. P. Hubbard I.G., R. Little and Charles E. Bland Stewards, Simon Munson Tyler. Hearty votes of thanks were passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony of the day; to Bro. James Round, M.P., for the use of the Castle Library; and to Bro. Joseph Grimes J.D., for kindly presenting to the Lodge a handsome oak altar pedestal. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. J. J. C. Turner P.M. P.P.G.O., Bro. Charles Cobb P.M. P.P.G.S. of W. was unanimously re-elected to represent the Lodge at the Provincial Charity Committee. The Brethren subsequently dined together at the Cups Hotel, an elegant banquet, at which the new W.M. presided, being well served by Bro. Besford, the host. In returning thanks for the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G. Master, the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Bro. Philbrick gave an interesting sketch of the principal alterations which have been made in the Book of Constitutions, and which are to be considered at an Especial Grand Lodge, on the 26th inst. No alteration had been made in any fundamental principle of the laws of the Craft; the work of the revisors, which had been very laborious, had been mainly devoted to assimilating the many inconsistencies which had crept into it, through motions which had from time to time been made in Grand Lodge, and in rendering it clearer as a Book of reference for Masters and Secretaries of Lodges, and for the Craft generally. He had himself, with the Grand Registrar, and several distinguished members of Grand Lodge, cheerfully devoted considerable time to the work—and he trusted when the Book came before Grand Lodge it would be found that they had done some good in their day and generation. The health of the Lord Tenterden P.G.M. having been heartily drank; that of the P.G. Officers was toasted, and was responded to by Bro. Fred. J. Wiseman P.J.G.W. The health of the W. Master was given in felicitous terms by Bro. Richey I.P.M.; and Bro. Sowman, in responding, expressed the pleasure and honour he felt at being elected to preside over his mother Lodge. The W. Master then proposed the installing Master, thanking him for his kindness in coming down to Colchester, to perform the ceremony—which he had done so ably. In addition to the interest they all felt in the D.P.G.M., as Installing Master, they claimed him both as a member of the Lodge and a native of the Borough. The D.P.G.M. responded in a happy speech, in the course of which he said he was sorry he could not come oftener amongst his Colchester brethren. The Visitors was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. W. Buck W.M. 453, and Bro. W. A. Weston P.M. 1536; the Masonic Charities, proposed by Bro. Chas. Cobb P.M. and responded to by Bro. J. Terry Sec. R.M.B.I.; the I.P.M. and P.M.'s No. 51, proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. W. Richey I.P.M.; the Wardens and other Officers of No. 51, proposed by the W.M. and responded to by Bros. C. E. Denton and C. Osmond; the Musical Brethren; the Tylers' Toast bringing a pleasant and successful meeting to a close. During the evening, the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent vocal and instrumental music by Bros. J. J. C. Turner, C. Osmond, A. S. B. Sparling, and E. Gowers. Another pleasing feature of the evening's proceedings was the offer of Bro. Hennemeyer P.M., in reply to a suggestion made by Bro. Terry, to act as a Steward for the Benevolent Institution at its Festival in 1883, when Prince Leopold is expected to preside. Bro. Hennemeyer headed his subscription list with five guineas, and in a few minutes thirty-three guineas was subscribed, including £10 10s from the D.P.G.M. Letters expressing regret at their inability to attend were received from the Right Hon. the Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., P.G.M.; Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B. President of the Board of Benevolence; Bro. F. Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B., Bro. F. B. Hedges Sec. R.M.I.G., and several other distinguished brethren.

Merchants Lodge, No. 241.—This has long occupied a prominent place among the Lodges of the province of West Lancashire, and there was the usual numerous and enthusiastic gathering, on 27th June, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, to witness the installation of its W.M. Bro. Latta took the chair, and was supported by Bros. T. Whitehead S.W., R. Pendleton J.W., Dr. M'George P.M. Treasurer, Jas. Winsor P.M., John Brotherton Secretary, George Broadbridge P.M. P.P.G.D.C., R. Brown P.M. P.G.T., A. Woolrich P.M., R. Stediford P.M., &c. There was a strong contingent of Visitors, prominent among whom were Bros. H. S. Alpass Grand Standard Bearer of England P.G.S., J. T. Callow P.P.G.T., J. Atkinson W.M. 1609, Councillor J. Ball W.M. 673, and Councillor W. J Lunt P.M. 823, &c. The W.M. elect, Bro. T. Whitehead, was presented for installation by Bro. T. Salter P.M. P.G.S.D., and Bro. G. Hutchin P.M., and the ceremony was heartily given by the retiring W.M. After the usual honours, the following Officers were invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. John Latta I.P.M., James Pendleton S.W., John Brotherton J.W., Dr. S. J. M'George P.M. Treasurer (re-elected for the thirteenth time), Rodger White Secretary, G. A Luker S.D., Simon Jnde J.D., Alfred Heather I.G., Lieut. John Macnab S.S., James Proctor J.S., Thomas Salter P.M. P.G.J.D. M.C., Bro. P. Ball was re-elected Tyler. A very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M., on behalf of the brethren. At the conclusion of the proceedings the brethren left for Southport, where dinner was admirably served by Bro. R. Marshall 613, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Lord-street.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—A meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, S.E., on Friday evening, 23rd ult. Bros. J. W. Watts P.M. as W.M. opened the Lodge, and was supported by Bros. H. M. Williams S.W., J. Bate J.W., C. H. Phillips S.D., H. Baldwin J.D., J. Pitt I.G., J. S. TerryP.M. Secretary, and James Stevens P.M. P.Z. Preceptor. There were also present Bros. Bros. H. Hubbard, E. Woodman, C. F. Curtis, and others. The Lodge was passed to the second degree, and resumed. Bro. Stevens delivered the lectures on the first and second tracing boards, and, time permitting, the first section was worked by the brethren. The thanks of the Lodge were voted to Bro. Stevens for instruction afforded, and the business of the evening terminated. The ceremony of installation of W.M. was to be rehearsed at the meeting last night.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction. No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 23rd June, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. B. E. Blasby P.M. W.M., Monson S.W., Tucker Treasurer J.W., Sperring S.D., C. E. Botley J.D., Pitt I.G., Andrews Preceptor; C. Costelow W.M. 780; Bros. F. Botley, Maton, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. C. E. Botley answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge then opened in the second, and Bro. Botley was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Sperring answered the questions leading to the third. Lodge was opened in the third, and regularly closed to the first. On the proposition of Bro. Andrews, Bro. Pitt, No. 511, was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Pitt returned thanks. Bro. Tucker acknowledged the honour conferred by the brethren by re-appointing him Treasurer. Bro. C. E. Botley also returned thanks for his re-appointment as Secretary. Bro. Monson will preside at the next meeting. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 27th June. Bros. Edwards W.M., Christian S.W., Wardell J.W., Corble S.D., Catling J.D., Smyth I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. T. Clark, Cushing, Jones, Forse, and

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Lorkin. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Lorkin offered himself as candidate; he was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Darnell answered the questions leading to the third degree, and in due course Bro. Edwards rehearsed that ceremony, Bro. F. Carr giving the Traditional History. Bro. Lorkin worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, No. 902.—This Lodge met on Thursday, 22nd ult., at the Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6 o'clock, the occasion being the first annual banquet since the inauguration of the Lodge. Bros. Batty W.M., Salter S.W., Chretien J.W., Cracknell S.D., W. W. Cooper J.D., Helfer I.G. The Lodge was opened and closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment after labour. Bro. G. Gabb presided as chairman, H. C. Jeffries P.M. 932 vice-chairman, supported by Bros. Batts, Batty, Chamberlayne, Cracknell, W. W. Cooper, Dele, Dunn, Escott, Hoffer, J. Lawe, T. Lane, Otley, W. Smith, &c. After the usual loyal toasts, songs were sung by Bros. Chamberlayne, W. W. Cooper, Cracknell, Dale, Gabb, Lane, and Smith; recitations were delivered by Bros. Jeffries and Otley. Bro. Salter ably presided at the pianoforte. The menu provided by Bro. Gabb was all that could be desired, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

ST. ANDREW LODGE, No. 1151.

THE Annual Festival of St. John was celebrated by the brethren of the above Lodge on Saturday, 24th ult. Lodge was opened at 1.30 p.m. by Bro. R. C. Pearce W.M., who was supported by his Officers, brethren, and visitors, including Bros. J. and C. Treffry 977, Varcoe 977, Serpell 856, and others. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. C. Truscott P.M. P.P.G.J.W., supported by an efficient Board of Past Masters. The W.M. elect, Bro. N. Pellow, having been placed in the chair, appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—R. G. Pearce I.P.M., J. T. Baker S.W., T. P. Tuckey J.W., C. Thorpe P.M. Treasurer, M. Nettle Secretary, T. S. Bailey S.D., W. H. Tregaskes J.D., S. Yoe J.D., J. Parkyn D.C., Truman I.G., Elliott Tyler. The brethren afterwards proceeded to the New Inn, where an excellent banquet was prepared by Mrs. Cook. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 1550.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was holden on Saturday, 24th ultimo, at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, and after the admission of a gentleman into the Order, the more important business of the day was transacted. This was the installation of Bro. W. Dawe as Worshipful Master for the coming year. The interesting ceremony was well performed by Bros. Morris C. Lakeman (the retiring Master), J. B. Gover P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., J. R. Lord P.M. P.P.G.S.B., Robert G. Bird P.M. and S., and Richard G. Tippet P.M., in a Board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were Bros. L. D. Westcott P.M. P.P.G.S.Wks., Robert B. Twose P.M. P.P.G.S., J. G. Kevern P.M., Thomas Goodall P.M., L. I. Webber P.M., all of 1550; E. Aitken-Davies P.M. 1099 P.P.G.S. Works, James Griffen W.M. 70, Charles Croydon W.M. 189, Captain J. R. W. Quinn P.M. and James Osborne P.M. of 954, E. Roseveare P.M. 1099, Thomas Gibbons P.M. 1205, James Rendle P.M. and S., and Byron Elliott P.M. 1247, S. J. Hearle 1255. The following were then invested as the Officers:—Bros. M. C. Lakeman I.P.M., C. H. Sellick S.W., William Stanbury J.W., J. Phillips Chaplain, Charles Philp Treasurer, Thomas Goodall Secretary, G. C. Dimier S.D., Job Maton J.D., D. Roy D.C., W. G. Redman A.D.C., J. B. James O., R. Burnard I.G., T. Watson S.S, G. F. Watson J.S., W. H. Phillips Tyler. Bro. J. G. Kevern was again elected as the Steward for the Masonic Charities, and Bro. R. G. Bird was re-elected the representative on the Committee of Petitions Prov. Grand Lodge. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Farley Hotel, Union-street, for the banquet. About forty-five sat down, including, amongst other Visitors, Bros. Wm. Derry P.M. 156 P.P.G.S.D., C. Spence Bate P.M. 189 P.P.G.R., Captain M. Tracey P.M. 1247, &c., and letters, regretting their inability to attend, were read from Bros. J. P. Metham P.M. P.D.G.P.M., W. J. Hughan P.G.D. Eng. P.G.S.W. Egypt, &c., Chas. Godtschalk P.M. 70 P.P.G.S.D., J. J. Avery P.M. 70 P.P.G.R., J. Y. Avery P.M. 156, and from Mr. Charles F. Burnard, the Mayor of Plymouth, who expressed himself as highly gratified with the attention shown him; but most important engagements in London prevented him accepting the invitation. The tables were arranged very tastefully, the floral and other decorations reflecting great credit on the resources of the Farley. The menu comprised every delicacy of the season, was abundant in quantity, and the attendance all that could be desired. Bro. Charles Walters was congratulated upon his generous catering. Bro. Dawe presided, proposing the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. An especial feature of the evening was the health of Bro. R. G. Bird, who, from the nature of his public duties, was unable to give the necessary time to the Secretaryship, and had resigned. This had been known for only a few days, but a small committee was formed, of which Bro. R. G. Tippett was chairman, and he, in proposing the toast, had the pleasure of presenting, as the result of his exertions, a handsome oak case containing a dozen pairs of silver dessert knives and forks, and of expressing how grateful the members were to Bro. Bird for his past services as the first Master of the Lodge, and since for many years as Secretary. Bro. Bird replied in suitable and feeling terms, thanking the brethren for their kind remembrance, and for the uniform courtesy with which he had been treated. The musical programme was varied and good, Bros. Goodall, Gibbons, Joyce, Roseveare, Tracey, Dimier, and others taking the most prominent part.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—The usual meeting was held at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, on Tuesday, 27th ult. Present—Bros. H. Goodwin W.M., Richard Poore S.W., C. H. Phillips J.W., Henry M. Williams Secretary, R. R. Johnstone S.D., G. W. Knight J.D., H. Hooper I.G., E. A. Francis Hon. Preceptor, John A. Danks, J. Perry, Wm. Croucher, B. Wolff, and others. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were unanimously confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees. The W.M. most ably rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. J. Perry candidate. Lodge was closed to the first degree, and it was proposed by Bro. J. A. Danks, seconded by Bro. Henry M. Williams Secretary, and resolved—That Bro. Wm. Croucher, of the Polish National Lodge, No. 534, be elected a member. Bro. Croucher thanked the brethren, and hoped he should be able to attend regularly, so as to be able to profit by the excellent working of the Lodge, under the able Preceptorship of Bro. E. A. Francis. Bro. Rd. Poore having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, Lodge was closed in due form.

DEATH.

SOULLIER.—On the 23rd June, suddenly, at Tunis, in North Africa, Professo Stephen Soullier, Founder and P.M. of the Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717, P.D.G.S. of Works Malta, and G.S.W. of the Provincial Mark Grand Lodge of North Africa.

ROYAL ARCH.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Chapter, No. 1602.—A regular Convocation of this Chapter was held at the Old Cock Tavern, Highbury Corner, on Friday, 23rd June. Present—M.E. Comps. J. Weston M.E.Z., Osborn H., Cogan J., J. W. Hobbs P.Z. Soc., Hollidge Treas., Greenfield S.N., Hirst 1st A.S.; also Comps, Dillon, Bird, and Pearcy. Visitors—Comps. T. J. Cusworth P.Z. New Concord, No. 813, R. W. Goddard, Sincerity, No. 174. The first business was to elect Comp. R. Pearcy, S.N. of the United Strength Chapter, as a joining member. The ballot was unanimous in his favour. Bro. A. Trewinnard P.M. Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, was then exalted, the ceremony being excellently well rendered, Comp. Pearcy on this occasion acting as P.S. The election of Officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, when the following were appointed: Comps. Osborn M.E.Z., Weston H., Pearcy J., Greenfield S.E., Hollidge S.N., Bird P.S., Cogan Treasurer. The Chapter was closed and adjourned, and the Companions sat down to a banquet, admirably served by Bro. Baker. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Comp. Trewinnard, in responding to the toast of the Exaltee, expressed himself much gratified and impressed with the ceremony. Comp. Goddard replied in appropriate terms for the Visitors. An enjoyable and pleasant evening was brought to a close with the Janitor's toast.

During the recent visit of the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to Bradford, Lieut. Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Provincial Grand Master West Yorkshire, read an address from the seven Bradford Lodges. It was an address of loyal Masonic welcome, and it associated the present flourishing condition of the Craft with the Prince's Grand Mastership. To this address his Royal Highness handed in the following document:—

Brethren,—I have received with feelings of the deepest satisfaction your loyal and fraternal address, and I can assure you that I am much gratified by the welcome which has been accorded to-day by all classes of the inhabitants of Bradford. I sincerely appreciate the compliment which you are good enough to pay me, as Grand Master of the Freemasons in England, by your references to the satisfactory condition of the Craft and to the flourishing state of the Charitable and Educational Institutions in connection with the large body of which I am proud to be the head. I need hardly assure you that the interest which I take in Freemasonry continues unabated, and I shall ever do my best to extend the principles on which it is founded to the utmost of my power. The Princess and I are much touched by the kind words in which you mention us, and it affords us both sincere pride and gratification to experience so cordial a reception as that which we have met with to-day from our fellow-countrymen.

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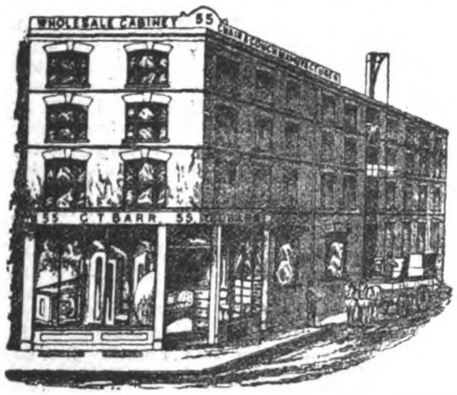

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THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

THERE were one or two points we omitted noticing in our article last week, chiefly owing to the length to which our remarks were protracted. It would be unjust, however, if we omitted notice of them altogether, for so, comparatively, indifferent a reason. For instance, it would be extremely unjust to two worthy men if we omitted to state that Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Sir Reginald Hanson and Sheriff Sir J. A. Hogg were prevented by reason of their engagaments from taking part in the Festival. Yet they were so far from forgetting "Our Boys" that each of them constituted himself a Life Governor by subscribing the sum of ten guineas, the two sums being included in the list of £105 of Brother Edward Jex, Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1259. Then the West Yorkshire list, by the omission of three contributions of ten guineas each, should stand as £635 5s instead of £603 15s, and it is further noticeable that the total for the Province includes fifty guineas from Bro. John Wordsworth in his capacity of President of the Board of Stewards.

It is also well worthy of note that the Railway arrangements were of the most satisfactory character. Not only were the visitors conveyed to Brighton punctually and comfortably in accordance with the arrangements, but for their convenience three special trains were arranged for, and by the first of these the Lord Mayor, whose numerous, and, indeed, overwhelming engagements compelled him to leave before the close of the banquet, was enabled to reach London in time to fulfil his engagement. It has been suggested, we know not on what grounds, that his Lordship left early of set purpose. We are in a position to state, that the early departure was due entirely to the peremptory demands on his valuable time, and likewise that he expressed himself thoroughly satisfied with all the arrangements made, both for the distribution of prizes on Tuesday and the Festival on Wednesday.

We may add, firstly, that the list, as announced in our last week's issue, has been considerably increased up to the present time and, in the next place, that the School has received, or will shortly receive from the executors of the late Marmaduke Levitt, of Mark Lane, the sum of £500, less duty. Lastly, of the thirty-five guineas presented by the Chairman, Sir J. W. Ellis, Lord Mayor, the sum of twenty-five guineas was the gift of the Lady Mayoress, who has thus constituted herself a Vice-President of the Institution.

We trust that, when the time comes for summing up the results of last Wednesday's Festival, Bro. Binckes will not be found very far behind the Benevolent in the aggregate of contributions. He is already well on the way to £11,800.

At the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, on the 1st inst., there were present the following brethren, in addition to Bro. A. J. Duff-Filer, who presided:—C. H. Webb, William Stephens, C. F. Matier, E. B. Harding, J. L. Mather, S. B. Wilson, Thos. Entwisle, A. M. Broadley, Edgar Bowyer, E. C. Massey, Wm. Paas, W. H. Saunders, Edward Baxter, George Motion, and F. Binckes Secretary. From the minutes read for information, it appeared that the days of election are not to be altered unless Good Friday occurs at the specified date, in which event the day of election is to be postponed for a week. This will be formally reported to the General Court in October. Upon the recommendation of the House Committee the Bandmaster's salary was raised to 30s per week, and an honorarium of Fifty Guineas was voted to Dr. Hall for his unremitting care during the outbreak of epidemic at the School in the spring of the present year. Bro. Raynham Stewart, who was absent, sent a notice of motion, under cover, to the chairman, which was read, viz.—

> That considering the increase of the number of the subscribers and of the contributories to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, thereby entailing considerably increased labour upon the Secretary of the Institution, his salary be raised £100 per annum, in recognition of his valuable services, rendered for the past twenty-one years.

Eight petitions were considered, of which five were approved. With these additions, and allowing for candidates withdrawn or ineligible from lapse of time, there are now sixty-two candidates. The vacancies are only fourteen in number. A vote of £30, in instalments of £15 each, was passed to assist a former pupil—Date—to enter upon the study of medicine. Date had been highly commended by Dr. Morris, and won considerable distinction while in the Institution. A vote of £5 was awarded to Leonard Wain, also a former pupil, who is now a junior clerk in the Secretary's office. A legacy of £500, left to the Institution by Bro. Levitt, was reported by the Secretary.

THE GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA.

OWING to the amount of its indebtedness, the Grand Lodge of Indiana, very wisely we think, determined on postponing its next Grand Communication till the present year, and in accordance with this arrangement the Sixty-fourth Stated Communication took place on Tuesday and Wednesday the 23rd and 24th May, under the Presidency of Brother Calvin W. Prather M.W.G.M. All the Grand Officers were at their posts, and there were also present Past Grand Masters Bros. William Hacker, Martin H. Rice, Christian Fetta, Lucien H. Foote, Daniel McDonald, Frank S. Devol, Andrew J. Hay, Robert Van Valzah and Bell. S. Sutton; also Past Deputy Grand Masters Bros. Mahlon D. Hanson and Elijah Newland, and over five hundred representatives of subordinate Lodges.

When Grand Lodge had been declared open, Bro. W. H. Scott, M.W.G.M. of Illinois, and W. H. Meffert M.W.G.M. Kentucky were introduced and received with the accustomed honours, which were gracefully acknowledged by both brethren. The Standing and other Committees having been appointed, and the Grand Master having delivered his address, in which he set forth all the important events of the last two years, the Grand Treasurer and G. Secretary submitted their reports for the year ended 23rd May 1882, from which it appeared that the Receipts had been, in round figures, 31,962 dollars, and the Disbursements 24,188 dollars, while the Balance in the Treasury was 10,182 dollars. The Trustees of Grand Lodge also presented a Report as to the condition of Grand Lodge property and its financial condition. From this it was seen that since the 25th May 1880 its indebtedness had been reduced by 31,333 dollars, there being still outstanding 63,000 dollars. Consequently the Trustees recommended

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that there should again be an adjournment for two years, by which the remaining debt would be still further reduced to the half of its then amount. These Reports and recommendations were unanimously adopted at Wednesday's sitting. The Committee on Credentials reported that 532 Lodges were represented, and 25 unrepresented. The following are the Grand Officers for the ensuing year, all of whom were formally installed and invested on Wednesday, namely:

Bros. Bruce Carr	M.W.G. Master
A. P. Charles	D.G. Master
Mortimer Nye	Grand Senior Warden
P. Leyden	Grand Junior Warden
Charles Fisher	Grand Treasurer
Wm. H. Smythe	Grand Secretary
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Willis D. Engle	Grand Lecturer
Thomas B. Long	Grand Marshal
Jacob J. Todd	Grand Senior Deacon
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The Standing Committees having been announced, Grand Lodge was closed with the accustomed formalities.

CHESHIRE AND THE WIRRAL CHILDREN'S INFIRMARY.

SATURDAY last was a gala day with the good people of Birkenhead. Thirteen years since a Children's Infirmary for the Hundred of Wirral was established, and such has been the extent of its usefulness that it has latterly been found necessary to erect new premises sufficiently large to meet the additional demands which are constantly made on its resources. Hence the ceremonial of Saturday last, when, in the presence of a numerous gathering of the inhabitants of Birkenhead and neighbourhood, as well as visitors from remoter districts, the first stone of the new building was laid with Masonic ceremonies by R.W. Bro. Lord de Tabley P.G.M. Cheshire, assisted by his Officers, and supported by the brethren of the Province of West Lancashire. Indeed, even the Masonic annals of Cheshire can hardly afford a parallel to the occasion we are about to record.

As our readers are aware, there is no county in England—not even excepting Yorkshire itself—that is so calculated to arouse the enthusiasm of the Craft as Cheshire. It was at Warrington, in the memorable October 1646, that the enlightened antiquarian, Elias Ashmole and his connection by marriage, Colonel Henry Mainwaring, of Kermincham, was received into Freemasonry. The later researches of Bro. Rylands and others have shown that the good city of Chester was a home of Freemasonry at or about the same period, and we need only refer to the earlier official lists of Lodges issued under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England in order to ascertain, that within a very few years of its establishment there were existing in the county several Lodges. Ever since it has held a foremost place in the ranks of the Craft, though, in evidence of this proposition, we need do nothing further than cite its position under its past chief, the late Viscount Combermere, and its present the R.W. Lord de Tabley. The position it occupies among our Provincial Grand Lodges is in all respects assured, and its work is admirable.

But to revert to Saturday's interesting ceremonial. As is not unusual at Masonic gatherings, the Clerk of the Weather showed he was in complete sympathy with the object of the gathering—how indeed could it be otherwise, when provision for the ills that feeble little children are heir to was in question. At all events, the bright sunshine brought together a vast concourse of spectators, while, on no former occasion has there been so large a muster of the Craft in this particular county, and certainly not in Birkenhead, which is a town of but yesterday's growth, as it were. About 3 p.m. Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in the Music Hall, there being present some 400 brethren, among whom may be mentioned the following, namely:—Bros. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., H. S. Alpass, J.P., R. Wood, H. Finch, J. Hibbert, T. Clark, R. Washington, J. Banning, J. Siddeley, H. A. Tobias, Rev. J. C. Macdonna, Rev. R. Hodgson, C. Dutton, T. Chesworth, J. Bratton, H. Collier, J. Beech, Henry Holbrook, J. K. Digges, J. Wood, H. Bulley, T. Simcock, J. Hordern, J. Sillitoe, T. E. Tomlinson, E. H. Griffiths, W. Horner, W. S. Sutton, F. Jackson, T. Lockett, A. Cockayne, J. P. Platt, W. Nicholls, T. M. Lockwood, E. Friend, E. Pierrepoint, H. Crosby, H. Jackson, H. Firth, W. Booth, F. Preston, G. Balfe, W. Marquis, E. A. Coveney, H. Matthews, W. Bayliss, S. Wylde, Thomas Shaw, W. C. Fleming, C. S. Dean, W. E. Clayton, J. Jones, S. Hikins, W. Price, T. H. Kirk, S. Marwood, T. G. Parker, John Atkinson, Joseph Wood, &c., &c.

In due course a procession was formed under the direction of Bro. H. Finch P.G.D.C., its progress from the Hall along Oxton-road being watched with interest by crowds of spectators. At the site of the proposed building was gathered together a brilliant assemblage of ladies and gentlemen, a guard of honour of the 1st Cheshire Engineers, under the command of Lieut.-Colonel Walker, being drawn up close by. The Prov. Grand Master and his Officers having taken up a position on a raised dais at the east end of the enclosure, and the 100th Psalm having been sung, the Mayor of Birkenhead, in a lengthened speech, invited Lord De Tabley to carry out his part of the day's proceedings. Alderman Roper then handed to his lordship a silver trowel, bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley R.W.P.G.M. of the Freemasons of Cheshire, on the occasion of his laying the corner-stone of the new Wirral Children's Hospital. 1st July 1822."

and the Prov. Grand Master, after suitably acknowledging the gift, proceeded, with the assistance of his Officers, to lay the stone with Masonic honours. A vote of thanks was proposed, and carried unanimously, and most courteously acknowledged, the procession moved off in reverse order to the Music Hall, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The following is a copy of the illuminated scroll, which, in addition to the silver trowel, was presented to his Lordship:—

The Wirral Hospital and Dispensary for Sick Children was founded in the year 1869, for the relief of little children in the hundred of Wirral who might unhappily be suffering from disease or injury. The manner of working in this cause has been by giving surgical and medical aid at their homes, and by receiving those who had the greatest needs into the house, and there nursing them and healing them so far as might be done. This surgical and medical work has been freely and graciously done by skilful surgeons and doctors of medicine, without any reward save those of the good deeds themselves; and the expenses have been provided for by many persons concerned for the welfare of sick children. The work has from the first prospered, and the benefits of it have year by year greatly extended, so that from time to time an increase in the means of doing it has become needful. At the end of the year 1872 a house in the Oxton-road was bought, and the hospital was removed thither from the small house in Wilkinson-street, holding six beds, where it first began; and again since the beginning of the year 1881 a small house in Barton-street has been hired and used as an addition to that in Oxton-road, and has been worked with it. But even so, the need of a larger and better house has become so great that at last it was resolved that such a house should be built. And now, on this 1st day of July A.D. 1882, through the charity and generosity of many persons dwelling in Wirral and in neighbouring places, a commencement of this building has been made, in the sure hope that when safely completed it will nobly serve a great and good work.

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The marriage of Mr. Douglas James Hamilton, of the Coldstream Guards, and son of Bro. Lord Claud Hamilton Past Grand Warden, with the Lady Margaret Hely-Hutchinson, sister of Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore, Past G. Warden, was celebrated at the Church of St. Peter, Eaton-square, on Thursday morning. A feature in connection with the happy ceremony was the absence of bridesmaids, their place being supplied by a page, Lord Suirdale, who was dressed in yellow satin brocade, with stockings and shoes of the same colour, and an old gold coloured satin hat with yellow feather. Among those present were the Duke of Aberdeen G.M. Ireland and the Duchess of Abercorn, the Duke of St. Albans P.G.M. Notts and the Duchess of St Albans, the Marquis of Hamilton Past G. Warden and the Marchioness of Hamilton, the Earl of Donoughmore P.G.W. and the Countess of Donoughmore, Lord Claud Hamilton P.G.W. and Lady C. Hamilton, Lord Balfour of Burghley P.G.W. and Lady Burghley, &c., &c.

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THE DAYS WHEN WE GO GIPSYING.

FROM THE MASONIC MONTHLY MAGAZINE.

WHEN the hawthorn blossom thickens on the hedge rows, and the evenings lengthen out into the purple and gold of summer sunsets, it is not unnatural that the brethren of "ye mystic tie," like other sensible folk, should hie away to fresh fields and pastures new, and seek those healthful enjoyments in which all rational people who have the time and means at their disposal indulge at this season of the year. Thus it is that when the labour of the Lodge has ended for the term, and the period of the summer recess is announced, brethren cast about them for some sequestered spot at which they may spend "a happy day" in the combination of Masonic work and pleasure, the society of those whom no mortals more heartily adore, and companionship of friends whose presence has not yet been felt within the sacred precincts of the Lodge. At the fag end of the season it is only to be expected that indoor operations should grow somewhat irksome and monotonous. It goes against our sense of cosy comfort, when brilliant gleams of sunshine pierce through the chinks in the shutters and between the folds of the curtains, blending strongly with the Masonic lights to which our eyes have been so accustomed all through the winter. The atmosphere of the Lodge-room, too, becomes stuffy and oppressive; while the brethren, earnest as they may be in their Masonic vocation, find it preferable to spend the cool hours of evening at the country-side, amongst the flower-besprinkled fields or on the sea-shore, where the balmy breezes invigorate and refresh both body and mind after the fatigues of a heavy day of business-life in the city.

It can be no matter for surprise, therefore, that when the "leafy month of June" sets in, and smiling Nature tempts people of every class to revel in her charms, we, too, should feel disposed to share the delights and participate in the opportunities afforded for out-door relaxation. On these grounds, amongst others, the summer excursions of our Masonic brethren must be regarded as an excellent institution. There are many, we know, who hold adverse views to our own upon these points, but we are content to differ with them. To our mind Freemasonry should not be maintained in the old and selfish grooves which characterised it in years gone by; and in saying so, we trust the very "strict observance" section of our readers will not accuse us of revolutionary tendencies in our espousal of these very agreeable "innovations" into Masonic life. We have our Masonic balls, of which the fair sex form an essential and charming part, adding grace to our pleasures by their winning smiles and manners, and relieving, in the too brief interval, the monotony of our arduous year of duty. True, these *reunions* are ostensibly in aid of the Charities of which we are so justly proud, and many of them yield good fruit in behalf of those grand institutions which are the landmarks of the Craft. Our bazaars produce a like effect; but because the summer excursions are scarcely so ambitious in their aims, and have recreative enjoyment as their simple recommendation, we yet believe they act as a wonderful tonic to the health and temper of those who have all the year through to transact the business within tyled doors. We are fortified in these views by recollections of enchanting drives through hedge-land and across moor and heath, along by peaceful villages, and the uphill and down which undulate the country side, to some secluded nook which considerate Stewards have "booked" as the scene of the day's festivities. Some affluent brother, whose fair demesne is at other times shut out from the vulgar gaze, graciously permits the brethren an opportunity of taking their wives, sisters, and sweethearts to a sylvan corner of his estate, where the pic-nic can be heartily enjoyed; and while the veterans hold sweet converse on those hidden mysteries with which they are so familiar, the younger branches may ramble through flower-carpeted dells, or dance upon the closely-shaven greensward, or join in all those merry gambols in which most hearts delight when in the vigour of youth and health. Or, perhaps, the scene is at the waterside, where the merry company muster on the landing-stage, and, after the bustle of getting "under way" has subsided, the steamboat glides swiftly and gladly along the silent highway of the river, bound for some bowery haven on the banks, where a round of pleasure has been devised for the assembled guests. On a fine day such a trip is, to our mind, more enjoyable than by road, for we escape the dust and noise; and, moreover, the party is all together, which is rendered impracticable in the arrangement of a procession of conveyances. Moreover, the ripple of mirth competes with the cadences of music on board, while jewels and eyes, strings of pearls, and laughing rows of teeth, vie with each other for the palm of lustre and purity—and who need say which are the winners? Arrived at our destination, there is a fresh and agreeable surprise in the considerate care which the Stewards have evidently bestowed upon the arrangements.

In the case of an inland trip such as we have pictured, there is invariably selected an hostelry at which the regular business can be transacted before entering upon the more lightsome pleasures of the day; whilst if the river is taken this routine of duty is provided for by due notice given to "mine host" near the chosen *locale*, or we have even known it gone through in one of the saloons on board. It must be confessed that such labour is brought within the lowest reasonable limit, and the Junior Warden is not slow to pronounce his welcome "call." Then beneath some snowy tent, with bright faces and sunny smiles adding abnormal zest to the Fourth Degree, all goes "merry as a marriage bell," amidst those social amenities it is so immensely to the advantage of society to cultivate, and especially those, part of whose profession it is to promote and increase the happiness of all around us. And if the Worshipful Master, who presides so urbanely, has the prudence to advise—and to set the example to the Past Masters who support him—as little verbosity in the post-prandial speeches as is consistent with the comfort of his guests, there follows ample opportunity for the exercise of those pleasantries which happy folks of either sex and every age know how to improvise and enjoy when placed in similar circumstances. A cheery sight indeed it is when a couple of hundred or more of joyous beings are brought together under auspices such as these, when hearts beat happily in the enjoyment of wholesome and refined hilarity. There is seldom a cloud to darken the sunshine of such scenes, and at the close of the day, when the company return, with visages freshened by the country breezes and lighted up with the smiles of sweet contentment, begotten of cordial companionship all round, need it be doubted the effect will be to cement old friendships, to create new ones, and to knit together in the bond of common amity all who are either directly or indirectly connected with the Lodge? We are reminded that—

> A little nonsense now and then
> Is relished by the wisest men,

and it has been proved incontestibly that those Lodges which lay themselves out for an occasional day like this, "within the limits of becoming mirth," are not only more prosperous, but contain within themselves more of the elements of fellowship and good-will, which are so essential to the wellbeing of the Fraternity, than those which do not. We therefore hail with pleasure the announcement by many of our Metropolitan Lodges of their intention to repeat those summer excursions which in times gone by have been productive of so much social and fraternal amenity; and whether the road is taken, or the *Maria Wood* bears her gladsome freights to some judiciously-selected spot by the margin along the banks of the Thames, they may be equally fortunate both as regards weather and attendance. We hear of the contemplated amalgamation of certain Lodges in this happy and beneficent entertainment during the ensuing summer months; and let the old croakers say what they will in opposition to them, we still believe the occasional admission of the fair sex into some of the "privileges"—not to say the "mysteries"—of the Order, so far from militating against the interests of the Craft, will invest it with additional vigour and inestimable advantage in every respect.

It will be seen from the notice we publish elsewhere of the business to be transacted at the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School, on Monday, that it is proposed to submit a motion giving Bro. Binckes, the Secretary, an addition of £100 per annum to his salary. Such a testimony as this to the value of his indefatigable exertions on behalf of the School he has been connected with since 1861 is no more than might have been expected, and, we may add, no more than the said exertions justify. The services of both Bro. Terry and Bro. Hedges have received similar recognition, and Bro. Binckes's connection with "Our Boys" exceeds, by several years, the more limited periods over which the Secretaryships of his fellow labourers jointly extend. To Bro. Binckes, moreover, with all deference to the other two, the Craft undoubtedly owes the prominence which its Charities have enjoyed of late years. All work hard; but, being the oldest official, he certainly has led the way in the accumulation of big subscription lists. We hope and trust the resolution will experience that hearty and unanimous reception it so richly deserves.

The French Government has awarded, through the medium of our Foreign Office, a gold medal each to the first and second coxswains, and a silver medal to each of the crew of the Albert Edward lifeboat, Clacton-on-Sea, in recognition of their gallant services in rescuing the crew of the French fishing lugger, Le Madelaine, of Boulogne, which was lost on the Gunfleet Sands, on 23rd October last. It will doubtless be in the recollection of our readers that this is one of the two lifeboats presented by Grand Lodge, in commemoration of the safe return from India of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M.

We are desirous of drawing the attention of those of our readers who may visit Belgium during the present holiday season, to the fact that on landing at Antwerp, and during their stay there, they will find excellent accommodation at the Hotel de Hollande, proprietors Messrs. Stroobants and Son, 2 and 4 Stoof-straat, close to the Quay, where passengers disembark from the Harwich, Hull, Grimsby, and London steamboats. The catering leaves nothing to be desired, and the charges are most moderate, while the civility and attention of Messrs. Stroobants, who both speak English fluently, are worthy of all praise. One other feature deserves mention. The proprietors are careful that the guests who honour them with their patronage, and are desirous of being guided through the city and shown its principal attractions, shall suffer none of the troublesome, and oftentimes extortionate charges which that chief of the pests of the modern traveller, the Commissionaire, knows so well how to levy. Having some experience of the Netherlands and Belgium, we have all the greater pleasure in noticing the Hotel de Hollande, and its genial and obliging hosts, the Stroobants, father and son.

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THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The following passage in the opening paragraph of your account of the Boys' School Festival has struck me as being worthy of general consideration. It reads thus:

"The amount which Bro. Binckes announced in the course of the evening was £11,588, which, it must be conceded, was a goodly sum, but not exactly in correspondence with what we had hoped for. Perhaps it is not altogether surprising that this Festival of Wednesday should have yielded only what it has. The year began very successfully, with an aggregate of subscriptions to the R.M.B.I. amounting, as announced at the time, to £12,237, afterwards increased to £12,500. The Festival of the R.M.I.G. in May yielded still more abundantly, the total being £13,232, with, as usual, more lists to follow. The £11,588 of Wednesday exhibits the reaction, which is but natural perhaps, after the prodigious exertions at the previous Festivals, but which, in respect of the Boys' School, is none the less lamentable."

Now I am quite ready to admit that Bro. Binckes has had his fair share of success as compared with the Secretaries of the other Institutions. It cannot be expected, nor is it indeed desirable, that the largest subscription list should always be in respect of one particular Institution. At the same time, it is impossible to deny that the Boys' School is heavily handicapped in the race for the post of honour for the year. When the Benevolent Festival takes place in February, the Craft has had a seven months' rest, if not from Masonic labour, at all events from the anxieties entailed by the canvassing for subscriptions to our Charities. It is usually in a happy frame of mind, and has its energy for the work of the new year, almost—I might well nigh say entirely—untrenched upon. In May when the Girls' School Festival is held, there is still plenty of ground remaining to be worked upon, and quite willing to be turned to good account. But, when we arrive at the end of June, a very large proportion of the Craft's surplus cash has found its way into the coffers of the Benevolent and Girls' Institutions, and the field available for Bro. Binckes's labour, having been commensurately circumscribed, cannot in reason be expected to yield so profitable a result. That it has done so on more than one occasion during the last eight years gives Bro. Binckes an additional claim on the consideration of Brethren, and it is probably owing chiefly to his great energy that the School with which he has been officially connected for some twenty-one years has been able to hold its own.

My purpose in troubling you with this letter is to suggest that each Institution in turn should hold its Festival at the commencement of the year, taking the second place the next year, and the third place in the year following. Thus, if the Benevolent takes the lead in 1883, let it come third in 1884, and second in 1885; the Girls' School being second in 1883, first in 1884, and third in 1885; and the Boys' third in 1883, second in 1884, and first in 1885, and so on. By this arrangement, each of the three would have in turn such benefit as must attach to being first in the field and the Craft rested for half a year from the importunities of canvassers. I do not say this is the best or the only way by which the three Festivals could be arranged, but it has at least the merit of being a fair and equitable arrangement.

It will be said, perhaps, that Lodges and Provinces give each Institution a turn, and therefore the dates when the Festivals are held are immaterial—as shown by the returns, in which each Institution will be found to have had the honour of securing the highest amount. Yet I think a reference to the tables you have published from time to time will show that the Boys' School has only headed the list once in the last five years, while the Benevolent has done so twice, if not three times. At all events the question is a fair one to consider, and the time is favourable for its consideration. In the hope that others more competent than myself will express their views, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

L. C. D.

PROVINCE OF DEVON AND THE R.M.I.B.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to the Analysis of the several Stewards' lists for the Provinces, in respect of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys' in your last issue.

After giving the amount subscribed by Devon to the late Festival as £241 10s 0d, you remark, "But here again we have a local Charity, which diverts to its own use some of the moneys raised by the Craft in the county."

If, by the foregoing you would have it inferred that a portion of the funds of the Province, i.e. (the Funds at the disposal of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon), have been taken, used or voted for the local Charity, viz., the Devon Educational Fund, and by reason of same the amounts given to our Great Central Charities are diminished thereby,—*you are in error.*

As one of the founders of the local fund—the "Devon Educational"—I may state, as a matter of fact, not one penny of the funds of the Province have, up to the present time, been given to the local fund—the "Devon Educational," that fund being wholly supported (as it should be) by voluntary subscriptions and donations of *individual brethren*. Looking at the very large amount of money received by Devon annuitants annually, male and female, with the many boys and girls elected by Devon into the great Masonic Schools, I trust it will be long before any portion of the small amount of Provincial funds proper, annually at the disposal of the Provincial Grand Lodge, will be diverted from their legitimate use, namely, to aid and help support our Great Charities in part return for the many benefits received by Devon through its numerous annuitants and orphans elected by Devon into and upon the Great Charities.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES GODTSCHALK,

Representative of the Committee of Petitions of Devon at the Great Charities.

107 Devonshire-road, Holloway, London.

[Our worthy Bro. Godtschalk must forgive us for pointing out that he is in error in supposing that in our statement, "But here again we have a local charity, which diverts to its own use some of the moneys raised by the Craft in the County," we had the slightest intention of suggesting that any portion of the Prov. Grand Lodge funds were diverted from the Central Charities to the Local. What we were anxious to point out was this. Devon has fifty Lodges, and its contribution on this occasion was a little over £240—not so very large a sum for so considerable and influential a Province, in spite of the fact that it has given most liberally at other Festivals. But we knew there had been latterly established a local educational charity, and that it had already done serviceable work. We knew further, that a Province which has an institution of its own, like Cheshire, which we also singled out, and Devon, cannot, in reason, be expected to contribute so freely to the Central Institutions, for the simple reason that they are already, by means of their local charity, doing a vast amount of good, and are constantly relieving those central Institutions of a considerable portion of the pressure which is brought to bear upon their resources. A Province which promotes the education of its own impoverished children cannot possibly be expected to contribute as liberally as we feel assured it otherwise would contribute to a Charity that is common to the Metropolis and all Provinces. In this sense only must we ask Bro. Godtschalk to interpret our remark, nor had we, at the time of making it, the slightest idea it could have been interpreted in any other sense.—ED. F.C.]

MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I should not have considered it worth while to notice the letter of your correspondent "CONSTANT READER," who apparently desires to constitute himself the champion and apologist of Masonic tramps had it not been that two or three brethren have expressed to me their apprehension that such opinions as his might, if not met with a reply, have a prejudicial effect on the minds of young and inexperienced Masons. I much regret that "CONSTANT READER" should have refrained from publishing his name and address, which might possibly have added force to his letter. As it is, I think most Masons will come to the conclusion that the author is either very young indeed in the Royal Art, or that he is himself the hero of the veracious story he relates of the "destitute" brother who unsuccessfully tackled the brethren at the bar of some imaginary hotel. Probabilities seem to point to his being the identical "way-worn" gentleman in question, for in any other case I fail to see how he could have arrived at his touching "facts." If this be the correct rendering of "CONSTANT READER'S" letter there is no more to be said, but if he is only a very young brother, unacquainted with the subject concerning which he writes so fluently, then the sooner he makes himself acquainted with the real facts the better.

Living as I do in a city that occupies a central point for travellers, and on the high road between North and South, I have had, perhaps, unusual opportunities of seeing specimens of the Masonic mendicant, and when your correspondent expresses his belief that there are "very few who adopt the nomadic profession in Freemasonry," he only convinces me that his experiences are of a very limited character. The almoners of the two Lodges in this city could tell a very different story. But your correspondent says, "Such an unworthy brother would surely be detected, and without publishing his name and his doings to the world, there should be a means of cutting short his career of imposture." I should be glad to know of a simpler means than the very simple one of exposing him in the Masonic press. It unfortunately happens that Masonic tramps have a cunning way of finding out newly made brethren, and, being plausible fellows, usually manage to work upon their feelings and get at their pockets. For some time there has been an understanding in this city that the almoners of the Lodges shall be the media for dispensing charity, and that all beggars are to be referred to them. The result of this arrangement has been the detection of a large number of professional beggars, and the sensible diminution of unworthy applications, which, a few years ago, were unpleasantly frequent. In no case has a worthy brother in distress been refused, but, as it is the practice to give all

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applicants the benefit of the doubt, when any can be thought to exist, a number of cases have been relieved which have subsequently been found to be utterly unworthy. Your correspondent seems to think that every Masonic beggar should be at once relieved, for fear he should be better than he seems or looks. Perhaps this might be the pleasantest and easiest way to settle the charity question. At any rate, it would no doubt save the donor any fear of such torrents of blasphemous abuse as I have had directed at me by begging blackguards to whom I have declined to give money. But that such a plan would be promoting the interests of Masonry I refuse to believe. I have on several occasions considered it a duty to expose, in your columns, unworthy and plausible brethren who I knew were making a living out of the good nature of the Craft, and my only regret is, that I have not more often adopted a similar course. The reluctance to damage even the faintest prospects of reform has alone prevented me from so acting. At this moment I have a case before me of a brother who arrived here a short time ago, in undoubted distress, and craved assistance. He got it. His board and lodging was paid for a fortnight, until work in his own line of business could be obtained for him. Proper clothes were provided, so as to enable him decently to undertake his work, a situation at 30s a week was secured for him, and he was presented with a railway ticket and two pounds in cash to enable him to secure lodgings in the town to which he was recommended. Result—this "heart sick and weary" brother never turned up at his destination, but got drunk on the way, and cruised off to some fresh pastures, where by this time he may be fleecing another section of the Craft. My observations have led me to the belief that the everyday charities of the brethren are very numerous, and that the genuine cases soliciting relief are very rare.

I shall not publish my name on this occasion, but, of course, I enclose it for your own satisfaction. If "CONSTANT READER" chooses to declare himself in your columns, you are perfectly at liberty to give my name also.

I am, &c.

CARITAS CUM DISCRIMINE.

4th July 1882.

"HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I thank "609" for his kind appreciation of my former letter. I must still hold to my opinion that Freemasonry and its Institutions are entirely distinct from one another. Freemasonry is a system of morality; morality includes charity, and charity almsgiving, while almsgiving may take the form of subscription to a school or asylum for the aged. In this sense there is, of course, a bond of union between Freemasonry and our three Institutions, and he who subscribes to the latter puts in practice one of the fundamental principles of the Craft. But I cannot shut my eyes to the fact that there is a growing belief that Freemasonry was made for our Institutions, and not the Institutions for Freemasonry. I maintain that, if our Institutions were swept entirely away to-morrow, Freemasonry would remain what it always has been, the grandest system of morality ever propounded by man, while the principle of charity would still remain, as heretofore, one of the bases on which it rested. It must always be borne in mind that Freemasonry is not, and never was intended to be, what I fear too many nowadays look upon it as being,—a mere benefit society. In its present form, it was invented, if I may use the word, as offering a common ground on which men of all religious and political creeds might meet together and grasp the hand of good-fellowship. It was started at a time when religious and political animosities were very bitter, and men in the opposing camps were inclined to regard each other as personal enemies. This, of course, had the effect of weakening the influence of that charity—in its fullest sense—which is innate in the majority of men, while, at the same time, it was gradually undermining that sense of loyalty by which all men should be animated towards "the powers that be." It is in this sense, and also because our Institutions were a kind of afterthought, due to the spread of the Craft, that I still maintain that Freemasonry and its Institutions are distinct from one another.

Fraternally yours,

A READER.

SOME PECULIARITIES OF LODGE MANAGEMENT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have before me the balance-sheets of two rather important Metropolitan Lodges, the figures in which present a contrast which appears somewhat striking and singular. It is not necessary to mention names, nor would it serve any useful purpose; but it occurs to me that the figures present an anomaly in Lodge management from which a lesson may be drawn. Apparently they possess a muster roll of about equal numerical strength, but whereas the Secretary of one is enabled to come up at the annual meeting and present a healthy financial statement, the other appears in almost a helpless state of arrears. In the former a balance remains in the Treasurer's hands of nearly £50 at the end of the year, whilst in the latter there stands to the account of the Lodge nearly £170 in subscriptions due. It is inexplicable how in a Lodge of fifty members so great a falling off could have been brought about. Either there must have been an extraordinary amount of laxity on the part of those who have the financial control, or the members themselves must have very shallow ideas as to their responsibilities in regard to the Craft. Of course, it is a proud thing for any Secretary or Treasurer to come before his Lodge and submit such a report as testifies to the sound position in which it stands; and we can scarcely quarrel with such an Officer for putting on a little pressure just before the annual meeting, to secure such a happy result. It may be argued that no true-hearted Mason should need the stimulating reminder of the Secretary to rouse him to a sense of his duty in this respect, but I suppose we are all more or less affected by circumstances, and do not too promptly recognise the necessity of keeping our accounts "close up," in these depressed times. But it is a sad comment upon Lodge management when, in a body of fifty members, arrears should be allowed to accumulate to the tune of £170, because the question naturally arises, how are these recalcitrant brethren to be brought to the "scratch?" It looks very much, on the face of it, that these subscriptions may never be realised in full, and the consequence upon such laxity in management is either an unpleasant nudge on the part of the executive, or a weeding out of the members who have not sufficient interest in their Lodge to keep themselves clear upon the books. I merely allude casually to these facts to impress upon Secretaries the urgent desirableness of putting into practice the maxim that "short reckonings make long friends;" for the Lodge that keeps itself within due bounds of solvency is always happier than that which is allowed to drift into irretrievable arrears, and there is much more likelihood of maintaining an *esprit de corps* amongst the brethren when the financial atmosphere is clear than when it is clouded by debt. While giving the hint to Secretaries to be a little more active in the discharge of their duty in the collection of dues, it may also serve to incite tardy subscribers to relieve the Lodge executive of a considerable amount of anxiety and trouble.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

EX-SECRETARY.

26th June 1882.

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey will be held at Woking on Friday next, the 14th instant, under the banner of the Wayside Lodge, No. 1395, Woking, and the presidency of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master General Brownrigg, C.B. The business will include the consecration to Masonic purposes of a new Hall, the roll call of Lodges, the reception of the Report of the Financial and Audit Committee, the election of a Provincial Grand Treasurer, and the appointment and investiture of the Provincial Grand Officers. The reference of Grand Lodge as to the propriety of increasing the fees to the Fund of Benevolence will likewise be taken into consideration, and we are not without hope that the proposition will meet with a successful opposition. There are strong reasons why the Lodge of Benevolence should keep its expenditure within its income; there are no reasons, in our opinion, why it should allow the one to exceed the other, and consequently there are no reasons why it should propose an increase of contribution from the members of Lodges. The moment this is done there will be an increase in the number of applicants for relief.

The duties which devolve on the Lord Mayor of London are the reverse of light, as instanced by the engagements our Worthy and Worshipful Bro. Alderman Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., has had to fulfil only since last Tuesday. On that day he attended the distribution of prizes at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green, in the afternoon, and in the evening entertained Her Majesty's judges at the Mansion House. On Wednesday he presided at the Festival of that Institution, at Brighton, leaving by special train, at 7 p.m., to keep another appointment at his official residence. On Friday there was a Rose Show in the Egyptian Hall, and banquets have also been given to the Bar of England, and on Wednesday to the Chairman Bro. Sir J. M. G. Hogg, Bart., M.P., and the members of the Metropolitan Board of Works. These, it must be remembered, by no means represent the whole of his labour during the brief period referred to.

The members of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, will celebrate their Summer Festival, on Tuesday, the 11th July, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond Hill. Arrangements have been made for an open air concert, at three o'clock; the banquet will be served at 4.30 punctually, while, at seven, the votaries of Terpsichore will have an opportunity of indulging in their favourite exercise. Given a fine day, and we prognosticate a successful gathering. The members of the Domatic spare no pains to make these meetings of an enjoyable character.

Thursday was fixed for the meeting of the Trinity College Lodge, No. 1765, under the presidency of Bro. W. J. Stark, W.M. The work was to include three joinings, two initiations, three passings, and a raising. Refreshments and music will follow.

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REVIEWS.

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THIS is our old friend the *Masonic Magazine* in a new and far more business-like and attractive garb, and to judge from the contents of the first number, the new series will prove a worthy supplement, as it were, to its very readable companion, the *Freemason*. The object in establishing a new series in lieu of continuing the old is, as set forth by the editor in his introduction, to make the *Masonic Monthly* generally as well as particularly attractive. There will be papers that will interest the more abstruse student of Masonic lore, together with others of a lighter character, such as will prove entertaining to those brethren—and indeed, to the public generally—who least affect the study of Masonic literature. We heartily congratulate editor and proprietor alike on the successful accomplishment of their purpose as regards the current number. The lover of the abstruse will find much that will satisfy his particular craving in Bro. R. F. Gould's paper on the "Origin of the Royal Arch," brief as it is; and the first of a series of "Documenta Latomica Inedita," giving the "Contract for building the Nave of Fotheringay Church, 22 September 1434," and in the "Craft Customs of the Ancient Stonehewers, Masons, and Carpenters," as translated, with notes, by Bro. G. W. Speth P.M. 183. "The Days when we go Gipsying," and "Early Haunts of Freemasonry," represent in an agreeable manner the lighter portion of the contents. As regards size, type, and other minor, but yet important, points, the *Masonic Monthly* is most creditable to all who have had a share in its production.

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THE current number of this admirable serial for the young is unusually excellent as regards both the literary matter and its illustrations. Among the former we have noticed with pleasure "Pen's Perplexities," "Magnus and the White Bear," "How a Daily Newspaper is produced," and "About our Summer Songs and Songsters." Among the latter must be mentioned the Frontispiece, entitled "How do they suit me?"—a coloured illustration of a charmingly pretty girl, who has just made for herself a pair of ear-pendants consisting of cherries, while the cuts which illustrate "Magnus and the White Bear" are exceedingly well done. In short, the number is one of the best we have seen for a long time, even of this most justly popular, because so meritorious, a periodical.

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Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 4th July. Bros. Jones W.M., Wardell S.W., Corble J.W., Catling S.D., Robinson J.D., Bunker I.G., F. Carr Secretary. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hammond acting as candidate. Bro. Jones then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Christian, who rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Hammond being the candidate. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree. Bro. Forss worked the third, and Bro. T. Clark the fourth section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Wardell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

North London Chapter of Improvement.—A meeting was held on 6th July, at the Canonbury Tavern. Comps. Osborn Z., Higgins H., Gregory J., Sheffield S.E., Hookey S.N., Gilham P.S., Edmunds Preceptor, &c. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Fenner candidate. Comps. Higgins, Gregory, and Sheffield were elected to occupy the three chairs at the next two meetings. Comp. Hookey, St. Martin-le-Grand, No. 1531, was elected a member.

CANONGATE LODGE, KILWINNING, No. 2.

THIS Lodge observed the Summer Festival of St. John in their Lodge room, St. John's Chapel, Edinburgh, 26th June. After the installation of office bearers for next year—Bro. David S. Lowson, M.A., being installed as Right Worshipful Master of the Lodge, in place of Dr. B. C. Waller, of Musongill—the members of the Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John the Baptist, in which they were assisted by deputations from other Lodges in the Province.—*Glasgow Herald*, 27th June.

On Monday H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was installed W.M. of the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, in succession to his brother, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught P.G. Warden, who about this time last year was inducted into the chair of K.S. by the Earl of Lathom D.G. Master. In the absence of the Duke the ceremony of installation was performed by R.W. Bro. Lord de Tabley P.G.M. Cheshire, after which, and the usual greetings and salutations, the following were appointed Officers for the ensuing year, namely, Bros. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught P.G.W. I.P.M., Lord Balfour of Burleigh P.G.W. S.W., Earl of Limerick P.G.M. Bristol J.W., Rev. E. Moore P.G.C. Chap., Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter P.G.W. and G.D C. Treas., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S. Sec., Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. S.D., Sir John B. Monckton P.B.G.P. J.D., Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C. I.G. Lord Carrington G.S. Warden having been elected a joining member, Lodge was closed and the banquet, at which H.R.H. the W.M. presided, followed in due course. There were present, in addition to those we have named, the following members of the Lodge, namely—Bros. the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, Lord Suffield P.G. Master Norfolk, Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., P.G. Master Surrey, Sir Michael Costa, P.G.W., Æneas John McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., G. Registrar, and Jno. Havers P.G.W.

Kent is one of the most active of our Provinces at all times, but especially now. On the 28th ult., a new Lodge was consecrated by Lord Holmesdale P.G. Master. On Saturday next H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, assisted by the Grand Master and Grand Officers of the Province, will lay, with Masonic ceremonial, the first stone of the Home for Little Boys at Swanley, and the Princess of Wales will be present to receive purses of Five Guineas and upwards. A short time hence will be held the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, so that, within the limited space of a few weeks, Kent will be the scene of three unusual events. To resume, however, the matter that calls for immediate notice, viz., the consecration of the Beacon Court Lodge, No. 1967, New Brompton. This event, as we have stated, happened on Wednesday of last week, the ceremony being performed by Viscount Holmesdale P.G.M., assisted by Bro. J. S. Eastes D.P.G.M., Rev. T. Robinson G.C., the Rev. R. Jamblin P.G. Chaplain, H. Ward P. Prov. Grand Warden Wilts, and others, the scene being laid in the Military Gymnasium, which had kindly been placed at the disposal of the Craft by Major General Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., K.C.B., &c. for the occasion. On the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. W. J. Blakey P. Prov. Grand A.D.C. Kent was installed as W.M., and after the accustomed formalities and congratulations, appointed and invested the following, amongst others, as his Officers for the year, namely:—Bros. T. Watson as I.P.M., F. T. Butler S.W., J. Parker J.W., Smith Treasurer, and H. J. Price Sec. Votes of thanks having been unanimously passed to Major General Sir Evelyn Wood for the use of the Gymnasium, the Prov. G. Master for consecrating the Lodge, and Bro. Rev. T. Robinson Grand Chaplain for installing the Master, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, at the Ghuznee Fort Hotel, which will henceforth be the meeting place of the Lodge.

Members of the Craft will not readily forget the interesting ceremony at the Royal Albert Hall, on the 28th of April 1875, when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was installed M.W.G.M. of England. Brethren will doubtless be glad to have a souvenir of that memorable event, so we call the attention of our readers to Bro. Norris's Advertisement. Bro. Harty's picture contains lifelike portraits of those Craftsmen who enjoyed the privilege of being present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, the 3rd August, at the Forest Hotel, under the auspices of the Chigwell Lodge, No. 453, on which occasion it is expected that Bro. the Lord Mayor Grand Junior Warden will be present.

On Wednesday H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught reached Madrid on his return home to England. Though travelling incognito, His Royal Highness was met without ceremony at the Railway Station by the King of Spain, with whom he spent the day, renewing his journey in the evening.

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MASTAI FERRETTI.

THAT the late Pope of Rome was regularly initiated, passed and raised a Freemason is beyond question. We have conversed with those who sat in a Lodge, with him and have given to our brethren, through the *Corner Stone*, the substance of these facts; further, at a semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge, sitting at Palermo, Italy, on the 27th day of March 1865, Pope Pius IX—Mastai Ferretti—was expelled from the Order.

The decree of expulsion was published in the official Masonic paper at Cologne, Germany, and is preceded by the minutes of the Lodge in which he was initiated, and is as follows:

A man named Mastai Ferretti, who received the baptism of Freemasonry, and solemnly pledged his love and fellowship, and who afterwards was crowned Pope and King, under the title of Pio Nono, has now cursed his former brethren and excommunicated all the members of the Order of Freemasons. Therefore, said Mastai Ferretti is herewith, by the decree of the Grand Lodge of the Orient Palermo, expelled the Order, for perjury.

The charges against him were first preferred in his Lodge at Palermo, in 1865, and notification and copy thereof sent to him, with a request to attend the Lodge for the purpose of answering the same. To this he made no reply, and, for divers reasons, the charges were not pressed until he urged the Bishops of Brazil to act aggressively against the Freemasons. Then they were pressed, and, after a regular trial, a decree of expulsion was entered and published, the same being signed by Victor Emanuel, King of Italy, and Grand Master of the Orient of Italy.—*Exchange.*

On Saturday last H.R.H. the Duke of Albany laid the foundation stone of a new parish church for Hammersmith, among those present being the Bishop of London and the Vicar, the Rev. J. Hampden Snowden. In addition to the usual offertory, a number of purses collected by ladies and children were placed on the stone towards the expenses of building.

At the meeting of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, to be held at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston, E., on Tuesday evening next, Bro. James Stevens, P.M. P.Z., on the invitation of the Lodge, will deliver his Lecture explanatory of the Rituals and Ceremony of the First Degree. Lodge will be opened at 7.30, for 8 o'clock precisely, when the attendance of Craftsmen is invited.

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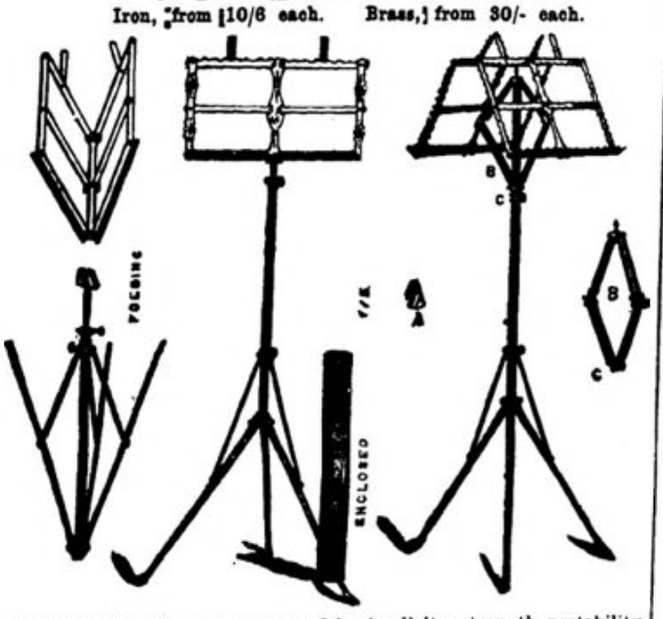

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PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, THE MARBLE ARCH. At 8.40, THE COLONEL. This day, at 2.30, also.

STRAND.—At 7.30, TWO TO ONE. At 8.10, THE MASCOTTE.

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AVENUE.—At 7.30, SIMPSON AND DELILAH. At 8.15, MANTEAUX NOIRS. This day, at 2, also.

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By Order,
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OFFICES—6 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.
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HOMES for LITTLE BOYS.—The Committee have the pleasure to announce that the FIRST STONE of their New Homes for Orphans at Swanley, in Kent, will be LAID on SATURDAY, 15th July, by his Royal Highness the PRINCE of WALES, with Masonic Ceremonies, assisted by the Right Hon. Viscount Holmesdale, Provincial Grand Master for Kent, and the Grand Officers and Brethren of the Province.

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From the Keystone.

THE two most distinguished Americans in all our history were Benjamin Franklin and George Washington, and both of them were Freemasons. They were, too, not only Freemasons in name—they were active Masons, Masters of their Lodges, while Franklin was twice Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. They were active, not only in the heyday of youth, when men usually aspire after distinction, but also in the ripe period of middle life, and in the declining years of old age—they never lost their respect and affection for the Craft, its principles and its brethren. The Masonic life of Washington is comparatively well known, but not so that of Franklin, and, concerning it, it is our purpose to give some interesting details. These will be the more acceptable now, since the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is upon the eve of her Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, and Franklin was her third Grand Master.

Franklin was by birth a Boston boy, and came of a race of blacksmiths. He was brought to the light of the world in the year 1706, but, strange to say, the year in which he was brought to Masonic light is not known. His father was Josiah Franklin, who deserted the forge of his ancestors, and became a tallow chandler; and little Ben Franklin was the fifteenth of seventeen children, and the youngest son of the youngest son for five consecutive generations. His mother was Abby Folger, whose father was a poet; and probably it was through his mother that he derived his literary ability. He was born on a Sunday, and the same day taken over to the famous "Old South Church" in Boston (which is still standing), and baptized. At ten years of age he was a leader among boys, and often led them into scrapes. At this time he became an errand boy in his father's store, but he did not fancy the duty, and thought of running away to sea to escape it. To give him more congenial employment, his father indentured him to his brother James, a Boston printer, and forthwith young Ben became a "printer's devil," which service seemed quite to his liking, so that in a little time he proved what some would term devilish smart, and destined not merely to make his mark in the world, but also to write his name high up on the roll of fame. But his brother and he could not agree. James Franklin was a strict master and a passionate man, and Ben thought him a harsh and unfraternal taskmaster, since he beat him, although he was his brother; so, when he had reached seventeen years of age, and became well versed in the art and mystery of printing (an art and mystery with which the devil and Dr. Faustus are said to have had something to do in its beginning), Ben ran away from his brother, and made what proved the most fortunate move of his life—he came to Philadelphia, which was at once the mother city of his fortunes, and also, and partly through his instrumentality, the mother city of Freemasonry in America. Philadelphia at that time was a grassy, country town, of seven thousand inhabitants. Wolves, bears, and deer were then shot within four miles of it, and Indians often swarmed in its streets.

His advent to Philadelphia was the farthest remove from a brilliant one—he came literally afoot, and alone. But he had a firm reliance on his own ability to get on in the world. He had had comparatively little education, but then he was, as Lord Brougham said, a young man of most uncommon common sense. Our own Emerson fitly described him as one of those whom if planted on a marble slab, would take root. We all are familiar with the figure he made, as he walked up from Market-street wharf, with his pockets stuffed with shirts and stockings, a roll of bread under each arm, and a third roll that he was diligently carrying from hand to mouth. In such a plight was he seen by the girl who afterwards became his wife—Miss Deborah Read, as he passed her father's door, and heartily did she laugh at him, little dreaming that she was to be, shortly, his Dulcina, and her gladly accepted lover. Such is life—it is the unlikely that happens.

Ben's first sleep in Philadelphia was amid the most peaceable surroundings—it was in a Quaker meeting-house, that stood at the corner of Second and Market streets, into which he strolled when wearied with walking the streets, and where the spirit moved none to speak, so that the printer boy's dreams were undisturbed until the meeting closed. Franklin soon secured employment as a journeyman with a Jew printer named Keimer, and, singularly enough, he secured board at Mr. Read's, the father of Debbie, who was to become his wife. The next year he courted Miss Read, and was accepted, and soon after, at the age of eighteen, sailed for London to secure type and presses to set up an office for himself. He took abroad with him little money and numerous letters of introduction, but found very quickly that the exchangeable value of good words was not great in London. As a result he was reduced to great straits to keep himself from absolute want. Finding little to do, he often went swimming in the Thames, and acquired such skill in handling the water that he seriously thought of becoming a professor of swimming, and opening a swimming school. And he not only loved to swim in water, but also to drink it, and it exclusively, so that among his companions he was known as the "water American," because he refused to drink beer with them, and at the same time claimed to be twice as strong as they. Fortunately an engagement as journeyman printer, soon after obtained, made a landsman of him, and the world in consequence can boast one less professor of swimming, and one more scientist, philosopher and statesman. During the year that he was abroad he wrote but a single letter to his betrothed, Miss Read, and that was to tell her that she would not likely see him soon. His hard fortune appears for a time to have unmanned him.

In 1726 he returned to Philadelphia with an empty purse, and to his deep chagrin he found that Miss Read was no more, for she had deeply felt his neglect and had married—but mistaken her man, for she was already deserted, a grass widow. Her husband proved a worthless fellow, and it was even said that he had a former wife living. At all events, he forsook Deborah Read, left the colonies, and was reported dead.

Franklin struggled along for two years, and in 1729, with the aid of some friends, started a printing office. Soon after, he purchased the Pennsylvania *Gazette*, and forthwith became its editor and proprietor, and continued such for thirty-six years, until 1765, making it one of the best known and most valued newspapers in all America. In the early issues of this newspaper there is contained much Masonic history, which can be found nowhere else, and to which we shall shortly advert. The *Gazette* continued to exist for one hundred and seventeen years, until 1845, when it was merged into the *North American*, in which it still lives.

In the Pennsylvania *Gazette* of 8th December 1730, we find the earliest published mention of the existence of a Lodge of Freemasons in America. The first article in that paper reads as follows:—

"As there are several Lodges of Freemasons erected in this Province, and people have been lately much amused with conjectures concerning them, we think the following account of Freemasonry from London will not be unacceptable to our readers."

Then follows a recital that "By the death of a gentleman who was one of the Brotherhood of Freemasons, there has lately happened a discovery of abundance of their secret signs and wonders, with the mysterious manner of their admission into that Fraternity, contained in a manuscript found among his papers."

At this time we do not think that Franklin was a Freemason, for if he had been, he would not have printed in his paper anything that partook of the character of an exposé. It is not now known either when or where Franklin was made a Mason, but we think it highly probable that it was in Philadelphia soon after the issue of this paper, say early in the year 1731. *His* curiosity, doubtless, was stimulated, just as that of his readers was, and he was hence led to seek Masonic light. Be that as it may, we *know* that in the year following, 1732, he was a Mason, and that he was elected, at the age of 26, Junior Grand Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as we learn from a news item in Franklin's paper of 26th June 1732.

An event that was portentous of good, in the year 1730, to our brother's future career, was his marriage, on 1st September, to Deborah Read. She was a finely formed and handsome woman, and proved a most excellent wife, and the twain lived together in the happiest possible wedded life for the period of 44 years.

We now reach the first authentic fact in Franklin's Masonic history. His newspaper, the Pa. *Gazette* of 26th June 1732, contains this important item:—

"Philadelphia, June 26.

"Saturday last, being St. John's Day, a Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Society of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS, was held at the Tun Tavern, in Water-street, when, after a handsome entertainment, the Worshipful, W. Allen, Esq., was unanimously chosen *Grand Master* of this Province, for the year ensuing; who was pleased to appoint Mr. William Pringle Deputy Master. Wardens chosen for the ensuing year were Thomas Bond and Benjamin Franklin."

This is the earliest known reference to the meeting of a G. Lodge in America. Freemasonry was first established in America in Philadelphia in 1730, when Bro. Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, was appointed Prov. Grand Master for two years; and in 1732 the first election was held for his successor, when Bro. Benjamin Frankin was elected Junior Grand Warden. Thus early in life, at the age of 26 years, did he become prominent in the Craft. In the same year he published the first number of his famous "Poor Richard's Almanac," the great serio-comic almanac of its day. He was its author, under the *non de plume* of "Richard Saunders," and continued to publish it annually for twenty-five years. It attained a circulation of 10,000 copies a year, and a single original number of it has since been sold at public action for 52 dollars. What gave these almanacs their immense popularity was not their value as almanacs, but the wise and witty maxims with which they were filled. We mention a few of these, so that the reader may understand why "Poor Richard's Almanac" was so popular:—

"God heals, and the doctor takes the fee."

"Three may keep a secret, if two of them are dead."

"Let thy maid-servant be faithful, strong, and homely."

"Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, half shut afterwards."

"If you would have your business done, go—if not, send."

"Laziness travels so slowly that poverty soon overtakes it."

"One to-day is worth two to-morrow."

"A fat kitchen makes a lean will."

"What maintains one vice would bring up two children."

"Dost thou love life, then do not squander time, for that is the stuff that life is made of."

"Handle your tools without mittens—remember, that the cat with gloves on catches no mice."

"A ploughman on his legs is higher than a gentleman on his knees."

"Those have a short Lent who owe money to be paid at Easter."

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"If you would know the value of money, go and try to borrow some; for he who goes a borrowing goes a sorrowing."

Such are a few of Poor Richard's maxims. Their popularity provoked the jealousy of some of his rivals. In 1736 Franklin wrote: "They say, in short, that there is no such man as I am; and they have spread abroad this notion so thoroughly that I have frequently been told it to my face, by those that do not know me. . . . I need not have taken any notice of so idle a report, if it had not been for the sake of my printer, to whom my enemies were pleased to ascribe my productions; and who, it seems, is as unwilling to father my offspring, as I am to lose credit for it."

Here we may remark that Franklin was a born humourist, as well as a born philosopher. He was ever ready to illustrate great truths by grotesque similes. Wit always mingled with his wisdom. We will give a few examples.

When he was 27 years old, a noted Quaker lawyer of Philadelphia said to him:

"Friend Benjamin, thou knowest everything: Canst thou tell me how I am to preserve my small beer in the back yard? My neighbours, I find, are tapping it for me."

Franklin replied:

"Yes, I can tell you how to preserve it—put a barrel of old Madeira along side of it."

On another occasion, when the town of Franklin, Mass., was named in his honour, and he was solicited to present it with a bell, he sent, instead, a gift of books, because, he said, "sense is preferable to sound."

When Franklin was general of the militia forces of Pennsylvania, during the Indian and French war, the Rev. Mr. Beatty, the zealous chaplain of his forces, complained to him that the men were remiss in attending prayers. Franklin replied: "It is perhaps below the dignity of your profession to act as steward of the rum, but if you were only to distribute it just after prayers, you would have them all about you." The chaplain acted on the hint, and after that never were prayers more generally or punctually attended.

At the age of 80, Franklin published, in the Pennsylvania *Gazette*, an article which humourously suggested the transportation of American felons to England, as English felons were formerly transported to America. "No due returns," said he, "have yet been made for these valuable consignments. We are, therefore, much in her debt on that account, and as she is of late clamorous for the payment of all we owe her, I am for doing what is in our power. The felons she planted among us have produced such an amazing increase, that we are now able to make ample remittance in the same commodity."

When he was in his 82nd year, Franklin wrote to a friend in France, characterising as absurd the sentiment that prevailed in Europe that a family was dishonoured by the punishment of one of its members.

"On the contrary," wrote Franklin, in his opinion, "a rogue hanged out of a family does it infinitely more honour than ten that live in it."

It it well known that Franklin was famous for his electrical discoveries, but it is not so well known that he infused humour into his exemplifications of several of them. For example, he devised the "electrical kiss," which ever since his time has provoked much hilarity. He also invented the "Counterfeit Spider," made of burnt cork, with legs of linen thread, and by means of electricity he made it so lively, that it jumped around, to the unitiated, like a crazy spider.

In 1752 the merchants of Philadelphia held an assembly for dancing, and one of its rules was: that "No *mechanic* or mechanic's wife or daughter should be admitted on any terms." The rules being shown by the manager to Franklin, for his opinion, he remarked that "one of them excluded God Almighty." "How so," said the manager. "Because," replied Franklin, "He is notoriously the greatest mechanic in the universe, having, as the Scripture testifies, made all things, and that by weight and measure." The gentlemen became ashamed of their rule and struck it out. Thus was Franklin true to the G.A.O.T.U.

In 1778 a large cake was sent to the American Envoys in France, —Franklin, Lee and Deane. Upon it was this inscription: *Le digne Franklin*, signifying, the worthy Franklin. Mr. Deane said, "As usual, Doctor, we have to thank you for our accommodation, and to appropriate your present to our use." "Not at all," said Franklin; "this must be intended for all the Commissioners, only these French people cannot write English. They mean, no doubt, Lee, Deane, Franklin—the names of the three commissioners."

It was, perhaps, because Franklin was so widely known as a humourist, at that time of fifty years standing, that he who wielded the ablest pen in America, was appointed by Congress second on the committee to draft the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson being made Chairman of the Committee. If Franklin had written it, it is more than likely that he would have inserted a joke in our great American State paper.

In the year 1734 Franklin reprinted Anderson's Constitutions of Freemasonry. This was the first Masonic book printed in America. The same year he wrote a letter, as Grand Master of Pennsylvania, to Bro. Henry Price, Grand Master of New England, saying, that he understood, from the Boston prints, that Price's Masonic jurisdiction had been extended over all America (which, however, was a misstatement), and asking for proof of this fact, and authority from him, as Prov. Grand Master of all North America. He also mentioned that some false Brethren in Philadelphia had set up a clandestine Lodge, pretending to make Masons for a bowl of punch; and, in a postscript, he added, "If more of the Constitutions are wanted among you, please hint it to me." It is worthy of note that this letter from Franklin to Price is the first Masonic letter written in America of which any record remains.

In the year 1737 a quasi-Masonic event occurred, which raised a great excitement in the usual quiet "green country town" of Philadelphia, and Bro. Benjamin Franklin was quite innocently mixed up in the affair.

At the corner of Market-street and Letitia-court was a drug store, of which Dr. Evan Jones (who was not a Mason) was the proprietor. There was considerable public curiosity excited about this time concerning the mystery of Freemasonry as it was exemplified in the Lodges of the town, and among those who were most curious was a young man named Daniel Rees, an apprentice to Dr. Jones, the apothecary. Now Jones was fond of a practical joke, and determined to enjoy one at the expense of his apprentice. For this purpose he persuaded John Remington, a Philadelphia lawyer (who also was not a Mason) to aid him, and further, a man named Tackerbury. These three agreed to make the credulous Rees their victim. They pretended that they were Freemasons, and authorised to confer the degrees upon whomever they would, and they offered to make Rees a Mason. He jumped at the bait, and caught the hook. The profane trio, who were self-initiated and self-appointed Masonic Officers, met their candidate one dark night in the rear of Dr. Jones's dwelling. Remington wrote out the oath, which was ridiculously absurd; Tackerbury directed the details, and Jones was head-centre of the imposture. Poor, blind Rees, in all simplicity, submitted to whatever was required of him, and the indignities offered were not a few. Among the rest, while blindfolded, he was compelled to take a strong dose of purgative medicine, and finally he was instructed in certain ridiculous signs. He was then informed that he had received the first degree, and that his first duty was to treat the members of the Lodge, after which all made merry over the ready simplicity with which he obeyed all demands. Daniel Rees solemnly believed that he had been made a Mason, although, in point of fact, no Mason had taken any part in his making.

Now we come to Franklin's alleged part in the affair. In the month of June of the same year (1737) Franklin and two others were appointed by the Court of Common Pleas auditors, or referees, to settle and adjust a matter in dispute between Dr. Jones and Armstrong Smith, Mr. Remington being Jones's attorney. While the referees were awaiting the arrival of Smith, Jones and Remington, understanding that Franklin was a Freemason, told him of the practical joke they had played on Rees. Franklin laughed heartily at it until they mentioned having given the candidate a purge, and administered to him the diabolical oath, when he grew serious, and told them that when the young man came to learn how he had been imposed on, he would never forgive them. Both of the other referees also deprecated the affair. Dr. Jones and Mr. Remington, nothing daunted, continued, that they intended to have some further sport, under the pretence of raising young Rees to a higher degree in Masonry. Remington said that they would introduce him blindfold and naked into a room, where each of the party would be armed with a switch, and whip him briskly all around the room. Dr. Franklin opposed this.

Soon after this conversation Rees came into the room to speak to his master, when Dr. Jones pointed to Franklin, and said:

"Daniel, that gentleman is a Freemason—make a sign to him."

At this remark Franklin turned his head and looked out of the window. Having a respect for the father of the young man, he followed Rees after he had left the room, to tell him of the deception practised on him, but he was gone.

Such was Franklin's knowledge of the affair. But Jones's and Remington's connection with it did not cease here. The evening of that very day, the 3rd of June 1737, had been selected for the subsequent imposition upon Rees. He was taken into the cellar of Dr. Jones's house, where there were present Jones, Remington, and a tailor, whose initials were "E. W.," but whose name is not now known. A pan of spirits was prepared, which they set on fire. In this, raisins were placed, and the three conspirators amused themselves by picking them out, as practised in the game of snap-dragon. One of the company was disguised in a bull's hide, with full head and horns, to represent the devil. The bandage was then taken from the young man's eyes, and he was made to gaze upon the strange, ghostly spectacle. But, contrary to expectation, he did not exhibit any alarm. Dr. Jones, fearing that they themselves would be fooled, instead of their intended victim, rashly threw the contents of the burning pan over Rees. The unfortunate young man at once exclaimed:

"Master, I'm killed! I'm killed!" and fell down enveloped in flames.

The three conspirators, the actors in this unhappy tragedy, made every effort to extinguish the fire, but before it was done Rees was fatally burned, and after lingering for three days, died in great agony.

This occurrence naturally raised a tremendous excitement throughout the city. A coroner's jury was summoned, and in their verdict they severely censured Jones, Remington, and E. W., although acquitting them of wilful design to take Rees' life. All three of the participants in his death were at once arrested and imprisoned, and the excitement against Freemasons and Freemasonry ran very high. A personal attack was made on the character of Franklin in a rival newspaper of the city, Bradford's *Pennsylvania Mercury*, accusing him of conniving at the outrage. This he promptly and publicly denied, and verified it by the oaths of those who were referees in the case before alluded to, and cognizant of the whole affair. So great and mistaken, however, was the harsh feeling against Freemasonry, that the Grand Officers of Grand Lodge felt called upon to issue the following official statement:—

(*To be continued.*)

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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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, 8th JULY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New North-road, S.E., at 7. (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)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court

MONDAY, 10th JULY.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
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—Trelegar, 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)

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
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
1861—Claremont, School-room, Esher, Surrey
1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 11th JULY.

Audit Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution
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)
167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
980—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)
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)
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)

131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse, Sidcup
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
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—Adonis, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness

WEDNESDAY, 12th JULY.

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)
820—Lily, Greyhound, Richmond
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)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1682—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)
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
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
606—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.
853—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1015—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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
1396—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)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
M.M. 145—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 13th JULY.

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)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
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)
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)
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.)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
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. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
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.
203—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.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
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
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.
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. 229—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.

FRIDAY, 14th JULY.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, Masonic Hall, Woking Station, Surrey
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.)
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.)

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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-steet, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
1067—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. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levensbulme
R.C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

SATURDAY, 15th JULY.

1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New North-road, S.E., at 7. (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)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Bros. Roberts W.M., Haynes S.W., Tyer J.W., Clements Sec., Marshall S.D., Gill I.G., Moss Preceptor, Turner, Klingenstein, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Turner acting as candidate. The ceremony of passing was next rehearsed, Bro. Marshall acting as candidate. Lodge opened in the third, and closed to the first degree, when Bro. Harry Turner was elected a member. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed and adjourned till the ensuing Tuesday.

Royal York Lodge, No. 315.—The regular meeting of this old Lodge, celebrated for its excellent working, was held on the 4th inst., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. W. H. Gibson: G. R. Lockyer S.W., Ridge J.W., W. Hudson P.M. Treas., H. Kent Sec., W. Henderson S.D., R. J. Nye J.D., A. H. Thacker I.G., H. Payne W.S., H. S. Gates Hon. Organist. P.M.'s Bros. J. Eborall P.P.G.P., J. W. Stride P P.G.J.W., T. Packham; Bros. Hollands, Styer, Schofield, Terry. Visitors—Bros. J. B. Hannay S.D. 1821, Peters J.W. 1821, M. Lelew 1821, Harrison S.W. 1829 P.P.G.S.W. Hants, H. S. Gates S.D. 1636, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The name of a candidate was on the agenda paper, but he was not present. Bro. Beaumont, having answered the usual questions satisfactorily, was duly passed to the second degree (by courtesy of the W.M.) by Brother J. Eborall P.M.; the ceremony was done in a very perfect and impressive manner. A letter of apology was received from Bro. Nash I.P.M., regretting his inability to be present. Bro. T. Packham P.M. gave the lecture on the tracing board in the second degree. The Lodge was called off from labour to refreshment. The W.M. in eloquent terms proposed the toast of the Visitors; Bros. Harrison P.P.G.S.W. Hants and H. M. Levy P.M. 188 responded. Bro. Levy was pleased to see the excellent working of the Lodge. Great satisfaction was expressed at the success which attended the Festival, held at Brighton for the second time. Bro. Stride P.M. stated that the sum of ten guineas had been realised through the Benevolent Association of the Province. Bro. Eborall P.M. then proposed that the sum of ten guineas be placed on the list of the Charity Steward for the time being to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Lodge was then closed and the brethren separated.

St. George's Lodge, No. 1723, Bolton.—This Lodge met on Wednesday, 28th ult., at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at six o'clock. Present—Bros. Wm. Court W.M., W. Blain I.P.M., Robt. Lathom S.W., John Barrett J.W., Nathl. Nicholson P.M. Secretary, E. G. Harwood S.D., A. Cosgrave J.D., T. B. Tong I.G., W. E. Bardsley Steward; P.M.'s G. P. Brockbank P.Prov. G.S.D., Bromley, Morris, Richardson, Heywood; Bros. Priestley, Owden, Brierley, Forbes, Goulburn, and Parkinson. Visitors—H. J. Briscoe 221, J. Higson P.M. 348. The minutes of the last meeting confirmed, Lodge proceeded to second degree, when Bros. Isherwood and Goulburn satisfactorily passed examination, and, being rewarded, retired. Lodge opened in third degree, when Bro. Nicholson was raised by Bro. Parkinson, while Bro. Brockbank raised Bro. Goulburn to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The working tools were fully explained. Bro. Higson, who was recently chosen an annuitant on the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, expressed his gratitude to the brethren for their kind support and assistance on the occasion of his election in May last. The S.W. having read a portion of the ancient charges, and the Visiting Brethren expressed hearty good wishes, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8 p.m.

Gallery Lodge, No. 1928.—This Lodge held its first picnic on Saturday last, when the members and their lady friends, to the number of close on a hundred, visited Boxhill, per special train from Charing Cross to Reigate. Thence the visitors were conveyed to their destination by some well appointed waggonettes, and the result was general enjoyment. But few of those who had taken tickets were absent, and the interest taken in the gathering, both inside and outside the Lodge, was beyond all expectation. The next meeting of the Lodge will be held this day (Saturday) when a new W. Master will be elected, and a photograph of the first Officers of the Lodge will be hung in the Lodge-room.

CARNARVON LODGE, No. 802, HAVANT.

ON Tuesday last, there was a strong attendance of the members of the above Lodge, when Bro. Harry Kimber was installed W.M. for the year ensuing, the ceremony being performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. J. A. Elverston, the Board of Installed Masters amounting to twenty-four; the following brethren were appointed to office, viz., Bros. S. D. Askew S.W., J. Collins J.W., J. Weeks P.M. Treasurer, T. Francis P.M. Sec., W. Dart P.M. M.C., H. W. Smith Parsons S.D., A. J. Dunn J.D., H. Toomer Organist, J. Price and J. H. Bascombe Stewards. All business being over, the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where forty-four sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. W. Maybour, of Portsea. Among the Visitors present were the following:—Bros. M. E. Frost Prov. Grand Treasurer, J. R. Hayman W.M. 309, R. Beale W.M. 487, F. Powell W.M. 903, A. Wendover W.M. 1069, G. P. Arnold W.M. 1428, T. H. Williams W.M. 1776, G. Mann W.M. 1834, T. Page W.M. 1903, H. S. Main P.M. P.P. D.C., R. Baum P.M. P.P.G.D.C., and others.

Tredegar Lodge, No. 1625. — An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 3rd inst., at the Royal Hotel. Present—Bros. John Maud W.M., G. J. Anning S.W., A. Deason J.W., Hubbert S.D., R. Sly J.D., Rendell I.G., G. W. Verry Secretary; also Bros. C. Kendall I.P.M. and R. E. Jones. Visitors—Bros. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 903, W. Walden 49, and B. Stewart 1278. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and resumed to the second. Bro. H. Jennings answered the questions leading from second to third degree, and was duly entrusted; he retired. The Lodge was resumed to the third degree, and Bro. H. Jennings was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. H. J. Anderson having given proof of his proficiency in the first degree, was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge was again resumed to the first degree, and the ballot being unanimously in favour of Mr. Charles Allen, he was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. The W.M. worked the three ceremonies in a very impressive manner.

MOZART LODGE, No. 1929.

HELD on Saturday, the 1st inst., at Harewood House, Croydon, their regular meeting. The Lodge was opened by Bro. E. M. Lott P.P.G.O. (Surrey), P.P.G.J.W. (Jersey), P.M. 245 and 1765, assisted by his Wardens and brethren. Minutes of previous Lodge were read and confirmed. At this part of the meeting the R.W. Bro. Gen. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master (Surrey) entered, and was received in every way becoming his exalted position. It being election night, and candidates for raising not being present, ballot was taken, and showed the following result, being in each case unanimous—Bros. Edwin Moss S.W. for W.M., H. J. Lardner P.M. 1745 for Treasurer, Harrison Tyler. Bro. Moss, on being officially informed of his election, expressed his best thanks and gratitude for the favour conferred on him. The W.M. inquired for the good of Freemasonry, and received the usual acknowledgments from the Visitors. After which Bro. Moss, being the Senior Officer of the Lodge, after some excellent introductory remarks of the highest character concerning the Worshipful Master, moved, in consideration of the eminent services rendered by him to the Lodge, that £10 10s be taken from the Lodge funds, and the same be spent in purchasing a suitable mark of their esteem, intimating that the brethren might add further to the gift, and make it more intrinsically valuable if they so desired. Bro. Phillips J.W. seconded the same, and in so doing bore testimony in confirmation of the S.W.'s address, and wished to say, further, they were all deeply grateful to their W.M. for having piloted them through the many breakers which successfully ended in obtaining their present warrant, after unsuccessful attempts on three former applications. The motion was duly confirmed by the Lodge, for which Bro. Lott thanked the brethren. The business of the meeting being now completed, the Lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, ably served by Bro. Rhodes, the host. The cloth being cleared, and grace said, the W.M. proposed the toast of Queen and Craft; also that of the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. This was followed by the Grand Officers of England Past and Present; the whole of which were well received, and fully demonstrated to. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Prov. G.M. General Brownrigg, and P.G. Officers Past and Present, enumerating the distinguished services rendered by their Provincial Grand Master to the Craft. It was through his unerring kindness that a warrant was obtained for them, to meet at Croydon. He had made himself not only popular, but had engrafted himself in the hearts of every member of the Mozart Lodge, and he begged personally to thank him on behalf of the Lodge for his numerous visits, and the deep interest he had taken in the welfare of the Mozart Lodge. Their Prov. G.M. objected to long speeches, but he (the W.M.) was sure their exalted brother would forgive him on this occasion, as most likely it might never occur again for him to address him as the W.M. of a Lodge? He would not detain them longer, but called on them to charge bumpers, and give him a welcome fire, which the brethren fully acknowledged. The Right Worshipful Brother at once rose, and after tendering the Lodge some excellent advice, thanked them for the kind reception he had received, and said he should pay them another visit. His Grand Lodge would assemble before long, when he hoped to see them well represented. In the meantime he trusted they would go on and prosper. Here the brethren all rose, and gave the General a hearty cheer; a similar demonstration took place a few minutes later, when the Right Worshipful Brother rose to leave. The other toasts followed in quick succession, the W.M., Wardens, Officers, Secretary, and lay members each responding to their various toasts in order. Then came the Tyler's toast, thus ending a most pleasant meeting. The following members were present:—Bros. the P.G.M., Dewar

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P.G.R., Lott W.M., Moss S.W., Phillips J.W., Tremere Secretary, Thomas I.G., the Hon. H. N. Hood, Holgate, Compton, Leipold, Rose, and Grunkitz. Visitors—Bros. Mallett P.M. 141, Edwards J.W. 1695, Goodenough S.W. 1745, Captain Compton 1605, Searle 490. This being a musical Lodge, selections, glees, songs, &c., were very ably sustained by Bros. Moss, Tremere, Ashton, and Leipold.

The weekly meetings of the Star Lodge of Instruction (hitherto held at the Marquis of Granby) will, on and after Saturday, 1st July inst., take place at the Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E. (close to New Cross-gate). Members of the Craft are cordially invited to attend; 7 to 9 p.m. Bro. George Andrews P.M 871 is the Preceptor, and Bro. Walter Martin J.D. 879 the Hon. Sec.

POLITICS IN FREEMASONRY.

HOW foolish it is that some brethren cannot understand the fact that *Politics* are entirely foreign to Freemasonry, and that the subject must never be discussed within the walls of the Lodge-room. No sooner, however, does an election loom up in the distance than some *ignorant* Masonic canvassers try to make use of the fact that Brother John Smith is a Freemason, and his opponent, old Jones, holds views of rather an unflattering character to the Order, consequently all his Masonic friends, regardless of their proclivities, are bound to support Bro. John Smith, BROTHER, on each occasion he is mentioned, being spelt in large capitals.

Never was there a greater fraud practised in the name of Freemasonry. The man that so debases our noble Institution, as to endeavour to make it a stepping stone for SELF, never could have understood the nature of our society, or, if he did understand it, should be tried and suspended. "Mercenary, or other unworthy motives"—surely every Hiramite can at least remember the period when he answered a certain expression of that character. If so, he knows in his heart he is falsifying his pledges, made voluntarily at that time, if he attempts to drag Freemasonry into all the turmoil and strife attendant upon the political arena.

What would become of our Brotherly love, our Charities, our teachings of an immortal God, if we changed our whole Institution into a political convention? Is it probable there would be much harmony or peace in a Lodge or Grand Lodge, if an edict were to be issued by the Grand Master that the eighteen thousand Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada were to vote for the Conservative party on next election, perchance another edict that for certain political purposes they must exercise their franchise in favour of the Reformers. Of course we are imagining an extreme case, it might be said an impossible case, but the attempt has been made to thus debase Masonry in continental Europe. Who does not remember the French Lodges traversing the ramparts of Paris during the Franco-Prussian war, with banners and in full Masonic regalia? and there equally absurd action in passing condemnatory resolutions regarding their Most Worshipful Brother, the Emperor William. We could give other examples, where European Supreme Masonic organisations have forgotten their Masonry and rushed headlong into the arena of politics, thus totally ignoring the true principles of the Craft.

Masons, as Masons, should know each other as such alone. Our whole system depends upon being particular in this respect; the thousands of incidents that have proved such grand examples of the *true meaning* of this, and have caused men to forget the heat and fury of passion on the battle field, would never have occurred if political passions were to be permitted amongst us. During the fearful fratricidal strife that a few years ago waged "on the other side," how grandly Masons, during that heated and furious outburst of political agitation, proved that they were brothers, where necessity demanded it,—yes, even at the cannon's mouth and outside the pestilential prison doors of Libby and Anderson.

It has ever been the proud boast of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry that she stands aloof from all entanglements of the kind. It is this that elevates her to the exalted height upon which she now stands. In our ranks are to be found men of extreme political views, who are always to be found ready to aid a "brother" no matter what his political proclivities may be—it is only the puny-pulling thing called the "ward-politician," who appeals to the worst passions of an ignorant mob in preference to the intelligence of the man who has by some mischance crept into some careless Lodge that attempts sometimes to debase Freemasonry by using it for his own little political purposes. Such creatures, it is needless to say, are hardly worthy of the name of men, and certainly not of Freemasons.—*Canadian Forester.*

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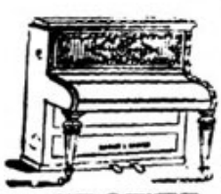

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HOMES FOR LITTLE BOYS.

ONE of the most interesting ceremonies of these later years is arranged to take place to-day (Saturday) at the pleasant little hamlet of Swanley, near Farningham, Kent. We allude to the laying of the first stone of the new Homes for Little Boys, in which his Royal Highness the Grand Master has graciously consented to play the leading part. The Prince will be received by the Earl of Aberdeen, Chairman of the Committee, Mr. W. H. Willans, Treasurer, and the Stewards, on behalf of the Institution, and, Masonically, by Viscount Holmesdale, Prov. G. Master, and the Grand Officers and brethren of the Province of Kent. The escort will consist of a detachment of the West Kent Yeomanry Cavalry, under the command of Colonel Fitzroy Maclean. A brief description of the ceremony as arranged may not be out of place. The Earl of Aberdeen having explained the objects and plans of the Home, and requested His Royal Highness to lay the stone, an address will be presented by the Prov. G. Lodge of Kent. In due course, the Prince having signified his pleasure, will be conducted to the site where the stone is to be laid, and will address those present in the following terms:—

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A prayer will follow, and the stone will be laid after the usual custom among Masons, after which the architect will be presented, and, having submitted his plans for inspection, will be desired to proceed to the completion of the work. Her Royal Highness will next receive purses in aid of the Home, and the prizes having been distributed to the youthful recipients, the Prince and Princess will take their departure, and the proceedings will be brought to a close. The Bands of the Royal Horse Guards and the Home will contribute much to the pleasure of the meeting.

Having briefly set forth the ceremony which will be observed, let us give attention to the object and principles of the Institution. As to the object, it is that most charitable one of feeding, clothing, educating, and training to industrial work, homeless and destitute little boys, as well as those in danger of falling into crime, whether orphans or not, who are disqualified by poverty or other circumstances, for admission into Orphan Asylums or other Institutions. Candidates for admission must be under ten years of age. As regards the principles on which the Institution is conducted, in the first place, the basis is scriptural, but unsectarian. In the next, the Committee must always consist of members of various Protestant denominations; and lastly, without introducing any Catechism, the children are to be educated in the fear of God and a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures.

Turning to the Institution and the work it has done, we may state that it was established at Tottenham in March 1864, but two years had barely elapsed before the premises rented by the Committee were full, the number of the occupants being ninety, while the number of urgent cases pressing for admission was considerable. Under these circumstances, the Committee resolved on proceeding with their good work, and having purchased the freehold site on which the existing premises stand, Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales was invited, and accepted the invitation, to lay the foundation of those premises. This happened in 1866, and now, the need for extension having arisen, our M.W. Grand Master will, as already described, proceed this day to lay the first stone of additional Homes, so that the requirements of the necessitous may be more amply met.

The Seventeenth Annual Report shows more clearly the class of children that are received into the Homes, and the nature and extent of the work that is being done. Of the last fifty boys received, six had been deserted by their fathers, three by both father and mother, the fathers of four were in prison, and those of five others were hopeless drunkards, sixteen were fatherless, seven parentless, and six had never known their fathers. In respect of the work done, it appears from the Report of Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools, who examined the inmates, that "of 228 boys presented for individual examination as having made the requisite attendances, 219 passed in Reading, 198 in Writing, and 127 in Arithmetic, being equal to 90 per cent. in the whole school." The Industrial Departments of the Home are "necessarily varied," we are told, "and are also greatly regulated by the requirements of the Institution. The growth of vegetables for home consumption; the making of bread for all the boys; the making and mending of their Clothes and Boots; the Carpenters' work and the builders' work—these seem essential; while to do all the painting for the Home seems scarcely less so. These, therefore, with Upholstering and the Engineers' work form the main Industrial occupations; to which must be added such domestic duties as fall to the lot of those who are selected House Boys." The number thus employed is about one-half of the total inmates, full particulars being given in the Report. Then as to numbers; there were in the Home, at the close of the previous year, 308 Boys, the total with the forty-six received during the year being 354. Of these fifty-one left, 32 being placed in situations, 9 returned to friends; 4 entered Regimental Bands, 4 went abroad, 1 was sent to the Union, and 1 to College.

It should be added that each of the Homes is placed in charge of a man and his wife, who are to all intents and purposes the father and mother of the family of children entrusted to their charge. Consequently, the title of the Institution is something more than nominal, and it supplies what the poor little inmates have never had the opportunity of knowing. This, with the other advantages offered, make the Institution a real blessing to the class for which it is intended.

The financial arrangements seem to be admirable, economy being the order of the day. For the moral control we have a guarantee, not only in the worthy officials, who loyally carry out the intentions of the Committee, but also in the strength of the Committee, which includes among its Vice-Presidents such philanthropical gentlemen as Earl Cairns, Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P.; Bro. Abel Smith, M.P.; Mr. Samuel Morley, M.P.; Lord Enfield, Sir Charles H. Mills, M.P.;

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Lord Napier and Ettrick, Earl Sydney, and Mr. John Walter, M.P.; Mr. Robert Hanbury being the President. The Earl of Aberdeen is, as already stated, Chairman of the Committee proper, among whose members we note with pleasure Bro. Horace B. Marshall, C.C., who is so loyal a supporter of our Charitable Institutions.

We will merely add, by way of conclusion, that we trust the occasion of to-day's ceremonial will pass off in all respects most satisfactorily, and that an Institution which for seventeen years past has been doing so much good will in the future have increased opportunities for proving its worth.

OUR INSTITUTIONS.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—The Quarterly Court of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, under the presidency of Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, there being present Bros. Joshua Nunn, Frank Richardson, A. E. Gladwell, Lt.-Col. Peters, Robert Grey, P. de L. Long, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, H. Massey, H. A. Dubois, and others. Outside the usual business of such a meeting, there was a protracted discussion in the case of a motion submitted by Bro. A. H. Tattershall with a view to the amendment of Rule 56, so that it should read in future thus: "No girl shall be eligible for election or for admission by purchase or otherwise who has a sister in the Institution, unless the number of vacancies is in excess of the number of candidates." Among those who took part in it were Bros. F. Binckes, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Joshua Nunn, and Walter Hopekirk. In the result the motion was carried by twelve votes to nine. Bro. Hedges having announced that Her Majesty had been pleased to accept the position of Chief Patroness of the Institution, and had sent a donation of £50, a motion was unanimously carried to the effect "that this Court desires to record its grateful appreciation of the high honour conferred on the Institution by Her Majesty's gracious acceptance of the office of Chief Patroness." The proceedings then closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—The Quarterly General Court met on Monday, at 4 o'clock, at Freemasons' Hall, Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presiding. The other brethren present were A. M. Broadley, L. Ruf, Arthur E. Gladwell, William Roebuck, C. J. Perceval, Thomas Cubitt, E. C. Massey, and F. Binckes Secretary. The minutes of the General Court of 10th April last were read and verified, and the proceedings of the General Committee meetings held since that date were also read for information. The only business before the meeting was the closing of the list of candidates for next election. The list presented by Brother Binckes showed that, deducting names of candidates withdrawn or become ineligible through lapse of time, and adding the names of approved petitions received since last election, there were now 62 eligible candidates, and on the notice of Bro. Roebuck, this list was now declared approved and closed. The number of boys to be elected is twelve.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION. — Colonel Creaton presided at the General Committee held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday last, when there were also present Bros. W. J. Murlis, G. Bolton, C. A. Cottebrune, James Willing jun., J. J. Berry, W. H. Goodall, Raynham W. Stewart, J. H. Matthews, A. H. Tattershall, W. Clarke, Jabez Hogg, Edgar Bowyer, W. Hilton, Thomas Cubitt, James Brett, G. L. Moore, Frederick Adlard, E. C. Massey, and Bro. Terry Secretary. Four deaths of annuitants since last meeting were reported—one had received £673, another £351, and another £10. The fourth was Bro. J. H. Jones, who was elected in May last, and had not received anything at the date of his death. Following the custom in such cases the Committee ordered the name of Bro. Caffé—the next highest unsuccessful candidate at last election—to replace the name of Bro. Jones. The Secretary submitted the report of the Finance Committee, which showed the following balances to the credit of the various funds: — Male Fund, £1,338 4s 2d; Widows' Fund, £1,059 12s 7d; Sustentation Fund, £46 7s 7d; together £2,444 4s 4d. The Secretary read a letter from the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, suggesting that the votes of the subscribers resident in that Province should in future be sent in a batch to the Grand Secretary of the Province, in order that he might obtain the necessary signatures, as was done by Bro. Binckes in regard to votes in the Boys' School. Bro. Terry explained that the books of the two Institutions were differently arranged; the subscribers to the Boys' being arranged under Provinces, while in the Benevolent Institution they were kept in alphabetical order, and that on this account, the suggested alteration could not be properly carried out without making new registers. The Committee having considered the question on its merits, decided to inform the Prov. Grand Master for West Yorkshire that they did not see their way to complying with his request. Four petitions were considered, of which two were approved, one deferred for further inquity, and one for the attendance of the petitioner. The Secretary reported that contracts had been received for the alterations and repairs to the stone work at the Institution, and that the lowest (£149) had been accepted. Bro. Terry further reported that a box containing donations of tea and sugar to the inmates had been received; that the contracts for coals had been executed, and that Bro. Matthew Cooke and his wife had entered upon residence at the Institution.

MALTA.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN.

THE first meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge, as now constituted, was held on the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Valletta, Malta. By a recent decision of the G.M.M. the Province will, in lieu of being styled the "District of Tunis and Malta," be designated the "Province of the Mediterranean," now consisting of the three Mark Lodges in Malta, two Lodges in Gibraltar, and one in Sicily; the Lodges in Tunis forming the Province of North Africa, under the government, as Prov. G.M.M., of R.W. Bro. Thomas Fellowes Read 33 P.D.D.G.M. of Egypt.

An emergency meeting of the Keystone Lodge, No. 107 was called at 7.30 p.m., to receive Provincial Grand Lodge, at which hour there was a very large muster of Mark Masters resident in Malta, together with many Brethren from Sicily and Egypt. The Keystone Lodge having been opened, the Prov. Grand Senior Warden, acting as Prov. G.M.M., together with the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, was received in the customary manner, and Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

W. Bro. W. Watson Provincial Grand S. Warden having assumed the gavel, the minutes of previous communications of Prov. Grand Lodge, together with a very comprehensive report from the Board of General Purposes, were read and adopted.

The patent of the M.W. Grand Mark Master, appointing Chevalier Edward Rosenbusch, Knight of the Royal Order of the Crown of Prussia, Knight of the Royal Order of the Crown of Italy, P.D.D.G.M. of Malta, P.Z., P.M.W.S. 18, &c., &c., to the distinguished position of Prov. G.M. Master of the Mediterranean having been read, he was admitted and presented, by W. Bros. Glenday and Stilon, for installation, to the acting Prov. G.M. Master W. Bro. W. Watson P.G.S.W., who addressed him as follows:—

"R.W. Bro. Rosenbusch—I must congratulate you on having been selected to fill the exalted and honourable office of Pro. G.M.M. of the Province of the Mediterranean—an office from which the power and prerogative may depart, on the expiration of your term of office, but the dignity and honour, except by your own act, never.

"You cannot be insensible to the obligation which will devolve on you as the ruler of this extensive and important Province, nor of your responsibility for the faithful and efficient discharge of the duties appertaining to the office. The honour, reputation, and prosperity of the Province will, to a considerable degree, depend on the integrity, skill, and assiduity with which you may administer its affairs; and the unity, peace, and happiness of the members of the Province will be generally promoted in proportion to the zeal, ability, and determination with which you uphold, maintain, and propagate the genuine and sublime principles of our noble Institution. In inducting you, therefore, into your chair of office, and investing you with the symbols of authority for the government of this Province, I am performing a most solemn duty, because, in committing to your hands the superintendence and welfare of the Province, I invest you with powers and prerogatives of a very high order.

"The good resolutions which, no doubt, you have formulated in your own mind, that these powers and prerogatives shall not be either abused or perverted in your hands, I would gladly strengthen by a few words of admonition.

"The very consciousness of the possession of power will make a generous and properly constituted mind cautious and gentle in its exercise. To rule has been the lot of many, but to rule well has been the good fortune of comparatively few. To rule well should, therefore, be the continued aim of your honourable ambition. But always bear in mind that it is not by the strong arm or iron will that obedience and order, the two chief requisites of good government, are secured, but by holding the key to the affections and hearts of men. Be it, therefore, your honest endeavour to obtain and hold this key by ruling the Province with integrity, impartiality, and justice.

"It will be your duty to uphold and maintain firmly the ancient landmarks of our order and resolutely oppose any infringement of

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them and all attempts at innovation. But in performing this duty avoid ostentation, or undue assumption of superiority. Seek the confidence and co-operation of your associate Officers. Be accessible and amiable to all, for although elevated, for the time, above the rest of the brethren, you must remember that you are elevated by them and are under obligations to promote, as far as lies in your power, the interest and welfare of each and all. Be deliberate in judgment, prompt in execution, patient with the restless or ambitious, and ever ready to award merit; and, above all, cultivate and exercise the golden tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth. By such a course of action you will secure the respect, confidence, and esteem of your constituents, and, in consequence, your rule will be an easy and pleasant one.

"Thus it is evident that the office of Prov. Grand Master is a very important and responsible one and requires to be inaugurated by solemn and special sanction."

At the conclusion of the address, which was loudly applauded, R.W. Bro. Rosenbusch was duly obligated and installed into the chair of A. in a most impressive manner by W. Bro. Watson. The acting Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies. Bro. A. O. Giles, having made the necessary proclamation, the newly installed Prov. Grand M.M. was saluted by the assembled brethren in the ancient manner, receiving hearty congratulations from all on his elevation.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested his Officers as follows:—

Bro. Geovanni Segond P.M. 107, 30 ...	D.P.G.M.M.
R. Glenday P.M. 263	P.G. Senior Warden
Prof. H. Stilton, M.D., W.M. 107 18	P.G. Junior Warden
W. Pearse S.W. 107, 18	P.G. Master Overseer
P. G. Yeoman P.S.W. 263	P.G. Senior Overseer
J. W. Starkey J.W. 248, 18 ...	P.G. Junior Overseer
T. F. Morton 248, 18	P.G. Chaplain
W. Watson P.P.G.S.W. M.W.S. 18	P.G. Treasurer
G. D. Roe J.W. 263, 18	P.G. Secretary
W. F. Cottrell W.M. 278 M.W.S. 18	P.G. Registrar
F. G. Mawer J.D. 248	P.G. Inspector of Works
A. England S.W. 263	P.G. Senior Deacon
Sir F. Blackwood, Bart, S.O. 248, 18	P.G. Junior Deacon
C. J. Bannister J.O. 248, 18 ...	P.G. D. of C.
S. Santoro	P.G. Assist. Secretary
J. C. Stanley P.J.W. 263	P.G. Assist. D. of C.
George Havelock 248, 18	P.G. Organist
H. P. Evans 107	P.G. Sword Bearer
D. C. Wilson J.D. 263	P.G. Standard Bearer
A. O. Giles 263	P.G. Inner Guard
R. N. Beck	P.G. Tyler
O. Segond 107	P.G. Stewards
Sir N. Pringle, Bart., 248, 18 ...	P.G. Stewards
J. Stephens 263	P.G. Stewards

Bro. Rosenbusch then addressed the brethren at some considerable length, expressing a hope that the members of the several Mark Lodges under his jurisdiction would assist him to the utmost of their ability in furthering the interests of Mark Masonry in the new Province, and stating it to be his wish and intention, so far as lay in his power, to cause the Province of the Mediterranean to compare favourably with any other Province under the auspices of Grand Mark Lodge. He said he had reason to believe that application would be made at an early date for the formation of Mark Lodges at Palermo and Messina.

The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Mark Master then proposed that a Past Prov. Grand Mark Secretary's jewel should be presented to Bro. A. B. Truefitt 18 P.P.G.M. Secretary, as a mark of appreciation of Grand Mark Lodge of the manner in which he had discharged the arduous duties of his office for the past two years; this having been seconded by the D.P.G.M.M. was carried unanimously.

Congratulations and thanks were tendered by the P.G.M.M. to those Mark Masters from Syracuse and Egypt who had honoured the meeting with their presence.

The business of Prov. Grand M. Lodge being concluded, it was closed in ample form, and the brethren subsequently adjourned to the refreshment-room to partake of an excellent cold collation which Bro. Beck had provided in most recherché style, affording entire satisfaction to the executive, the only regret expressed being that, consequent on the excessive heat, a number of the brethren who attended the Lodge did not take part in the festive proceedings, which although somewhat prolonged, were greatly appreciated by all present.

The Province of Mediterranean being now fairly started, we wish it, and fully anticipate for it, a long course of continued prosperity.

North London Chapter of Improvement.—Held on the 13th inst., at the Canonbury Tavern. Present—Comps. Higgins Z., Osborn H., Sheffield J., Fenner W.S., Bird S.N., Sheffield S.E., Edmonds Preceptor. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. R. S. Fennell being the candidate. Comp. R. S. Fennell, of the Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 86, was elected a member. Chapter was closed.

On the 28th July, and subsequently, there will be a very novel Exhibition at the Art Furnishers' Alliance, Limited, 157 New Bond-street W., consisting of a series of examples of Wall Decoration, produced by the exclusive use of ordinary brown paper, sugar paper, soap paper, and other cheap materials, the desire being to demonstrate that true art effects can, by these means, be harmoniously introduced. This novel adaptation is not unlikely to effect a considerable revolution in the internal decoration of our homes.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 23 Great Queen Street, W.C.

The Uselessness of Vivisection upon Animals as a Method of Scientific Research. By Lawson Tait, F.R.C.S., &c. Birmingham: The Herald Press, Union-street. 1882.

Those who take an interest in the battle that is being waged between the supporters and opponents of Vivisection, will find the case of the latter stated very fully by Mr. Tait in this pamphlet. The article it contains was read before the Birmingham Philosophical Society on the 20th April, and has been reprinted, by permission, from the Society's Transactions. Vivisection, of course, is not one of those subjects with which it is the Province of a Masonic journal to deal. We must content ourselves, therefore, with saying that, as far as it is possible for us to form a judgment, the case of the anti-vivisectionists, as set forth by Mr. Tait, is argued clearly enough and with much ability. We note, however, that he is apt to speak at times very dogmatically, a practice by no means calculated to advance the cause he has at heart. Here is a case in point:—

"Take the case of the alleged discovery of the circulation of the blood by Harvey, and it will be clearly shown that quite as much as Harvey knew was known before his time, and that it is only our insular pride which has claimed for him the merit of the discovery. That he made any solid contribution to the facts of the case by vivisection is conclusively disproved, and this was practically admitted before the Commission by such good authorities as Dr. Acland and Dr. Lauder Brunton. The circulation was not proved till Malpighi used the microscope."

We fancy it will take the authority of some one of higher authority than Mr. Tait to shake the national belief in the justice of Harvey's claim to be regarded as the discoverer of the circulation of the blood.

Celebrities of the Day: British and Foreign. Part 13. London: W. Poole, 121 Paternoster-row, E.C.

The memoirs contained in this periodical are well written, but what will make this number for the current month more particularly acceptable to Craftsmen is, the fact that of the half-dozen worthies whose lives are described, two were Craftsmen, namely, the late General Garibaldi, Honorary Past Grand Master *ad vitam* of the Grand Orient of Italy, and the Earl of Zetland Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire. The latter is especially interesting, as it gives a full and detailed account of the Dundases, of which family his Lordship is the representative.

Bro. Harry Tipper, Conductor of the Criterion Hand-Bell Ringers and Glee singers had the honour, of performing Selections on the Hand Bells, and rendering some Part Songs on Thursday afternoon at a Garden Party given by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at Marlborough House, to meet Her Majesty the Queen.

At the bombardment of the Alexandrian forts on Tuesday, the British fleet fully sustained the reputation of the country as the first maritime power in the world. Yet of all the big and little ships that took part in the fight, there is not one which has covered itself with so much glory as the gunboat Condor, Commander Bro. Lord Charles Beresford P.M., Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, Portsmouth. This tiny little vessel for the term of an hour singly engaged one of the most formidable of the Egyptian forts—the Marabout—in a manner which aroused the enthusiastic admiration of those who witnessed it and elicited from the Vice-Admiral in Command Sir Beauchamp Seymour the congratulatory signal, "Well done, Condor!" To which we add "Bravo, Beresford!"

Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., for Cheltenham, has announced his intention to resign his seat at the next general election through failing health.

Bro. Carl Rosa has engaged Drury Lane Theatre for a spring season of English Opera, which will commence on Easter Monday next year, and will be, as heretofore, under his sole management.

The Lord Mayor will preside at a meeting at the Guildhall on Wednesday next, to further the movement which has for its object the erection of a tercentenary memorial to Sir Francis Drake on the Hoe.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards of the recent Boys' School Festival will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 24th instant.

It is proposed to form a new Journalists' Club, of which Bro. G. A. Sala has consented to become the President. The Honorary Secretaries pro tem. are Mr. R. S. Chant and Mr. H. Wright.

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ON MY BACK.

(By a Sick Brother.)

YES; here I am, my editorial friend—not of my "own free will and accord," but by the advice of a medical practitioner, whom my friends consider "eminent." All that I can say is, that his physic is as nasty as any I ever purchased at a chemist's shop; that the oil of the liver of the cod, by which he orders me to be nourished, makes me almost twist my head off my shoulders with nausea; and that his twaddle about diet and regimen is "eminently" absurd. But I am admonished to be passive and obedient, as though these skinny fists and arms could floor a seventeen-stone policeman! "Then," says my tormentor, "you may have a change of air and scene"—a remedy, it strikes me, these "eminent" gentlemen always fly to when they are convinced they cannot cure you, and that, if the patient *must* die, it is just as well, and perhaps better for *them*, if he performs that operation at a distance from home.

However, I gulp down my fishy, oily draught, wriggle after it like a skinned eel, and sink into a fitful half-slumber. But in my dreams the fairies whisper in mine ears the magic promises of "a change of air and scene," and in the crannies of my brain there open out, like port-holes in a three-decker, panoramic reminiscences that follow each other in rapturous succession, flushing the cheek, and calling forth involuntary ejaculations, which seen passing strange, as coming from the parched lips of an invalid.

I have read your sketch on "The Days when we go Gipsying," and it brings to mind pleasant and fanciful recollections.

Do you remember the dear old times, when the heart was young, and budding success in life enabled us to enter upon the many pleasantries, as well as the duties, of the Craft? When the "predominant wish of our heart" was granted to us by a worthy brother, whom we then gazed upon with astonishment almost bordering on adoration—and for whom a filial love still beats within our heart—how we longed to bound along the chequered floor, like a school-girl at her music, rushing into fantasias almost before she had mastered her gamut! How the genial Past Master pulled us up by his parental wisdom, and reminded us of the caution which so impressed us in the initiatory stage, but which, in our excess of zeal, we had well-nigh forgotten! How, when we had proved ourselves worthy, we were advanced through the gradations of our Lodge, and felt the flush of pride, at successive "visits," by reason of the growing dignity bestowed by the jewel depending from our collars. Can you easily forget the overwhelming sense of honour, and of responsibility, which palled upon you when you at length reached the goal to which all true Masons aspire, and you were "duly greeted and saluted," as you first sat in the chair of King Solomon? With what timid, but earnest, pride you instructed the brethren "below the chair," and aired your eloquence (!) at the banquet table? And with what a sense of relief you transferred the gavel to your successor, and passed into the serried ranks of "veterans," with the Past Master's jewel glistening on your breast? I need not recount, to those who know, the varying sensations of pleasure experienced in the various grades beyond, and who will all agree with me what a succession of agreeable surprises Freemasonry is. *O tempora mutantur!*

But of "summer outings" I began to write; and pardon my digression. If Demosthenes junior lamented the increase of books as tending to deprive the scholar of his literary omniscience, holiday-makers of the present day may with much better reason complain that the multitude of trips and excursions offered to the public have been the means of robbing him of much statute-made importance. Half a century ago, before such opportunities were afforded of pleasant excursions into the country or the seaside, before the "Maria Wood" was, or the grounds of our great Palaces spread their allurements before the holiday crowds, the brethren of our Lodge thought themselves mighty swells indeed when they started off upon their summer pic-nic! What a flutter of excitement among the wives and sweethearts, in anticipation of *their* share in the "privileges of the Order," the "mysteries" of which they are ever longing to discover. Such a packing-up of savoury viands, such a clatter of knives and forks, such a careful handling of dainty dishes, prepared by loving hands—none of your wholesale caterers in those days—and such a buzz and stir among the dear creatures in view of showing *their* devotion to the Craft, to say nothing of the rivalry always inevitable in the matter of millinery! Down among the shady dells of Epping, the sylvan groves at Hampton, over the furzy slopes of Boxhill, the forest glades of Deepdene, and a score of Elysiums I could name, now rise before me, and I can almost hear the "ripple of mirth," of which you speak, and see the "jewels and eyes," &c., you so eloquently describe.

But, as I have said, here I am, "cabin'd, cribb'd, confin'd," by "eminent" order, and can only toss from side to side, and dream of past delights.

One "summer outing," however, I remember distinctly, above all the rest, where the happiness of my life, Masonically and otherwise, was sealed; and here a comely dame nestles close up and calls me "a dear, old sentimental *thing!*" for recounting the event. It had been decided to run down by boat as far as Gravesend, and what an undertaking it was in those days, on board a snorting tug, as we made our way along the windings of the busy Thames, and landed at the queer old jetty which served as a pier and promenade all rolled into one. How cosy the quaint old hostelry near the Customs House, which looked upon the tumbling waters of the Reach, and what a bounteous repast was spread before us by the jolly old brother who presided over the inn and its greensward leading down towards the margin of the river. I have been there many times since, but never did the place appear so serenely happy as it did that day. The banquet was held in a balcony facing the river, and at our feet the rippling wavelets of the Thames beat merry music against the old piles, in unison with our happy pulses. We had no "speeches" there, believe me, for the day was too short for "post-prandial" dallying. A drive, "over the hills and far away" over the Wrotham mount, and away to Farningham, with a specially-prepared tea at the old Red Lion—who reigns over the historical house now I wot not—a dance upon the lawn, and homeward-bound again to Gravesend, to tender hearty good wishes to the landlord, who treated us right royally, and even fired a salute from the little cannon in his garden, as our "gallant bark" snorted her way back again *en route* for London-bridge.

Those times have changed; we are too important now to content ourselves with primitive Gravesend, and its frugal afternoon teas of shrimps and watercresses. Leaving Masonry for awhile, and speaking of modern holiday-making, is it not a fact that fashion and self-importance have stepped in, and humble resorts so prized years ago, succumb to breezy Brighton or mangey Margate? Bro. Smithers is successful in business, and takes his family to some London-on-the-Sea for a month. *We*, also, are prospering, and must follow suit; otherwise what will Bro. Smithers think? The boys, too, have grown bigger, and can help us to row out upon the bounding sea; they can vie with us in hauling up the shiny soles and grunting gurnets. No wonder that Brighton and Margate have become favourites since they have been brought so near home by contending railway companies; but they are too "loud," too rollicking and boisterous, for those who delight in enjoyments far from the madding crowd. Yet, after all, I question whether we extract more real happiness out of our wider and more expansive range of travel than we found in the simple enjoyments of "Ye olden time," all the more relished because they were the best we could afford.

All said and done, to me Gravesend is the place to spend "a happy day." Now that the cheap trains are so frequent, and the river boats so swift and pleasant; when a half-day may be utilised in combining the business of home with the healthful recreations of the country, nowhere, according to my idea, can these advantages be so happily blended as at Gravesend. And I will prove my right to say so.

I have paced the shingly foreshore as the moon has cast her silvery pathway across the Thames, whilst the dulcet strains of music have kept time with the flashing wavelets as they whispered a lullaby to declining day. I have watched the devotees of fashion—or would-be such—who, in their brief, butterfly span of holiday, strut along the terrace walks, apeing the greater swells in their incessant caprices in the matter of costume. Simple trades-folk, who look uncommonly well in their accustomed prints and hollands in the forenoon, with the bronze of health upon their visages, are trussed up with marvellous and incongruous taste for the afternoon promenades; while the evening hours, still raw and chill, even in the middle of this abnormal summer time, call into requisition a nameless variety of wraps and overalls, as the young folks draw closer together and whisper on subjects the purport of which it is not my business to inquire. One amongst the group stands prominently forth in my remembrance—that girl with the pork-pie hat, out on one side of which peeps the white wing of a pigeon, emblematical of the dove inside the hat, which exposes one pinion and declares *itself* to be at peace. I afterwards find that the pork-pie hat is only an advertisement, and that its loud-talking owner (a countess could not be made more fuss about) "serves behind the counter" at a pork-pie shop in Bermondsey, where they do a "roaring buz'ness" after the pubs and music-halls are closed!

But, *entre nous*, there are a great many others who could be spotted in the same way, if we were only inclined to play the amateur detective. We have all our foibles, and when you go to Rome you must do pretty much as the Romans do.

Fancy takes me to the offing of the Nore, where white-winged yachts gyrate amongst the cumbrous barges and bigger craft which are toiling, with wind and tide all in their favour, towards the docks; whilst 'longshore the would-be sportsmen fire gaily, but without effect, upon the wild sea birds as they skim the waves in joyous freedom. Visions of gleeful hours passed upon the rippling river, as we follow in our natty launch the yacht club gatherings from the pier, down past Erith and Southend to the Nore; with our *al fresco* luncheon, as the swan-like beauties slant away and around the buoys. See the sturdy spritsail barges, in all the glory of their summer paint and ochre, and listen to the boisterous mirth of the "bargees," with their wives and sweethearts, as they foot it to the cadences of gleeful music on board the committee steamer! This is a glorious time, spent once a-year by the hard-worked toilers on the Thames, and only a week or two back I read of the continued success of an institution which will, I hope, be long maintained. Who has not seen them sallying forth, dressed in their "best bibs and tuckers," fully bent on pleasure and relaxation on the great carnival of the year? Nor will I be too censorious over their conversation, by the way, when, after the silver cups had been awarded, amidst complimentary speeches, and the champagne had flowed freely—in which a party of "young ladies," under the chaperonage of a stout mamma, had moderately participated—I detected a certain levity of style, a want of "feather," only to be expected, just as when you catch a moth and examine the unfortunate insect after having crumpled it in your fist. Mincing maidens and sedate shop girls sometimes forget their reserve when on holiday bent; and the Miss Tomkins's on an evening's cruise, and the Miss Tomkins's on the next afternoon on the Terrace-walk, could surely never have been the same individuals! Ah, me!

In my days, Gravesend was to me the *dolce far niente* of peaceful enjoyment. No rude, rollicking cockneys, with their eternal passion for equestrian exploits, to the utter disregard of the quietly-disposed; no hawkers of indigestible whelks or shyers at cocoa-nuts; no immodesty or rough horseplay such as shock the senses at every turn, at some "resorts" I could mention, where there is scarcely a redeeming feature in the way of refinement. In the gardens of the Clarendon, or at the windows of the Falcon and other good hotels on the river-side the visitor may sit and listen to the near vibrations of the band upon the Terrace pier; can watch the coming and going of smartly-handled yachts, the scudding about of rowing and pleasure boats, the passage of great ships as they go lumbering

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up with the tide towards the busy docks. Out upon the river, and alongside the beach are boats innumerable—for rowing and sailing can here be enjoyed at an exceedingly moderate tariff—whilst the moonlight and other trips are to be pleasantly remembered by thousands besides myself amongst those who have selected Gravesend for their summer outing.

How fitful are the reminiscences that hover around the sick couch! Off at a tangent to the dancing waters of the Solent, where yachts are slanting to the glorious breeze, and the darkling hills of the Isle of Wight frown out upon the sea, as if in envy of us who are afloat on so magnificent a day. On to the pier at Ryde, where the band plays so sweetly in the deepening twilight, and where gay parties are moving briskly to and fro in the enjoyment of the summer evening air. Pleasant are the day trips to Sandown, Ventnor, and the Chines, where *al fresco* dinners are "the thing," between delightful drives, with which the island abounds. How brimful of mirth are the trips around the Needles—how exhilarating and pregnant with interest the imposing naval spectacles at Spithead, where Southsea is extravagant with the gaiety of thousands of visitors.

Again, there come back recollections of fine yachting cruises along the southern and western coasts, from Dover to Plymouth, putting in here and there for rest and recreation; quiet rowing along the sunny Thames—past Richmond, Twickenham, and Kew, with pic-nics in the Hampton Gardens. All these come welling up before me as I recline by the open window of this most salubrious of all watering-places—Torquay. Dear in memory is the old spot—long before it grew into the "forest of villas" it now is, when the Beacon Hill, just opposite my quiet lodging, was intact; before the new harbour had spread its arms to embrace the increased shipping of the port; before the wide tracts of green fields around Torre Abbey and the "Warren" had been disturbed by the operations of the builder. Edging the calm, still waters of the bay are pictures of natural beauty unrivalled in all my journeyings; while on the tide snowy-sailed yachts are borne in luxurious ease and grace, and from the villa-speckled hills—if one has the strength to mount long flights of steps and climb zigzag paths—there can be commanded a stretch of scenery, both land and sea, equalled only, so far as I know, by the classic Bay of Naples itself.

I have travelled much, and the pages of memory are adorned with many glowing pictures of pleasantry, and interest suggested by your article on "The days when we go Gipsying." They may come again some day; and this echo from the sick couch is uttered in no complaining mood. I envy not those who, in robust health and spirits, are now away upon the wings of holiday keeping. But even in this warm sequestered spot, this home of the zephyrs, I must close my windows early, and wish to one and all *bon voyage*, though I am still lying

ON MY BACK.

Torquay, 11th July 1882.

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"TRADING ON MASONRY."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I "should not have considered it worth while" to notice the letter of your correspondent "CARITAS CUM DISCRIMINE" were it not to point out how common has become the odious custom of indulging in personal vituperation amongst men. You have yourself deplored the accident, and I notice in your contemporary the *Freemason*, of the 24th ult., an exclamation of which note should be made by Masonic writers. "Is it not a wonderful thing that Freemasons can never write upon any subject whatever, apparently, without at once degenerating into obvious personalities?" It will be my aim to leave unsatisfied the latent curiosity of my Brother with the Latin cognomen. Very likely it would not have enlightened him much, or have "added force" to my letter, had I not "refrained from publishing my name and address." Suffice it to say his vision must be oblique if he imagined from my letter that I desire to constitute myself "the champion and apologist of Masonic tramps," or that his conclusion is any more well-founded when he imagines I am "either very young indeed in the Royal Art," or that I am myself the hero of the veracious story I relate "of the destitute Brother who unsuccessfully tackled the brethren at the bar of some imaginary hotel." You, Bro. Editor, know I am not the "identical wayworn gentleman in question;" and, indeed, had I been, the "touching facts" would hardly have gained any additional force by choosing to "declare myself in your columns." Our classical Brother should recollect that the amenities of journalism have not yet quite disappeared, and that to open rebutting evidence by a declamation against your opponent's *presumed* character is not the most Masonic or gentlemanly mode of argument. I will only add, on this part of the subject, that the galled jade always winces, and I can but come to the conclusion that my correspondent is a "very young Brother, unacquainted with the subject concerning which he writes so fluently," otherwise he would not have been "successfully tackled" by one who fleeced him out of a suit of clothes and two pounds to secure lodgings in a place to which he was recommended, who "never turned up at his destination," but who "got drunk on the way and cruised off to some fresh pastures, where by this time he may (*sic*) be fleecing another section of the Craft!"

Pardon me quoting so freely from the diction of my friend: it is as amusing as it is classical, and cannot be improved upon. But even a better point in the effusion is that he does not in the slightest sense touch the *principle* involved. In the first place, he evades the leading distinction between Masonic charity, which every Hiramite is bound to uphold, and turns off at a tangent upon "Masonic *Mendicancy*," which nobody mentioned, and which nobody can more abominate than my friend's "very young brother!" I entirely sympathise with "CARITAS CUM DISCRIMINE" in the position into which he has been thrust. "In a large city that occupies a central point for travellers, and on the high road between North and South"—upon my word I cannot for the life of me refrain from quoting again—he has undoubtedly had "unusual opportunities of seeing specimens of the Masonic mendicant;" yet, methinks his experience must have been unfortunate, or "very young," when he finds hurled at him "such torrents of blasphemous abuse," by "begging blackguards" to whom he has declined to give money. The alliteration is unique, but such epithets applied to Freemasonry are not gentle. He has had his temper ruffled, or he would not—have written that letter!

After all, my brother so benignly shows he has a large heart, and that his only object is to advocate *discrimination* in the giving of relief, that I mentally shake hands with him, and may some time or other give him my "name and address." I cordially agree with him in the belief, and I could strengthen that belief by reciting many instances, that "the every day charities of the brethren are very numerous." It is the glory of the Craft that this is so; but that it should be turned into an inquisitorial machine, and follow in the vein of a Charity Organisation Society, would be lamentably destructive of the high-minded and holy principle of Charity as defined in the Royal Art. As I hinted in my last letter, there are hundreds of worthy Masons to whom a practical illustration of the sentiments so freely uttered in the banquet hall would be as a heaven-sent blessing—who are too sensitive to appeal, but who, if *discriminately* relieved, would instinctively reflect the *real* Charity of Freemasonry a thousandfold more than does all the glitter and glare of our preaching at the dinner table.

Let us draw the distinction between the deserving object of our Charity, and the "Masonic mendicant" of whom your correspondent speaks. A simple means of checking the latter would be to endorse his certificate with a record of the date on which he was relieved, and the amount granted. How could such an unworthy brother long exist on ill-gotten aid? But to tar all with the same brush is not charitable, and the farthest idea from my mind was that "every Masonic beggar should be at once relieved, for fear that he should be better than he seems or looks." I am no stickler for any curtailment of the amenities of the Fourth Degree, for I believe they tend to generate the true spirit from which generosity flows; but when we find so much of what our American brethren call "high falutin'" over the charitable achievements of the Craft, compared with what is devoted to its pleasurable accompaniments, the world must draw its own conclusion as to the sincerity of our professions.

In a word, let "CARITAS CUM DISCRIMINE" agree with me that to inflict an inquisitorial examination upon a deserving brother who needs our assistance would be to drive him to desperation and to destitution before he would accept a gift ungracefully bestowed, while, on the other hand, to hand the certificates of *known* mendicants with the badge of their profession would be to banish them from the harvest fields of their illegitimate calling, and in a short time make their game not worth the candle. With hearty good wishes to my "very young brother," and to you, dear Sir, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

12th July 1882. "CONSTANT READER."

MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There is no doubt much truth in the remarks, published by you last week, of "CARITAS CUM DISCRIMINE." Every now and then cases of Masonic imposture are made known to the Craft in the columns of the Masonic journals. These have the effect of making Lodge almoners more wary, and the result is a decrease, as your correspondent says, in Masonic Mendicancy. But without endorsing all "A CONSTANT READER" has said on the subject, let me just point out that this extra caution may oftentimes be exercised to the detriment of really deserving applicants. Your earlier correspondent mentioned the case of a wayworn brother being sent empty away, and we have his assurance that the circumstances, as narrated by him, did occur. On the faith of that assurance, I say the facts are not creditable to the brethren of the locality in which they took place, and furnish one more apt illustration that caution may be carried too far. Let me mention a case of which I learned the particulars a few months ago, and in which this excessive caution would have been equally to be deplored. A brother from one of the remoter Provinces had occasion to visit London on a matter of business. On arrival he unfortunately fell into the hands of the Philistines, was hocussed, and when he came to his senses next morning found himself without his money and valuables. Of course, he had no business to fall into the hands of the Philistines, no business to allow himself to be hocussed, and therefore no business to be next morning minus his property. Nevertheless that was the predicament in which he found himself, and but for the timely loan of a few shillings he must have remained a good twenty-four hours houseless and foodless. As it was he was able to telegraph to his bankers, and the needful reached him the following morning. Let me ask "CARITAS CUM DISCRIMINE" if, in the case cited by a "A CONSTANT READER," it would have been serious departure from proper Masonic caution had the brethren mentioned dismissed their "wayworn brother" with the price of "glasses all round" in his empty pocket. I fancy, as a rule, your true Masonic Impostor lays himself out in a business-like way, to pocket large sums, and would curse you if you gave him

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the price of a bed and breakfast, just as the true London beggar will curse the passer by if the latter gives a loaf of bread instead of the price of a quartern of gin.

Moral: Extreme caution in bestowing alms must be avoided quite as much as extreme laxity.

Fraternally yours,

LONDONER.

PROVINCE OF DEVON AND THE R.M.I.B.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It may be some consolation to Brother Godtschalk if I, who read your late analytical article quite independently of all considerations save of those interest in what I was reading, and impartially as between one Province and another, assure him that, in what you said respecting Devon, I understood you to write in the sense you have since explained. I had no idea you were doing anything else than endeavour to account for the Province which, with its fifty Lodges, ranks in respect of numerical strength next after the two Lancashires and West Yorkshire, contributed what, seemingly, was so small a sum. I have noted these articles of yours with especial interest ever since they were begun, and I have remarked with satisfaction, not only how generally accurate they have been, but how careful you have been to offer what seemed to you to be a reasonable explanation for any apparent shortcomings on the part of this or that Province. If a Province has been absent from the subscription list to a Boys' Festival, you have accounted for that absence on the ground that it had figured at the preceding Girls' or Bene-Benevolent Festival. If its contribution is only a small one, you point out, where possible, that more could not have been expected, as it had already given liberally the year previous, or that, instead of giving one fairly large amount to a single Institution, it had preferred distributing its favours impartially among the three. When, therefore, I read your remarks about Devon in the present instance, I saw at once as I have already explained, that by the sentence—"But here again we have a local Charity, which diverts to its own use some of the moneys raised by the Craft in the county"—you intended nothing else than that, as it had a local Charity of its own, it could not in reason be expected to give as liberally to our central Charities as doubtless it would otherwise be desirous of doing. I recognised that the local fund which, I believe is an educational one, was doing good service, by relieving the Schools of a certain proportion of the pressure upon their resources, and under such circumstances, I felt with you that it would be unjust to expect its contribution should have been as large as if there had been no such Devon Fund or Institution.

We all know how hard Bro. Godtschalk works for his Province, and none know better than he and Bro. Curteis how great are the difficulties which brethren circumstanced as they are, must encounter in "raising the wind." I trust, therefore, after the full explanation you appended to his letter in your last week's issue, that he will see clearly, at all events not less clearly than your humble servant and brother, and independent reader, that nothing was further from your mind—if I may take the liberty of attempting to interpret it—than to suggest that, in what you said, you had any idea that the Provincial funds were diverted from the central Charities to the local.

I ask you to find space in your columns for this letter, simply because I imagine the independent testimony of one who is not a Devon Craftsman will go some way towards strengthening your explanation, should any doubt still linger in the mind of Bro. Godschalk.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

OUTSIDER.

OUR GIRLS' SCHOOL AND ITS RULES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

To amend Rule 56 as follows:—

"No girl shall be eligible for election, or for admission by purchase or otherwise who has a sister in the Institution, unless the number of vacancies is in excess of the number of candidates."

8 Thurloe-place S.W.
8th July 1882.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the Quarterly Court held this day, at Freemason's Hall, the above motion was brought forward by Bro. Tattershall, and carried by twelve to nine. The question was well argued on both sides, but as far as I could judge, the pith of the discussion was,—What is the proper definition of the word qualification in contradistinction to the word eligibility? On referring to the rules laid down for our guidance, we find that some of them are slightly contradictory the one of the other; for instance, Rule 56 says: "No Petition shall be received on behalf of any Girl who has a sister in the Institution unless the number of vacancies is in excess of the number of candidates," while Rule No. 63 says: "Any person may place a *properly qualified* Girl in the Institution, provided such Girl can be *conveniently* admitted, upon payment of 170 guineas in one sum, without voting in respect of any part thereof." Now, what I deduce from this last rule is,—that if the Girl can be conveniently admitted, and is properly qualified, there is nothing to prevent her—after payment of the above sum—being placed on the roll, whether she has a sister there or not. Now, we will imagine that the necessary qualifications are duly complied with, viz., that the father is, or was, a Mason of seven years' standing, or had suffered death from fire or shipwreck, or had become incapacitated from earning his livelihood from blindness or other infirmity, "that he was duly registered, and had paid his quarterages," "that he was lawfully married to the mother of the candidate," "that the certificate of his death or incapacity were in proper form," "that a certified copy of the register of birth of candidate, or other proof thereof, was produced," and "that the certificate of her health was satisfactory," then the child is eligible for admission, whether she have a sister or not. On the other hand, according to "Rule 56," no girl, whose admittance depends upon the number of votes she obtains, and whose support is received from the funds of the Institution, is eligible (though in other respects duly qualified) if she has already a sister in the School on the same terms.

My contention is, that when a petition is presented for the admission of a candidate (in all respects duly qualified), at the cost of extraneous friends, that she is a fit and proper child to be admitted, whether she has a sister or not, always provided that she can be conveniently admitted, that is, there is room for her in the Institution. One argument brought forward was, that where one girl had been brought forward in the usual way, and another by purchase, it might have been done in the former case; but a little thought will prove the fallacy of that, for who has not heard of favourites in a family, or one child having a more fairy godmother, or wealthy godfather, than the other? I am still further of opinion that no two sisters should be on the *funds* of the Institution at one time, for though at one election there may be a vacancy, yet at the next there may be, and generally are, more candidates than vacancies, and the two sisters may be in the School for three or four years, to the exclusion of other single candidates; but where the funds come from other sources, I can see no objection. After all, the rules at present admit sisters if there are vacancies, and candidates by purchase if they can be conveniently accommodated. So that you may have perfect qualification without eligibility, but not eligibility without the necessary qualification. This may be a subtle distinction, but there is a difference. For instance, it might so happen that the funds of the Institution did not admit the filling up the vacancies. Is, then, the girl to be disqualified where friends supply the funds because she has a sister in the School? I trow not. Again, it was brought forward that a petition in a purchase case was not necessary, but I opine that a petition is as necessary in the one case as the other, in order that proof of the necessary qualifications under any circumstances may be duly ascertained. According to my reading, I am of opinion that no sisters should be supported and educated out of the funds of the Institution for the same period, or any part thereof, but that there can be no objection to two or more, provided that only one is dependent on the general Fund, and the other or others from private sources.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

CONSECRATION OF THE WALDECK LODGE.

THE principal Masonic event of the week has been undoubtedly the Consecration of the new German Lodge, which took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday evening. Although there are so many Germans resident in England, and particularly in London, where there is a strong German element in the mercantile and trading community, there has, down to the present time, been only one Lodge essentially German in its character. That one Lodge, however, is German to the backbone, for in it the ceremonies and the whole of the transactions are carried on in the German language. The Lodge is called the Pilgrim, but one Lodge is insufficient to satisfy the Masonic requirements of the German portion of our metropolitan population; and a petition was presented to the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of English Freemasons, to grant a warrant for a new London Lodge specially devoted to the promotion of Freemasonry amongst Germans resident in London. In drawing up their petition a happy thought appears to have struck the gentlemen interested in the matter, and they seem to have won the sympathy of the Duke of Albany, Provincial Grand Master for Oxfordshire, by a compliment they paid to his bride, by asking permission to name the new Lodge the Waldeck Lodge, and to adopt as the insignia of the Lodge the arms of the house of Waldeck. The Grand Master, although he has of late years very wisely hesitated to grant warrants for additional new Lodges in London, and has for the most part only granted such warrants when the Lodges sought to be established have been of really representative character, was graciously pleased, under the circumstances of the case, to grant the requisite warrant, and the Duke of Albany consented to become one of its honorary members, and formally, through his Secretary, gave his sanction to the adoption by the Lodge as its insignia of the arms of the House of Waldeck. On Monday evening the new Lodge was consecrated, and the founders left nothing undone to secure for it an honourable position amongst London Lodges. Behind the Master's chair was displayed a very handsome banner bearing the Waldeck arms, which were also displayed upon the Master's collar. The ceremony of consecration was performed by Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary of England, and it may with confidence be asserted that that solemn ceremonial was never conducted in a more impressive manner. The Grand Secretary was assisted by Bros. Dr. E. E. Wendt, D.C.L., Grand Secretary for German Correspondence as S.W., John Messent Grand Sword Bearer as J.W., H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary as Inner Guard, the Rev. Thomas Cochrane, M.A., as Chaplain, and Frank Richardson Past Grand Deacon as Director of Ceremonies. There was also a very large number of Grand Officers and Provincial and District Grand Officers present, to witness the ceremony and grace the occasion. Bro. Julius Quitman, a Past Master of La Tolerance Lodge, is the first Master of the Waldeck. Bros. H. L. Wolters and Gustav Paul Weblen, both of whom are Past Masters of other Lodges, occupied the principal chairs. During the course of the ceremony the Rev. Thomas Cochrane delivered an admirable oration upon the principles and objects of Freemasonry, which was listened to with profound attention. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. Fred. H. Cozens, who was assisted by Bros. Lawler, Carter, and Ashton,

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and the manner in which they sang the anthems, &c., added not a little to the impressiveness of the proceedings. When the ceremony was concluded, and after the new Master and his Officers had been installed and invested, the Duke of Albany was elected an honorary member, which honour was also conferred on the Consecrating Officer Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, and the Grand Officers by whom he had been assisted. Bro. Quitman, the Master, in thanking Col. Clerke for the assistance he had given him, presented him, as Consecrating Officer, with a handsome jewel as a souvenir of the occasion. This is believed to be the first occasion on which a jewel has been presented to a Consecrating Officer.—*Evening News.*

THE THEATRES, &c.

COVENT GARDEN.—ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA. This evening, LE PROPHETE. On Monday, DON GIOVANNI. On Tuesday, MEFISTOFELE. On Wednesday, LA TRAVIATA. On Thursday, MEFISTOFELE.

DRURY LANE.—ELIZABETH.

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PRINCESS'S.—At 7.30, A PHOTOGRAPHIC FRIGHT. At 8, THE ROMANY RYE.

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PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.40, THE MARBLE ARCH. At 8.30, THE COLONEL.

STRAND.—At 7.30, TWO TO ONE. At 8.10, THE MASCOTTE.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES. At 8.30, PATIENCE. This day (Saturday), at 2.30, also.

AVENUE.—At 7.30, SIMPSON AND DELILAH. At 8.15, MANTEAUX NOIRS.

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

CRITERION.—At 8, CUPID IN CAMP. At 8.45, THE WEDDING MARCH.

COURT.—At 8, MY LITTLE GIRL. At 8.45, THE PARVENU.

ALHAMBRA.—At 7.45, BABIL AND BIJOU.

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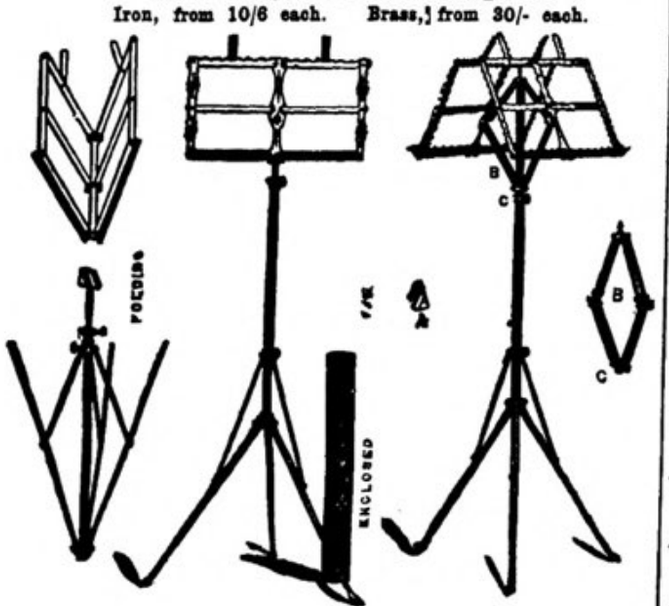

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GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

THE SESQUI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

AT a very early hour of the morning of the 24th June, the incoming trains brought into the city of Philadelphia delegations of Masons from all localities, principally within a radius of 100 miles, to join in the public as well as secret commemoration of the sesqui-centennial of the founding of Masonry in this State, for although a number of Masons met as early as 1730, at the old Tun Tavern, in Water-street, it was not until St. John's Day, 1732, that the G. Lodge was formed.

Great preparations had been made for the celebration, and it was looked forward to with joyal anticipation. Although the orders of Chief Marshal Hartranft directed the assembling of the Lodges at 8 o'clock, it was fully thirty minutes after before the first one put in appearance; but from this time until quarter after nine they came into column rapidly.

There was a prodigal supply of music, and, what was matter for general comment, an entire absence of banners of any kind. To the lookers-on there was an impressively funereal aspect to this body of 6,000 men, marching without a bit of colour overhead. The flash of jewels and swords, and the sturdy blare of the trumpets, in a bright morceau from some popular opera, were the only reliefs. Broad-street, along the entire route was filled with people, and here and there a flag was thrown to the breeze; but, as a rule, the lookers-on exhibited a blending of admiration with awe, as though they were under the spell of mystery which clothes this Order. In the vicinity of the Temple, however, the thoroughfare was densely packed, and along the northern front of the Public Buildings, from which a splendid view of the march and countermarch could be obtained, thousands upon thousands of people were ranged.

The Eighth Division, which marched in the van of the procession, formed on the east side of Broad-street, with the head of the column resting on Chestnut-street. It was marshalled by Robert P. Dechert and the following aids:—O. C. Bosbyshell, P. L. Goddard, Louis J. Ladner, and C. W. Schuellerman. The Division included Lodges Nos. 498 to 558 and a number of visiting Lodges.

The Seventh Division, marshalled by J. P. S. Gobin and aids, Benjamin Kauffman, C. N. Brower, George Valentine, and N. H. E. Marter, came next. The Division formed on the west side of Broad-street, with the head of the column on Walnut-street. It comprised Lodges from Nos. 445 to 496, and several Lodges from the interior of the State.

The Sixth Division formed on Spruce-street, east of Broad. The head of the column rested on Broad-street. Lodges Nos. 392 to 444 were in line. The Division was marshalled by C. W. Batchelor and aids.

The Fifth Division, marshalled by William B. Smith, formed on Spruce-street, west of Broad, the head of the column resting on Broad-street. The Marshal's aids were:—William A. Whitherup. L. S. Prince, William H. Clothier, Peterson B. Calvert, James P. Malseed, Charles E. Wright. A number of Visiting Lodges marshalled with this Division.

The Fourth Division, marshalled by John W. Scholl, formed on Locust-street, east of Broad, with the right of column resting on Broad-street. The Division included such Lodges as chose to participate from Lodge No. 289 to No. 339. Marshal Scholl was assisted by the following aids:—P. M. Washabaugh, E. D. Sparks, J. H. Hooven, and G. P. Dennis.

Presley A. Guthrie marshalled the Third Division, including Lodges from Nos. 233 to 288. The Division formed on Locust-street, west of Broad, with right resting on Broad-street. Major J. W. Ryan and T. J. Henderson acted as aids.

The Second Division, under the marshalship of General George R. Snowden, assisted by E. W. Patton and G. W. Fox aids, formed on Walnut-street east of Broad, with right resting on Broad-street. The Division included such Lodges as desired to participate from No. 232 to No. 75.

The First Division, under James W. Latta Marshal, brought up the rear of the column as the command moved up Broad street, and took the head of the column as it countermarched down from Columbia avenue. The Divison formed on Walnut-street, east of Broad, and included Lodges from No. 2 to No. 72, and visitors who were not the guests of any particular Lodge.

Marshal Latta was assisted by Charles Watson, Nathan H. Pennypacker, H. G. Schoemaker, and Hiram Fisher.

Among the Visiting Lodges were No. 21, from Harrisburg, J. C. Hesaman Marshal; No. 75, from Phœnixville, F. B. Rhoads Marshal; No. 310, from West Chester, George R. Hoopes Marshal, and No. 420, from Conshohocken, Charles A. Maxwell Marshal. There were also Lodges from Chester, Norristown, Reading, and Lancaster, and representatives from the Grand Lodges of New Jersey, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware, Ohio, and the District of Columbia in line While the procession, under General Hartranft, was marching out Broad-street, the Grand Lodge went into session in the Temple, to which none but members were admitted. After the opening, the Hon. Samuel B. Dick, Grand Master, made an address, stating the purpose of the ceremonies of the day, and tendering a fraternal welcome to the Visitors. Then followed—

An address by Past Master of Lodge No. 408, Brother of the Hon. Pearson Church, Presiding Judge of Crawford county. Subject:—"The growth of the Grand Lodge."

An address by Past Master of Lodge No. 71, the Hon. Thomas J. Clayton, President Judge of Deleware county. Subject:—"The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Pennsylvania."

An address by Brother Past Master Samuel Harper, of Lodge No. 219, at Pittsburg. Subject:—The Relation of Our Subordinate Lodges to Our Grand Lodge," and the anthem, "Ad Primum," music and chorus being under the direction of Brother Aaron R. Taylor.

After the benediction and closing of the Lodge, the doors were opened, and then the members, with distinguished visiting brethren from abroad, awaited the approach of the head of the column, by the countermarch between ranks, down Broad-street, which brought the 1st Division to the front. A brief halt was then made, when the march to the Academy was taken up in this order:—

John F. Hartranft Chief Marshal.

George H. North Chief of Aids.

Russell Shayer, Silas W. Pettit, Aaron K. Dunkle, B. K. Jamison, William Baldwin, James C. Wray, Theo. E. Weidersheim, S. Bonnaffon jun., James D. Keyser, James M. Cox, E. G. Martin, M.D., B. Frank Eshleman, and Otto Schaettle, Aids.

George W. Wood Grand Marshal of Grand Lodge.

William W. Allen, J. Parker Martin, and Arthur Thatcher, Aids.

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Michael Nesbit Grand Secretary.

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Among the Visiting Grand Lodge Officers from other jurisdictions who have accompanied the Grand Lodge were William Hardacre R.W. Grand Master New Jersey; Joseph W. H. Watson R.W. Grand Master Delaware; John S. Tyson R.W. Grand Master Maryland; Jacob H. Medary Grand Secretary Maryland; James D. Mason Grand Treasurer Maryland; W. Abrahams R.W. Deputy Grand Master Maryland; Edward M. L. Ehlers Grand Secretary New York; Albert G. Goodnall Grand Lodge New York; Zachariah Deddrick Trustee Grand Lodge New York.

Although the arrangements were such that the line of procession would not reach the Academy of Music, where the public ceremonies were held, until half-past 12 o'clock, a great throng of people had assembled in front of the house fully two hours before that time. All the hotels and other public places on Broad-street and many private houses were decked out in national and Masonic colours. As the hours wore on the spectators increased in number, and at noon, when the Academy doors were opened, the ingenuity of the police was put to the test in opening a channel for the passage of the line into the Academy.

When the members of the Grand Lodge reached Broad and Locust-streets, they marched to the stage door of the Academy, were the Officers and Committees took seats on the stage. Among the prominent men were Judge William Donaldson, of Pottsville, the oldest member of the Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania; Sam. C. Perkins, a Past Master Philadelphia, lawyer, and President of the Public Building Commission; and Bro. Clifford P. McCalla, a prominent worker in the Bi-Centennial cause, and the man who introduced the resolution in the Grand Lodge under which authority was first granted for the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary.

In the distribution of tickets the authorities of the Grand Lodge restricted their patronage to the members of the Masonic Order. When the line reached the Temple on the return march the subordinate Lodges scattered for their respective headquarters instead of assembling in the Academy. The consequence was that there was scarcely more than 200 persons in the auditorium when the Germania Orchestra, under the direction of William Stoll jun., opened the exercises with Weber's overture, "Jubal."

There were no decorations in the house except three rectangular tablets of white immortelles, upon the centre of which were the Grand Lodge initials "G. L. of Pa.," and on the others the Masonic years 5732 and 5882. At the conclusion of the first orchestral rendering, Bishop Whitehead invoked the Divine blessing.

A very interesting feature of the morning exercises at the Temple was the presentation of a gavel to the Grand Lodge, the gift of the Masonic Veterans' Association. The gavel is made from one of the columns that stood in the old Masonic Hall, on Filbert-street, which has been recently torn down. The column was of hard wood, and from it were made two gavels, one to be used by the Veterans at their meetings and the other presented to the Grand Lodge. The latter is very handsomely mounted with bands of silver, and on the outer rim is affixed a Veteran's badge. Upon the silver band is the following inscription:—

"The Masonic Veterans of Pennsylvania, on the occasion of the Sesqui-Centennial of the first Grand Lodge in America, formed at Philadelphia, 24th June 1732, present this gavel, made of wood of the Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall, erected in 1802, on Filbert-street, above Eighth-street, Philadelphia, to the R.W.G. Lodge of Pennsylvania Free and Accepted Masons, 24th June 1882."

The Presentation was made by Brother Charles E. Meyer, President

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of the Veterans' Association, in a neat address, and received on the part of the Grand Lodge by R.W. Brother Samuel B. Dick Grand Master.

[We are, unfortunately, compelled by pressure on our space to hold over, till next week, the remainder of this very interesting article.—Ed. F.C.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

STOWMARMET was *en fete* on Friday last, the 7th inst., on the occasion of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk holding its annual meeting and Lodge there, under the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Waveney, and Officers of the Province. The town was decorated with flags and banners. At the Railway Station a string of banners stretched across the road, and flags were displayed on the steeple of the church. At the station, the band of the S.R.V., under Bandmaster Gooding, met the trains bringing in the visiting Brethren, and played in excellent style, and the church bells rang out merrily. The Lodge in the Assembly Room at the Corn Exchange, and its approaches, was profusely decorated with flowers, and some fine potted specimens of the *Phomium variegatum* (New Zealand flax). The baloony outside was draped with scarlet, with yellow fringe, with good effect. The Corn Hall was laid for banquet, and elaborately decorated in white and crimson, and the stencil-board festooned with fringes and tassels. A trophy of flags, with banners, and elaborate star, was displayed at each end in the centre, and banners were also displayed on either side, and there were also elegant trophies at each window. Each banner, of very handsome character, had an appropriate motto, in gold on a blue ground. The tables were choicely decorated with flowers, and ice pedestals with flowers were conspicuous and elegant. The *tout ensemble* was light, cheerful, and elegant in the extreme, and reflected great credit on those gentlemen who superintended them. These were the worthy W.M. Bro. F. Long, Bro. S. H. Wright Secretary, Bro. J. Mackney P.M. Master of Ceremonies, assisted by Bros. Peddar P.M., Simmonds S.D., F. Betts S.W., the latter kindly providing reception rooms for the Provincial Grand Officers at the entrance to the ball, where light refreshments were laid out. Bro. Gooding also rendered good assistance. The able decorator was Bro. Chas. Holborn, Norwich. Bros. Andrews and Read received the Provincial Grand Officers. The banquet and refreshments were catered for by Bro. E. Bridges, in his well-known excellent style. The trains brought in a large number of visiting Brethren time after time during the morning. The Board of General Purposes met at eleven o'clock, for the transaction of business. Bro. Clarke, Past Grand Pursuivant of England, was, as usual, the Director of Ceremonies of the Province, the duties of which office, it is needless to say, were performed with his well-known efficiency. Bro. W. H. Lucia was also the able Secretary, whose onerous duties always seem to sit lightly upon him. Procession being formed, the M.W.P.G. Master opened the Lodge, which was admirably decorated with trophies of flags and banners, with Masonic emblems and mottoes, the banners of the several Lodges represented being also placed round the walls. After the Lodge had been properly opened, the Worshipful Prov. Grand Master appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. Dakin Registrar, Yonell Treasurer, F. Long P.G.S.W., Woolnough P.G.J.W., Rev. Griffith P.G. Chaplain, Mann P.G. Organist, Baines P.G. Pursuivant, Chapman, Woodward, and Ecclestone, P.G. Stewards, Brown S.D., Annes J.D., Tennant P.G. Director of Works, Clarke P.G. Director of Ceremonies, Hartcup Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Barber P.G. Sword Bearer, Syer Tyler. The P.G. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, referring especially to the loyal address sent by the Province to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the dastardly attempt made upon her life, and the gracious reply in acknowledgment. Procession was then made, headed by the Stowmarket Rifle Band, to church, where the brethren attended divine service. Prayers were read by the Rev. W. Wright curate, and Bro. the Rev. A. Tighe-Gregory, first lesson (King's dedication of the Temple), by the P.G. Chaplain, and the second lesson by Bro. the Rev. A. Tighe-Gregory, Vicar of Bawdsey, both lessons being appropriate to the occasion. The anthem was Hopkins', from Psalm xxiv., "Lift up your heads," the P.G. Chaplain reading the concluding prayers. The service was choral, and well rendered by a surpliced choir. There were also two special hymns sung, copies of which were distributed in the church. The sermon was preached by the P.G. Chaplain, from 1 Peter ii. 5, and was a thoroughly Masonic discourse, "sermons in stones" being the idea carried throughout, comparing ourselves to stones in the great building of life. He traced mankind to the time of flint implements, when our forefathers had nothing better to work with, up to the present period of high civilisation and skill, and drew lessons for the guidance, warning, and comfort of his hearers. The preacher referred indignantly to the odium brought on Masonry on the Continent by the wretched apostasy of some members who violated, not only their oath as Masons, but their very allegiance to their country. He said he considered that Christianity was the highest form of Masonry, and Masonry he looked upon as St. Paul did the Mosaic law, as a "Schoolmaster to bring us to Christ." He referred to the universal bond of fellowship amongst all peoples, of all religious opinions, to be found amongst Masons, such as made the fiery Afghan spare his powerless enemy. He trusted they all, initiated and uninitiated, were "Living stones" being built upon the chief corner stone, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The P.G. Organist presided ably at the organ. After service the brethren reformed and marched back to the Lodge. A resolution was carried in answer to a communication from the Grand Lodge, suggesting that all Lodges (except military ones) should pay 1s 6d quarterly, instead of 1s as heretofore, to the Fund of Benevolence. After some formal business was gone through, the M.W.P.G.M. announced that the offertory amounted to £6 10 2½d, which was given to the Stowmarket Schools, with thanks to the Rector of Stowmarket for kindly placing the church at their disposal. A vote of condolence and sympathy was passed to the V.W. the D.P.G.M. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain of England, on the great bereavement he had sustained in the loss of his amiable wife, and expressing an earnest trust that the Great Architect of the Universe would afford him consolation and support under his heavy loss. The M.W.P.G.M. made some very feeling remarks on this subject, and the resolution was carried in solemn silence. P.G. Lodges were represented, from Norfolk by B. P. Soman G.S. of Norfolk, Essex, and Hertfordshire. The Grand Master expressed his deep regret at the absence of the Deputy P.G. Master, whom he might say was from home, seeking from the Great Architect of the Universe that consolation which He never refuses to those who "seek him faithfully."

The banquet was admirably served in the Corn Hall by Bro. E. Bridges, to which a large company of brethren sat down, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, supported by his Officers. The following were the Prov. Grand Officers present:—Bros. W. P. Mills P.P.G.S.W. 376, H. C. Casley P.P.G.J.W. 114, W. H. Lucia P.G. Sec., W. Clarke P.G.P., W. Boby P.P.G.S.W., Rev. A. Tighe-Gregory P.G.P. Chaplain 81, J. H. Staddon P.P.G.S.W. 376, F. A. Mann P.G. Organist 1452, F. C. Atkins P.G.O. Norfolk, S. H. Wright P.P.G.J.W. 516, F. Long P.P.G.D.C. 516, J. Terry P.P.G.S.W., W. A. Bowler P.Z. 51, G. Abbott P.P.G.S.B. 225, J. W. Shepherd P.G.S.W. 1592, T. F. Lucia P.P.G.J.W. 1008, J. Napier P.G.S. 225, G. Stevens Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon 52, W. Dods P. Prov. J.W., B. W. Syer P.G.T. 376, W. W. Walesby P.P.G.S. of Works 927, S. Bacon P.G. Steward Norfolk, P. Soman P.G. Steward Norfolk, G. H. Grimwood P.G.S. of W. 1224, R. W. Saul P.G.S.D. 71, C. F. Browne P.P.G.S.B. 81, W. B. Jeffries P.P.G.S. of W. 376; W. Hart P.P.G.J.D. 332, W. Wilmshurst P.P.G.S.B. 81, N. Tracey P.P.G.J.W. 376, F. Whisstock P.P.G.R. 81, J. Franklin P.P.G.P. 100, C. Cooke P.P.G.J.D. 1823, J. R. Thompson P.P.G.S.B. 1008, W. J. Nunn P.P.G.S.D. 1592, A. Cracknell P.P.G.S.B. 1668, W. Armstrong P.P.G.D. 1592, J. M. Harvey P.P.G.P. 936, R. Stevens P.P.G.D.C. Norfolk, H. J. Wright P.G.P. 936, H. Sidney P.G.D.C. 376, G. J. Paine P.G.S.W. 1008, Horace Lucia P.G.S. 1592.

On Saturday last the Prince and Princess of Wales visited Twickenham, for the purpose of opening the new wing of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage, at Strawberry Hill. This ceremony having been carried out, the awards made in the exhibition of works of art and utility, contributed exclusively by members of the Police force, were presented by Her Royal Highness, who also signed the certificates of merit, among the fortunate recipients being Sergeant Ward, for plans of Yalding and neighbourhood, in connection with the mysterious disappearance and murder of the girl Georgiana Moore; Inspector Wells, for a plan and sketch of Knoll Villa, Kingston, where Police Constable Atkins was murdered last autumn by an unknown burglar; and Inspector Moser, of Scotland Yard, for three drawings, in black and white, two of them being of exceptional merit.

We hear that their Royal Highnesses the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, of Wales have enrolled themselves as members of the Humane Society, established in connection with *Little Folks*. The July part of this magazine, in addition to the names of their Royal Highnesses, contains the names and addresses of between four and five thousand new officers and members. The *Little Folks* Humane Society, which was inaugurated at the commencement of the present year, now numbers nearly twelve thousand officers and members, and a large number of children are daily joining its ranks.

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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.

SATURDAY, 15th JULY.

1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New North-road, S.E., at 7. (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)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

MONDAY, 17th JULY.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
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, 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)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)

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
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.
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. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury.
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 18th JULY.

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)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
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)
704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
783—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, 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)
1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
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)
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 1305—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemason's Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
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.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1784—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 JULY.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
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.)
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)
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
1284—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)
1638—Brownrigg, Swan Hotel, Kingston on Thames
1662—Beaconsfield, Chemers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1731—Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
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. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.

20—Royal Kent of Antiqnity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
131—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
325—St. John,s Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
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. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 20th JULY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
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, Spotted Dog, Upton
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
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.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
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
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Ralgan Tavern, Plumstead

FRIDAY, 21st JULY.

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.)
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)
975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond
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)
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.)

152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
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, Levensbulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1493—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
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 22nd JULY.

1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New North-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1274—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)

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

RICHMOND is a place of all others to visit, both by the initiated and uninitiated, when pleasure is the object. There is no place within easy reach of metropolitans which offers so many attractions. There is the Park, there is the river, and to the visitor who needs alimentary and spiritual comfort there is, above all things, the Star and Garter Hotel, a famous hostelry, which, we were on the point of saying, has been for centuries past the central attraction of the royal hamlet of Sheen. There is no place within the precincts of the metropolis which offers the same attractions as Richmond. Its Park is magnificent, its historical and personal associations only need to be referred to, while the magnificent hill and the meandering Thames, with its enticing eyots, offers a scene which, for its picturesqueness, it will be difficult to surpass. No wonder, then, that it should be selected as a resort by the cultivated holiday-maker, as well as by his lowlier fellows; and no wonder, in consequence, that a Lodge of Freemasons, which has, so to speak, the whole world to choose from, should select this particular spot for the celebration of its Summer Festival.

We have more than once been asked—What is the good of a Summer Festival? It does nothing to advance the cause of Freemasonry, and there are those who think it might be dispensed with. We are of a different opinion. We believe in Festivals, as promoting good-fellowship; and in Summer Festivals especially, because they afford an opportunity for the fair sex to take part in the celebrations. Thus it came about on Tuesday that, in spite of the deplorable weather, that the brethren of the Domatic Lodge found much to reconcile them to the fate (fête) arranged for them. Neither rude Boreas nor any other Ruler of the winds, not even old Æolus himself with all his bags deranged, had the slightest influence in deterring our Domatic friends from the essential purpose of the day, to wit, that of enjoying themselves and establishing firmly the enjoyment of their guests. The Star and Garter, moreover, is, as we have said, an acceptable hostelry, where even a "Heathen Chinee" might find it a matter of difficulty not to enjoy himself. And further, there were genial spirits in charge of the arrangements, to wit, Bros. Maclean W.M., G. Everett Treasurer, Morris Secretary, and the Stewards generally, who made it their business to meet, even by anticipation, the requirements of those present. The banquet, or by whatever name else it may be described, was in all respects commendable; there was abundance, and of the best quality, both as regards edibles and potables. The service, likewise, was of a satisfactory character, and none rose from the table who had not been fully satisfied in all respects. On the removal of the cloth, grace was sung, the toast list was attacked, and due honour was paid to that of the Queen and the Craft. Brother Kent followed with the toast of the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. He spoke at length of the services rendered to the Craft by His Royal Highness, and the amazing progress it had made since his installation. He referred, in graceful terms, to the interest taken by the Princess of Wales in all good works, and likewise to the Masonic zeal of the Duke of Connaught, as well as to the interest exhibited by Prince Leopold Duke of Albany, not only on things Masonic, but likewise in matters scientific and literary. Bro. Ferguson proposed, in cordial terms, the health of the Worshipful Master, who acknowledged the compliment with equal cordiality. "The Visitors" found an able advocate in Bro. Ferguson and two capable respondents—shall we say co-respondents?—in the persons of Bros. Webb and T. C. Walls. Bro. Everett paid a high compliment to the Press, of whose welfare and even necessity they had had an illustration that day, and Bro. W. W. Morgan responded in suitable terms. The merits of "the ladies," and the value of their presence on this and similar occasions were set forth with becoming grace and ability by Bro. Herbage, and Mr. W. G. Kent, as representative of the Fair Sex, expressed his thanks on their behalf most warmly, and be it added, most appropriately. Terpsichore then appeared on the scene, and at her bidding the brethren and guests most willingly set themselves to the agreeable task of illustrating her mysteries. The series of movements in her behalf were at last brought to a conclusion, and the Lodge and Visitors dispersed for home, after, even in spite of the weather, one of the most agreeable meetings in which it has been our privilege to take a part. Amongst those present we may mention Bro. James Maclean W.M. and Mrs. Maclean, Bro. George Everett P.M. and Treasurer and Mrs. and Miss Everett, Bro. White P.M. and Mrs. White, Bro. W. P. Webb W.M. 1381 and Mrs. Webb, Mr. G. L. and Mrs. Everett, Mrs. Hugall, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Manley, Bro. A. and Mrs. Gidding, Harry Price, W. Wilkinson, Bro. W. M. and Mrs. Foxcroft, W. Day and Miss Foxcroft, J. Sidney Tomkins C.C., G. A. Garratt and Miss Garratt, Bro. W. Mann P.M. 1381, Mr. and Mrs. James Ringwood, Bro. F. Kent P.M. C.C. and Mrs. Kent, Mr. W. G. Kent and Miss Shepherd, Bro. E. Storr and Mrs. Storr, Bro. T. Morris, T. Morris jun., and Miss Morris, Bro. R. Harvey, Bro. G. W. and Mrs. and Miss Knight, Bros. G. and W. and Mrs. Millan, Bro. and Mrs. Perry, Bro. W. W. Morgan, Bro. G. and Mrs. Gardner, Bro. and Mrs. Rippin, Bro. T. C. Walls, Bro. Ferguson P.M., Bro. Wade (Mayor of Kingston) and Mrs. Wade, Bro. and Mrs. Herbage, Bro. and Mrs. Welch, Bro. Birch, &c. &c.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At the meeting held on the 11th instant, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, there were present Bros. Moss W.M., Shadler S.W., Daniel J.W., Clements Sec., Hansbecker S.D., Oxley I.G. Visitors—Bros Turner, Standford, Walker, Roberts, Waldeck. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second degree, and Bro. Turner as candidate for raising was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge opened in third degree, and Bro. Turner was raised, the W.M. giving the traditional history in a most impressive manner, and explaining the five points of fellowship at length. Lodge resumed to first degree, when Bro. Standford answered the questions and was entrusted. Lodge resumed to second degree, and Bro. Standford was passed. Lodge resumed to third, and closed to first degree. Bro. Shadler was elected W.M. for ensuing Tuesday.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—At the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on Monday, 10th inst. Bros. Taplin W.M., Brooks S.W., Rowles J.W., Fleming S.D., Bailey J.D., Phillips I.G. and Tyler. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bailey the candidate. Bro. Bailey (an E.A.) was interrogated before passing. Bro. Brooks S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was closed and adjourned until Monday, the 17th July.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the meeting on Friday, 7th July, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. C. Andrews P.M. W.M., F. Botley S.W., Tucker J.W., C. E. Botley S.D., Blasby P.M. J.D., Goss P.M. I.G.; also Bros. Maton, Turner, S. Turner 1129, Hewlings. After preliminaries, Bro. Tucker gave the lecture on the second tracing board. The questions leading to the third degree were asked and answered by the brethren. Lodge opened in the third degree, and closed to the first. An Audit Committee was appointed for 21st July, at 7.30 p.m. Bro. F. Botley was elected W.M. for 14th July. Lodge closed, and adjourned until 14th July at 8 p.m.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 11th July, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Wallington P.M. and Preceptor of the Lodge W.M., Wardell S.W., Brasted J.W., Catling S.D., Robinson J.D., Bunker I.G., F. Carr Secretary; also Bros. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., Cushion, Lorkin, Olly, A. Clark, Barnes P.M., Marsh, Smyth, Parfitt, Christian, Young, Allen, Boyce, Dignam, Darnell, and several others. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. then delivered his lecture explanatory of the rituals and ceremonies of the first degree, to the great pleasure and satisfaction of all the brethren assembled, who afterwards conferred upon him the only honour they could, that of making him an hon. member of the Lodge. Bro. Stevens showed his appreciation of this compliment by some very kind remarks, and a promise to visit the Lodge again. A vote of thanks was given to our respected Preceptor for occupying the chair on this occasion. W. E. Gray, of Lodge No. 1158, and Bro. *B. Stewart*, of 1278, were elected members. After a W.M. was elected for the ensuing week, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

CORNWALLIS LODGE, No. 1107.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swanley, on Wednesday, 5th instant, on which occasion Bro. H. Cleverly was installed as W.M. The business of the day commenced at 3.30, when Bro. J. J. Michael the W.M. of the past year opened the Lodge, and in due form obligated the W.M. elect. A board of Installed Masters having been formed, Brother Cleverly was duly placed in the chair, and in customary form appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Daniels S.W., Morgan jun. J.W., J. Storey P.M. Treas., C. Reuter P.M. Sec., Hubbard S.D., Edwards I.G., Knight P.M. M.C., &c. The installation ceremony being completed, the W.M. proceeded to close his Lodge. Previous to doing so, several items of business, including a discussion regarding the entertainment of Prov. Grand Lodge on the occasion of the special meeting to be held in the neighbourhood on the 15th, were disposed of. A Committee was appointed to arrange what the Lodge should do in reference to the meeting referred to. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the new W.M., who, in due course, gave the usual toasts. A special feature of the meeting was the presentation to Bro. Michael, or rather to his wife, of a handsome tea service, as some recognition on the part of the brethren of the services he had rendered to the Lodge during the past year, which was the second during which he had acted as W.M. of the Lodge. The customary jewel having been presented to him on the former occasion, the testimonial he was now deemed worthy of took the form mentioned. He was, however, presented with a miniature jewel as a personal memento. The toasts were interspersed with songs and recitations, and altogether a most enjoyable day was spent.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—The usual meeting was held on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton. Present—Bros. R. R. Johnstone W.M., H. Hooper S.W., E. M. Money J.W., E. A. Francis Preceptor, H. M. Williams Secretary, T. C. Edmonds S.D., G. Monk J.D., A. W. S. Hoare Organist, R. Poore I.G., and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were unanimously confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Francis as candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Williams as candidate. Lodge was opened in the third, and closed to the first degree. It was proposed by the W.M., seconded by Bro. Secretary, and resolved, that Bro. A. W. S. Hoare, Trinity College Lodge, No. 1765, be elected a member. Bro. Hoare thanked the brethren, and trusted

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he should be able to profit by the excellent working of the Lodge. The thanks of the brethren were accorded to Bro. R. R. Johnstone W.M. for the admirable manner he had that evening rehearsed the ceremonies, especially on occupying the chair for the first time in his Masonic career. Bro. H. Hooper was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned, after a most enjoyable and profitable evening.

CLAREMONT LODGE, No. 1861.

THE installation meeting of this young and improving Lodge was held on Monday, 10th inst., at the School-room, Park-road, Esher. Lodge was opened at 3.15 by the W.M. Bro. J. M. Collins, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ceremony of passing Bro. Fisher was efficiently performed by the W.M. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of that indefatigable Mason Bro. H. E. Frances P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Surrey. Bro. F. A. Manning P.M. was then presented by the W.M., and the ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. Frances. On re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. F. W. T. Goddard S.W., B. Williams J.W., J. Snowden S.D., S. Ward J.D., J. M. Bastone I.G., A. Fisher W.S. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens and Brethren were most impressively given by the I.P.M. Bro. Collins, Bro. Vincent P.M., and Bro. Frances P.M. The new W.M. then presented his banner to the Lodge, and this having been accepted, a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was placed by the W.M. on the breast of his predecessor, Bro. Collins, who gracefully acknowledged the same. Business of the evening ended, the Lodge was closed in due form, with solemn prayer. The brethren afterwards reassembled and partook of a most récherché banquet, which did great credit to the caterer, Mr. Bartholomew. Banquet over, the W. Master, in a few well-chosen words, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the R.W. the P.G.M. for Surrey, General Brownrigg, C.B., and the P.G. Officers, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Vincent P.M. P.G.S. for Surrey. This toast, we need hardly state, was drunk in the most cordial and enthusiastic manner. Bro. Vincent in responding said: "W. Master, I beg most sincerely to thank you for the very flattering terms in which you have proposed the toast of the Prov. G. Master and his Officers; and you, brethren, for the cordial manner in which you have responded to the same. I assure you, W. Master and brethren, that I feel highly complimented—nay flattered—at having my name associated with this important toast, more especially when I see around this festive board so many high and distinguished brethren. Really, W. Sir, I hardly think myself deserving of such an honour, and I feel a diffidence in replying in the presence of so many of the Stars of Masonry. I am but an humble member of the Craft, and I think the toast might have been left in far abler hands. W. Sir, as you have called upon me, I will, to the best of my ability, respond. I will take this opportunity of saying to my younger brethren that Masonry is far more than a name, and that the higher they advance in the Craft the more they will be convinced of this. Masonry is the very essence of all that is good; having for its basis brotherly love, and the greatest of all Christian virtues—Charity. Yes, my young brethren, you have only to make yourselves acquainted with our noble Institutions, the Boys' and Girls' Schools, where so many of the children of our deceased brethren receive the greatest boon man can give—a good liberal education. Many a poor widow, even while I am speaking, is blessing the day when her departed husband was admitted to our noble Fraternity, because she feels that we are acting, not only as brothers, but as fathers to her dear ones, and we as Masons will continue so to do whilst the Great Architect of the Universe bles es us with means. Then I would also call your attention to the Asylum for Aged Freemasons, and the widows of our departed brethren, where the aged ones are passing the remainder of their days in peaceful happiness, free from all care, and sheltered in their old age from the storms of life by the kind and thoughtful bounty of their more fortunate brethren. May these noble Institutions meet consideration at your hands, my young brethren, and you may rest assured that what you give will be returned to you threefold, and you will have the happiness of feeling that you are doing good to those who need it. I again thank you, Worshipful Master and Brethren, for the kind manner in which this toast has been received. The W.M. then entrusted his gavel to Bro. Collins I.P.M., who proposed the health of the W.M, stating that he felt sure that the brethren had made a happy choice in placing so excellent a brother in the chair, and trusted that Bro. Manning would long be spared to Freemasonry. The toast was honoured with a true Surrey fire. The W.M. in reply said he thanked the I.P.M. very sincerely for the kind and flattering terms in which he had proposed the toast, and also the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had responded. He had always taken a great interest in the Craft, and to the best of his ability would carry out the duties of his high and important trust. The next toast was one that, in the Claremont Lodge, is always received with enthusiasm—that of the Visitors. The W.M. remarked that he was pleased to see amongst his guests a member of Grand Lodge—Bro. Magnus Ohren, and also a Past Provincial Grand Officer—Bro. Robbins. To both these worthy brethren, and also to the other Visitors, he extended a most hearty welcome, and hoped that they would again favour the Lodge with their presence on some future occasion. The toast was most ably and gracefully responded to by Bro. Ohren and Bro. Robbins, both of whom gave some excellent advice to the brethren. The other toasts were those of the Past Masters and Officers, which again were duly responded to. The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a very happy evening. The Visitors were Bro. M. Ohren P.M. P.G.D.C., Robbins P.M., W. H. Bosswell P.M., Steele P.M., Porcheron 12, Hitchins, T. Charlton 1702, J. G. Willett 1178, &c.

THE FISHERMAN'S ANEROID BAROMETER.

IT is now more than twenty years since the National Lifeboat Institution undertook to supply first class Barometers to its Lifeboat Stations and to some other places. The result has been most encouraging in every way. 1st. The coast population of those places have numerously watched the indications of the Barometers, with the aid of the daily registered chart usually attached to them; and 2ndly, they have come to the determination at most places to be guided in their business movements by the indication of the Barometers. By means of those Barometers and their timely warnings, the National Lifeboat Institution has no doubt contributed to the saving of the lives of a large number of fishermen.

The Institution has now taken another important step in this matter by offering to supply an Aneroid Barometer to owners or masters of fishing vessels at a small cost, which, considering that it is of a superior and reliable character, must make this useful instrument a welcome addition to every decked fishing boat's equipment.

The value of the weather warnings of an Aneroid or a Mercurial Barometer cannot be disputed. Mr. Birkbeck, M.P., in suggesting that the Institution might take this step, stated that it had come to his knowledge that during the fearful gales of last winter, when so many fishing vessels were lost, those of them which had Aneroids on board were, by observing previously their indications, saved from peril, while many which did not posses them were lost, involving the loss of scores of valuable lives. It will thus be seen what beneficial results are likely to accrue to life and property if this importana step of the Institution is appreciated and encouraged by the owners and masters of fishing vessels. At present it is notorious that small fishing craft hardly ever carry with them an Aneroid, and thus, when in mid-ocean, they are without the most hopeful means of forecasting the disasters which too often overtake them when gales of wind suddenly spring up.

It may be mentioned that the National Lifeboat Institution has spared no effort to obtain a good instrument, and one that will not easily get out of order on board fishing smacks, or require repairing at frequent intervals. In short, if taken ordinary care of, one of these Aneroids may confidently be expected to do its work for many years.

As the sole object of the Lifeboat Institution in this matter is to benefit fishermen, the Aneroids can, of course, only be supplied to owners or Masters of fishing vessels, and applications for them are received by the Honorary Secretaries of the Branches of the National Lifeboat Institution on various parts of the coast.

Bro. Benjamin Webster, Past G. Deacon England, and a Life Governor of our three Institutions, was buried in Brompton Cemetery, on Thursday. Our deceased brother was born in 1798, and had consequently attained the ripe age of eighty-four. He was a prominent actor and theatrical manager, having, in the latter capacity, presided over the fortunes of the Haymarket and Adelphi Theatres, for a period extending in the aggregate to close on forty years. He was an encourager of the drama in the further sense that, during his lesseeship of the Haymarket, he offered a prize of £500 to the author of the best drama sent in for the competition. The result, however, was not encouraging, as the play to which the prize was awarded, when it came to be acted, was hissed off the stage. Bro. Webster leaves a widow and child, and also a son and daughter the issue of a previous marriage.

Le Monde Moçonnique for June is a capital number, two of its articles being lectures or discourses, one delivered by Bro. Dr. Barré, in the Lodge *Les Admirateurs de l'Univers*, of which he is the Venerable or W. Master, and the other on the subject of Toleration, by Bro. Maréchal, in the Lodge of Besançon. Bro. Grimaux's remarks on a proposed Convention between the Grand Orient of France and the Symbolic Scotch Lodge we have thought worthy of being reproduced in English.

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The *Times*, August 13th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Ossman, 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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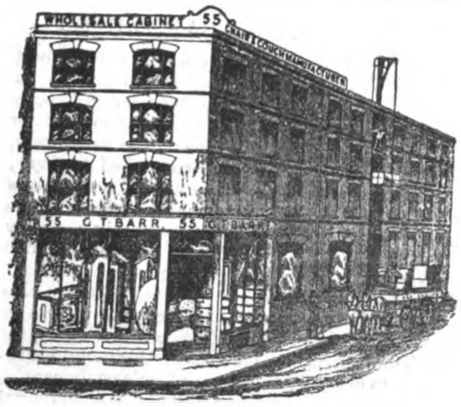

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PROPOSED CONVENTION.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE AND THE SCOTCH SYMBOLICAL GRAND LODGE.

WE mentioned, last week, that *Le Monde Maçonnique* for the month of June contained a full sketch of a proposed Convention between, or fusion into one body, of the Grand Orient and Scotch Symbolical G Lodge. The terms of such Convention do not appear to commend themselves to our contemporary, and it occurs to us likewise that the project is not one of a character to meet with approval from those most intimately concerned in the wellbeing of the Craft in France. There is, however, unfortunately, at the present time, a wide gulf between Freemasonry, as it is understood in this country, and as it is interpreted in France, and for reasons we have before explained, this gulf is just now impassable. Without, therefore, entering into the merits of the proposed Convention or fusion, we will give, in full, the views expressed by our contemporary, by the medium of its able exponent Bro. A. Grimaux. In their English garb they read as follows:—

It is not long since that France could boast of three Masonic powers or jurisdictions which lived in harmony one with the other. True, there were clouds which from time to time arose between two of them, but six months had not passed away ere the temporary differences were entirely forgotten. The brethren and Lodges almost everywhere interchanged visits, worked in unison, and gave practical illustration of their sense of fraternal feeling. Then appeared on the scene a fourth Masonic power, whose guiding principle was declared to be the fusion of rites and jurisdictions, uniformity in place of diversity, and, in short, a single supreme Masonic authority for the whole of France. Naturally enough, the Grand Orient, having its origin in mind, and likewise the goal at which it had been constantly aiming, approved of the principle of union. What necessity, in fact, was there at all for a Rite of Misraim and a Scottish Rite? An idea, on which for years *Le Monde Maçonnique* had laid the greatest stress, was all of a sudden revived, and enlisted the sympathies of every one, to wit, that the Lodges of the three degrees should range themselves under the banner of the Grand Orient, and that the latter should hand over to the Supreme Council all control over its other bodies and its rights in connection with the High Degrees. This was a simple proposition, easy of execution, and one the success of which could not be doubted. The General Assembly, however, being somewhat distrustful of the Council of the Order, pressed for and obtained a special Committee, charged with full authority to negotiate with the other Masonic powers.

The zeal with which the Committee fulfilled its duties is well known, but in matters of this kind, something more than zeal is necessary to ensure success, and the Committee were not slow to discover this. The Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite and the Grand Council General of the rite of Misraim politely refused to enter upon a discussion of the terms of Union; upon which the Committee, being anxious to repair this double check, and, at all events, to bring about at least a partially successful result, as a last resort arranged with the representatives of the Grand Lodge (symbolical) the terms of the Convention already described.

Contrary to general opinion, the Grand Lodge appears from the very first to have laid down, in respect of this fusion, conditions in excess of what it had itself set forth in its programme. At least, we are driven to adopt this view from the fact that those acting in the interests of the Grand Orient—whose devotion is justly appreciated, and admits of no manner of question—did not see their way, save under compulsion, to accept, as a minimum, demands which would most likely give rise to lively disputation in the General Assembly, and which were calculated to prevent the ratification of the Convention.

The first impression which presents itself on studying the terms of the proposed arrangement is, that the twenty Lodges of the symbolical Grand Lodge make it a *sine qud non* of carrying it out, that, in order to unite with the 276 Lodges of the Grand Orient, the latter shall entirely subvert its constitution. This assumption will appear perhaps to be exaggerated, and, under any circumstances, not a little singular; for the Lodges of the Grand Orient can hardly be expected to bring themselves to recognise that up to the present time, they have shown themselves wanting in capacity for self-organisation, and for legislating for their own good. That would be offering a rare opportunity for including the humility of the Christian among the virtues of Freemasonry.

It is said, and with truth, that previous Assemblies of the Grand Orient have already rejected very many of the proposed reforms, and that it is contrary to reason to suppose that the approaching Convention would accept them with enthusiasm. But the brethren and Lodges which called for these reforms belonged to the jurisdiction, and though it may have been an error, still it was well known that they would submit to the decision of the majority, while still retaining the hope, more than once justified, of bringing over such majority to their way of thinking. In any case, however, it would have been a protracted business, and one unworthy of the present progressive age. The new method may fairly claim for itself the merit of originality, and will doubtless commend itself to future minorities.

There is no doubt the Legitimists would have no difficulty in rallying to the support of the Republic if the Presidency were made hereditary, and entrusted to M. Henri de Bourbon. In like manner, the Clerical Party would become forthwith the warmest possible champion of Republican Government, if the selection of ministers were submitted for the approbation of His Infallible Holiness Pope Leo XIII., and one can readily see what would be the outcome if such a method were adopted, namely, more intestine divisions and struggles, and perhaps even more wars; and the golden age dreamt of by our fathers would once again reign upon the earth. This is all very fine, but it is not practical.

To return, however, to the Convention. The fusion is fixed for the 16th September next, on which day the representatives of the Symbolical Grand Lodge and those of the Grand Orient of France will formally meet together, and the union will be definitively settled next year when the Constitution has been revised in accordance with the principles laid down in Article 4. This no doubt would be complete enough, were it possible to proceed with such rapidity. But the project of Convention offers, at every line, modifications of the Constitution of the Grand Orient. True, such Constitution is constantly liable to revision, and has frequently been modified, but never without the observance of certain formalities which are the guarantee of the rights of minorities and which protect even the majority itself from ill-advised proposals. Until the law has

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been changed, all brethren under the Grand Orient of France owe it the most absolute respect; the oath they voluntarily take constitutes this a duty, from the consequences of which no one would wish to extricate himself.

The procedure to be observed in every proposed modification of the Constitution is governed by Article 171 of the Statutes, and Chapter 5 of the Constitution. At the meeting last year, some doubts were raised as to the true interpretation of those Articles; and, after a discussion, in which Bros. de Saint-Jean and Poulle on the one side, and Bros. Ernest Rousselle and Grimaux on the other side, took part, Bro. Belat, orator of the General Assembly of the Grand Orient, with the approval of the Assembly, fixed the sense and bearing of Article 171, as formulated in clear and precise terms on the minutes of the session of Thursday, 13th September.

(1) Submission of motions to the Council without discussion.

(2) Those motions which bear twenty-five signatures to be read to the Assembly and voted upon forthwith without discussion.

(3) Those motions which propose modifications of the Constitution, to be submitted to the Council of the Order without being read.

Such is the law, before which all must bow. It is impossible, therefore, that the Grand Orient of France can ratify this treaty, as is demanded, within the first half of September at the latest, and it is equally impossible for a duly constituted meeting to be held the last day of the session of the Assembly.

It is no answer to these arguments to say that it is a question of a proposed fusion, and that the final vote will not take place till 1883. The important feature in this project, from the first time to the last, are the important modifications which are proposed to be made in the present Constitution. Very many of the reforms are excellent, and we have invariably urged their adoption, though, as invariably, confining ourselves distinctly to strictly legal grounds. If formalities which, though somewhat tedious, are necessary, must be observed in changing a single article, is it to be endured that such must be dispensed with when it is a question of preparing an entirely new Constitution?

Even the limited fusion which is now in question is certainly a good one, and we hope it may be effected. But we hold that it can and ought to be carried out without conditions, and by leaving to a time not very remote the duty of providing those changes in the Constitution which appear to be useful, and which will secure the assent of the great majority of the Lodges.

For the present we shall rest contented with these preliminary observations, but the Project of Convention suggests other objections, to which it will be our duty to call attention in a future article.

SOME OF THE USES OF FREEMASONRY.

IT is an admitted axiom that whenever the bugle-call of charity is heard, the brethren of "ye mystic tie" are to be found in the foremost ranks, illustrating both by precept and practice the grand doctrines of the common brotherhood of man. There are few claims upon human sympathy in which they do not share, and it is their privilege, as well as their duty, to help forward every scheme which patriotism or benevolence may suggest to alleviate the sufferings of those whose lines have not fallen in pleasant places. But there is a reverse side to the picture, and it is unfortunately not rare that the influence of the Craft is sought for and obtained for purposes outside their own especial sphere, and by those who are unable to appreciate the generosity which springs from the warmth of Masonic hearts. Philanthropists of every grade know well that, in the inauguration and carrying out of any useful work, our Institution is seldom called upon in vain to lend a helping hand; and the cheerfulness with which the brethren acquiesce is but one more proof of the principles of sympathy and love by which they are actuated. It comes, therefore, as a greater rebuff when, after having been stirred to generous impulses, and fired by the effort of others to put their "principles to the test," there should be men who would bite the hands of those who feed them, and fling back into their faces aid that was proffered with the best intentions. Seldom has such a case come under our notice, however, as that which occurred last Saturday; and, judging from the numerous letters we have received upon the subject, there can be little doubt that a considerable feeling of disappointment, not to say of indignation, was aroused when it was ascertained that the interesting ceremony of which we gave notice in our last had been unexpectedly, and indefinitely, postponed.

As mentioned in our last issue, Saturday had been set apart for laying the foundation stone of a "Home for Little Boys," at Swanley, the scheme being an extension of the great philanthropic work of "clothing, feeding, educating and training to industrial work, homeless and destitute boys, as well as those in danger of falling into crime, whether orphans or not, who are disqualified, by poverty or other circumstances, for admission into orphan asylums or other institutions." We took occasion then to explain the beneficent objects of this most excellent form of charity, and our readers are too familiar with the subject to render any farther dilation on it necessary. Our aim and duty here is to show how the powerful influence of Freemasonry may, and sometimes is, unworthily used by persons who have not the grasp of mind to appreciate it, or who are unscrupulous and cavalier in their estimate of favours received. Having said so much, we can only add that, in anticipation of the event to which we refer, the aid of our Most Worshipful Grand Master was graciously conceded, his Royal Highness condescending to undertake, what it is hardly necessary to say would have been to him, the pleasing duty of laying the corner-stone of the new building. With that confidence which all who know him would unhesitatingly repose in the Provincial Grand Master of Kent, the Prince of Wales left to Bro. Viscount Holmesdale the responsibility of making the whole of the arrangements, and we have reason to know that the manner in which the noble lord was supported by the Grand Officers of Kent could not but have redounded infinitely to the credit of the Province. An escort of the West Kent Yeomanry, under the command of Colonel Fitzroy Maclean, was turned out as an escort, and the Earl of Aberdeen and many other distinguished leaders in philanthropic enterprise had kindly signified their intention of supporting our Most Worshipful Grand Master on the auspicious occasion. Elaborate plans were made for the reception of his Royal Highness and his lovely Consort, who takes so deep an interest in works of this kind, and who had also promised to grace the ceremony with her presence, and invitations were sent out broadcast, not only to Masons and their families, but generally, to witness one of the most imposing and interesting ceremonies it is possible to contemplate. It is a trite saying that the sources of pleasure are in anticipation rather than in realisation; and so far as this event is concerned the aphorism was harrowingly true. Never was disappointment so keen, or indignation more justly provoked, than over the "miserable fiasco" which will cling like a wet blanket around the memories of the new "Homes for Little Boys," at Swanley, if ever they are raised and inhabited.

Flushed with pleasurable anticipations, ticket-holders in the City repaired to the Holborn and Victoria Stations, where they had been informed special trains would be in readiness to convey them to Swanley. There conveyances had been chartered to take them on to Hextable Farm, about a mile distant; and luncheon had been set out in a large marquee, at which the Earl of Aberdeen had consented to preside. With such a programme before them, the Visitors were in the highest possible spirits, looking forward to a pleasant trip into the "garden of England," so lovely at this time of year, and on such a brilliant day as last Saturday turned out to be. But just as the guests had assembled, and were on the point of embarking on their joyous excursion, countenances fell and angry looks were exchanged, when it was found out that the Prince was "not coming," the whole affair had fallen through. Why? and wherefore? was depicted on every face, but the answer came tardily and shamefacedly. "The rain in the morning," it was said, "had converted the ground into such a swamp that the carriages provided for the conveyance of the guests would be unable to proceed through it!" Was ever such an abject subterfuge resorted to? If that was the impression conveyed by telegram to the M.W.G.M., we have only to ask, Was it true? We are assured by many of the brethren who visited the spot, and purposely went over every inch of the ground, that only in a few places was there mud, ancle deep, and a few planks thrown over

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them would have obviated any personal inconvenience. On the other hand, if the statement of the apologists could be at all borne out by facts, what a delightful and salubrious site upon which to erect an orphan asylum, where sanitation should be, above all things, a matter of studious consideration! Seeing that the site of the proposed buildings is on a hillside, there could scarcely have been such a slough of despond on it as to warrant the frustration of a royal visit, to say nothing of the audible slap in the face inflicted upon the Masonic Fraternity of the county, whose assistance had been invoked. It surpasses our comprehension, how, after having made use of Freemasonry as the one great means of bringing Royalty and the influence of the Craft to bear upon the success of their inaugural rite, the promoters of the affair could have had the adaucity to withdraw, snail-like, within their shell, and to snub and insult some hundreds of visitors whose only purpose was to help forward the charity. We cannot conceive that the "rain of the morning" was the *real* cause for the postponement of the visit; if it was, the excuse was the most paltry and abject we ever heard of. We understand that, having received a telegram "not to come!" their Royal Highnesses waited till a few hours later, and then telegraphed somebody in authority to the effect that "The weather is fine now; shall we come?" To which generous and gracious enquiry a curt "no" was returned; the ceremony had been put off indefinitely! No intimation was given to Lord Holmesdale or any of the Grand Officers of the Province, who came great distances—from Maidstone, Ashford, Dover, Canterbury, and other places—to do honour to the event, and to show their respect for the Most Wor. G. Master; and then, after they had gone to great trouble and inconvenience to do the Homes for Little Boys "a turn," the officials of the Homes turned round upon them, and having deferred the ceremony, had not the common courtesy to inform the brethren of the fact. That was bad enough, but to treat the Prince of Wales as a mere shuttlecock, to be used at will, and at the whim of somebody, "dressed in a little brief authority," was an unwarrantable insult to the Heir Apparent, and an unpardonable snub to the Craft. It is very likely (?), of course, that, as soon as it shall suit the caprice of these local nobodies, they will have only to hold up the finger, and beckon to our Grand Master's Masonic following, when the latter will scamper off to Swanley to do homage to the magnates of the "Homes!" We opine that, in the event of any future design of making use of Freemasonry for such a purpose, measures will be taken to prevent the bitter disappointment felt by hundreds of ladies and men of business who had sacrificed their time to assist in a work of charity; and if the ears of those who caused so much chagrin by their blundering incapacity tingle one-half so much as did the public indignation on Saturday, all we can say is, that they are not utterly devoid of susceptibility. But in case they are too obtuse to have discovered the fact already for themselves, we do not hesitate to remind them that, by their unblushing effrontery and consummate stupidity of last Saturday, they have offered a gratuitous and unpardonable insult to Freemasonry, and one that will be recollected when they come cringing to the Craft for further favours.

The Camp, at Wimbledon, was honoured, on Tuesday, with a visit from the Prince and Princess of Wales, who not only fulfilled their original intention of witnessing the finish of the contest for the Queen's Prize, but made a point of seeing everything of interest in the Camp. After lunch, at the Cottage, with the Earl of Brownlow, President of the National Rifle Association, and the Countess of Brownlow, the Royal visitors, accompanied by their host and hostess and several members of the Association, proceeded to the camp of the Canadian team, which, to the number of twenty-one, was drawn up for inspection. Here they were received by Colonel Gzowski, A.D.C., and Mrs. Gzowski, by whom Major Tilton, commanding the team, and Adjutant, Captain Magnachton, were introduced to their Royal Highnesses. Lieutenant Mitchell, winner of the Prince of Wales's Prize, was then called to the front, and the Princess pinned the badge of victory on his breast. The Prince having addressed a few graceful words of compliment to the Canadians, and having alluded to the pleasure he had derived from his tour in Canada, went off with the Princess to see the running deer, electric target, &c., &c. They then joined Sir Bartle Frere's garden party, and proceeded thence to the firing points where the competition for the Queen's Prize at a thousand yards was being brought to a close. The next move was to the Council Tent, where they awaited the arrival of the winner, who proved to be Sergeant Lawrence of the 1st Dumbarton R.V. When the customary formality of testing his rifle had been completed, the victor saluted and advanced to the Princess, who fastened the badge on his arm, and then their Royal Highnesses left. Among the other contests they witnessed was that for the Challenge Shield given by Messrs. Brinsmead, to encourage field firing. No fewer than twenty-five teams of six men each entered for this competition, representing as many battalions of regular or Militia Infantry, Rifle Volunteers, or from any ship of the Royal Navy or division of the Royal Marines Light Infantry. Here the Prince and Princess entered the mantlets for the purpose of seeing how the targets were worked, and remained while volleys of bullets were rained upon the iron coverings. In the result the Royal Marines Light Infantry headed the list with a score of 22, Her Majesty's Ship Excellent being next with 21, and then 1st Middlesex, 2nd Highland Light Infantry, and 3rd Battalion Rifle Brigade, in the order named, with scores of 20, 18, and 17 respectively.

The holiday season is well on its way, if, in many cases, it has not already commenced. More important still, as regards our present purpose, the 12th of August, the day consecrated to St. Grouse, is not very remote. Those, therefore, who have resolved on visiting Scotland during the autumn will do well to bethink themselves of the route that will most commend itself to their views of comfort and convenience. It is a matter of course that in our Masonic peregrinations we should obtain a closer insight into the various railway and other systems of travel than the average traveller. We speak, therefore, with a certain confidence when we suggest that no more convenient service is furnished as regards the Highlands of Scotland than that arranged by the London and North Western and Caledonian Railways. It is, in the first place, all that can be desired as respects comfort, convenience, and speed. It is punctual and it is frequent, and it is in regular communication with steamers to the west coast of Scotland. The trains are fitted most luxuriously and in a manner to satisfy all reasonable expectations. In fact, a mere reference to the Companies' Time-tables will show this to be the case, and with every confidence we advise our readers who may be going Scotlandwards during the present holiday season that they cannot do better than avail themselves of the facilities and conveniences afforded by the Directors of the lines under notice.

The Lodge of Benevolence held its usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday evening, Bro. Jas. Brett jun. Vice-President occupied the chair; Bro. S. Rawson District G.M. China held the Senior Vice-President's chair, and Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C. took the chair of the Junior Vice-President; the other brethren present Henry Garrod, W. Mann, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., Chas. Atkins, Wm. Stephens, G. P. Britten, Chas. Davis, Thomas Cull, C. F. Hogard, C. H. Webb, Thomas Hutton, H. T. Checsman, C. J. Edwards, C. F. Barham, L. Stein, Spencer, W. H. Perryman, J. L. Jones, James Green, D. Skinner, S. C. Haslip, J. Tanner, J. S. Goldschmidt, W. H. S. Humphries, E. J. Thomas, W. H. Dean, Chas. Godtschalk, Frank Green, and E. Massey. The recommendations made at the June meeting were confirmed to the amount of £240. The new list consisted of thirty cases, of which four were deferred for further enquiry, and the remaining twenty-six were relieved with a total of £750, namely, one £100 (£100), one £75 (£75), one £60 (£60), two £50 (£100), three £40 (£120), three £30 (£90), five £20 (£100), one £15 (£15), and nine £10 (£90). The Lodge sat four hours.

On Tuesday, at Claremont, Prince Leopold Duke of Albany received Dr. Samuel Kinns, author of "Moses and Geology; or, the Harmony of the Bible with Science," a copy of which His Royal Highness was pleased to accept, with thanks to Doctor Kinns for his visit, and the explanations he had afforded of the various chapters.

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BRO. DR. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN,

PENNSYLVANIA'S THIRD GRAND MASTER.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

(Continued from page 42.)

WHEREAS, Some ill-disposed persons in this city, assuming the names of Freemasons, have for some years past imposed upon several well-meaning people who were desirous of becoming true brethren, persuading them, after they had performed certain ridiculous ceremonies, that they had really become Freemasons; and have lately, under the pretence of making a young man a Mason, caused his death by purging, vomiting, burning and the terror of certain diabolical, horrid rites; it is thought proper, for preventing such impositions for the future, and to avoid any unjust aspersions that may be thrown on this ancient and honourable fraternity on this account, either in this city, or in any other part of the world, to publish this advertisement, declaring the abhorrence of all true brethren of such practices in general, and their innocence of this act in particular, and that the persons concerned in this wicked action are not of our Society, nor of any Society of Free and Accepted Masons, to our knowledge or belief.

Signed, in behalf of all members of St. John's Lodge, in Philadelphia, tenth day of June 1737,

THOMAS HOPKINSON, Grand Master.
WM. PLUMSTEAD, Dep. G. Master.
JOSEPH SHIPPEN } Wardens.
HENRY PRATT }

The knowledge of the outrage that had been perpetrated in Philadelphia in the name of Freemasonry, together with the personal attack on Franklin, in connection with it, soon reached his parents in Boston, and his mother, with true maternal feelings, induced his father to write to him on the subject, and make inquiry as to the character of the Masonic Society with which he appeared to be connected. To this inquiry Franklin filially replied in a letter, dated 13th April 1738, in which he said:

"As to the Freemasons, I know of no way of giving my mother a better account of them than she seems to have at present, since it is not allowed that women should be admitted into the secret Society. She has, I must confess, on that account, some reason to be displeased with it; but for anything else, I must entreat her to suspend her judgment till she is better informed, unless she will believe me when I assure her, that they are, in general, a very harmless sort of people, and have no principles or practices that are inconsistent with religion and good manners."

In January 1738, Dr. Jones was placed on trial, and so freely had Freemasons denounced his unwarranted act, that he peremptorily challenged every Freemason who was known to be on the panel of jurors. After an impartial trial Jones was found guilty of manslaughter, and sentenced to be burnt in the hand. Remington was also found guilty, but pardoned, and "E. W." was acquitted. Thus ended this unfortunate affair, although the excitement consequent upon it continued for some time afterwards. In the month of April 1738 Bradford's *Mercury* published a caricature of Masonry, which was equally aimed at Franklin and his brother Masons. In spite of all this Franklin's popularity continually increased. He was at the time postmaster of the city, and clerk of the Provincial Assembly, and continued to hold these offices for many years.

In 1749 Franklin was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania a second time, on this occasion by Bro. Thos. Oxnard Prov. Grand Master of all North America, appointed such by Lord Byron Grand Master of the original Grand Lodge of England, the so-called "Moderns." Dr. Mease, in his "Picture of Philadelphia," published in this city in 1811, says: "So far as the minutes of the 'Modern' Grand Lodge (of Pennsylvania) go, Dr. Franklin was never absent from a meeting." This statement testifies most strongly to Franklin's active interest in Freemasonry. Those old minutes have been long missing, and are probably destroyed, so that we are not able now to turn to the original records.

It was in the same year that Franklin was appointed Grand Master of Pennsylvania for a second term, in 1749, that he first suggested the possibility of explaining thunderstorms upon electrical principles, and conceived the grand idea of drawing down the lightning from the clouds. It was not, however, until the summer of 1752 that he proved the correctness of his theory by experiment. Then, one summer's day, when a thunder-gust was rising in the west, he and his son, William Franklin, proceeded out to the commons near the city, the exact locality being, it is thought, the lot on which the new Post Office building is now being erected, at the corner of Ninth and Chestnut-streets. The philosopher had prepared two light cedar sticks, fixed cross-ways, with a silk handkerchief tied to the four corners, and properly appareled with loop, string and tail. To the top of the kite thus formed was affixed a sharp pointed iron wire, rising about a foot above it. Armed with this kite Dr. Franklin proceeded out in the face of the storm, accompanied only by his son, in order to avoid the ridicule that would attend his experiment should it prove unsuccessful. He then raised his kite, and stood under a cow-shed to avoid observation, as well as the approaching rain. His string was a common hempen one, with a key fastened at its lower end, and a silken string extending from it to his hand. A thunder-cloud passed over the kite. His excitement was intense. In a few moments he observed that the fibres of the string moved. He then placed his knuckle to the key, and noted a small spark. How exquisite must have been his sensations. His kite was lost for a moment in a thunder-cloud. He continued his experiments and drew repeated sparks from the key, and finally charged a Leyden jar with electricity, and received a shock. His success was complete—he had proved that lightning and electricity were identical. He had five years previously made the grand discovery that electricity was of a positive and a negative character, and he pursued his experiments all through his life. One of the most valuable results is the lightning-rod, which is now placed upon the majority of our houses.

By the way, many persons mistake the practical working and value of a lightning rod. It generally acts, not by conducting the flash, but by preventing it. The sharp points of its extremity produce what termed a silent discharge. They repel and scatter the electricity. Franklin's successful experiment made him famous at once over the entire civilised world. He was elected a member of the Royal Society of England, and by command of the king of France, his royal thanks and compliments were returned to Benjamin Franklin, of Pennsylvania, "for his useful discoveries in electricity, and the application of pointed rods to prevent the terrible effects of thunderstorms."

Franklin described his electrical kite in a letter dated "Philadelphia, 19th October 1752," written to his friend, Peter Collinson of London, which was read at the Royal Society the next month, and his friend Dr. Stuber, of Philadelphia, published at the time a history of Franklin's kite experiment and discoveries, which was apparently written from minute and accurate information derived from Franklin himself. Both accounts may be read in full in "Spark's Works of Benjamin Franklin," Vol. V., pp 178 and 295. In consequence of this great discovery, the Philosopher Kant styled Franklin "the modern Prometheus, who had brought down fire from heaven.

Arago, the celebrated French astronomer, has said that King Solomon's Temple was, by chance, provided with a lightning conductor, somewhat similar to that discovered by Franklin. Solomon's Temple stood nearly 400 years, in a situation peculiarly exposed to the frequent and violent thunderstorms of Palestine, and yet we find no mention, either in the Bible, or Josephus, that it was ever struck by lightning. The explanation is, that the roof was covered with thickly gilt wood, connected by metal pipes with large cisterns, beneath the court of the Temple, into which the water from the roof was conveyed, so that here were a multitude of lightning conductors, well calculated to preserve the Temple against destruction or injury from this cause. The moral of which for us seems to be, cover your house with a tin roof, and have numerous pipes leading from it down into the sewer, and you will need no other lightning rod.

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts of 11th October 1754, P.G.M. Bro. Benjamin Franklin was present, and his name is recorded in full at the head of the list of visitors on that occasion.*

Franklin's interest in the subject of education is well known, and also his instrumentality in founding the University of Pennsylvania. There still exists a correspondence between Christopher Sowers, a printer of Germantown, and Conrad Weiser, in which the former bitterly complains of the efforts of Franklin, and the Freemasons generally, to establish public free schools. Sowers says:

"The people who are the promoters of free schools are Grand Masters and Wardens among the Freemasons—their very pillars."

How much contempt did he endeavour to throw into this indictment, but in reality how great praise did he embody in its words.

We shall now mention several other interesting facts in Franklin's Masonic career.

He served for a second term as Grand Master of Pennsylvania, as we have stated, from 1749 to 1750. In the latter year he was succeeded as Grand Master by William Allen, Recorder of the city of Philadelphia, and the same year appointed Chief Justice of the Province. Allen had been previously Grand Master in 1732, when he was elected, but now he was appointed directly by Lord Byron Grand Master of England. G.M. Allen at once appointed Benjamin Franklin his D.G.M.

In the year 1754, Franklin visited the Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts at its Quarterly Communication held in Boston, on 11th October.

During this year the first Masonic Hall in America was erected at Philadelphia, the site being on Lodge-alley west of Second-street. It was projected in 1752, and completed two years afterwards. The original subscription list for this Masonic Hall is still in existence, and on it appears Benjamin's Franklin's signature, with his subscription of £20, and his son William's signature, with his subscription of £15. At that time there were three Lodges meeting in Philadelphia.

In the year following, 1755, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on St. John's Day, attended Divine Service at Christ Episcopal Church, Second-street above Market. Among those present were Benjamin Franklin Deputy Grand Master, and his son William Franklin Grand Secretary.

Five years later, in 1760, Franklin, accompanied by his son, visited the Grand Lodge of England, at its Quarterly Communication in London, held in November of that year, and Dr. Franklin was received and honoured in accordance with his rank as P.G. Master of Pennsylvania, and both his name and that of his son are recorded as visitors on the minutes of the Grand Lodge of England.

While Franklin was in France in 1778, he was elected an honorary member of the Grand Orient of France, and honorary Worshipful Master of the Lodge of the Nine Sisters, or Muses of Paris. This Lodge struck a medal in his honour, the only copy of which is now in the possession of the Grand Lodge of Mecklenburgh. On the one side of this medal is the following inscription, in French: "The Masons of France to Franklin, Master of the Lodge of the Nine Sisters, Orient of Paris 1778." Franklin took a prominent part, during this same year, in the initiation of Voltaire (when he was eighty-four years of age), on 7th February, in the Lodge of the Nine Sisters; and on the 30th November following, he served as Senior Warden of the Lodge of Sorrow, held in honour of Voltaire's memory, he having died in May, but three months after his initiation. Franklin, as Senior Warden, deposited the sprig of acacia upon the catafalque of the deceased Voltaire.

(To be continued.)

* Annual Address of Grand Master Heard to Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, 27th December 1859.

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DECORATION OF OUR LODGES.

THE subject we have chosen for our present remarks is undoubtedly one which offers some considerable difficulty in its treatment. We are aware that the mere mention of a proposal to add to the "ornaments" of a Masonic Lodge would call forth strong expressions of opinion from very many brethren who would view such a proposal as little short of treason. We are prepared to admit that the very title we have selected is, from one point of view, un-Masonic, for an assemblage of true brethren, properly clothed, and with the recognised "ornaments" of a Lodge in their proper positions, should require no decoration. Still, Freemasonry, in common with all other human Institutions, is open to decoration, provided the means made use of are consistent with the general teachings of the Order. The collars of the Officers, as well as the jewels we are accustomed to see bestowed on worthy brethren, and many other matters, are decorations in the truest sense, and are so recognised throughout the Masonic world; but it is not alone in the adornment of the person that decoration may be called to aid in the enjoyment of Freemasonry. The halls in which our meetings are held may, by a judicious display of Masonic decoration, be made much more comfortable for the brethren themselves, as well as much more impressive to the newly-admitted member. During our journeyings in one part and another, as representative of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, it has been our lot to take part in Masonic meetings held in all varieties of buildings, from the hastily-erected tent, with nothing in the way of adornment to distinguish it from an ordinary rick covering, to the handsomely-furnished hall, replete with every comfort, with floor, walls, and ceiling adorned in every part with Masonic emblems, pictures, certificates, or curiosities. We have, on several occasions, pointed out the advantage we thought would accrue to Freemasonry if some more general desire was shown by Lodge members to possess a few, at least, of the relics of Freemasonry. We feel sure that all who witnessed the magnificent display at York some time since will bear with us in this respect, while not a few will doubtless regret that it was not possible to retain that collection under one roof for all time. Still, all things must have a beginning, and we are afraid the beginning of a desire to possess a Masonic collection has not yet found its way into many quarters—a circumstance which, in a measure, may be accounted for from the fact that the majority of our English Lodges are held in what may really be termed temporary homes. Still there are many which can boast a hall, while not a few of the Provincial Lodges may almost claim a kind of freehold in the room they have been accustomed to use, and which in more than one hotel we have visited bears the designation of "the Mason's room." We think that in all such cases it would be possible to place a few Masonic relics—for, as a rule, anything of a Masonic character which might be deemed worthy of exhibition by brethren would be no discredit to the room in the eyes of non-Masons, and in this respect we think some further decoration of our Lodges might be attempted.

Having explained, we hope satisfactorily, the legality of ornaments other than those stipulated for in the Constitutions, it next becomes necessary to say what articles are really open for immediate service. First, perhaps, may be mentioned the warrant of the Lodge. There are, doubtless, many who will object to that being framed and displayed anywhere but in a Masonic hall, but we think such objectors are wrong. The home of a Masonic Lodge, for the time being, should be worthy of displaying its warrant, and that is a very good decoration for a start. We may remark here, that we do not approve, on the same principle, of framing and displaying a Grand Lodge certificate, which should have no interest but to the Brother whose property it is. Next we might suggest, as we have seen done in some of the Lodge quarters we have visited, the collection of all the "votes of thanks" which have been presented by the Institutions to members of the Lodge in recognition of their services as Stewards at one or other of the Festivals, as well as other testimonials of a general character belonging to the Lodge members. After these there are of course endless subjects, with more or less Masonic bearing, from which a goodly array might be selected, but there is one in particular to which we think we may make some special reference, viz.:—Bro. Harty's Picture of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at the Albert Hall. As a work of art we think this production worthy of a place in any collection; but when taken in connection with the event it represents, it has special claims upon us. Produced after considerable labour, it has now stood the test of some six years, and still remains the only work which may be quoted as a memento of the event we, as Masons, all refer to with pride. Under the rule of His Royal Highness, whose Installation is here depicted, Freemasonry has made the most rapid strides ever known in its history, and advances which we think will materially affect its future for all time. When the picture was completed the event was comparatively recent, while the majority of the then rulers of our Lodges, having been present, somewhat naturally looked upon the picture in the form of an unnecessary reminder of what they felt they would never forget; but now it is different. Very few, we imagine, of the Masters who now hold sway in the Lodges over which H.R.H. rules, had the opportunity of witnessing that grandest of Masonic assemblies, and therefore we think it not unlikely that the picture which so faithfully represents the scene may with justice be again brought under the notice of the Craft, and we think somewhat more generally taken up than hitherto. In addition to the general idea conveyed by the picture as a whole, the fact of its containing portraits of some hundreds of brethren who were present, may be an additional inducement for Craftsmen to possess themselves of it. For ourselves, we can speak highly of it and refer such as may think of securing a copy to Bro. W. R. Norris 29 Southampton-buildings, London, W.C.

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THE ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

THE Provincial Grand Chapter and Lodge of Lancashire and Cheshire was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Tuesday, the 4th July, at three o'clock in the afternoon. Bros. R. Hopwood Hutchinson 30 Prov. G.M., G. P. Brockbank 32 D.P.G.M., G. McKay 30 P.S.G.G. J.W., John Gibb Smith 30 as P.J.G.G., Rev. G. W. Weldon Prov. Grand Chaplain, John Duffield 30 Prov. Grand Treasurer, John Chadwick 18 Prov. Grand Secretary, C. S. Lane 18 Standard Bearer, W. J. Thomson 30 W. of Tower, T. C. Thorburn 18 Conductor, Captain Barlow 18 Guard, W. Nicholl 18 Steward; Bros. E. Ashworth jun., Ralph Heap, J. S. Cumberland, and others. The Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter having been opened in due form, the minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The following brethren having been proposed and seconded, and approved by the Council, were balloted forand elected:—Rev. A. B. Beaven, W. Preston, J. M. Kerr, Chorley, George Galloway (Ashton-on-Ribble), and R. B. Seddon (Wigan); and Bros. Beaven, Seddon, and Kerr, with Bro. Frank A. Huet, who had been previously balloted for and approved, were advanced to the degree of H.R.H. by their several characteristics by the Prov. Grand Master, Bros. Hutchinson, assisted by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. Brockbank. The lectures weredelivered in full by Bro. Matier Past Deputy Prov. G.M. as Prov. G.M., the Wardens' chairs being filled by Bro. McKay and Smith, and Bro. Thorburn as Conductor. A Provincial Grand Lodge of Knights of the R.S.Y.C.S. was forthwith opened, and the above brethren being admitted and presented to the Provincial Grand Master, were by him exalted to the rank of Knights of the R.S.Y.C.S.

The following brethren were then invested as Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge and Chapter for the ensuing year:—

Bro. John Gibb Smith	D.P.G.M.
Thomas Chorlton	P.G. Senior Warden
J. F. Hoffguard	P.G. Junior Warden
E. W. Weldon	P.G. Chaplain
John Duffield	P.G. Treasurer
John Chadwick	P.G. Secretary
C. Sheriff Lane	P.G. Sword Bearer
W. J. Thomson	P.G. Standard Bearer
Reginald Young	P.G. Marischal
T. C. Thorburn	P.G. Warden of Tower
J. M. Barlow	P.G. Examiner
W. C. Moore	P.G. Conductor
W. Nichol	P.G. Guard
J. M. Bentley	P.G. Organist
R. Heap	P.G. Steward

The Treasurer presented his accounts for the past year, duly audited, and, being satisfactory, they were adopted.

The brethren adjourned to banquet, after which the customary toasts were duly proposed and responded to.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. despatched a telegram to the Grand Chapter, then meeting in Edinburgh, which was shortly fraternally responded to, conveying hearty good wishes from the Governor of the Order and the Knights then ascembled at banquet at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, to their brethren at Manchester.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 23 Great Queen Street, W.C.

Supper Dishes for People with Small Means. Price Sixpence. London: Simpkin, Marshall, and Co., Ipswich: Pawsey and Hayes, Ancient House.

WE believe it was the late Alexis Soyer who first gave his culinary mind to the publication of a work on Cookery which was both cheap in form and commended itself, by the simplicity of its recipes, to persons of small means, though, at the same time, it was of considerable value to those who were affluent. Within the last few years—thanks to the initiation of Mr. Buckmaster and his supporters—still greater attention has been paid to the subject of cheap and wholesome Cookery, and there are now several schools in London, and elsewhere, where the provident housewife may be initiated into the mysteries of preparing toothsome dishes for her husband and children. It was, indeed, high time that something of the kind should be set on foot. A vast number of Englishwomen, especially those living in the metropolis and large cities and towns in the Provinces, were lamentably ignorant of the very first principles of cookery. Even the wives of middle class men of good means had few ideas of providing dinners, which we specify as being the principal meal of the day, beyond the eternal joint of roast or boiled, with the pastry and cheese to follow, varied on festive occasions by poultry, with soup or fish, and a more elaborate display of sweets, &c., &c. As for anything like a well-versed exponent of the culinary art, beyond the limited number of professional cooks, you might search all England through and hardly find a score of them. And as for the cooks themselves—with favourable exceptions—they were, and we regret to add, still remain, a sorry lot. Even in the case of the more competent among them, the little knowledge they possessed was oftener than not a source of danger to their employers. Cookie's domain was sacred from invasion by the mistress, who found she had no voice in the arrangements for provisioning her own household. Cookie's word, too, in all things which she was appointed to deal with, was law, and woe to the housewife who, with more courage than discretion, dared to call it in question. As for the "good plain cook" who figures so prominently in the columns of our daily newspapers, from time immemorial she has been, in the majority of instances, the disturbing element in the

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domestic circle, and has probably provoked more anathemas from hungry husbands than all the rest of the class of household servants put together. Descending to the artisan and mechanic class, we find matters still worse. As a rule, the artisan or mechanic's wife hardly knows the difference between beef and mutton, while, as to cooking either, in a manner that shall satisfy the palate as well as the appetite of her husband and children, she is simply incapable. What makes matters still worse is, that this ignorance is productive of frightful waste, and the bread-winner loses his money as well as his temper. Perhaps, however, the most lamentable case of all is furnished by the poor married clerk, with a rising family, whose income, all told, is £100 or £150 per annum. He must cut a respectable figure as to dress, or the desk or counting-house and he would very soon part company. If his wife is of a domestic turn of mind, and is not above doing her own housework, he stands a chance of rubbing along comfortably. But such a wife is unfortunately the exception. The majority have been brought up in ignorance, and even, if they are willing, are incapable of managing or carrying out the duties of a cook. But we need not extend the picture. There is no reason, of which we are aware, why it should be so, but nevertheless it is the fact that English men and women are very incompetent cooks. Give a French man or woman a few bones, some bread, hot water, and the simplest condiments, and he or she will place before you a potage considered far from despicable by a hungry person; but even with the best food materials that money can purchase, the result with us is oftentimes total and discreditable failure.

As to this little book which has led us to indulge in these remarks, it is excellent of its kind, and, so far as it goes, it fulfils the promise of its title, and contains exactly 105 recipes for "Supper Dishes" for the class of persons to whom it addresses itself. As no name appears on the title page, we are not in a position to make known to our readers to whom it is we are indebted for this cheap and well-prepared manual of Supper Cookery. But we think those of our readers who will be at the pains of investing sixpence in the purchase of a copy will very soon find that we have by no means over-estimated its merits. Moreover, though it is intended for people of small means, it contains recipes for dishes which even those in good circumstances will not be slow to introduce frequently at table when they have once made trial of them—it is only ridiculous pride which rejects a good thing because it is cheap, or made of cheap materials. Here, for instance, is the prescription for making a "New Indian Pillau," when it is desirable to use up "odds and ends of meats and puddings." It strikes us as a great improvement on the regulation "Resurrection Pie:"—

"Cut up into pieces the size of a nut, cold meat, Yorkshire, batter, or suet puddings, cold vegetables of all kinds; a little rice pudding broken up is a great improvement. Mix up with a large teaspoonful of curry powder, one each of currants and sultana raisins, and salt, a quarter of a teaspoonful of pepper, ditto onion, and a quarter of a pint of water. More or less of these ingredients, according to the size of your dish. This quantity will do for a two-quart pie dish. Put your ingredients into a well-greased pie dish, and pour over a batter made of two large tablespoonfuls of flour, one egg, half-pint of milk, a piece or two of butter on the top; bake for an hour. Baking powder is an improvement to the batter, but it must be quickly made and put into the oven at once."

Or, let us take "Curried Maccaroni," which is to be made in the manner following, and from our experience of maccaroni generally, should be very appetising:—

"Cut up one or two onions, fry them in some fat, add one small tablespoonful of curry powder, ditto vinegar, ditto sugar, and a teaspoonful of salt; add one pint and three quarters of water, and boil in it slowly half a pound of maccaroni till quite tender, and serve very hot."

There are those who dislike cold meats—we are not of this opinion—and to set before a guest a cold shoulder of mutton has passed into a proverb, to give any one "the cold shoulder" being equivalent to slighting him, or making him feel unwelcome. To these we commend the following recipe for "Maccaroni and Cold Meat;" it will prevent, in toothsome fashion, any occasion for their dislike arising:—

"Stew half a pound of maccaroni in a pint and a half of water and a quarter of a pint of milk (all milk can be used), a piece of mace, a small onion chopped fine, half a teaspoonful of salt, and a pinch of pepper, pour it into a well-greased baking dish, place over it three-quarters or one pound of slices of cold meat, well peppered or dusted with dry mustard, a few pieces of fat must be put on the meat if it is very lean. The meat can be put in the dish and the maccaroni on the top, if preferred, but it quite alters the flavour of the dish. Bake in the oven or before the fire, for half an hour."

However, we need not add to the array of passages quoted, which will certainly suffice to prove what we have said already, to wit, that this cheap manual of "Supper Dishes for People of Small Means" will not only be welcome to those for whom it is written, but likewise to those to whom the expenditure of some pounds or shillings, more or fewer, is of comparatively little moment.

We have very great pleasure in announcing that the Summer Festival of that highly deserving and most assiduous Lodge of Instruction, the Metropolitan, No. 1507, will take place on Saturday next, the 22th instant, at the Bell Hotel, East Moulsey. There will doubtless be a gathering in all respects worthy of the occasion, and judging from past experience, we are inclined to think the brethren and their friends who constitute the party will most thoroughly enjoy themselves. The Lodge has our heartiest good wishes for the success of its Summer Festival.

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MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me to thank your "CONSTANT READER" for his kind condescension in replying to my letter, as also for his scholarly and learned criticisms thereon. Doubtless, their value would be vastly increased if one could discover the force or the fun of any of them. I shall not, however, allow myself to be thrown off the real scent by any red herrings that my brother may choose to drag across the trail. It matters not in the least to me if he prefers his own high falutin' to my plain English, and I shall not permit him to escape from his position, after the manner of the cuttle-fish, by an extensive display of inky matter.

In the letter of your correspondent, dated 28th June, he advanced the following opinions, to all of which I took, and still take, exception:—(1) That the publication of the names of Masonic impostors is an uncharitable act. (2) That there are very few Masonic mendicants. (3) That unworthy brethren would surely be detected. (4) That there should be a means of cutting short their career of imposture without publishing their names and doings to the world. (5) That Masons are Pharisaical in their dispensation of alms, and (6) That it is better that unworthy brethren should succeed in their swindling practices than that a genuine case of distress should go unrelieved.

"CONSTANT READER" himself seems to me to supply answers to his own arguments. He tells us that there are "*hundreds* of worthy Masons" wanting relief, "who are too sensitive to appeal." If this be so, although I should be very sorry indeed to think that our Order was in such an unhappy condition of pauperism, we are furnished at once with a powerful reason against dealing out indiscriminate charity, for according to my friend, the really worthy and genuine cases are to be found amongst those who do *not* apply for relief in the *role* of beggars. This I am quite prepared to believe, but at the same time the only reasonable conclusion to be arrived at is that relief accorded to mendicants should be administered with great judgment, since the sooner dishonest mendicity is stayed the better it will be for the genuine cases, and therefore for real Charity.

I again assert that there are a great number of Masonic mendicants in this country. Not a week passes in this town without applications being made for Masonic relief, and in most cases those who seek it are found to be arrant impostors, or utterly unworthy of any assistance. The detection of such persons is sometimes easy, but occasionally their plausible stories and manners deceive us. These tramps do not as a rule bring documentary proofs and evidences of much value, and their general appearance is of such a character that for years it has been a standing joke with my children, whenever a peculiarly shabby-looking individual makes his appearance at the gate, to say, "Papa, here is another of your brothers coming to see you."

As to the means of cutting short their imposture, of course there is the nearest policeman, but such a measure appears to me to be somewhat summary and harsh, to say nothing of the nuisance and loss of time involved in attendance to prosecute, as well as the public scandal to the Order. On the other hand, the columns of the Masonic press seem to offer a most appropriate medium for the purpose of exposing a system of roguery that is detrimental to the welfare of the Craft.

I am glad to see that your "CONSTANT READER" agrees with me that the everyday charities of the brethren are very numerous. He thereby qualifies his previous statement that we are Pharisaical. In the matter of our "Three Great Charities," I think, perhaps, his accusation might have held a little water, for the publication in the press of the world of the large amounts collected at the Festivals is, I think, very injudicious, and is having, I am sure, a prejudicial effect upon us by inducing persons to become Masons for the sake of the benefits they imagine they may thereby acquire.

With reference to the instance recorded by me of a brother who was substantially relieved, and who turned out undeserving, the matter is perpaps scarcely worth further notice, but as my friend appears to think it was a weak action on my part to aid him, I may just say that the matter was not in my hands at all, but in those of the standing committee of one of my Lodges, to several members of which the brother had been known in former days. He, too, was a man who had been "a willing supporter of his Lodge," but had come down in the world, and it was vainly hoped that he would have gladly taken advantage of an opportunity for a fresh start in life. It would be wearisome to record the many instances within my own knowledge of disappointment resulting from the too hasty giving of relief. I can quite understand that Masonic tramps are not equally dispersed over the face of the country, and a provincial town, where members of the local Lodges are easily to be found, probably offers a better field for their operations than the wilderness of the metropolis.

I must beg a small portion of space to notice the letter of "LONDONER," on the same subject. I agree with him that the conduct of the brethren at the hotel, where the "wayworn" brother asked help, seems, at first blush, very discreditable. Before condemning them, however, it would be well to know precisely how the advance towards their fraternal notice was made. If the unhappy man flourished a Masonic sign, for instance, in the public bar (a not unusual practice with Masonic beggars), I am not surprised at their decision. On the other hand, if the request was modestly made, the duty of the Masons present was not to have clubbed for him the price of

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"glasses round," and so carelessly disposed of the case, but to have given him what would have paid for his night's rest and refreshment, and to have investigated his case in the morning, with a view to some more substantial assistance. It is just this easy and indiscriminate relief that I hold to be so objectionable. The instance of the brother who fell into bad hands in London, and got small temporary help, only shows how easy it is for a Mason suffering from genuine difficulty to obtain the assistance he may need. It is a mistake to suppose that the Masonic impostor looks for large sums. Nothing of the kind. He will take as much as he can get, as long as it is in the form of money. He usually carries with him a filthily dirty Scotch or American certificate, how or where obtained Heaven only knows. He is very glib. He has a pitiable tale about a long series of misfortunes, and his tears are always on tap, until he finds out that you are not to be done—then look out for polite language.

I regret that my casual selection of a Latin *nom de plume* should have so deeply offended the sensibilities of your "CONSTANT READER," as to force him into a display of temper, and to avoid further annoyance to his feelings, I will ask your permission to subscribe myself on this occasion

ANTI-HUMBUG.

18th July 1882.

HOMES FOR LITTLE BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At a special meeting of the Committee, held this day, it was resolved to express to the many friends and subscribers of the Institution the very sincere regret which they feel at the disappointment caused on Saturday last by the postponement of the Swanley *fete*.

The Committee wish to assure their friends that this postponement was caused by circumstances entirely beyond their control, and that every preparation had been made for carrying out the ceremony in accordance with the printed programme.

Early in the morning the site of the new Homes was visited by a heavy downfall of rain, such as is seldom seen during the summer; and this continued for several hours. The consequence was that the marquees erected for the ceremony were flooded, while the new road was rendered almost impassable.

At the time it became necessary to decide what course to pursue the rain still continued; and under all the circumstances, the members of the Committee who were present felt they had no alternative but to postpone the ceremony. Telegrams were accordingly forwarded to the railway stations to stop the booking of passengers, and all was done that was possible to avoid inconvenience to those who intended to be present.

The Committee feel bound to add to the above the statement contained in the Court news of to-day's papers, that it was "Owing to the state of the weather that the Committee requested their Royal Highnesses to postpone the ceremony to a future day."

The Committe will announce at the earliest possible moment what steps they propose to adopt.

A. O. CHARLES, Secretary.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

THE Freemasons of this Province assembled on the 14th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Woking Station, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., the Provincial Grand Master. There was a very large attendance of the Craftsmen of the District, the whole of the twenty-four Lodges being represented. After the formal opening of Provincial Grand Lodge, the first business of the day was the consecration to Masonic purposes of the new Hall, which has just been erected by the members of the Weyside Lodge, No. 1395, which meets at Woking Station. This was done, with the ceremonial usual on such occasions, the proceedings being conducted by the Provincial Grand Master, assisted by the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., Deputy Prov. Grand Master Surrey, Past Grand Chaplain of England, who officiated as Consecrating Chaplain. After the roll of Lodges in the Province had been called—which, as already stated, were fully represented—the Report of the Finance and Audit Committee was presented. This showed there was a balance of £162 5s 5d at command of Provincial Grand Lodge, and the Committee recommended the following grants:—To the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Fifteen Guineas; to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Ten Guineas; to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, Ten Guineas. The Committee likewise recommended that Ten Guineas be voted to the St. John's Church (Woking) Enlargement Fund. These recommendations received the universal support of those members of Prov. Grand Lodge who were in attendance, and the Report was unanimously adopted. Bro. J. M. Clabon's proposal to increase the fees to the Fund of Benevolence, was next, on reference from Grand Lodge, brought under consideration, but the opinions gathered were decidedly in opposition to any such increase being made. Amongst other matters that claimed attention, was the circular issued from Grand Lodge as to the precedence of Grand Officers, and some suggestions were elicited as to the desirability of the status of Prov. Grand Officers being more adequately defined at headquarters. On the proposition of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Geo. Price was re-elected Grand Treasurer, and graceful recognition was made of the zeal he displayed in the fulfilment of his duties. The services of Bro. C. Greenwood, who for upwards of twenty-five years has held the office of Prov. Grand Secretary, were also acknowledged, the Prov. Grand Master announcing that he had decided to appoint this zealous brother to be the Senior Grand Warden, being the only honour it was in his power to confer. General Brownrigg announced that he would continue to avail himself of the services of Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold as Deputy Prov. Grand Master. The investments were then made, the following being the list of those appointed to the several offices for the year ensuing:—

Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C.	...	Deputy Prov. Grand Master
Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B.	...	Senior Warden
James E. Barton 1395 ...	...	Junior Warden
Rev. Richard Milner 1616	...	Chaplain
W. A. Barrett 1920 ...	...	Registrar
Charles Greenwood jun. 410	...	Secretary
J. B. Boucher 1872 ...	...	Senior Deacon
W. Youldon 1638 ...	...	Junior Deacon
A. E. Taylor 1851 ...	...	Superintendent of Works
H. E. Frances	...	Director of Ceremonies
J. H. Askham 1564 ...	...	Asst. Director of Ceremonies
Compton 1929	...	Organist
George Westall 1714 ...	...	Sword Bearer
W. J. Kemp 1362	...	Pursuivant
F. A. Manning 1861 ...	...	Standard Bearer
C. T. Speight	...	Tyler

General Brownrigg then briefly addressed the brethren. The condition of Freemasonry in the Province was satisfactory; true, they had lost one Lodge during the year—the Studholme—which, for the convenience of its members, had shifted into the Metropolitan district. Personally, he had no desire to lose any Lodges; at the same time, he thought the twenty-four they possessed was amply sufficient. With respect to the Charity Organisation of the Province; hitherto they had co-operated with the adjoining Province of Berks and Bucks, but it was now deemed advisable that the two Committees should manage their own affairs, and though the most amicable relationship would continue between the two Provinces—and each would render to the other every assistance in its power—the joint organisation would cease, and each Committee confine itself to its own operations. The Prov. Grand Master in conclusion urgently pressed the claims of the Institutions, which it was most desirable should be sustained in their present efficiency. The business was completed by the re-appointment of the Audit and Finance Committee, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The brethren attended divine service at Christ Church, Woking Station, where the Rev. C. W. Arnold officiated. The sermon was preached by the Worshipful Brother the Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Rev. R. Milner, who took his text from 1 Kings vi. 12:—

"Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in My statutes, and execute My judgments, and keep all My commandments to walk in them; then will I perform My word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father."

Brethren, to us Masons, and it is you whom I specially address to day, "uninitiated" is not an infrequent word. But speaking here, in the house of the Great Architect of the Universe, and before a mixed congregation, it is right that I should especially bring before you, and before them, how the one object of Masons, initiated, and the one object of the other part of the congregation, who do not partake with us in what we call the mysteries of Freemasonry, are really so closely allied, that when brethren first become acquainted with the mysterious secrets which more especially belong to our Order, they learn that the chief object of Freemasonry is but the greatest object of our mortal existence, namely, to serve God better, and to bring the whole course and tenour and actions of our life into closer relationship with Him.

For myself, this is my experience of Freemasonry. I confess, brethren, hearing of the luxury too often associated in the popular mind with the word Freemason, that it was with a certain amount of misgiving, and some hesitation, that I entered the Order, which hitherto to me had been a sealed book. But, once past the safeguards which always surround a Masonic Lodge, the atmosphere was one of reverence, of peace. I found men, who five minutes before were busying themselves with all the affairs and anxieties of the world, now standing in solemn silence, thinking of something higher, something better. They seemed to have left behind them, more completely than any other body of men I have ever encountered, for the moment at any rate, the anxieties, and the difficulties, and the dangers of the world. The atmosphere was an atmosphere of peace. Charity—or as we have it now in our revised version, Love—was present in strong force; Charity towards man, and love and reverence towards God. This was the principle that ruled them. This the lodestone on which their contemplation was fixed.

Yet, brethren, there is, I fear, a danger in this, as in all other mundane affairs. There is too much tendency to follow the lead of fashion, because it is the fashion, and because the greatest in the land give countenance to our Order, to lose sight of the first grand principles on which it is founded; to forget that it was without the hope of earthly advantage that we entered its ranks, to forget that the essence of it is the glory of God; and the earthly manifestation of it, the noblest work in which man can engage—Charity.

And with Charity we unite Fidelity. Brethren, Fidelity does not only mean that because a man can show you that he is a Mason, that he is to be fed with bread and relieved with money, but it does mean that you are to be his friend—to be his friend in the very highest sense; that to you he can communicate those thoughts which have given so great a power to superstition in all ages—that with you he can be perfectly frank; that from you, he, the weak brother, can demand strength and counsel, and so prevent that torture of mind and agonising self examination which might otherwise have rendered his inner life, his spiritual life, every part in him worthy of the name of life, from being a continual misery.

Brethren, we Masons are peculiarly members of a body one of another; and when one member suffers, all the members suffer with him; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with him.

Such being the feeling of Freemasonry, it is very necessary that its highest aspect, and its highest aspiration, should not be lost sight of. And in this Province it is not lost sight of.

By request, we are met together to-day, in this church, to show our love and reverence towards God, and our love and fellowship towards man. For concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in My statutes, and execute My judgments, and keep all My commandments to walk in them; then will I perform My word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father.

The good thought of King David was bearing fruit, the great temple was silently rising in all its glory, and the word of the Lord came unto King Solomon to teach him that the reward would only be the result of perseverance; that his labour would be lost unless in him and in his people the great Architect of the Universe was continually building the house.

I have chosen this text, on which time does not allow me to enlarge, because your alms and offerings, the tangible expression of your charity, are desired concerning a house of God which is in building, dedicated to St. John, in this large and scattered parish, that so it may become a parish church with a parish of its own. God builds with those who build in Him and for Him. This is the day for joining our work and His. This is the day in which each one of us conscious of our personal responsibility, must do his part and leave the result with God.

At the close of the service a collection was made, which realised £3 18s, and was appropriated to the Enlargement Fund. The banquet was served at the Goldsworth Hall, the arrangements being carried out under the direction of Bro. C. T. Tyler. The Provincial Grand Master presided, and on the removal of the cloth gave the usual toasts. The first, the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Craft, was heartily received. In speaking of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, General Brownrigg stated that the Grand Master devoted a vast amount of attention to the business of the Craft; with the toast he would associate the names of the Grand Officers, and would call on Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C. to reply. Bro. Arnold, after thanking those present for the kindness they had exhibited in their reception of the toast, regretted the absence of many Grand Officers who he had hoped would have joined them. The Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Grand Junior Warden, was a resident in the neighbourhood, but other engagements prevented his coming. Again, Lord Onslow was a member of the Lodge, and they had hoped he would be able to attend on the occasion. The health of General Brownrigg was proposed by the D.P.G.M., who stated that under the rule of its present Provincial Grand Master Freemasonry had made rapid strides in Surrey. Each of the Lodges was vieing the one with the other to maintain a state of efficiency. This showed that they had a chief who knows how to govern men. All

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trusted General Brownrigg would have health and strength for many years to continue to preside over them. In reply, the Provincial Grand Master acknowledged the kindness evinced by the reception he had met with. They were assembled in greater numbers that day than for some years past. This was gratifying. The first duty of the day had been a pleasant one, that of consecrating a new Hall for Masonic purposes. This was a sure sign of progress. Ten years ago there were but nine Lodges in the Province, but now, with twenty-four Lodges, he found great difficulty in knowing how to distribute the purple. He was well aware many brethren might think they did not get it when they most deserved it, but he could assure one and all he gave the question his serious consideration. Naturally, however, there were one or two offices which were paramount, such as that of Deputy Prov. G. Master and Prov. G. Secretary. In conclusion, General Brownrigg again tendered the brethren his thanks. In replying to the toast of the Prov. G. Officers Bro. Arnold remarked that in previous years he had made it a rule to visit—once during the year—each Lodge in the Province. Owing, however, to the vast increase in the number, he found this rule a very hard one to carry out. At the same time he assured the brethren he took a continued, and, if possible, a still greater interest in the work they were doing. Bro. Greenwood likewise referred to the increased labour entailed upon the executive. He had been Prov. Grand Secretary for 27 years, and though it had pleased General Brownrigg to place him in a somewhat more exalted position, that of Senior Warden, he must confess his heart yearned for his old post, and his old duties. The other toasts comprised the W.M.'s of Lodges in the Province, coupled with that of the entertaining Lodge; the Visitors, who were responded for by Bro. Richard Eve P. Prov. G.S.W. Hants and the Isle of Wight; the Charities, for which Bros. Binckes and Terry replied. Some capital musical selections and songs enlivened the proceedings throughout, Bro. William Sexton (of Westminster Abbey) especially distinguishing himself. It was an exceptionally late hour, for a Provincial meeting, when the Tyler was called on for his toast.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

THE annual assembly of Masons of this Province was held on Tuesday, 18th inst., at Sandwich, under the Presidency of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master Viscount Holmesdale. The business on the agenda was of a purely formal nature except, perhaps, that referring to the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., Grand Chaplain of England, &c. Bro. Robinson has been known in the Province of Kent for some years past. The fact of H.R.H. the M.W.G. Master having appointed him to an office in G. Lodge, gives evidence that his efforts have been appreciated outside the district with which he has been more particularly associated. The brethren of the Province subscribed most liberally to the testimonial, and, as a consequence, the Provincial Grand Master was enabled to hand to Bro. Robinson, on Tuesday last, a purse containing a goodly amount, and in addition to present him with his clothing for Grand Lodge office. The following brethren were appointed as Officers of the district for the coming year:—

Bro. James Smith Eastes	Deputy P.G.M.
— Hamilton P.M. 1692	P.G. Senior Warden
R. Harrison P.M. 1206	P.G. Junior Warden
Revs. W. T. Jones and Canon Baynes	P.G. Chaplains
Alfred Spencer	P.G. Secretary
E. B. Smith	P.G. Registrar
C. E Hatton and E J. Sears	P.G. Senior Deacons
Robert Stone and J. E. Apps ...	P.G. Junior Deacons
J. E. Wiltshire	P.G. Supt. of Works
John Coulter	P.G. D. of C.
John F. Searle	P.G. Assist. D. of C.
E. Kirby	P.G. Sword Bearer
W. H. Drake	P.G. Organist
C. F. Stratford	P.G. Pursuivant
W. Rankin	P.G.A. Pursuivant
R. Eastley	P.G. Tyler
John Brett, N. Williams, Edwin Beer, F. Butler, John Sears, Hedley Shaw	P.G. Stewards

At the conclusion of the meeting of Prov. G. Lodge the brethren proceeded to St. Clement's Church, where, by permission of the Vicar, a special service was held. The customary banquet followed, Lord Holmesdale presiding. The brethren of Sandwich had been fortunate in securing, by kind permission of Capt. Mate, the spacious Volunteer Drill Hall, and this had been decorated in a very elaborate manner. The general appearance of the hall on entering was most pleasing, and the arrangement reflects great credit on those by whom it was carried out. The banquet was well served, and the table most liberally supplied; indeed, it was the general opinion that the members of the entertaining Lodge had equalled, if not excelled, the previous efforts of the Kentish brethren. Lord Holmesdale in due course proposed the toast of the Queen, which having been honoured with true Kentish enthusiasm, was followed by that of the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. In giving the toast, Lord Holmesdale referred to the disappointment experienced by the brethren of his district, and others, in the unfortunate postponement of the intended ceremony at Swanley. He thought it would be unwise to blame anyone for the unfortunate fiasco of that day, but at the same time he very much regretted the termination of the matter. The ceremony was adjourned, he was afraid, *sine die*, for he thought it very unlikely that the Prince of Wales would find it possible to devote another day to it. He felt sure that had the brethren of Kent had their Grand Master among them on that occasion they would have drunk the toast with much greater enthusiasm than they ever had before, and yet they were not usually remiss. He could only now ask them to honour it with the usual heartiness, and assured them that H.R.H. was as much disappointed as any one at not having had the opportunity of meeting the Masons of Kent who, he was sure, would have done themselves honour. The toast of the Grand Officers followed. The brethren of Kent were at all times pleased to recognise this toast, but, doubtless, the fact of their now numbering one of their own members among them would lend additional attraction to it. He trusted that Bro. Robinson, to whom he referred, and who they had been pleased to honour with a testimonial that day, would live long to enjoy the position conferred on him by the Grand Master, and that he would have many opportunities of wearing the clothing presented him. Bro. Robinson considered it a very high honour to return thanks for the toast of the Grand Officers of England. Their chief had, in proposing the toast, described the duties of the Earl of Carnarvon, and he hoped that the same eulogistic remarks applied to the Officers of Grand Lodge. He felt he might say, on behalf of one and all, that they desired to fulfil the duties of their respective offices to the satisfaction both of the Grand Master, and also the brethren generally. Bro. Eastes, the Deputy of the Province, then assumed the gavel. It appeared to him hardly possible that twelve months had elapsed since Provincial Grand Lodge was assembled at Rochester, when he had the pleasure of presenting, in the name of the Province, a testimonial to the worthy Grand Master, after a most successful term of office extending over twenty-one years. He was now once more permitted to propose the toast which he ventured to think was nearest and dearest to the brethren of Kent. He felt there was no Province or District where the brethren had greater reason to be proud of their ruler than they of the county of Kent. They could safely challenge any other, and really had reason to be proud of having such a Prov. Grand Master. Lord Holmesdale had recently given evidence of his zeal in the office he held in Freemasonry, for he ventured to think that no one worked harder in preparing for the contemplated meeting of the previous Saturday than did his lordship. Had the ceremony been carried out, he felt it would have been the most successful ever held in the Province, and very much of the success would have been due to the way in which Lord Holmesdale had arranged the details. He could refer with pleasure to the prosperity of the Craft in the district, very much of which prosperity was due to the way in which the Master of the Province carried out his share of the work. The toast having been most heartily honoured, Lord Holmesdale replied. It was always a very pleasing duty to him to respond to the toast of Provincial Grand Master, which the brethren of Kent always received so well and heartily. He trusted as years went on the heartiness of his reception might never decrease, but that he should always receive as genuine a welcome as was now accorded him. They had had a very busy time in the Province of Kent during the past year; he hoped their prosperity might continue. If they were to keep on increasing and multiplying in the future as they had done in the past, he really began to wonder how they were to be entertained; looking round the elegant hall in which they were then assembled, and which was not a small one, he could but think there was little room for any more, and yet but a few years since such a gathering in connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge would have been considered enormous. He really thought they would have to devote some portion of the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to purchase tents, so that they might be enabled to encamp in the wilderness. He felt there was not one member present but would rather put up with a little inconvenience than be in a large hall, nearly empty. With regard to what had been said in reference to his share in the arrangements for Swanley, he did not see the use of a Provincial Grand Master if he did not work on such occasions. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had sent for him, and was good enough to say he would entrust the Masonic part of the proceedings to him; he had, therefore, done what he considered necessary, and repeated that he felt sure all would have been well had it not been for the unfortunate postponement. He hoped the brethren of Kent would have an opportunity, on a future occasion, of entertaining their Grand Master. The toast of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master was next given. They must all be aware that while the Master of a Province got all the tinsel and the gilt, his Deputy got all the work and all the kicks. In a large Province such as this, the work was very great; he had been particularly fortunate in having brethren as Deputies who had faithfully discharged their work. Bro. Eastes was really all that could be desired in that respect, and the way in which he fulfilled the trust reposed in him gave him great credit. The toast was well received and acknowledged by Bro. Eastes. With regard to the duties of his office, they were comparatively light so long as he had the confidence of the Provincial Grand Master, and the support of the brethren. While the good feeling which had characterised them in the past existed, he was sure his office would be a gratifying one. Last year there were forty-five Lodges in the Province, with a membership of 2,520, now they had forty-eight, with another to be consecrated in ten days, with 2,588 members—a gratifying increase, and one of which they might justly be proud. The Provincial Grand Master was very pleased to propose the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers, all of whom in the past had fulfilled their duties satisfactorily. He was especially indebted to the Grand S.W. of the past year for the attention he had paid to Masonic duties, and pleased to be able to publicly thank him. He might say the same also of the Grand J.W. and other of the Officers; indeed, his thanks were due to all. He hoped those who accepted the purple in years to come would follow in the steps of those who had gone before, and would bear in mind there are other duties appertaining to an appointment than the wearing of a collar. The newly-appointed Grand S.W. replied; a somewhat difficult task devolved upon him, as he was called upon to respond to the toast both for the present and past Officers; he thanked the brethren on behalf of those who had gone through their work, and hoped those appointed that day would give equal satisfaction. The exigencies of the train service necessitated the practical breaking up of the meeting at this stage, most of those from other than the home Lodge being obliged to leave.

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While we do not approve of all day meetings, we yet think longer time should be allowed for the after proceedings of Provincial meetings in particular. They often afford the only means of a general reunion of the Officers of past years, and the latter part of the proceedings, if looked upon from that point of view, are really the most interesting to a large number of those present. Had the service at the church been before, instead of after, the meeting of Grand Lodge, this drawback would have been prevented, a fact we commend to brethren who may have the arrangement of future gatherings. We do not wish this to be considered as applying particularly to the arrangements of the Sandwich brethren—which were first-rate in every respect—but to the Craft generally.

MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

THE Annual Festival in behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held at the Crystal Palace, on Wednesday, under the presidency of the Earl of Kintore D.G.M.M.M. A numerous company were present, including, as usual, many of the fair sex, and Bros. Bertram and Roberts are to be congratulated on the excellent manner in which they provided for the wants of the inner man. In fact, the Festival of 1882 was, in all respects, a great success. It was compact and harmonious as regards those present—so much as this goes, almost without saying—while the result may be said to have fully realised the general expectation; only on one previous occasion has it, if we remember rightly, been exceeded, and even the excess of that Festival over this is slight.

Banquet over, the more serious, and at the same time, the more jovial part of the proceedings was entered upon, the Right Honourable Brother in the chair inaugurating the combined business and chief pleasure of the meeting by proposing the customary Loyal and Mark Masonic toasts. In presenting that of Lord Henniker Grand Mark Master Mason, Lord Kintore spoke in terms of well-deserved encomium of his Lordship's interest in whatever was likely to prove of interest to the Degree. His absence, he remarked, was undoubtedly a loss to the company, though to him (Lord Kintore) personally, it was a gain, for otherwise he would not have been able to occupy the position of chairman. The enthusiasm evoked by these remarks having subsided, Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., gave the toast of the Past Grand Masters, and congratulated those present on having had the services in that capacity of so many distinguished Craftsmen. As a matter of course, reference was made to the accession to their number of Prince Leopold Duke of Albany, and also to the fact that a fund was in course of being raised in order to present His Royal Highness with some mark of their esteem and respect on the occasion of his recent marriage. A kindly reference to Bro. Rev. G. Raymond Portal M.W.P.G.M.M.M., who had lately returned home from his late tour, in restored health, brought the Baron's remarks to a conclusion.

On Bro. C. F. Matier devoted the agreeable duty of proposing the Chairman's health. We had known his Lordship, he said, for a long time, and had watched his Masonic career with the greatest interest and satisfaction. There had been a time when the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, of which his Lordship was one of the Principals, and the Grand Mark Lodge, of which he was now the Deputy Grand Master, had not been on the best of terms. In those days his Lordship had demeaned himself most kindly and courteously, and had used his best efforts to bring about happier relations between the two bodies. That his Lordship's efforts had not proved futile was shown by the fact of his being, at the present time, Second Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland and D.G.M. of the Mark Grand Lodge. That his Lordship might occupy still higher positions was his (Bro. Matier's) sincere wish. Lord Kintore, in reply, acknowledged with much satisfaction not only the kindly terms in which his health had been proposed by Bro. Matier, whom he had known for many years, but also the exceedingly handsome manner in which it had been received by the company present. He acquiesced in the correctness of Bro. Matier's statement as to the differences formerly existing between the Grand Chapter Scotland and the Mark Grand Lodge England, and was fully prepared and delighted to admit that the twofold position he at present occupied, as Second Principal of the former and Deputy G. Master of the latter, was evidence that peace, a strong peace, and peace with honour, prevailed between the two bodies.

The toast of the "Past and Present Grand Officers" having been proposed in appropriate terms by Bro. R. P. Spice, and most genially acknowledged by Bro. Rev. R. P. Bent Grand Chaplain, the Chairman rose and gave the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Mark Benevolent Fund." In doing so, he said he felt no anxiety as to the result. He did not mean to say that his powers of oratory were likely to affect materially the fortunes of the Fund, but he had noticed his worthy friend opposite to him, Bro. Dewar, with a satisfactory roll of paper of considerable length in his hands, and he considered it great advantage that the work he was commending to their notice had already been to a great extent accomplished. As to the Fund itself, in the fourteen years that had elapsed since its establishment, in 1868, no less a sum than £3,180 had been raised, of which £1,500 had been invested in the Fund itself, and £700 in the Education Fund, while grants amounting to £750 have been made to sundry necessitous and worthy Mark Masons. At the present time seven boys were being educated, at an annual expense of from £67 to £70, while the total cost of management, collection, and distribution had not exceeded the latter sum. This he considered to be in the highest degree creditable to the Executive; while, as regards the Fund itself, he could not speak too highly of the value of the good work it was doing, and consequently could not speak too strongly in commending it to the notice and support of the ladies and brethren present.

Bro. Binckes, in an eloquent speech, expressed the obligations which all Mark Masons were under to his lordship for having taken the chair on the occasion. He could have wished that some one else had been chosen to respond, as it was hardly possible for him to speak in terms that were otherwise than stereotyped. He pointed out, however, the great interest which members of the Mark Degree took in the great Masonic Institutions, and also that the Mark Grand Lodge had not inaugurated a new degree, but had merely been conserving the old. The Mark Degree was as authentic as any other, and was equally, with others, stimulated by the principle of Charity. Hence the Fund, which subsidised, as it were, what was being done by the Craft. As to the Festival, it was the Fifteenth Anniversary, and he thanked the brethren for having tendered their services on the occasion. He also alluded to the differences that formerly existed, which had been the subject of comment by Bro. Matier, and concluded by expressing his heartiest good wishes in behalf of the Degree in England, Scotland, and Wales, and wherever else established.

Bro. Dewar then read out the following list of Stewards' contributions, amounting to £528 11s 6d, namely:—

		£	s	d
The Chairman, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Kintore		25	0	0
P A Homfray (Monmouthshire)		64	5	0
A L Emanuel (Hants and the Isle of Wight)		15	15	0
R J Emmerson (Kent)		21	10	6
J S Cumberland (N and E Yorkshire)		15	15	0
George Cooper (Bon Accord)		12	17	0
Henry Venn (Old Kent)		38	17	0
R P Spice	No. 3	5	5	0
James Inglis	7	13	13	0
Dr E Schiemann	8			
G J Cosburn	27	9	5	6
F A Huet	32	10	10	0
J Arenberg	34	6	10	0
A F Godson	40	10	10	0
Thos J Pulley	54	10	10	0
M Mildred	104	23	2	0
C W Hudson	164			
C H Driver	173	15	15	0
J T Thorp	194	21	9	0
H J Lardner	223	17	6	0
J T Moreland	225	10	10	0
H Lovegrove	234	10	10	0
W H Glasspool	235	26	5	0
J Hobbs	236			
George R Ousey	239	16	2	0
J J Hughes	247	9	7	0
C F Goodenough	255	15	15	0
H H Hodges	257	5	5	0
Henry George	265	26	5	0
Richard White	266	5	5	0
T L Lewis	271	26	0	0
W J Meek	284	10	10	0
Rev R P Bent		5	5	0
Robert Berridge		13	7	6
John Mainwaring		5	5	0
John Ramsey		5	5	0

The toast of "the Stewards was responded to by Bro. H. Venn, while Bro. Binckes gave that of "the Ladies," which was gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Godson. The party shortly after separated. Be it added, that Bro. W. Ganz, P.G. Organist, had under his direction the musical arrangements, which gave the utmost satisfaction, and in which he was assisted by Bros. Collins, Thompson, Kift, and Egbert Roberts.

SUMMER BANQUET OF PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

THIS event was celebrated at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on Wednesday, and passed off with the same success as in former years. The weather was delightful, and a muster of one hundred ladies and brethren seems almost small under the circumstances, especially if we keep in mind the great and well deserved popularity of the Lodge. However, leaving the mere numbers out of the question, beautiful scenery, bright sunshine, and a popular Master, were conditions favourable to the day's enjoyment, and, thanks to the kind and fraternal offices of Bros. Roberts W.M., and G. T. Brown Secretary, with their aids, there was not even a single moment's break in the day's enjoyment. As a matter of course the W.M. presided at the banquet, and—especially as a matter of course—he was supported by his Wardens, Bros. Schadler and Rich. Little need be said of the menu, beyond the fact that it was in all respects worthy of the proprietors of this famous hostelry, and was appreciated by the guests. When justice had been done to the good things provided, sundry toasts were honoured, the most prominent among them being those of the Master, the Past Masters, the Visitors, and the Ladies. Each of these in turn elicited hearty shouts of approval. Dancing, later in the evening, brought the festive gathering to a close, and the brethren and their friends returned to town, after having spent a most agreeable day.

ALEXANDRA PALACE.

AN unusual large number of persons attended the Palace last Wednesday evening, to witness the first representation of Mr. Pain's latest novelty, the Bombardment of Alexandria. The Egyptian Forts are first seen; the ships of England are then discovered, and a fierce cannonading ensues, accompanied by a perpetual rattle from the Gattling Guns. The Forts and Batteries are soon reduced, and a tremendous explosion of Magazines forms a very effective and appropriate termination. Previous to the engagement, an extensive display of fireworks, and illumination of the Park, with variegated lights and Magnesium Balloons, attracted general admiration, and comprised flights of Rockets with floating lights forming Aerial Bouquets, Great Golden Clouds, Girandoles, Tourbillions, and flights of Shells, &c. including the latest introduction of Pyrotechny, the Rayour d'Or rockets.

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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, 22nd JULY.

1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New North-road, S.E., at 7. (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)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1631—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst

MONDAY, 24th JULY.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
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.)
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)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 6.30. (Instruction)

48—Industry, 36 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
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, at 8. (Instruction)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 25th JULY.

Audit Committee Girls' School, 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)
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)
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.)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

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
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
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, Grays, Essex
1356—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1506—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. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K.T.—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 26th JULY.

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)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
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
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)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1694—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Waltham-tow, 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)

86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
301—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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
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
1216—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, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester

THURSDAY, 27th JULY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
764—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
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)
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.)

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
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
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
389—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
907—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
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)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 28th JULY.

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.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, 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.)
1385—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.)
R.A. 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
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
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1303—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
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
R.A. 424—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gate-head.
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 29th JULY.

1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New North-road, S.E., at 7. (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 Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

149—Pence, Private Rooms, Meltham
508—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1492—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

On Monday the Prince and Princess of Wales leave Marlborough House for Goodwood, on a visit to the Duke of Richmond and Gordon.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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CAMDEN LODGE, No. 704.

THERE was a goodly assemblage at this Lodge on Tuesday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, to witness the installation of Bro. Dr. Nathaniel Goodchild as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Lodge was opened with the customary formalities soon after three o'clock, under the presidency of the retiring W. Master Bro. Frederick William Rogers, who was well supported by his Officers. Amongst the Past Masters present were Bros. J. N. Frost, A. Pocklington, H. C. Soper, and W. Gray. The Visitors included Bros. S. M. Lazarus P.M. 539 P.G.W. Wilts, J. D. Collier P.M. 1366, H. E. Coffin 167, G. J. Reynolds 1524, K. Wyland 706, H. E. Kirby 554, Henry Preston 1319, Henry Parker 1319, A. Vogri, and many others. The minutes of last meeting having been confirmed, Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Rintoul having proved himself worthy, was raised to the sublime degree by the Wor. Master, who performed the impressive ceremony with his accustomed ability. Having lowered to the second degree, Bro. Rose was passed, the same remark applying to the work here as in the former rite. Resuming in the first, the ballot was opened for Mr. Francis Izant, of High Holborn, whose sponsors were Bros. Sayers and W. H. Kehl. The voting unanimously in favour, Mr. Izant was duly initiated into the privileges and mysteries of the Order, the ceremony being admirably gone through. Bro. Dr. Nathaniel Goodchild was then presented as the Worshipful Master elect; and, having assented to the various interrogations, a Body of Installed Masters was duly constituted, and he was inducted with all honours into the chair of K.S. On readmission of the brethren he was proclaimed and saluted with the customary honours, Bro. Rogers acting most efficiently as Installing Officer, and delivering the solemn charges with much effect. The newly-installed Worshipful Master then invested his Officers for the ensuing year, the collars being thus bestowed:—Bros. W. F. Rogers I.P.M., T. Blank S.W., F. Ince J.W., Edward Wm. Young P.M. Sec., G. Britten P.M. Treasurer, F. Trinder S.D., J. Bindon J.D., W. H. Kehl I.G., H. Howe M.C., Geo. Osborn Organist, J. Very Tyler. After the transaction of some formal business, Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to the throne-room of the hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, the arrangements, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Henry Mills, eliciting unbounded expressions of appreciation. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master being received with special enthusiasm, testifying to his deserved popularity amongst all the brethren of the Lodge. The proceedings, which were of the most harmonious and enjoyable description, were enlivened by some excellent vocal and instrumental music, in which several professional ladies and gentlemen took a prominent and effective part.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—Meeting held on Monday, 17th inst., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Bros. Brooks W.M., Rowles S.W., Cotton J.W., Nicholson S.D., Taplin J.D., Duffin I.G. and Tyler. After preliminaries, Bro. Taplin gave proof of his proficiency in the first degree. Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Taplin candidate. Bro. Rowles S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was closed, and adjourned until Monday, the 24th inst.

United Pilgrim's Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—At the meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday evening, the 14th instant, Bro. Richard Poore, as W.M., was well supported, there being present, amongst others, Bros. Henry Baldwin S.W., J. B. Sarjeant J.W., G. W. Knight S.D., H. M. Williams J.D., H. Hooper I.G., John S. Terry P.M. and Sec., James Stevens P.M. Hon. Preceptor, J. Bate, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. Bate as candidate for passing was proved and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony was very effectively rehearsed by the W.M., who, as a young Mason, is most creditably progressing in Lodge working. The lecture on the tracing board in the second degree was delivered by the Preceptor, and gave general satisfaction. Lodge was closed to the first degree, and the brethren received some useful instruction in the proper mode of entering an open Lodge in the several degrees. Bro. Henry Baldwin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and will be encouraged by a good attendance on the 21st, when working the ceremony and lectures of the third degree. The Lodge was then closed in customary form.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 18th inst, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Wardell W.M., Corble S.W., Robinson J.W., F. Carr Secretary, Catling S.D., Allen J.D., Bunker I.G., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Brasted, Cushing, A. Clark, Smyth. All formalities being observed, the ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, Bro. Cushing candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history. Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties, when Bro. Allen worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first degree and Bro. Corble was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Weyside Lodge, No. 1395, Woking Station.—On the 14th inst., Bro. T. Wakley was installed Worthipful Master in succession to Bro. J. E. Barton. Bro. Wakley appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Bowles S.W., Onslow S W., Asher S.D., Craig J.D., Nutt I.G. The Lodge met in the New Hall at Woking Station, for the first time.

UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 1428.

ON Friday afternoon, in the presence of a number of W.M.'s and other members of the Craft, Bro. J. Laverty was installed W.M. of this Lodge. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring W.M. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

"Presented by the members of the United Service Lodge, No. 1428, to Bro. G. P. Arnold P.M., on his retiring from the chair, as a token of esteem and regard. 1881-82."

St. John's Lodge of Instruction, No. 1564.—A meeting was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Knaphill, on 12th instant, when the first two sections of the first lecture were worked by the Preceptor and six brethren of the Lodge. The Preceptor (Bro. J. Webster P.D.G.J.W. Gibraltar) having stated in an address that perhaps there were some brethren present who were not acquainted with the qualifications necessary for members of Provincial Grand Lodge, proceeded to read extracts from Oliver's "Jurisprudence" on the subject, which were listened to with great interest by the brethren. This Lodge of Instruction is in a flourishing condition, and has proved of great service to members of the regular Lodge.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—On Tuesday evening, at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, a goodly number of brethren assembled. Bros. E. M. Money W.M., T. C. Edmonds S.W., H. Hooper J.W., E. A. Francis Preceptor, H. M. Williams Secretary, R. Poore S.D., G. W. Knight J.D., H. Goodwin I.G.; J. Moss, A. E. Albert, George Monk, E. Storr, James Hill, J. Bate, C. E. Hill, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. Lodge was then opened in the second and third, and resumed to the first degree. The W.M. ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, with Bro. Moss as candidate, giving the charge. He also rehearsed the ceremony of raising, with Bro. Albert as candidate. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. The following brethren were unanimously elected members of the Lodge:—Bros. James Hill Skelmersdale 1658, J. Bate Jubilee 72, Thomas Harris Stockwell, H. C. E. Hill Skelmersdale 1658. Bro. T. C. Edmonds was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, and Lodge was closed in due form. We are gratified to see the progress this new Lodge of Instruction is making. As many of our readers, by reason of this being "recess" season, are unable to attend their regular haunts, we can cordially recommend them to pay the Brixton Craftsmen a visit.

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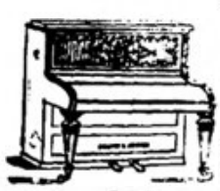

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SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

THE Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India was held, according to the *Masonic Record of Western India*, in Freemasons' Hall, Nesbit lane, Byculla, Bombay, on the 22nd April 1882. under the presidency of M W. Bro. Mackintosh Balfour, Grand Master, who was supported by Bros. Captain Henry Morland Immediate Past Grand Master, Manocjee Cursetjee Hon. Past Dep. G. Master, Khan Bahadoor J. D. Wadia Hon. Past Dep. G. Master, Khan Bahadoor M. C. Murzban Hon. Past Sub. G. Master, J. Y. Lang Sub. G. Master, Darasha R. Chichgar Grand S.W., J. R. Johnson Grand J.W., C. D. Fardoonjee Grand J.W., R. V. Reid Grand Senior Deacon, D. B. Metha P. Grand S.W. as Grand J.D., W. Rodger Grand J.D., A. B. Anderson G. Chaplain, Capt. Babington Peile Asst. G. Chaplain, E. Freeborn G. Secretary, Darasha S. Sarapoorwalla G. Treasurer, H. B. Mactaggart Asst. G. Secretary, D. D. Shroff G. Jeweller, D. Bhicajee G.Z A. Bearer, M. Cowser G.K. Bearer, H. R. Lacey G. Organist, Meerza Hoossein Khan 1st Grand Marshal, Meer Abdool Allee, Khan Bahadoor, 2nd Grand Marshal, N. M. Panday as G. Inner Guard, J. C. Houghland Grand Tyler, and others. Grand Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous Quarterly Communication read and confirmed, the G. Master announced, with great regret, that the office of Deputy Grand Master was vacant, Bro Maxwell having left India not to return. He therefore appointed Bro. Lang, the Sub. G.M., to be Depute Grand Master, and Bro. M. C. Murzban to be Sub Grand Master. Bro. N. M. Panday was appointed Grand Inner Guard, the former occupant of that office having resigned in consequence of inability to attend to his duties. These brethren and Captain Babington Peile Asst. Grand Chaplain having been duly invested, the Grand Secretary then read his annual report, from which it appeared that there were thirty-one, instead of thirty, Lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge, but of these three were in abeyance, though it was possible and he was in hopes, that one of the three would once again be in working order. With these exceptions, the Lodges were doing fairly, those in Bombay especially having prospered during the year. The statement of the work done by each Lodge showed that last year there were on the roll members amounting in number in the aggregate to 654, whereas in 1880 there were but 619; in 1879, 613; and in 1878, 524. There had consequently been an increase of 130 members in the brief period of four years. The accounts also were sstisfactory. The General Fund showing an excess of 200 rupees in the cash balance, while over 1642 rupees had been received in the shape of donations from Masonic bodies and brethren for the Fund of Benevolence. To be more precise. The General Fund showed receipts, including a balance brought forward from last year of over 3,520 rupees, amounting to over 6,021 rupees. The expenditure was over 2,309 rupees, so that there remained in hand at the end of the year just a slight fraction over 3,719 rupees. As to the Scottish Freemasons' Benevolent Society, the year was begun with a balance to the good of upwards of 6,279 rupees, which, with the donations, &c., received, gave a total in round figures, of 8,297 rupees on the Dr. side of the account. Only 520 rupees had been disbursed, so that the balance at the close of the year was 7,777 rupees. As to the receipts and disbursements on account of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the former, including the balance from previous year, amounted to 1,522 rupees, and the latter to 1,511 rupees. over ten rupees remaining to carry forward to 1882. Grand Secretary further submitted a statement of account of the Freemasons' Hall Committee, from which it appears that the Balance of the previous year was, in round figures, 3,502 rupees, and the receipts 8,408 rupees, making a total of 11,910 rupees, while the expenditure amounted to no more than 6,409 rupees, leaving a balance in bank and Treasurer's hands of 5,501 rupees. On the motion of the Immediate Past Grand Master, seconded by the Grand Master. the Report was unanimously adopted.

G. Master Balfour then rose and addressed the brethren. At the outset he congratulated them on the satisfactory report which had been just read to them and especially on the flourishing condition of the Scottish Freemasons' Benevolent Society. He alluded to the dastardly attempt which, since the last Communication, had been made on the life of Her Majesty the Queen, and explained the reasons that had induced him not to call them together specially to offer their congratulations, in the form of an address, to Her Majesty at her providential escape from the hands of the assassin. He had considered that the Grand Lodge of Scotland would act, as she had done, on behalf of the whole body of Scottish Freemasons. Bro. Balfour next alluded to his intention of moving a resolution inviting R.W. Bro. Manockjee Cursetjee, the Father of Freemasonry among the native gentlemen of India, to sit for his portrait, his object in so doing being to fulfil a promise he had announced, at the great National Festival of the Parsees, to the many brethren who were present on that occasion, of presenting a portrait of that R. Worshipful and respected Brother to be hung up in their Freemasons' Hall as a perpetual memorial of his excellence. Not many years have elapsed since the reception into Freemasonry of members of the Hindoo community had become possible. The prejudices of caste had been strong, but, thanks to the kindly spirit and zeal of Bro. Cursetjee, those prejudices and the difficulties they had entailed had been overcome, and now the members of the different creeds were able to meet together and formed a very happy family. Bro. Cursetjee had been initiated in Paris, and in Bombay had been a contemporary of and collaborator with the late Bro. Burns, the first Grand Master in India under the Scottish Constitution. He had introduced a kind of free trade in Masonry, and what was more to the purpose free trade in female education on that side of India at least. All knew the interest he took in the Alexandra School, and his (Bro. Balfour's) wish in presenting the portrait, and having it hung in their Hall, was, to show that Grand Lodge knew how to honour those who deserved honour at its hands, and that years hence, when they had all passed away, the picture might be pointed out as exhibiting the counterfeit presentment of the Brother who had introduced Freemasonry among the native Indian gentlemen. By way of concluding his address, the G.M. announced that, as his term of agreement with the Bank of Bombay would expire next year, he should quit India, and return to his native land; and as he conceived it to be imprudent to leave everything to the last, it was his intention at once to resign his office, so that the brethren might have ample time to make choice of a successor, the reins of office being held in the interim by his immediate predecessor in the chair. Bro. Balfour then moved that Right Worshipful Brother

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Manockjee Cursetjee be invited to sit for his portrait, and that it be hung up in Freemasons' Hall. The proposition having been seconded by Bro. Captain Morland I.P.G.M., and carried by acclamation amid great enthusiasm, Bro. Manockjee Cursetjee rose and said it would be affectation on his part not to feel extremely gratified for the honour done him — an honour which was all the greater because it had come upon him unexpectedly, and he considered it a great privilege that that honour had been conferred by the M.W. Grand Master in a manner so gratifying. Bro. Morland next rose for the purpose of expressing the mingled feelings of regret and happiness he experienced at the announcement by the M.W. Grand Master of his resignation of office. It was, he said, much to be regretted that they were about to lose the personal presence and personal friendship of one whom they had learnt to esteem and respect for years past. At the same time it was a happy circumstance that he was about to be restored to his family and to his friends, and to the land of his birth, where he would be able to recruit his health, in a measure injured by a long residence in an Indian climate. He hoped that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master would soon be restored to his pristine vigour, and enjoy his old age amongst his friends and relations. As to his (Bro. Morland's) resumption to the Hiram, he was by no means anxious to hold it. They all knew the old saying, "Uneasy is the head that wears a crown," and the honourable position of Grand Master was not without its anxieties. He would not shirk the honour if it were bestowed upon him, for it had been his great aim ever since he had been a Mason under the Scotch banner to do all in his power to promote the integrity and honour of the Scottish constitution. He trusted, however, they would, in the exercise of their unbiassed judgment, select the brother they considered fittest for the office. Letters of thanks from Bros. the Earl of Haddington and Sir James Fergusson for the votes of condolence with them in their bereavement were read, and directed to be recorded on the minutes, after which the report of the Standing Committee was read and confirmed, and other business of purely local interest having been dispatched, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, and the brethren separated.

A QUIET DAY IN THE COUNTRY AMONG THE ROACH AND DACE.

By a Non-Professional Brother.

THAT there are spots of surpassing loveliness in the county of Surrey I had always understood; and of the truth of the assertion I have now no reason to doubt, having had confirmation of the fact in the most agreeable and unexpected fashion. To a man such as I am, "in populous city pent," a whiff of the pure country air, and a peep at green fields and luxuriant woods, are in themselves a treat; but when the pleasure is enhanced by the addition of good sport and unbounded hospitality, it leaves an impression upon the mind not easily to be forgotten.

I am not going to indicate the precise locality of which I am about to speak, for it is certain I could not place my finger upon the exact spot upon the map if I tried. But this I will say, that although, when the days were young, I have revelled amongst some of the finest scenery of which the country can boast, I had never discovered a spot so full of quiet romantic beauty, so exquisitely lovely in its serenity and isolation from the world as that upon which I feasted my enraptured gaze last week.

"Come down and have a day's fishing," was the terse invitation I received that brilliant Wednesday afternoon when quitting my musty chambers in Lincoln's Inn Fields for a breath of air on a day when the birds were chirruping and Nature seemed donning her brightest livery. "I can't promise you much sport; but what is wanting in that respect we will endeavour to make up in other ways."

It needed no second invite, for London was unbearable, and one could scarcely reconcile oneself to the soft warm winds and the pellucid skies which seduced one away to the fresh woods and pastures new which must needs be found within a few miles' ride from the monotonous hum of the metropolis. So, putting hastily together my old friend Rod, which had not been used for I am afraid to say how long, and trusting to my host to supply the rest, I took train early next morning for Redhill, previously announcing my advent by telegram.

We had just an hour to inspect the pretty little town—grown out of knowledge since I had visited it twenty years ago—and to note the signs of increasing prosperity it presented on all sides. Instead of a few houses dotted about here and there, commanding streets have grown up, with shops as natty and thriving-looking as one could wish to see in any flourishing suburb of ever-outstretching London; whilst the surroundings are fringed with pretty villas and gardens such as the City man loves, when the din and bustle of office work are over.

'Cute and business-like as I found those of the tradesmen and others with whom I conversed to be, there appeared to be a creditable absence of that "sticking it on" principle in the prices charged to strangers that often renders country towns so devoutly to be avoided.

On resting a-while at the Railway Hotel—reminding one very much of a recherché little Swiss cottage, only that the tariff and *cuisine* are very much to be preferred here—we found in mine host, Bro. Laker, the very personification of a bluff, good-humoured English landlord; and, but for the fear that he may read these lines, I might be tempted to say much more about his charming little villa-like hotel, close by the railway, and belted with pretty gardens and flower beds, whilst the interior scenery of the establishment presents an air of quiet luxury and ease. I can only in this brief sketch say this much, and advise any who are seeking country retirement and real enjoyment to "put my principles to the test."

After smoking a quiet cigar at the prettily embowered window, from which the rising sand-hills and heavily-wooded landscape around Redhill can be seen to perfection, our dog-cart was ready, and off we started.

Right on, past the villa-terraced slopes, and over the undulating country, through the stately old town of Reigate and far out beyond the heath, where the windmills were flinging their gaunt arms around, as if in gleeful welcome to summer breezes, until we reached my friend's abode. The village hostelry, from which the aforesaid invitation had come, stands a little aside from the highway, and is literally in itself a sylvan retreat. But more of that anon.

Our tackle had been all got ready, and there was no time to waste, for the slight showers of the few preceding nights had just coloured the water and given our finny friends an appetite.

Winding our way through some tangled underwood, amidst which huge trunks of trees lay ready for the sawyer, in order to relieve the almost forest growth, a broad expanse of ornamental water burst suddenly upon our view in a scene of almost entrancing loveliness. But so completely had it been shut in by the thickly-tangled branches of the trees that no passer along the public road adjacent would ever have dreamt of the existence of so splendid a scene—fit theme for the pencil of an artist.

On the glassy bosom of the lake, in which were reflected a myriad fantastic forms and shades of green from the surrounding foliage, water lilies lay like a thick carpet, rosetted with gold, the swans sailed round and round in their majestic circles, whilst from the recesses of the mossy banks, shaded by boughs which bent over to lave in the cool water, moorhens and other wild fowl gambolled in all the gladness of their tranquil freedom.

"This is about the best spot, I fancy," observed my host, whose name by the bye is Bro. Bill, and by which cognomen be he henceforth known. "The water is over ten feet deep, and the old gardener tells me, now that the pike are spawning, up in the shallows yonder, the roach and dace have leisure to grow fat, under their own oak and elm-tree, none daring to make them afraid."

So saying, we stepped into the boat which was moored under the rustic boat-house, just as the sun was rising over the tree-tops, gilding the edges of the light green buds and leaves, and glistening down upon the tiny wavelets that the wind raised upon the surface of the water.

"Rather slow," quoth I, as the first quarter of an hour passed without a nibble, "and the fellow was right who described a fishing-rod as having a hook at one end and a fool at the other."

"Patience, my boy," rejoined Bro. Bill, "is one of the lessons inculcated by old Izaak Walton. You should couple that maxim with another, imputed by Charles Dickens to Squeers, the Schoolmaster, when he enjoined upon his hungry pupils to 'moderate their transports.'"

Ah! bob goes the float, sailing gently out from the shore. Now strike! Aye! how the little rascal fights, turning his finny broadside in a curve to the water. Gently, now, for the tackle is very fine, and the least turn of the wrist may do it. Here she comes, in graceful rings, until close by the side, and in a twinkling a half-pound roach is beating a merry tattoo upon the floor of the boat, making a sound that is music in the angler's ear.

"My turn next," says Bro. Bill, as the float was bobbing up and down at a furious rate. "They're at it now. You see the value of patience, my boy!" Confound the tough little urchin, he has got underneath a sunken branch in the water, and means to break my line! No; here he comes again, and by an adroit twist the capture was soon made, in the form of a handsome perch.

There you are again, both at once this time. Now, be very careful, for yours is a big one. Heigho! how he resists. Give him plenty of line. That's it. Now he comes, and sure enough we presently had a quartette of as pretty fish, though small, as ever gave a whet to the angler's appetite.

A short lull, during which old friendships and old adventures were recounted, recalling the pleasantries of schoolboy days, when away goes the float again; the line tightens and the wheel whizzes round. By Jove! a shark this time, old man! Steady, or you'll lose him. Twice as he neared the boat we could see his silvery sides glistening in the sunlight, but he does'nt mean to capitulate without a tussle. Off again, into the unseen depths, only to return and wink at us in mischievous glee, and then with a plunge away he goes, carrying the hook and a yard of gut with him.

"Lost! by all that's blue!" we shout in unison. "It must have been a whacker."

By the bye, it *always* is a "whacker" when you lose a fish.

Never mind, there is no good in moralising. "There you are again, Bill!" and away goes the line on the other side, my companion, more dexterous than I had been, landing a rotund dace, in splendid condition.

Thus the game went on, with alternate luck and quiet, the scene all bathed in the golden sunny hues, and affording ample time for reminiscences and cheerful reflection, mingled with not a thought of business care or moody melancholy. On the gentle breeze came wafted the sweet country odours, almost overpowering in their de-

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licious fragrance, and we could scarcely help repeating the old lines, slightly varied :—

"Sweet, sweet is the scent of the newly-mown hay,
Gently borne by the breeze on a bright summer's day;
And cool is the sound of the musical plash
Of the fish, as he plays with a dart and a dash.
'Tis joy then to linger in gay golden hours,
And dream 'midst the hues of the bright-tinted flowers."

At such a time as this, though the sport, as my old friend promised at the outset, "wasn't much," there is such a charm in the surroundings as induces in the mind of the town-worried man a happy knack of forgetting the petty passages of life, which, by the way, taken as a whole, are seldom worth remembering. The warmth and stillness of the day reminded me—perhaps from the mere force of contrast—of the pitiless buffetings of the whirl of business life. I roused myself to listen to the deep coo of the wood-pigeon in the neighbouring copse, to admire the thrush in the full tide of love and song, to marvel whether the fortunes men are so eternally striving after are really worth all the care, anxiety, and long laborious hours that scrape capital together, coin by coin, perhaps never to enjoy it after all. Thence once more, mechanically, I fall into the old luxurious position, watching my float through the wreaths that curl upwards from my fragrant pipe, and take up the thread of my cogitations, precisely where I left it. A rustling in the adjacent bushes, and a voice calling from the green recesses of the wood, reminds us that dinner is ready; and even amongst such philosophic meditations as I have shadowed forth, the inner man will insist upon his share of attention. I really believe with Byron that a man

"When hungry just then would take,
Like Esau, for his birthright, a beefsteak!"

If the difference between your stuffy London streets and offices and the open-spaced country is so marked and welcome, none the less so is the bill of fare at a rustic roadside inn, and at your restaurant, broiling hot, and savouring of a thousand odours from the lower regions of the culinary department underground.

Here we have perfect little mountains of roses, freshly gathered from the gardens just outside, whilst the summer breeze blows in at the open window the long green tendrils of the creeping plants which sport about the casement, and give room for coy peeps every now and then at the bright parterre of flowers outside, whilst the air is redolent of a myriad delicious scents. The poultry and the joints, the peas, potatoes, and asparagus, are all of "our own rearing," for mine host is a little bit of a farmer in his way, besides a professional caterer for the inner requirements of man and beast. And, moreover, at the head of the table, smiling cheerily on the assembled group of visitors, is one

"Who can mix a lobster salad,
Or troll out the latest ballad;
Who can flirt or pull a pair of sculls, all equally with ease!"

And so, with hilarious happiness the cosy little dinner was discussed; and, by the bye, it was served as I had seldom seen a dinner served before. None of your stiff, starchy waiters—half gardeners, half flunkies—but by sedate maids, dressed in cleanly prints, and moving about noiselessly, with no impertinent "Duck, sir? Yessir!" "Peas, sir? Yessir!" and the like, which come in as the inevitable katsup to a City luncheon. Whether it was the admirable quality of the feast or the ripple of sparkling conversation that made it so difficult to get away from that table, I am in a quandary to say; but I know the lobster salad was delightful, and the Cliquot, with which we washed it down, was by no means to be despised.

Back again to our fishing ground, to find both floats gone below, the reason of which we soon ascertained to be a fish that had wily intentions of nibbling our bait whilst we were away; and so on through the cool evening into twilight, with just enough exercise to break the monotony, with nothing to tire or over excite.

"This is just the sort of day I enjoy," observed Bro. Bill, after counting up the basket, and finding we had just one hundred and seventeen, of all sorts and sizes; and in his view of the matter I most heartily concur.

The man came to "pack up," and though the spoil was scarcely worth the trouble of lugging all the way to town, I could not resist the temptation, and having laid them aside, with orders to be taken to the station in time for the first train up in the morning. It was now some two hours since dinner, and we were glad to plead one of the many excuses for drinking—

"A friend, good wine, or being dry—
Or lest we should be, by and bye—
Or *any other* reason why!"

Just then a sound of rough, though pleasant, melody came stealing through the house, and the clinking of glasses, followed by applause, told of a festive gathering not far off.

"Just come round and see the rustics enjoying themselves," was the invitation of mine host.

"With all my heart!" and as we entered the room, the company, almost invisible at first, through clouds of smoke, respectfully made way for the "guv'nor" and myself, and the harmony went on as gaily as before.

There is the "Chairman," sitting on the seat of honour, and preserving "order" by frequent raps on the table with the butt-end of a large corkscrew, whilst the "gentleman" on whom he has called gazes fixedly on the ceiling as he relates in song how that somebody's bright eyes haunt him still, for which he is rewarded with a unanimous nod all round, and the exclamation in unison, "Your health and song, sir." Whereupon the complimented one rises and expectorates before delivering himself of the profound but magnanimous sentiment—"A leg o'mutton in Reigate Union, and nobody there to eat it." The joke is rewarded with genuine guffaws, and the gentleman, who then sits down with all his blushing honours thick upon him, is "entitled to a call." He accordingly picks out somebody who has "a singing face," but the gentleman thus adulated blushes and declares he has a "terrible cold," and, "never sang a song in all his life!" After a little coaxing, however, he looks very fixedly and solemnly at nothing, and trolls out "Come to your Martha, do," in the course of which he gives some very pathetic reminiscences of the bathing season at Margate, at which the company laugh consumedly. Then there is another toast, something about having "those in our arms whom we love in our hearts," which evokes a general murmur of satisfaction; and in turn another gentleman and yet another is "called," the penalty for non-compliance being "glasses round."

The penalty, so far as I could learn, is seldom incurred, and it has never yet been known to have been paid.

Thus, in alternation of song and sentiment, the "natives," who appeared to be a steady, easy-going set of working men—a pleasant contrast to the sottish, rollicking fellows of their ilk whom you find in town—enjoyed themselves "within the limits of becoming mirth," and at ten o'clock, the hour fixed by the licensing justices for closing in the country, they withdrew, amidst mutual expressions of friendship and anticipations of their "next merry meeting."

"Nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep," came with kindly stealth that night, and it was not until the swallows twittered around my little window, through which the sun was shining gloriously, that I arose, buoyant and refreshed, and started for town, but not without the distinct avowal that I would "come again," which decidedly I mean to do as soon as possible.

It may be said that, although we had enough sport to keep us alive, the "fishing wasn't much." But, true to his promise, Bro. Bill and his friend, "made it up in other ways."

And, as I sit by my own window, with the setting sun lighting up the distant spires and chimney pots, which are my only panorama, I often think how the "poor angler" is vilified by those who take no pleasure in the pursuit.

Let them! When I hear them scoffed at for being unlucky, I have a shrewd idea that, somehow or other, they always get safely out of their troubles, and in the end usually spend a merry evening in very agreeable society.

A meeting of the General Committe of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Col. Creaton, when there were also present Bros. Woodford, Tattershall, Letchworth, Rucker, Dubois, Gladwell, Caney, C. G. Brown, Webb, Barton, Spooner, Hedges Secretary, E. C. Massey. The minutes of the General Committee of 29th June were read and verified, and the minutes of the Joint Committee as to proposed alteration of the days of election, the Quarterly General Court of 8th instant, and the House Committee of same date, were read for information. The expenditure of £241 recommended by the House Committee for inside painting of the School buildings and the Infirmary, was authorised; also some alterations for improving the ventilation of the Dining and Committee rooms. The Secretary reported that the work of examining the system of drainage at the Schools had been commenced. Bro. Col. Leach's offer of further assistance in the matter had been accepted, and the House Committee had made arrangements so that no unnecessary delay could occur in completing the work. The opinion of the Grand Registrar, Bro. Æneas McIntyre, Q.C., upon the question, whether a girl who has a sister in these Schools, could be admitted by purchase. Bro. McIntyre's opinion is that, according to the rules as they now stand, there is nothing to prevent such admission by purchase; he is also of opinion that in cases of purchase a petition is unnecessary, and that if her birth qualification is established, she can be admitted. This opinion having been read and ordered to be entered on the minutes, it was proposed by Bro. Dubois, seconded by Bro. Letchworth, that the opinion be acted upon in the case of Fanny Wright, who had been brought forward by Bro. Molesworth; whereupon it was moved by Bro. C. G. Brown, and seconded, that the question be deferred until after the next meeting of the Quarterly Court. On being put to the vote, the amendment was lost; and the original motion was afterwards carried by a large majority. Bro. Rucker gave notice of motion for the Quarterly Court, that a gratuity of thirty-five guineas be given to Miss Griggs, one of the assistant governesses, who had been appointed mistress of the Dublin Masonic Female School, after having been in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls for a period of twenty years.

At the meeting of the North London Chapter of Improvement, held on the 27th inst., at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's Road, N., Comp. Osborn filled the chair of Z., Gregory H., Dean J., John Evans Sheffield S.E., Knight S.N., Bird P.S., Edmonds Preceptor. The ceremony of exaltation was ably rehearsed, and altogether an instructive evening was spent. The Companions meet every Thursday evening.

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REVIEWS.

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The Last Punic War. Tunis, Past and Present, with a narrative of the French Conquest of the Regency. By A. M. Broadley, Barrister-at-law, correspondent of the "Times" during the War in Tunis. In Two Volumes. With illustrations. William Blackwood and Sons: Edinburgh and London, 1882.

It is a trite old saying that there is no rule without an exception, and from the rule indicated by Shakespeare in the oft-quoted passage, "What's in a name"? A rose by any other name, would smell as sweet, we must take the liberty of excepting this work of Bro. Broadley's. We do not mean to say it would have proved more or less agreeable reading had he contented himself with his second title of "Tunis, Past and Present" or that it would have been a subject more or less worthy of study. We do say, however, that it was a happy thought, indeed the happiest of happy thoughts, which inspired him to bestow upon it the title of "The last Punic War." Not so much because it brings vividly to our recollection early studies of Roman history and the often far from agreeable reminiscences associated therewith. It is, of course, a pleasant task to renew our acquaintance, as it were, with the story of Regulus, the stern old Roman General, who voluntarily gave himself up to what he knew was certain and a painful death, in order he might serve his country; to follow Hannibal through his grand campaigns in Spain and Italy to his ultimate overthrow at Zama by Scipio Africanus the elder; to recal the stern dictum of Cato, the Censor, uttered in the Senate on every occasion, whether seasonable or unseasonable, "*Delenda est Carthage;*" to recal the treacherous conduct of the Romans in the last years of the doomed city—conduct which throws into the shade that habitual treachery of its people which has passed into a proverb; the patriotism exhibited by the Carthaginian women when it became apparent that all the yielding on the part of their countrymen would not suffice to save the city from destruction; the gallant fight they made in the final struggle, and the ultimate destruction of the city by Scipio Africanus the younger. All this it is a pleasant task to recal, nor is the story of Marius sitting amid the ruins of the ill-fated city, an appropriate illustration of fallen greatness, a whit less impressive now than it was in the days of our boyhood. Equally agreeable is it to recal the fabled story of fair Queen Dido, her hospitable reception of pious Æneas and his Trojan following, the sorry return he made for that hospitable reception, and the tragic end of the abandoned Queen. These reminiscences are, we repeat, most pleasant, even where the circumstances which surround sundry of them are calculated to excite our sympathy or even anger, for they carry us back to the pleasantest period of life, when as yet we had known no care or anxiety of any serious moment. Not for this reason, however, do we congratulate Bro. Broadley on the selection of his title, but because it is suggestive of the once commercial importance of this part of Africa, and leads to the reflection that a country, which centuries since was the chief commercial state in the world, might, under a stable government, resume some of that greatness. Carthage, was of Phœnician origin, and the Phœnicians were the great colonisers of ancient times, the people to whom, next to the Egyptians, we are chiefly indebted for the spread of commerce and the attendant blessings of civilisation. The story of the "Last Punic War," as told in the pages of the Roman historian, tells us of the end of the great Phœnician colony. The story of "The Last Punic War," as told by Bro. Broadley, reminds us that the country about Tunis and the site of Ancient Carthage possesses even now all the advantages of a grand emporium of commerce, fully as much as it did in the days of the Hasdrubs, the Hamilcars, the Hannos, and other Carthaginians of eminence. No doubt the French were influenced, by a knowledge of this fact, as much as by their desire to extend their influence in North Africa, and strengthen their position as a Mediterranean power, to embark in the expedition which has virtually done away with the Turkish *régime;* and it is this which should influence the Government of the greatest commercial empire of ancient and modern times and induce her to watch with a wary eye the proceedings of our Gallic neighbours. However, if we trespass further on this part of the Tunisian question we shall get ourselves involved in the intricacies of an important political problem. Without further preface, therefore, let us betake ourselves to a consideration of Bro. Broadley's valuable and interesting work.

The great charm of Bro. Broadley's style is its simplicity and conciseness. Many an author would have been tempted by the numerous historical associations connected with the country to enlarge upon his subject and write discursively. Bro. Broadley, however, to his credit be it said, has refrained from such a course, and following the good old Horatian maxim, has plunged at once into the question which has led to his writing at all, only so much introductory matter being dealt with as was necessary in order to make clear the tenour of his story. Thus, in the opening chapter, he treats of the "Topography of Tunis," and in the course of his remarks makes clear, what never for a moment can have been in doubt, the commercial importance of the country. Thus he quotes Commandant Villot to the effect that "if the Tunis lake were only dredged and deepened, and the coast fortified, and if a powerful navy were stationed in the Tunisian roadstead, not only the path to Egypt, but the road to India through the Suez canal would once more be closed to the people of the West." He further quotes Mr. Perry as responsible for the statement: "Tunis has the finest position in North Africa. Commercial preponderance and the control of the Mediterranean are the attractions for the Powers which dispute with each other for its possession or its neutralisation." Of the country itself, he observes that "its mineral wealth is almost unequalled. The rocks of Tunis yield nearly all minerals except gold." Again, "the coast is generally low and sandy, but the land which immediately borders it is almost invariably fertile and productive. The salient features of the Tunisian Tell are vast expanses covered sometimes with esparto grass and sometimes with a layer of thin soil. In the winter the vegetation is abundant and luxuriant; in the summer everything is scorched up by the pitiless African sun."

A Chapter on the "Dwellers in Tunisia," is followed by a short sketch of the Moslem history of the country from A.D. 648 to A.D. 1535. This he divides into three periods, the first being the "Period of Power, the second that of Piracy, and the third that of Decay." The "Conquest of Tunis by Charles V." forms the subject of Chapter IV. The story is well told, but the great feature in connection with this section of the work is the series of five photographs representing as many out of the ten pictures taken by Jan Cornelis Vermeyen, who accompanied the expedition. Six of the ten were discovered by the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, and were subsequently restored and brought to England by the late Prince Consort. These photographs have been reduced from larger ones in the possession of Her Majesty, and constitute a highly interesting feature of this portion of the work. They represent severally "Christian Slaves at Tunis," "Siege of Goletta by Charles V.;" "Landing of Charles V.;" "Battle between Tunis and Goletta;" and the "Taking of Tunis by Charles V." We have the assurance of Bro. Broadley to the effect that "the localities depicted in them can be easily recognised by any one well acquainted with the principal features of the country." However, the Spanish hold on Tunis was not of long duration, and the year 1573 once again saw Tunis under Turkish rule.

Chapters VII. and VIII. treat of the "Domination of the Deys (A.D. 1590-1705)" and the "Beys of the Eighteenth Century," while Chapter IX. contains an account of the country from 1800 to 1837, and the two Chapters that follow bring us up to what Bro. Broadley very appropriately describes as the "Beginning of the End."

(To be continued.)

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336 *Menus and Recipes of the Baron Brisse.* In French and English. Translated by Mrs. Matthew Clarke. London: Sampson Low, Marston, Searle, and Rivington, Crown Buildings, 188 Fleet-street, 1882.

Last week we noticed a modest little manual of supper dishes for "People of small Means," though we took occasion to observe that some of the recipes it contained would be found not unacceptable by those who were fairly circumstanced. This fresh work, by one of the ablest of French chefs, is, of course, a far more elaborate one, the present edition, which Mrs. Clarke has been kind enough to set before us in an English version, having ben rendered more complete by its French author. It contains dishes, arranged in their proper seasons, for both rich and poor. The recipes have been collected from different schools of cookery, and it is claimed for them that they are clearly and concisely explained. Baron Brisse further states that, as in his previous editions, he has not attempted to give recipes for using up scraps, his reason for this being that "this art is only needful when you run short of provisions;" that "it is quite a mistake to imagine that warming up" cooked meat is economical, as all good transformations must be expensive; and, lastly, that "the only way to use up scraps of meat is to warm them in any of the principal sauces," for which recipes are given. From this last, however, must be excepted "scraps of fowl or game," because all salmis and marinades must be made from fowls or game that have been previously roasted. The translator, having explained how it was she came to translate and publish Baron Brisse's book, offers a few words of advice and explanation as to where certain fish and vegetables, not usually met with in bills of fare, are to be obtained, and as to the meaning to be attached to certain meats and wines mentioned in the translation.

Some very useful hints are given by way of introduction as to the "Order of Dinner." The first of these relate to the "Decorations of the Dinner-table, and describe what should be provided for each guest, the comparative merits of the French and Russian ways of serving dinners, and the order in which, first, the dinner should be served, and, secondly, the order in which the wines should be handed round. Useful hints are also given as to the duties of the host to his friends as well as those of a guest to his host, great stress in the case of the latter being laid on the necessity of punctuality. Following these is a "Provision Calendar," in which is noted the Provisions in season in each of the twelve months of the year. This is, of course, a great assistance to understanding the bills of fare and recipes which constitute the whole of the work.

As to the menus furnished for every day of the year, and the recipes explanatory, where thought desirable, of certain of the items of those menus it is impossible for us to give more than a general idea. That it must have called for the exercise of great ingenuity to arrrange the former is beyond question, and it is certain that only an experienced and skilful chef like the author could have accomplished the task. We are prepared also to say that from a careful test examination of parts of the work, great judgment has been shown in the preparation of the menus, while the recipes are clearly and concisely described, references, in all cases where necessary, being made to other days in the year. Thus, in the directions under 17th January, for dressing "Chump of veal à la bourgeoise," some Spanish sauce is required, and the reader is referred to 3rd November, where is given the recipe for making this Spanish sauce. Again, on 25th February, is a recipe for "Purée of Chicory with Cream," and we are referred to 17th February for directions how to prepare "purée of Chicory." This shows that the author has taken the utmost pains to explain what he deemed necessary, so that the work might be complete as a whole. But apart from these constant inter-references from one day or one recipe to another, we have a carefully compiled Index, so that if a cook or housewife is desirous of knowing how a particular dish or a particular essential to a dish must be prepared, all he or she has to do is to refer to this Index, and the number affixed will indicate the page at which the recipe is to be found. Perhaps, however, the best plan will be to give one or two menus, and one or two recipes, so that our readers may be able to judge for themselves

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of the merits of the book, the recipes, as far as they go, corresponding with the menus.

Our first menu is set down for 22nd February, and, in English, is as follows, with the recipes for two of the dishes:—

"Curry soup with rice.
Broiled shad and sorrel.
Braised breast of mutton.
Roast wild duck.
Stuffed eggs with cream.
Open apple tart.

BROILED SHAD AND SORREL.

"Thoroughly clean and wash your fish, make several slits down each side, and warm for a quarter of an hour in a saucepan with olive oil, salt, pepper, and a laurel leaf; fill the slits with butter mixed with finely-chopped herbs, bake in the oven, and serve on a purée of sorrel. You can also boil it on a gridiron, in which case the slits must not be filled with butter.

STUFFED EGGS WITH CREAM.

"Shell some hard-boiled eggs, cut them in half, lengthways; scoop out the yolks, and pound with the same quantity of butter as there are yolks, a lump of bread-crumb soaked in milk, finely-chopped parsley and chives, salt, a pinch of grated nutmeg, the same quantity of mixed spice and two or three raw yolks of egg; when well pounded, pass through a fine sieve, spread a layer of this stuffing on a dish, fill the empty whites of egg with the remainder, and brown in the oven, pour some béchamel sauce (see 16th of August), made with double cream, over them, and serve.

The second is for the 4th August, and with its corresponding recipes reads thus:—

Clear soup with lettuce.
Pickled pike, remoulade sauce à la cosaque.
Braised pullet with white sauce.
Roast young rabbits.
Green peas à l'anglaise.
Whipped raspberries and cream.

REMOULADE SAUCE A LA COSAQUE.

"Take two hard-boiled yolks of egg, a blanched escholot, and a handful of chopped chervil, tarragon, pimpernel, and chive leaves, pound in a mortar; season with salt, pepper, grated nutmeg, a teaspoonful of mustard, and a pinch of cayenne pepper; stir in two tablespoonful of olive oil, and a teaspoonful of vinegar; pass through a tammy, and serve.

BRAISED PULLET WITH WHITE SAUCE.

"Lard the pullet with bacon and ham, braise in milk with carrots and onions, and leave until cold. Take a lump of butter, a little flour, salt, pepper, two yolks of egg, and a teacupful of milk; stir over the fire until thick, and add the pullet sprinkled with bread-crumbs; place the stew-pan in the oven until the pullet is browned, and dish it up garnished with thick poivrade sauce.

GREEN PEAS A L'ANGLAISE.

"Boil the green peas in boiling salt and water; when cooked, drain and pour them into a vegetable dish over a large lump of fresh butter. Sprinkle the peas with a little finely-chopped parsley, and serve very hot. Hand powdered sugar separately."

These speak for themselves, and, in our opinion, compare well with the menus and recipes we have seen in other works on Cookery. As for Mrs. Matthew Clarke, we congratulate her on the manner in which she appears to have achieved her task, and also on having placed so excellent a manual within reach of the general public.

A Method of Prayer. Compiled and arranged from Matthew Henry. By George Palmer, Captain Royal Navy, London. Samuel Bayster and Sons, 15 Paternoster-row, 1882,

A RELIGIOUS work is not one which, as a rule, comes within our province to remark upon. The chances are, if we do so, that while, we please some, we offend others. In this case, however, we see no reason why we should hesitate to express our satisfaction with the contents of this little volume, albeit the author's views are in accordance with those of a thorough going and earnest Christian. A prayer addressed to the Supreme Being forms a part of our ceremonies, so that, for all that may be said to the contrary, Prayer comes distinctly within the duties of every Mason. Hence, though it is beyond all question that members of other than the Christian religion will not take very kindly to Captain Palmer's compilation, it is not to be doubted that it will prove acceptable to those for whose immediate use it is intended. The work of compilation has been extremely well done, and the arrangement of the matter is equally to be commended. In fact, subject to the limitations which are necessarily imposed upon us in the case of a work of this description, we can venture without hesitation to recommend it to at least those of our readers who believe in Christianity. Moreover, it has a good purpose in view, in that it is intended to enforce the desirability of Prayer among naval and military men, whose duties are for the most part of a non-religious character.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—This cooling medicine has the happiest effect when the blood is overheated and a tendency to inflammatory action is set up in the system; one Pill taken shortly before dinner does away with the indigestion, fullness, and flatulency—indications of a weak stomach, or disordered liver. A few Pills taken at bedtime act as alteratives and aperients; they not only relieve the bowels, but regulate every organ connected with them, overcome all acrid humours, and encourage a free supply of all the essentials to our well-being. Holloway's Pills thoroughly cleanse and perfectly regulate the circulation, and beget a feeling of comfort in hot climates and high temperatures, which is most desirable for the preservation of health.

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 2nd of August next, at six o'clock in the evening.

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

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 19th April to the 18th July 1882, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

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Balance Grand Chapter	1813	17	2	Purchase of £1,500 Consols @ 101¼ and Commission	1524	7	6
„ Unappropriated Account	199	18	11	Disbursements during the quarter	210	13	3
Subsequent Receipts	386	11	0	Balance	464	16	5
				„ in Unappropriated Account	200	9	11
	£2400	7	1		£2400	7	1

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 Thomas John Jackman as Z., Charles Shaw as H., John Brain as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, Melbourne, to be called "The Combermere Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Lonsdale-street, Melbourne, Victoria.

2nd. From Companions William Goodacre as Z., John Robert England as H., William Greatorex as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Urmston Lodge, No. 1730, Urmston, to be called "The Urmston Chapter," and to meet at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Urmston, Lancashire.

3rd. From Companions Daniel Keen Congdon as Z., John Frederick Stone as H., Barrington Clarke Wood as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Fremantle Lodge, No. 1033, Fremantle, to be called "The West Australian Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Fremantle, Western Australia.

These Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a Memorial from the Companions of the Royal Cumberland Chapter, No. 41, Bath, praying for a Charter authorising them to wear a Centenary Jewel, in accordance with the Resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st of February 1882. This Memorial being in form, and the Chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

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

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
19th July 1882.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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THE MASONS' ARMS, &c.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to call your attention to the following work, viz.:—

"A treatise of architecture, with remarks and observations necessary for young people who would apply themselves to that noble art. By Sab. Le Clerc * * * Printed and sold by Richard Ware at the Bible and Sun, in Amen-corner, near Paternoster-row, 1732."

The first volume contains the Treatise, the second is filled with engraved plates. Its first four pages are respectively headed with the Arms of the London Companies of Masons, of Bricklayers, of Carpenters, and of Joiners, and under each of the said Arms or Crests, the work is dedicated to each of the said guilds. As the paragraph devoted to the Masons' guild contains some historical allusions, I shall therefore give it in full.

"May it please your Worships,—This Company was incorporated Anno 1410. Having been called Freemasons: a Fraternity of great antiquity, being honoured by several Kings, and very many of the nobility and gentry being of their Society. And for a body of workmen which have advanced their art to such a height, that they out-do all their brethren in Europe both in number and art, to the glory of

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their nation. This Treatise on Architecture by the most correct designer and architect, Sabastion Le Clerc, that has yet appeared in the world, whose rules and propositions well followed may advance yet further, is most humbly dedicated by your Worship's Obedient Servant, John Sturt."

Whether the said Masons' guild was chartered in 1410, and whether the English Masons excelled all the Masons in the world in numbers and in art, Bro. Gould will have to decide. But one thing astonished me greatly, viz., ever since 1764, when the second edition of the Ahiman Rezon was printed with the Masons' Arms facing the title page, Masons took it for granted that the said Masons' Crest was genuine, but on comparing the Masons' Arms or Crests in the work before me with the one in the Ahiman Rezon, I found they differ. The question is, did Dermott alter the Masons' Crest? or have the Masons' Company itself altered their Arms between 1732 and 1764?

Having disposed of the Masons' Arms, I must now come to the "&c," which astonished me even more than the former. I always supposed that America, and America alone, was blessed with a Mackey who could illuminate all the Masonic symbols in creation, who knew every thing about all the gods and goddesses of antiquity, and especially about the significances of the Tau and Triple Tau of the R.A. degree; but on looking over the 12th volume of *The Republican*, by Richard Carlile, London, in the September number, 1825, page 403, I found a letter by J. A. Mackey, of Norwich, England, full of sublime interpretations of the Tau, Triple Tau, Egyptian gods, &c., &c. Nay more, he claims to have discovered a key to all the Masonic mysteries, and in the said letter he refers to his *former work*. Now, can any Masonic student inform me about the said Mackey and his wonderful works?

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 13th July 1882.

MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—When, in the case quoted by "A CONSTANT READER," of a worthy as well as *wayworn* brother who, after application for help to the members of a Lodge, was sent empty away, I spoke of the price of "glasses round," I did not wish it to be thought that that, in my opinion, was the extent to which they should have relieved him. I was merely anxious to point out by how slight a self-sacrifice from each of those present the poor fellow's appeal might have been temporarily met. He was in, sore straits, and the few shillings thus contributed would have satisfied his immediate needs. Then the almoner could have stepped in, and more materially assisted him. I allow that the professional Masonic mendicant deserves, and should have no sympathy, but even to him, I presume, the casual ward of the poor-house is open. In this case we are assured the brother was worthy, and, in his better days, had supported his Lodge freely. Therefore, I argue, he should not have been left to the alternative of the poor-house or nothing. He was a brother in distress, and should have been tested, not sent away abruptly.

It is in Masonry, as in ordinary life, very easy to condemn indiscriminate relief, but there is this much to be said in connection with the case in question: Masons profess to relieve brethren in distress if they can do so with justice to themselves. Then why the refusal indicated by "CONSTANT READER?" I think even a vagabond brother should not be left without food and with no better shelter than an empty outhouse.

Fraternally yours,

"LONDONER."

SOME OF THE USES OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The remarks in your article bearing the above title, though severe, are not unjustly so, nor are they, I think, uncalled for. The failure of the arrangements brought no inconvenience or disappointment to me personally. I am not a member of any Kentish Lodge, nor was I going to Swanley, either as a visitor or spectator. I am not qualified to offer an opinion as to the justice of the excuse telegraphed to the Prince and Princess of Wales, but, as regards the Provincial Grand Master of Kent, Lord Holmesdale, and his Grand Officers, it must be obvious that, assuming your statement to be correct, his Lordship and they were treated with scant courtesy, and the executive who had charge of the proceedings deserve the castigation you have administered.

This is not the first time the services of the Craft have been invoked by the local authority and then those brethren who attended cavalierly treated. At p 42 Vol. VIII. FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE is an account of the formal inauguration with Masonic honours of the Masonic Lifeboat Albert Edward at Clacton-on-sea by the Earl of Lathom—then Lord Skelmersdale—Deputy Grand Master. Then the brethren assembled from all parts of Essex, and having met in Provincial Grand Lodge took part in the Ceremonial. When that was ended, we are told in your report "Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren separated. A luncheon was afterwards served, at which Lord Skelmersdale presided." Following this statement are some very mild yet significant comments by your reporter, which read as follows:—

"We are not aware whether the arrangements of the day were conducted by the Lifeboat Association or not; for the credit of the Institution, we hope otherwise. But whoever may have had the appointment of the Committee can scarcely be congratulated on their selection, either for the ability or courtesy displayed by that body, especially with regard to the Masonic Visitors. For ourselves, we attended but to report the proceedings; still, we cannot understand why Provincial Grand Officers, who travelled many miles in order to officiate on the occasion, should be made use of, and afterwards, so to speak, ignored. Such was the treatment accorded those who represented the donors."

There is, of course, a difference between the two cases. The Clacton-on-sea ceremonial came off as arranged, the Swanley did not. In both, however, the brethren were invited to lend lustre to the occasion. This is no more than might have been expected at Clacton, where one of the Masonic Memorial Lifeboats was Masonically inaugurated; yet the ceremony over, the Prov. G. officials and members of Essex Lodges were sent to the right about most unceremoniously. At Swanley, the Prov. Grand Officers and brethren of Kent were, it seems, put to the trouble and expense of journeying thither only to discover the whole thing to be a complete fiasco. Jupiter Pluvius, I know, is a "demn'd unpleasant" personage, but it rarely happens that he deters Englishmen from carrying out their arrangements.

Faithfully and fraternally,

"Q. E. D."

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE NEW CONCORD LODGE.

WE are not of those who think it beneath the dignity of man to visit what is known as a cockney watering place. People who belong to the school of æsthetic—muffs, to use the least objectionable epithet, or who fancy they are members of the fashionable world, may question the possibility of spending even a portion of a happy day in Gravesend and its vicinity. Yet Gravesend and the surrounding country form one of the prettiest and most interesting parts of Kent. There is, for instance, the Thames, with its constant traffic, and none will gainsay the statement that here it is a noble stream, of which any Englishman may well be proud. Tilbury, on the Essex side of the river, calls up associations connected with grand old Queen Bess, thr Earl of Leicester, her favourite, and the days of the Spanish Armada. Hard by, and, indeed, forming as it were a precinct of Gravesend itself, is Milton, renowned for its shrimps, while within easy reach by rail are Rochester with its cathedral and grand old ruin of a castle, and Chetham, one of our busiest and most notable garrison towns. Inland are Meopham, and Wrotham, and Cobham, where is Lord Darnley's seat. Nor must the claims of Northfleet, with its fine old church, and Springhead, dear to all lovers of "watercresses," be overlooked in the survey. In fact, we know of no better place within a radius of thirty miles of London that is better worth a visit than Gravesend, and, under these circumstances, we take it upon ourselves to congratulate the Worshipful Master, the Stewards and the brethren generally on their selection of this well-known watering-place as the scene of their Summer Festival. Not only, to use a common mode of expression, might they have gone further and fared worse, but we doubt much if, had they gone elsewhere, they would have fared so well. Our own personal experience is, that having regard to the hospitality of the Lodge, the pleasant company that was assembled, the weather, and the unusual excellence of the entertainment provided, we have never enjoyed ourselves more thoroughly on any similar occasion. Our business, however, is to record what took place, and how the Lodge and its guests fared. As a matter of course, Bro. Lewis C. Haslip W. Master was the presiding genius of the day, though we regret to say he was by no means in the best condition as regards health. Among those present were the following brethren:—Bro. W. Pierpoint I.P.M. and Mrs. Pierpoint, Bro. R. R. Harper P.M. and Secretary and Mrs. Harper, Bros. W. Stead and S. George P.M.'s, Bro. H. T. Tiddiman S.W. and Mrs. Tiddiman, Bro. J. W. Stillwell J.W. and Mrs. Stillwell, Bro. Boulton Steward, Bro. August and Mrs. Perl, Bro. F. and Mrs. Peel, Bros. Hubbard, Rose, Tidman. Visitors—Bros. Baker P.M. 834 and 1828, L. Lichtwitz 1642 and St. Ambrose, Moss 907, Davis 1309, Meed 382, Jas. Kift, W.W. Morgan Secretary 211. Of those some found their way to the rendezvous by boat, and some by rail from Fenchurch-street or the termini of the South Eastern Railway Company. But by what means soever they may have reached their destination, which was the well-known Rosherville Hotel, there they found and availed themselves of the many and varied opportunities of enjoyment placed at their disposal by the kind and courteous manager, Bro. W. T. Warren. We are using no mere stereotyped expression when we say that the banquet was truly excellent, more excellent of its kind, indeed, than many that are served at more ambitious and more aristocratic hostelries. As may well may be imagined, the fish, of which there were eight varieties—and some of them dressed in different ways—was the principal feature of the dinner. But the whole entertainment was so genuinely good, and so admirably served, and was, moreover, supplemented by wines of such excellent quality, that we are persuaded no words of ours can do it the justice it deserves. The dessert too that followed included a choice selection of fruits, and Bro. Warren, the aforesaid manager, deserves the highest possible commendation for his successful efforts in catering for his guests. A short, but well-chosen programme of music followed, in which Miss Lizzie Evans, Bro. A. Hubbard, and Bro. James Kift took part, and each and everyof the three materially contributed, by their happy selection of songs, and the artistic manner in which they sang them, to the pleasure of the gathering. But the satisfaction of the inner man and a short, though select, after-dinner concert, were not the only available means at hand by which to spend a happy day. As a preparation for the important function of dinner, the aid of the local flymen was invoked, and an hour or two was spent perambulating some of the beautiful country in the neighbourhood. Then Lodge and its guests were photographed by Bro. August Perl, who, though not a professional photographic artist, is a capable representative of his art, and the photograph he took—measuring fifteen

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inches by twelve—will constitute an interesting memento of a most enjoyable epoch in the history of the New Concord Lodge. Lastly, the proximity of Rosherville Gardens was turned to account, and in them—forming as they do one of the most beautiful and most tastefully arranged spots in England—the brethren and ladies whiled away an hour or two before starting on their return homewards. In fine, we heartily congratulate the Lodge, the Master and Stewards, host Warren, and all who were privileged to be present, on one of the most successful Festivals of the year. Nor would it be just to omit mention of the indefatigable endeavours of Bro. Harper, the Secretary, who took his share of the duties of the day, and in a manner which did him infinite credit.

We are desirous of rectifying a slight mistake, and supplying an omission which occurred in our notice, last week, of the Summer Festival of the Prosperity Lodge. The guests, ladies and brethren all told, were 109, not 100 as stated, while, after the banquet, the party adjourned to the lawn and were photographed in a group, after which the members separately, and then the Officers, were taken in like manner. We regret this omission all the more because Bros. Bedford and Lemere, of the Strand, went down to Richmond especially for this purpose, and on their own responsibility. We may add that Bro. Walker acted as M.C., and rendered valuable assistance in that capacity to the Worshipful Master, Bro. J. Roberts.

We learn from a statement published in the columns of the *Masonic Record of Western India* that the total School fees paid by the Punjab Masonic Institution from its formation to the 31st December 1881 amount in the aggregate to close upon 26,990 rupees. This sum has been expended on thirty-one children, of whom twenty-one are still receiving the benefits of the Institution. The ex-officio President and Vice-President are the R.W. Dis. G. Master (Lieut.-Col. A. Stewart), and the Dep. Dis. G. Master (Bro. W. Adlard), the Hon. Secretary being Bro. R. B. Nightengall, Freemasons' Hall, Lahore.

The annual speech day and distribution of prizes at Christ's Hospital took place in the great Hall of the Institution, on Wednesday afternoon, among those present being the Right Hon. Lord Mayor, Grand Junior Warden, and the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Sir Reginald Hanson, Sheriff Sir W. Ogg, Bro. J. Derby Aldcroft, Bro. Rev. E. Lee, Headmaster, Bro. Dr. Brette, Head French Master, &c., &c.

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STRAND.—At 7.30, TWO TO ONE. At 8.10, THE MASCOTTE. (Last night).

COMEDY.—At 7.15, THE FAST COACH. At 8, BOCCACCIO.

OLYMPIC.—At 8, LOCKED OUT. At 8.30, MOTHS.

GLOBE.—At 8, TWO IN THE MORNING. At 8.30, THE VICAR OF BRAY.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES. At 8.30, PATIENCE. This day (Saturday), at 2.30, also.

AVENUE.—At 7.30, SIMPSON AND DELILAH. At 8.15, MANTEAUX NOIRS.

GAIETY.—At 8.20, THROUGH THE LOOKING-GLASS. At 9, BILLEE TAYLOR.

TOOLE'S.—At 7.30, MY BRAVE LITTLE WIFE. At 8, ROUGH AND READY. THE ARTFUL DODGE.

CRITERION.—At 8, CUPID IN CAMP. At 8.45, THE WEDDING MARCH. (Last night).

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thanked the brethren for asking him to consecrate this new building, but wished to apologise to them for leaving early, as he would be obliged to do, in consequence of being called to London on matters connected with his military duties. His lordship then called upon the Provincial Grand Chaplain to deliver an oration, as was usual on such occasions. The Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Rev. J. A. Lloyd, in response, commenced by congratulating the energetic brethren of Devizes on having brought to so satisfactory a termination their endeavour to secure a building in Devizes, which should be devoted solely to Masonic purposes, and hoped that Hall would long continue the home and centre of true Masonic principles. Masonry, he said, was confessedly a universal system, teaching the relative and social duties of man upon the broad basis of general philanthropy, nor might it be concluded that Masonry contained no religion. It assumed as a foundation a belief in the existence of God, and in a future state of reward and punishment, and the necessity of moral purity as a qualification for future happiness. There were many popular errors about Freemasonry, but Freemasons ever indignantly repudiated the reproach that because they are a secret Society, their existence was inimical to good government. In the last century, when an outburst of sentiment forbade the existence of any secret society, Freemasonry was especially exempted, and in these days much less could any imputation be cast when we have two Royal Dukes holding high office in the Craft, and the future Heir to the Throne as our Worshipful Grand Master, and when Her Most Gracious Majesty herself has become a Patron of one of the Benevolent Institutions of the Order. The fact was, that Masonry left us almost on the threshold of religion, no man could be a true Mason who was not earnestly seeking after truth, and who did not believe in the existence of a God. Masonic symbolism led us from the contemplation of His glorious works to adore the Great Architect himself. The reverend brother then drew attention to the special moral and religious teachings of the several degrees in Freemasonry, deducing therefrom the conclusion that Masonry, which has virtue as its aim, and the glory of God for its object, is the handmaid of religion, and if practised with this fundamental principle in view may assist us in profitably running the race which is set before us on this earth. Before concluding, he ventured to impress upon the brethren the great caution which ought continually to be shown in the selection of new members of the Order, for at the present time, as Freemasonry is able to offer great material advantages, many seek to become Freemasons very much with a view to what they can get out of it. It therefore behoved us all, as Masons, to watch carefully that none should be accepted for initiation except such as seemed likely to reflect credit and lustre on the Craft. The responsibilities of a conscientious Mason were not light, but he was convinced that the older we grew the more we should find that Freemasonry had a meaning and importance to us all alike that it increased kindly sympathy, that it gave us many an hour of profitable pursuit with happy and innocent companionship, and that it gave us hope and cheered us in time of sorrow. And if we must look back (as we must sometimes do) regretfully on vacant places, and vanished forms; if we recalled with a sigh some who had often been at our side in Lodge, and cheered us with a genuine and unfailing welcome, but who had then passed away from our sight—and amongst others the recollection of one whose memory was thus bright and happy, must rise before them that day, their recently deceased brother, John Toomer, a P.G.S.W. of the Province, whom they had all thought and hoped to have seen among them at that interesting ceremony—if, he said, regretful memories would come, such we knew were over the accompaniment of mortal life and mortal strivings, and we who had learnt wisdom from our Masonic lore would ever remember, that though, in the good Providence of the G.A.O.T.U. such things were, they but added to, they seemed only to increase, the individual sense of our own present privileges, the value and lasting character of Masonic association, and the kindliness and genuineness of true Masonic friendship.

An anthem having been sung, it was followed by the Consecration Prayer by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, who afterwards carried the censer thrice round the Hall.

The Elements of Consecration were then borne round by three P.M.'s, the corn being carried by Bro. R. Stokes P.P.G.S.W., the wine by Bro. Thomas Graham P.P.G.J.W., and the oil by Bro. William Nott P.P.G.J.W., after the first round the Provincial Grand Master, sprinkling the Hall with Corn, dedicated it to Masonry; after the second round, sprinkling it with Wine, he dedicated it to Virtue; and after the third time, receiving the ewer of Oil, and anointing the Hall therefrom, he dedicated it to Universal Benevolence. The usual collection of alms took place, followed by the P.G.M. scattering salt as an emblem of Hospitality and Friendship.

After the Dedication Prayer, by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master declared the Hall consecrated and dedicated to Masonry according to Ancient form. An anthem was then sung; this, followed by the Benediction from the Provincial Grand Chaplain, closed the proceedings so far as the consecration of the Hall was concerned. It was resolved that the alms (which amounted to £5 5s) be given to the Devizes College Hospital.

The Provincial Grand Master then rose, and stated that the time had come for him to leave, but, before doing so, he would congratulate the Province on their being honoured by the presence of such a distinguished Mason as Sir Francis Burdett the P.G.M. of Middlesex. Referring to the duty he (Lord Methuen) had just performed, he trusted the Lodge would forgive any want of knowledge which he might have displayed, but again assured them of the great pleasure it had given him to come there. He hoped the Devizes Lodge would long continue in its present state, and that he should have the pleasure of frequently meeting them again in that Hall. He then requested the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. F. H. Goldney to take his place, and retired.

Bro. Goldney, on assuming the chair, expressed his regret that Lord Methuen had been bound to leave them, and called attention to the next business on the agenda paper, which was the consideration of the circular from the Grand Secretary, requesting to have notified to him the views of the Provincial Grand Lodge with reference to Bro. J. M. Clabon's proposition that all members of Lodges not within the London District should pay quarterly ninepence each to the Fund of Benevolence instead of sixpence as at present.

Bro. Henry C. Tombs P.G.D. P.G. Sec. Wilts, introduced the subject, and reported the action he had taken in Grand Lodge upon the proposition of Bro. Clabon being made. He had opposed it. 1st. Because such an increased tax upon the brethren seemed unnecessary. 2ndly. It would seriously interfere with the financial arrangements of every Lodge in Wiltshire. 3rdly. That the large grants made by the Board of Benevolence were undesirable, as tending to induce many Masons to consider the Fund of Benevolence as a kind of insurance—and he instanced a case which had come to his knowledge where a Mason had made no provision for his widow, stating that Masons would do that. He commented also upon the inexpediency of the Board of Benevolence spending any part of its capital, and urged that the income should be alone applicable for grants. He referred to the action of the Board in pressing on Grand Lodge, last December, a vote, when it was objected to by a brother who stated he was a member of the Lodge of which the brother in whose favour the grant was made belonged. Notwithstanding the brother objecting made the most serious charges as to the integrity of the brother proposed to be assisted, yet the Board pressed the vote on Grand Lodge instead of at once withdrawing it for further inquiry, and for half an-hour Grand Lodge was in a state of unpleasant confusion. Such conduct was most unwise, for the Board should be looked upon as "Trustees," whose duty it was to guard with a zealous eye the funds under their control, instead of endeavouring to force on Grand Lodge a grant about which it was quite clear further inquiry as to the applicant was needed. It seemed to him, as a man of business, that if votes were to be recommended and pressed in that way, it was hardly desirable to put greater funds under the power of such trustees. With regard to the hardship on the Lodges in this Province, it appeared to him that Bro. Clabon was unaware of, or had overlooked the fact, that in addition to the fees paid by the Wiltshire Lodges to the Fund of Benevolence, they paid, to their Provincial Grand Lodge, 3s per member. And nearly every Lodge now contributed some 4s or 5s per member to their own special Charity Fund, besides supporting the newly-established Provincial Fund of Benevolence, so that really the contributions to Charity in Wiltshire amounted to some 9s or 10s per member, as against the four shillings per annum, paid by the London brethren, and therefore the country Lodges were doing vastly more than the Metropolitan Lodges, or than Grand Lodge gave them credit for, or perhaps knew of. He could not help thinking, knowing how experienced Bro. Clabon was, not only as a gentleman of great business acquirements, but also as the late President of the Board of Benevolence, that his object in making this proposition was not so much with the hope of carrying it, as to raise a discussion on the subject of the recommendation of the Board of Benevolence, and to check, if possible, the system of making such enormous grants as had recently been made. He therefore proposed the following resolution, and in doing so, said he had no intention of interfering with the proposition, as affecting the Metropolitan Lodges, but only the Lodges of Wiltshire, and incidentally other Provinces:—"This Provincial Grand Lodge having considered the circular of the Grand Secretary relative to Bro. Clabon's proposition to increase the contributions of the Lodges in this Province to the Fund of Benevolence, is of opinion that such increase is very undesirable, as it would occasion great financial inconvenience to such Lodges, and that measures be taken to oppose such proposition on its being brought forward in Grand Lodge."

Bro. Stokes, the acting P.G.S.W. seconded the motion, which was briefly supported by the Rev. J. A. Lloyd, Bro. Chandler Treasurer 355, Powell W.M. 1295, Hannan W.M. 586, Nott Provincial Charity Secretary and Secretary 663; and also by Sir Francis Burdett, who entirely agreed with the opinions that had already been expressed. He thought if we wanted to increase our charitable contributions, let us do it amongst ourselves, and let us have the money to spend. He thought a great mistake had been made in calling for this increase, and believed that it would be opposed by his own Province.

The resolution on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

The Past Grand Registrar, Bro. Ponting, drew attention to the next business on the agenda paper, namely, the consideration of the Draft New Book of Constitutions which had been issued by Grand Lodge for the consideration of the Provinces. He had been through such Draft, and had made certain notes thereon. These notes he had embodied in a short report he then read to the meeting, but he suggested that the better plan would be that a small Committee should be appointed to go more thoroughly into the matter, and report thereon to the next meeting of that Provincial Grand Lodge. This suggestion was adopted by the meeting, and a Committee appointed accordingly, consisting of Bros. F. H. Goldney P.G. Treasurer, T. Ponting P.G. Registrar, Henry C. Tombs P.G. Sec., and Bro. W. Nott Provincial Charity Secretary.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the acting P.G.M., with the other members thereof, retired, followed by the closing of the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity by Bro. J. A. Randell W.M.

After the proceedings at the Hall had terminated, the brethren sat down to a cold collation at the Bear Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. F. H. Goldney, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and duly responded to.

The Devizes brethren have long felt the want of a home of their own, and at last an opportunity offering of purchasing the building in Morris's-lane, formerly occupied as a girls school, the Devizes Lodge became the purchasers, and the building, under the direction of, and after plans prepared by, the W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. J. A. Randell, has been transformed into a most complete and elegant Lodge-room. The walls have been allowed to remain intact, each end wall being raised, so as to allow of the substitution of a much higher pitched

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roof than the former one. The roof timbers spring from solid foundations on the ground, thus bearing the greater part of the weight of the roof, and rendering the old walls adequate for their purpose. The Lodge is approached through an entrance lobby, inside which is the Tyler's room, there being doors from the latter into the Lodge room itself, and also into a good sized room, which will serve as a committee-room, preparation-room, &c. The walls of the Lodge-room are painted in two colours, the wood-work of the open roof being varnished. There is a pointed geometrical window in each end wall, filled in with semi-opaque and tinted glass. The floor has a slightly raised dais on either side, with a still higher elevation at the east end, the sunk central portion of the floor being tessellated in black and white.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

THIS Provincial Grand Mark Lodge held its summer meeting at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, on Wednesday, 26th July, when, the weather being all that could be desired for the time of year, a large number of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers and other Mark Masons connected with the twenty-three Lodges which are on the roll of the Province were in attendance. Previous to the assembling of the members of the Provincial Lodge, the Francis Burdett Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 181, was opened by Bro. W. Taylor P.M. as W.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. W. Saunders; E. Hopwood S.W., W. Hammond J.W., James Stevens P.M., T. C. Walls M.O., Briggs I.G., G. Harrison Tyler, and a large number of brethren, and at the hour appointed, five p.m., prepared to receive the Provincial Grand Lodge. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., was unfortunately prevented from attending as arranged, and consequently the Very Worshipful Bro. Frederic Davison Grand Treasurer Deputy P.G.M. officiated as Prov. G.M. The present Officers who attended were Worshipful Bros. F. C. De Crespigny Chaplain, C. Hammerton Treasurer, J. M. Klenck Secretary, T. W. Adams S.D., E. Hopwood Supt. Works, H. J. Lardner I.G., J. V. Willis, C. Kipling, E. Florence, and J. Inglis Stewards, and J. Gilbert Tyler. The Past Grand Officers were represented by the Very Worshipful Brothers D. M. Dewar P.G.M.O. and Assistant Grand Secretary, James Stevens P.G.J.O. and P.P.G. Secretary, S. Lambert P.P G.S.D., and S. C. Dibdin, and Worshipful Bros. W. Taylor P.P.G.D., E. Gilbert, H. Baldwin, J. Rhodes P.P.G. Org., B. H. Ridge P.B.G.I.G., T. C. Walls P.G.S. Many brethren omitted to sign the attendance book, which contained the names of Bros. Goodenough J.O. 223, W. Hammond P.M. 181, E. Whittaker J.O. 139, G. Blackman W.M. 251, T. Driver J.O. 171, W. Holloway S.W. 251, S. G. Redfearn 251, Johnston S.D. 234, R. Clutton W.M., C. P. McKay P.M. 234, W. C. Brasher 223, G. R. Ousey M.O. 239, G. J. Dunkley S.O. 234, G. B. Brodie 197, J. Proffitt J.W. 3, T. F. Ravenshaw P.G.C., W. Stephens W.M. 1, Edward Mitchell S.W. 139, J. W. Sanders W.M. 181, H. Faija I G. 144. The Provincial Grand Officers having been received by the Francis Burdett Lodge, and duly saluted, the Lodge was closed, and Bro. Davison Deputy P.G.M., as Prov. G.M., proceeded to open the Prov. Grand Lodge, assisted by Bros. Ravenshaw as Deputy P.G.M., Walls G.S.W., Dewar G.J.W., De Crespigny G. Chaplain, J. W. Adams as M.O., E. Hopwood S.O., Lardner J.O., Klenck Secretary, Hammerton Treasurer, J. Stevens as D.C., H. Baldwin as I.G., and Gilbert Janitor. The minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, held at Richmond, on the 2nd July 1881, were read and confirmed, and a report from the General Committee as to the changes in places of meeting was read for information. The roll of Lodges was called over, and each Lodge was fairly represented. The number of Lodges in the Province is now 23 as against 21 last year, and the members have increased from 403 to 443. The R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., was unanimously nominated as Provincial Grand Mark Master for the ensuing period, and the following Officers were appointed, and in most instances invested with their collars of office, viz.:—

Bro. F. Davison	Deputy P.G.M.
Ralph Clutton	P.G. Senior Warden
Dr. Brodie	P.G. Junior Warden
Revs. F. C. De Crespigny and Maud	P.G. Chaplains
C. Hammerton	P.G. Treasurer
E. P. Florence	P.G. Registrar
W. G. Brighten	P.G. Secretary
— Inglis	P.G. Master Overseer
— Hammond	P.G. Senior Overseer
— Lewis	P.G. Junior Overseer
E. Mitchell	P.G. Senior Deacon
C. P. McKay	P.G. Junior Deacon
F. W. Driver	P.G. Supt. of Works
T. C. Walls	P.G. D. of C.
H. Faija	P.G. Assist. D. of C.
— Blackman	P.G. Sword Bearer
C. Kipling	P.G. Standard Bearer
G. J. Dunkley	P.G. Organist
G. R. Bussey	P.G. Inner Guard
J. W. Sanders	P.G. Stewards
W. C. Brasher	
C. F. Goodenough	
John Gilbert	P.G. Tyler

Brothers Lambert, Klenck, Lardner, and Walls, were elected on the Committee of General Purposes, to which Committee was referred a proposition for the purchase of a Standard and Sword of State. Bro. Hammerton Prov. Grand Treasurer presented his balance sheet, which was of a highly satisfactory character. The thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge were unanimously accorded to Bro. Hammerton, and also to Bro. Klenck P.G. Secretary, for services during the past year, and after some minor matters had been disposed of, the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was closed in due form. Subsequently a banquet was provided, which a large proportion of the brethren attended, but the want of "good service" detracted from what might otherwise have been greatly enjoyed, and in this respect, at least, the usual good repute of the Clarence Hotel was not upheld. The customary toasts were briefly given, and met with equally brief response, and, partaking of nothing beyond the ordinary character, such compliments and acknowledgments do not require lengthy notice. The evening was made agreeable by the vocal and instrumental efforts of the Provincial Grand Organist, Bro. Dunkley, assisted by able volunteers in the persons of Bros. Walls, Dibdin, and Stevens. An early train conveyed the company to London, rejoicing in the continued prosperity of their Provincial Grand Mark Lodge.

BRO. DR. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN,

PENNSYLVANIA'S THIRD GRAND MASTER.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

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In 1785, when Franklin left France, his French brethren bid him an affectionate and fraternal adieu, the Lodge at Rouen especially honouring him as a great Statesman and a Freemason. Thus did three great countries—America, England and France, and the highest Masonic authority of each of them, delight to do honour to Bro. Benjamin Franklin, the Philadelphia Freemason. In France especially does he appear to have been idolised. John Adams wrote from Paris to his wife in 1778: "My venerable colleague, Dr. Franklin, enjoys a privilege here that is much to be envied. Being seventy years of age, the ladies not only allow him to embrace them as often as he pleases, but they are perpetually embracing him. I told him, yesterday, that I would write this to America."

In person Franklin was well formed, five feet ten inches in height, with light complexion and grey eyes. In manners he was affable and winning. In early life he formed the excellent habit of speaking ill of no one, and as much good as possible of everybody. This course made the number of his friends legion. While a boy his father often repeated to him the proverb of King Solomon: "Seest thou a man diligent in his calling, he shall stand before kings." Franklin did stand before *five* kings, and with one of them, Christian VII. King of Denmark, he had the honour to sit down to dinner. George III. of England, in one of his Note Books, applied the following quotation from Shakespeare's "Julius Cæsar," to Franklin:

> "O, let us have him, for his silver hairs
> Will purchase us a good opinion,
> And buy men's voices to commend our deeds."

The name of Franklin is everywhere in America. There are twenty-two States in the Union that have a Franklin county, while Ohio has nineteen towns called Franklin. His name is applied to Masonic Lodges, colleges, banks, hotels, insurance companies, streets, squares, and, in fine, for all purposes for which a good name is needed.

Franklin died in the city of his choice, the only home he ever knew, where he was married, where his children were born, and his wife died—in Philadelphia. This event occurred on 17th April 1790, when he was in the eighty-fifth year of his age. He left a fortune of £30,000, all honestly gained, and a reputation which was great in his lifetime, greater at his death, and which has ceaselessly grown ever since. It belongs not to the eighteenth century only, but to all time, and not to America exclusively, but to the world.

On Franklin's death, the Congress of the United States ordered that badges of mourning should be worn by the members for one month; and even the Legislature of France, on motion of Mirabeau, unanimously resolved that mourning should be worn in his memory for three days.

Although Franklin was so distinguished a Mason, his remains were interred without Masonic ceremonies. Twenty thousand of his fellow-citizens attended his funeral, but his brethren were not there in a body, as Masons. There was a reason for this—it was the result of Masonic schism. Franklin had been Grand Master of Pennsylvania under the earliest Grand Lodge of England, nicknamed the "Moderns," and a rival Grand Lodge of England, self-styled, and miscalled, the "Ancients," had grown more popular, and finally had supplanted the earlier one, so that when Franklin died, there had not been, for nearly twenty years, a Lodge of the "Moderns" in Philadelphia. During much of this period Franklin had been abroad, in England and France, and unacquainted with Masonic matters at home, where many of the old Masons, when they found their Lodges decaying, had given them up, and either remained unaffiliated, or petitioned for admission into a Lodge of their schismatic, but successful rivals, the so-called "Ancients." Franklin, in his old age, was not inclined to seek new Masonic affiliations. He respected and loved the sinking ship of the "Moderns," and never deserted it. This is very far from being to his discredit. He had been twice P.G.M. of the old Craft which introduced Masonry on this continent, and that in the "City of Brotherly Love," and it would have been eminently unbecoming in him to haul down his Masonic colours, and when nearly eighty years of age to petition a rival, but successful Masonic Lodge, to be heled, and received among its membership. Franklin was *not* given a Masonic funeral, because, in the lingo of the day, he was a "Modern" Mason, which was greatly to his credit.

Franklin is represented at the present day by numerous descendants. In the year 1863 they numbered 110, represented chiefly by such families as the Baches, Duanes, Hodges and Sergeants. But the pilgrims to his tomb, in the venerable graveyard of old Christ

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Church, at the corner of Arch and Fifth-streets, comprehend citizens of all the States in the Union, and visiting strangers from all climes of the world; and all tread with reverent steps as they approach the sepulchre of him who was one of the fathers of this free republic, and also of our great American Masonic Craft.

In a work recently published, "The Life of the Rev. William Smith, D.D., by his grandson Horace W. Smith," there are contained a number of reflections upon the character of Franklin that are unworthy alike of the biographer and his subject, and which we feel impelled to notice. Dr. Smith, as well as Dr. Franklin, was a Mason, but they were diametrically opposed in politics, and Dr. Smith, during his lifetime, on several occasions allowed his zeal to outrun his discretion, as well as the fraternal feelings he owed Dr. Franklin. Dr. Smith's character in this regard was justly outlined by Robert Jenney, in a letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury, under date of Philadelphia, 27th Nov. 1758, in which the writer refers to "the practice of some clergymen intermixing what is their true and real business with politics in civil affairs, and being so zealous therein as to blame and even revile those brethren who cannot approve of their conduct in this particular," and, he adds, "I am sorry to be forced to name William Smith who, 'tis said, is gone to England with this view, and without doubt will wait upon your Grace." (Life of William Smith, Vol. I., p 185). There was certainly no love lost between Smith and Franklin, but the latter was usually discreet in what he said and wrote, while the former was not.

On the day that Franklin died, a great thunderstorm passed over the city, and the Hon. Thomas Willing, Dr. William Smith and others, were dining with Governor Mifflin at the Falls of Schuylkill. When Franklin's death was announced, the biographer of Dr. Smith tells us, Mr. Willing wrotes these lines:

> "What means that flash, the thunder's awful roar—
> The blazing sky—unseen, unheard before?
> Sage Smith replies, 'Our Franklin is no more.'
> The clouds, long subject to his magic chain,
> Exulting now, their liberty regain."

Bro. Rev. Dr. Smith, at the request of the American Philosophical Society (of which Dr. Franklin was President), pronounced a commemorative oration on the deceased in the German Lutheran Church, Fourth-street, above Arch, Philadelphia, on 1st March 1791, in the presence of President and Mrs. Washington, Vice-President and Mrs. Adams, the Senate and House of Representatives, the Governor and Legislature of Pennsylvania, and others, in the course of which he paid the following glowing tribute to Dr. Franklin:

"He had a delight in communicating his discoveries to his friends, and such was his manner of communication that he appeared rather seeking to acquire information himself than to give it to others . . . From the beginning to the end of his life he observed the same modest and cautious method of communication . . . . . Speaking of his 'electrical' labours he said: Although Von Kliest had discovered some properties of the Leyden phial, and Muschenbrock to his cost had experienced others, it remained for Dr. Franklin to discover its true principles, and how by means of it, to accumulate, retain and discharge any quantity of the electrical fluid with safety. . . . . He was the first who fired gunpowder, gave magnetism to needles of steel, melted metals, and killed animals of considerable size, by means of electricity. He was the first to inform electricians, and the world in general, of the power of metaline points in conducting the electric fluid, acknowledging at the same time, with a candour worthy of true philosophy, that he received the first information of the power from Mr. Thomas Hopkinson. . . . . Amid this general admiration Dr. Franklin continued to communicate his knowledge and discoveries, under the humble appellation of conjectures or guesses. But no man ever made bolder or happier guesses, either in philosophy or politics. He was likewise a bold experimenter in both."

This was a noble tribute from a political opponent, but that opponent's biographer belittles his ancestor by relating this anecdote: "After the conclusion of the oration, on Dr. Smith's return home, we are told that his daughter Rebecca told him, 'I don't think you believe in more than one-tenth part of what you said of old Ben Lightening-rod. Did you?' The doctor, without either affirming or denying, laughed heartily.

Such stories, perhaps, may do for the privacy of home, but should never appear in serious print, and we take it Dr. Smith regretted the unwise assertions he had made during Dr. Franklin's lifetime.

In conclusion, we would say that Philadelphia has honoured the memory of Franklin by naming one of its Lodges for him—Franklin Lodge, No. 134—and it will not be invidous to assert that there is no Masonic body in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held in higher esteem than it, or that has a larger number of distinguished citizens included in its membership. It was constituted on St. John's Day, 24th June 1812; a great grandson of Bro. Benjamin Franklin—Bro. Capt. Richard Bache—being its first W.M., and another great grandson, Bro. Dr. Franklin Bache, afterwards affiliated with it. Franklin Lodge has given three Grand Masters to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, viz., Bro. George M. Dallas Vice-President of the United States, Bro. John M. Read Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and Bro. Peter Williamson, the last of whom alone is left for the Brethren to honour.

Such was Franklin as a Mason, and such were his Masonic descendants. Mirabeau said of the great Philosopher: "Antiquity would have raised altars to this mighty genius, who compassed in his mind both the heavens and the earth, and was able to restrain, alike, thunderbolts and tyrants." Franklin Lodge *has* reared an altar to his memory, and we trust that the lights around it may never be extinguished. There is also an altar raised in his honour in the heart of every Pennsylvania Mason, and the entire fraternity in this jurisdiction must disapear before the name of Benjamin Franklin will cease to be revered. During our Sesqui-Centennial celebration glowing and eloquent tributes will, no doubt, be paid to his Masonic character, for his achievements for the Craft. We have now done what we could, in *The Keystone*, to lay a sprig of Acacia upon his tomb.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

THE SESQUI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

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After the orchestra had played "Meditation," by Gounod, the Grand Master Hon. Samuel B. Dick, delivered the address of welcome. After referring to the event which the day celebrated, the Grand Master said that it was a singular anniversary. "A century and a-half of Masonic history of Masonic life, demands of us all our earnest admiration. The forerunner of organised Masonic institutions in this land, the Grand Lodge of Pensylvannia points to its history as the highest evidence of the justice of its claim to the love and obedience of its members and to the respect of the Craft round the globe.

"The mysteries, virtues, and teachings of Freemasonry come out of the ages, as forming one great light to illumine the human mind, so that it can understand the truth. Centuries have confirmed these teachings, and tradition has transmitted them to the present age. The high mission of Freemasonry is to preserve and maintain them, so that the generations that are to come may receive them unchanged. The duty is positive, but not onerous, for as truth is alike indestructible and eternal, this duty demands fidelity and honesty for its full discharge. Our proceedings to-day have been based on an earnest faith in our Institution, an earnest love of the principles it teaches and exemplifies, and an earnest determination to preserve and maintain them, which animates every brother of our Craft. History, since she began to chronicle the events which mark the passing time, has gathered on her pages the evidence of the moral grandeur of Freemasonry. There, too, may be found the utterances of men whose attachment to the principles of Freemasonry was among their distinctive characteristics. In the Old Testament and the New are found some striking references to the existence of the Institution which, in later days, has been best known by the term Freemasonry. The relations of our Institution to society, its members, and the history of our Grand Lodge, will be given you by distinguished citizens who are our brethren."

A well-trained chorus of male voices having given a sample of their vocal powers, Governor Hoyt was introduced and delivered an address on "Masonry and its Relations to the Outer World." The Governor held that fraternity was not confined to those who meet in the Lodge-room. Masons proposed to help their brothers and fulfil the new and heightened demands of human fellowship. They do not usurp the rights of the Church; they invade no ecclesiastical domain; they usurp the franchises of no sect or Church or their ministers ordained under other and higher credentials, whose exhortatious are to be enforced under higher sanctions. They have no political dilemmas except the quality of men as children of a common Father, and no theological dogmas except only the daily prayer and precept that 'we may practise outside of the Lodge the principles of religion and morality we are taught in it.'" Without insisting on the antiquity of Freemasonry, Governor Hoyt said he was insisting upon the antiquity or the reasons underlying it and the identity of its doctrines and methods with right humanity. These have come streaming down the centuries, the central ideas of rightness and the measures of justice which have saved us.

"For my part I fully believe that mankind will finally triumph over the destiny which now seems so grievously to encompass them. They have well held their own. Step by step humanity has climbed nearer the heavens whence we came. The charity and art and democracy with which the Olympian games glorified the Hellenic race ought not to be anachronisms to us. Our contensions are in the arena of ethics and morals. Rewards for victory in achievements more or less precious than the wreath from the sacred olive tree in Olympia awaits successful competitors. They are for those who can 'best work in the best degree.' Our beatitudes terminate not upon the individual, but upon the family, the State, and the race. We shall yet reap the harvest.

"And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith the Lord, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth, and the earth shall hear the corn and the wine and the oil, and they shall hear Jezral."

The remainder of the programme in the Academy consisted of a "Chorus of Pilgrims" by the vocalists, an address by the Honourable Henry W. Williams, President Judge of the 4th District of Pennsylvania; a cantata "To the Sons of Art," and an address by J. Simpson Africa, of Huntingdon, Pa., on "History of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania."

Lieut.-General Sir Garnet Wolseley will command in chief the expeditionary force that is being sent to Egypt, while Major-General H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught P.G. Warden, will have under him the First Brigade of the First Division, consisting of the three Battalions of the Grenadier, Coldstream, and Scots Guards respectively.

The meeting at Wimbledon concluded on Saturday last with the customary distribution of prizes. Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Albany presided, it being the first occasion on which Her Royal Highness had taken part in any public ceremonial since the death, a few days after her marriage, of her sister.

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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, 29th JULY.

1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New North-road, S.E., at 7. (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 Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
305—Prince George, Private Rooms, Rottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

MONDAY, 31st JULY.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
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.)
1633—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)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
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)

62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 446—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

TUESDAY, 1st AUGUST.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
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.)
980—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.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1385—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)
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
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
993—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.
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
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
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 2nd AUGUST.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Mouland'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)
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, 518 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)

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
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
383—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
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.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1065—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, 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)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
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
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 3rd AUGUST.

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)
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.)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
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
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
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—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 4th AUGUST.

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—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)
903—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)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
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.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
296—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
454—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
814—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
985—Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
1062—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1142—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
1257—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.

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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
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly.

SATURDAY, 5th AUGUST.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New North-road, S.E., at 7. (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)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—On Monday last, at the Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge. Bros. Taplin W.M., Brooks S.W., Fleming J.W., Phillips S.D., Bailey J.D., Duffin Tyler. After the reading and signing of the minutes of the previous meeting, Bro. Bailey was interrogated and entrusted before passing. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Bailey candidate. This brother was subsequently interrogated before raising, but being only a F.C. was not entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Brooks S.W. was appointed W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was closed with the usual formalities, and adjourned until Monday, 31st inst.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—A meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, S.E., on Friday, the 21st instant, Bro. Henry Baldwin W.M. There was a good attendance of members and Visitors, amongst whom were Bros. J. B. Sarjeant S.W., Perks J.W., G. Clark jun. S.D., Hooper J.D., R. Poore I.G., James Stevens P.M. Hon. Preceptor, J. Bate, Hubbard, Cochett, Ducher 1687, Edmonds 1507, and others. Bro. Baldwin opened the Lodge in the three degrees, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed, Bro. Bate acting as candidate, and afterwards delivering the charge in the M.M. degree. The Lodge was closed down, and instructed by the Preceptor, the brethren had practice in "entry drill," a novelty which is much appreciated in this Lodge. Bros. Francois Ducher 1687, Edmonds 1507, and Hooper 1949, were elected members. Bro. Bate was appointed W.M. for the Preceptor's Night, the 28th instant, when the three ceremonies will be rehearsed. Lodge was then closed in due form.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 25th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters', Tavern Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Catling W.M., Smyth S.W., Robinson J.W., F. Carr Secretary, T. Clark S.D., Marsh J.D., Bunker I.G., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Wardell, Lorkin, Edwards, Jones, Christian, and Gray. Lodge was opened in due form; the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gray candidate. The Lodge was called off, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties when Bro. Gray answered the questions leading to the second degree and Bro. T. Clark worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Smyth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—On Wednesday evening last, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury Corner, there were present Bros. Pearcy (Preceptor) as W.M., Cooke S.W., J. Osborn J.W., Matthews S.D., Freeman J.D., Marks I.G., T. Goode P.M. Secretary, and several other brethren. Lodge was opened in the first and second degrees, when the W.M. stated it was his intention to rehearse the ceremony of the third degree. A candidate duly presented himself, and passed examination. Bro. Pearcy then opened the Lodge in the third degree and carried out the ceremony in a painstaking way, giving the traditional history and explaining the tracing board. Bro. Endean, S.W. of No. 9, was elected a member. Other business having been transacted, Lodge was closed and adjourned till Wednesday next.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—An emergency meeting was held on Thursday, 20th instant, at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W., when there were present:—Bros. J. Waugh W.M., A. J. Hammond S.W., T. Eastgate J.W., J. Jones S.D., W. Lee J.D., J. E. Shand I.P.M. Treasurer, E. J. Scott P.M. Secretary, W. C. Smith I.G., Potter P.M. Tyler, Thos. White P.M., B. E. Swallow P.M. P.G.D. Middlesex; Bros. Kohler, Hill, Newman, and others. After Lodge had been formally opened, the ballot was taken for Messrs. W. H. Bolt, E. O. Ashby, W. J. Smith (a son of the Inner Guard). The result in each case being unanimous, these gentlemen were duly initiated. The next business was to pass Bro. Walter Howard; the next to raise Bro. Bates and Armstrong. Each of these brethren having shown proficiency, the ceremonies were duly performed. The brethren afterwards dined together, when the usual toasts, harmony, and music by Bro. Howard (Messrs. Moore and Burgess Minstrel Troupe) on banjo, brought the evening to a happy close. The Lodge now stands adjourned until September next.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—This successful Lodge of Instruction held its 114th meeting on Monday, 24th July. A noticeable feature as regards this Lodge of Instruction is, that since its foundation, it has had numerous attendances, and never missed any of its meetings. While other Lodges of Instruction have adjourned through the summer months, this Lodge continues its work with great success. The meetings are held at the Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury-square, at 8.30, every Monday, and Lodge closes punctually at ten. The Preceptor, Bro. Trewinnard P.M. is a very energetic Craftsman, and we should advise young Masons who want instruction to join this Lodge. The fourth Monday in the month is devoted to the rehearsal of the installation ceremony. Last Monday, Bro. P.M. J. Osborn, of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, rehearsed this ceremony in a very able manner, giving very great satisfaction to a large number of brethren, amongst whom we noticed P.M.'s Gillham, Pearcy, Fenner; Bro. Forge W.M. 1950, Bro. Dignam W.M. 1524, and a great many brethren of other London Lodges.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—The usual meeting was held on Tuesday last, the 25th inst., at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, where there was a good attendence of brethren, including Bros. H. Hooper W.M., Richard Poore S.W., G. W. Knight J.W., E. A. Francis Preceptor, H. M. Williams Secretary, A. E. Albert S.D., R. R. Johnstone J.D., Jos. Perry I.G.; also E. Storr, George Monk, G. Millen, W. Millen, G. Flint, H. Durham. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., in a most efficient manner, with Bro. Storr as candidate. By the permission of the W.M., Bro. E. Storr rehearsed the ceremony of the first degree, with Bro. Flint as candidate, to the great satisfaction of the brethren. Lodge being closed in the second degree, the following brethren were unanimously elected members, and returned thanks:—Bros. Hy. Durham Domatic Lodge, No. 177, Geo. Flint Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287. A resolution was unanimously passed, and ordered to be inserted on the minutes, to the W.M. Bro. H. Hooper, thanking him for the able manner in which he had conducted the Lodge that evening, for the first time in his Masonic career. Bro. Richard Poore having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and formal business being concluded, Lodge was closed in due form.

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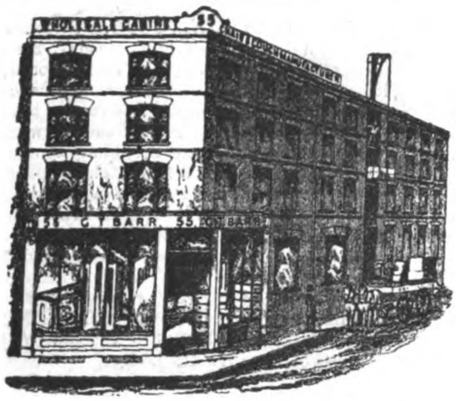

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But that such *genus homo* exist, either through misfortunes and calamities over which they could have no control, or else through their own improvidence, we are bound painfully to admit. The question is not merely confined in its application to our own Order, for we find these social pests levying their blackmail on all sorts and conditions of society; and our philanthropists and social reformers in every age have sought in vain for an effectual remedy for the evils of professional mendicity. In a country like our own, where the competition amongst men of every calling and profession is so keen, there must of necessity be a certain number of the weak who will always "go to the wall," and whose deplorable condition it is hopeless to redress, in spite of all our private and public benevolence. These people must be, however, divided into the two classes of which we speak, and between them is a disparity as marked and as wide as that 'twixt light and darkness. There is very little doubt in our mind that if discrimination is necessary in doling out relief to the many applicants who are ever looking askance at the hand of Charity, it is equally valuable in the selection and admission of candidates into Freemasonry. The Order has made such huge strides of recent years that it is often a difficult matter to foretel how many of those who are initiated join the Institution from "no mercenary or other unworthy motives," or with an eye to some ulterior benefit. We do not hold strictly to the opinion expressed by some of our correspondents, that none but men of affluence should be enlisted in our ranks, because it is a matter of every-day experience that many who may be to all external appearance in comfortable circumstances, are not so just and upright as they seem to be when standing in the North-east corner, and who may have sinister motives for uniting themselves with the Craft, but which it is, of course, impossible for the brethren to instantly detect. On the other hand, there are many who, though known to be not blessed with too large a share of this world's goods, are nevertheless good men and true, and have shed lustre upon our profession by their probity and upright conduct. But returning at once to the class of Masonic tramps—who, by-the bye, are vastly more numerous than one of our correspondents seems to imagine—we say at once that such persons have forfeited all claim to the consideration of the brethren, and with regard to whom there must be no sentimental sympathy. We have often pointed out that there is somewhat too much sermonizing in Freemasonry, and if in their honest zeal some brethren are too lavish in their praise of the charitable work wrought by our Ancient and Honourable Institution, others appear unduly biassed in the other direction, and say, "if we boast so fluently of our good deeds in this respect, how is it that so many of our members are to be found in needy circumstances?" They seem to forget that ours is not a friendly benefit society, of which there is such plenteous selection for those who seek a reward for their forethought and providence. It is a painful fact that at all times, and especially at this season of the year, the country is overrun by a class of persons who never desire or strive to earn an honest living, but who are constantly traversing the kingdom from end to end, pleading every pitiable excuse for filching from the purses of the benevolent and kindly-disposed. With such individuals no right-thinking person can sympathise in any way; and it is our duty, whether Masons or not, to employ every effort to arrest the spread of imposture and mendicity in this most common form. All the means hitherto adopted to check the great and increasing evil have failed to bring about the desired results; and, as long as the public continue to relieve the whining supplicants for alms who "play the old soldier" at their doors, all hope of suppressing such professional frauds must be abandoned. It is scarcely necessary to point out that these impositions are daily practised, not only upon Masonic benevolence—although our almoners, especially in large centres, which afford a convenient halting-place for beggars, could no doubt "a tale unfold" such as might well startle us—but upon the nobility, clergy, and every other source from which philanthropy is known to emanate. We have only to read the daily prints to see to how vast an extent the "begging-letter" system is adopted by unscrupulous cadgers; and we can but come to the conclusion that it is their very success which leads them into such audacious boldness as to entangle them alternately in the meshes of the law. Of this we have witnessed numerous cases within the last few weeks in our metropolitan and provincial police-courts, and it is the invariable experience of our detective force that the difficulties in the way of bringing such scoundrels to justice are almost insuperable. Their appeals for aid are so adroitly worded, and posted in such a variety of channels, that they very often succeed in covering their knavery in a way which renders detection impossible. No doubt the Charity Organisation Societies have done much in their sphere to place salutary obstacles in the path of the professional tramp, though we could scarcely apply the same system to our own Fraternity. The one deals with a public pest; whilst we have to deal with men who, though unworthy of our sympathy, are still brethren, and appeal to us as such. There is very little difference in the depravity of both; but they have to be dealt with in a different way. The Charity Organisation Societies have cumbrous machinery, with paid officials, and we fear a large proportion of the funds collected for the purpose of reliving the necessitous finds its way into the well-lined pockets of salaried servants. We have known of many really deserving applicants to them for relief subjected to the most harrowing and inquisitorial process of enquiry and surveillance; the heart has grown sick with hope deferred, and ruin has inevitably set in before the ostentatious dispensers of public alms have thought proper to advise that they are satisfied with the genuineness of the appeal. And even after all, when the dole has tardily

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and grudgingly come, it has been so spare and slender as to afford no substantial assistance. The poor-boxes at our police-courts give, as near as we can cite, a humane and ready means of aid, for promptitude in such cases is rendered imperative by their very urgency. If a family is in need of the common necessaries of life, they cannot afford to await the result of a prolonged, and often an inexcusable, "enquiry" at the hands of a "circumlocution party," to whom the pangs of hunger are unknown. "While the grass grows the horse starves" is a motto bearing much truth; and if a man needs ready help, it is valueless when delayed for a month. We understand the method adopted by the Lord Mayor and other magistrates is to grant such aid as the condition of the poor boxes will admit—unfortunately they are, by all accounts, at a very low ebb just now — upon the recommendation of one or two respectable householders; and this is a step which in nine cases out of ten frustrates any attempt at imposture. In the event of a distressed brother applying to any Lodge, the practice usually adopted is for one of the brethren—generally the almoner—to visit the applicant and, by kindly enquiry, ascertain the real condition in which he is placed. This is only a wise and just precaution, for the safety of the Lodge funds; and we imagine that no brother so reduced as to prompt him to ask for aid would object to an examination so fraternally and *privately* conducted. Nor do we believe there are many cases in which such applications made by the deservingly necessitous have been overlooked by the brethren of our Lodges. On the contrary, we have observed that, if an error has been made, it has been invariably on the side of leniency, and the amount granted as large as the benevolent fund of the Lodge could possibly bear. It is earnestly to be hoped that a large proportion of the money which is now lavished upon vagabonds who live upon the good nature and indiscriminate kindness of the public may be diverted into proper channels. Our chief aim should be, whilst extending the hand of Charity "with no bounds save that of prudence," to those who need it, to banish from our midst those lazy, skulking mendicants who fasten like leeches upon our social system, and divert the flow of true philanthropy from its legitimate and proper channels. The correspondence lately appearing in our columns may have some effect in impressing upon brethren the positive necessity of discrimination in the granting of relief, and, if so, our object in drawing attention to it will have been accomplished. Still that caution should not degenerate into the persecution delineated by Dickens in his satire upon Bumble, the "porochial" beadle, or the "gentleman in the white waistcoat"; and we feel assured that if on the one hand a tight-rein is drawn upon the unscrupulous persons who would, if they could, live in idleness upon the generosity of their more prudent but often, in the matter of Charity indiscreet, brethren there will be a reduction in the number of that undesirable section of the Fraternity, and a by no means diminished solicitude towards those who are deserving of our Masonic help and commiseration.

We have to thank Messrs. Bedford Lemere and Co. for copy of their photograph of the members of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, and their friends, taken on the occasion of the summer banquet, held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on Wednesday, the 19th ult. Knowing, as we do, so many of those present at the meeting, we can bear testimony to the excellence of the several portraits, while, as regards the difficult question of grouping together so many subjects, the artists appear to have been more than usually successful. We trust the photograph will find an honoured place on the walls of the Lodge. One other matter we must notice, and that with an apology for our excusable error. The artists are not "Messrs. Bedford and Lemere," of 147 Strand, as stated by us recently, but "Messrs. Bedford Lemere and Co." of that address. We have great pleasure in making this rectification.

The following is the text of Bro. James Stevens's proposed motion:—

"That, having regard to the great increase, during the past twenty-five years, in the number of 'Lodges within the London District,' (see Book of Constitutions, page 72), this Grand Lodge desires to respectfully represent to His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master the desirability of subdividing the said London District into Subordinate Grand Lodges, to be constituted in like manner to Provincial Grand Lodges."

AFTER THE SESQUI-CENTENNIAL.

THE *Keystone* asserts that the recent St. John's Day celebration by the Pennsylvanian Craft, in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was enjoyed in all its great features by the thousands of brethren who had the privilege of participating in it.

The gathering was of a remarkably comprehensive character, including features grave and gay, dignified and entertaining. The historical idea was at the foundation of the celebration, and ample justice was done to it, as was most becoming. We commemorated a notable event—the origin of Masonic Grand Lodge Government in America, with the exercise of the electoral privilege to choose a Provincial Grand Master to preside over the Craft in the then province of Pennsylvania. In the ceremonies of both the Grand Lodge and the Academy of Music, the history of this leading event in American Masonry was correctly and ably given, and the records thus made by the different distinguished brethren who prepared the historic papers will be preserved in our annals as valued additions to American Masonic history. The mists that obscured the past have been scattered, the truth that was before discovered has been officially promulgated, justice has been done the early fathers of the Pennsylvanian Craft, and the antiquity of our Fraternity in this jurisdiction has been placed beyond a peradventure. No more will it be pretended that any Lodge, or Grand Lodge, antedates those first constituted in the city of Philadelphia, in the good old Keystone State. And, as Bro. Hughan pointed out in his valuable communication in our last week's issue, the first Lodge ever constituted in America by the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients," as well as by the Grand Lodge of the "Moderns," was located in Philadelphia. We have heretofore shown, in these columns, that the same priority may be justly claimed for the introduction of Royal Arch and Templar Masonry in America, the "city of Brotherly Love" in every instance being the Masonic pioneer, the premier or mother city of Freemasonry. The pages of Masonic history written for the Sesqui-Centennial celebration, will remain for the instruction of posterity, and be a lasting monument to the ability and industry of their several compilers. All of these we shall present in full.

We have read in the local press, that the author of this celebration was a certain brother, who originated and introduced the resolution in the Grand Lodge providing for the Sesqui-Centennial celebration, which was on Saturday last so fully and enjoyably observed. In a certain sense this is true; but there is a higher sense in which another is entitled to the honour, and we desire to name the Brother whom we consider the author of the celebration, and to whom, in this connection, a sufficient tribute has not yet been paid. Brother Benjamin Franklin was the "father" of our Masonic anniversary, for it was he who reported in his newspaper the Pennsylvanian *Gazette*, the first meeting of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, only two days after it occurred. Without this cotemporaneous record, we should have had no specific information of this important fact. All honour, then, to Bro. Benjamin Franklin, who was wiser than he knew when he penned and published that small item of news concerning the first meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and its election of Bro. William Allen as its first Grand Master. Without this act, we should at this time have been unable to sufficiently ascertain the facts whereon to base the historic claim to precedence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the notable events commemorated in our St. John's Day celebration. So much for the historic features of our Sesqui-Centennial. But there were others.

The procession of the Craft was of a remarkable character. Over five thousand brethren were in line, and all of them were representative men. They were not decorated with regalia—they wore no distinguishing emblems, save a lambskin apron, and the Officers and Past Officers each the jewel of his office. They were only the ornaments of exalted personal character, native dignity, manliness and moral worth. Many of our best citizens were in the ranks. And these ranks are seen so rarely in public, that they always attract public attention. They were filled by those who do not court applause by display, by men of knowledge, intellectual, financial and social status. The Masonic Fraternity was demonstrated to be not a refuge for persons of impaired character, nor a hospital for the cure of diseased reputations, but a Temple composed of living stones, all plumb, level and square. The hundreds of rejected applicants did not appear in that procession to disfigure it with their fragmentary moral, social and intellectual characters. Masonry demands for its spiritual Temple perfect ashlars, and that its demand has been complied with, is evident whenever a procession of the Craft appears on a great anniversary occasion.

It will doubtless be a number of years before there is another demonstration by the Freemasons of Pennsylvania akin to that which was made on St. John Baptist's Day 1882. Such celebrations should not be frequent. Their impressiveness and value depend upon their infrequency. They are red-letter days in the history of the Craft, to be looked forward to after long intervals of every-day work and refreshment. When thus observed they stimulate healthy Masonic action, gratify the brethren, and emphasise great principles and leading Masonic events. They draw together visiting brethren from neighbouring and even distant jurisdictions, all of whom sit together as members of a common Craft, and rejoice with their brethren in their local celebration. No one, we are sure, regrets our Sesqui-Centennial celebration, while every one who participated in it will bear through life the recollection of a most enjoyable Masonic anniversary, one well planned, well executed, and that reflected credit upon all the Grand Officers and sub-Committees that for months were busily engaged in perfecting its details. Long live the R.W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, whose Sesqui-Centennial has just been so fitly and gloriously commemorated!—

The Keystone.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

THE Freemasons of the Province of Essex may be congratulated on the success which attended their Annual Meeting. This took place on Thursday, the 3rd instant. The place selected for the gathering was the Forest Hotel, Chingford, on the borders of Epping Forest, and the arrangements made by the members of the Chigwell Lodge, to whom had been conceded the honour of entertaining Prov. Grand Lodge, were of the most complete and satisfactory character. The weather was all that could be desired, and many of the guests availed themselves of the opportunity of driving to their destination through the beautiful scenery which surrounds this charming spot. The Prov. Grand Master, the Right Honourable the Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., opened his Grand Lodge shortly after the hour appointed, he having been detained some little time in consequence of missing a train. He was supported by the Rt. Hon. Lord Waveney, Provincial Grand Master Suffolk; the Rt. Wor. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G. Master Middlesex; R. W. Bro. Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., Grand Junior Warden; Sir Charles Bright D.P.G.M. Middlesex; Matthew Clark P.P.D.G.M. Essex; Lieut.-Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G. Secretary, Rev. T. Cochrane G. Chaplain, and a very large number of Present and Past G. Officers of Essex and other Provinces. After the Provincial Grand Master had been saluted, the distinguished guests entered the Lodge room, and were received with the honours due to their rank. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Southend, on Tuesday, the 9th of August 1881, were read and unanimously confirmed. Several letters were read, expressing regret at inability to be present, from, amongst others, the R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G. Master Hertfordshire, the R.W. Viscount Holmesdale Provincial Grand Master Kent, the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. D.P.G.M. Suffolk, Sir J. B. Monckton, Sheriff Hanson, Justice Cave, F. Wilson Iles D.P.G.M. Herts, Rev. F. B. Shepherd, &c. The roll was next called, and the representatives were in attendance from each of the nineteen Lodges which constitute the Province. The numerical strength of the members showed a slight falling off during the year as compared with 1880 and 1881, but the Financial Statement showed the condition of the Province was in every way satisfactory. On motion made and duly seconded, the Auditors' Report was unanimously adopted. In the course of his address Lord Tenterden remarked that the brethren of the Province might congratulate themselves on what had occurred during the past year. He commented on the vast increase that had taken place both in Lodges and in membership since H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had filled the office of Grand Master of the English Craft. He stated, on the authority of the Grand Secretary, that, though there was no official census, the number of subscribing members to Grand Lodge might be taken at 100,000, and when to this was added the list of honorary members, and Craftsmen who did not subscribe to any Lodge, some idea might be arrived at as to the magnitude of our organisation. With respect to their own Province, it was true they were not quite so strong this time as they were in the two latter years, but their number was still in excess of what it was in 1879. Moreover, this decrease could be accounted for; the Province embraced an agricultural district, and it was fully recognised that matters were not so prosperous as they could wish. During the year he had received proposals for two new Lodges, but in one case he had felt it incumbent on him to refuse the request. However, a third proposal had just been brought under his notice, and this he felt justified in encouraging. He impressed on the members of Provincial Grand Lodge the necessity of discountenancing any fictitious or ricketty bantlings. The Prov. Grand Master next referred to the late visit of the Duke of Connaught in attendance on Her most Gracious Majesty. On that occasion the brethren of the Chigwell Lodge had asked him to present an address to the Queen, and this he had much pleasure in forwarding through the prescribed channel, and to which a most gracious reply had been received from the Duke of Connaught. Reference was then made to the zeal displayed by the Duke of Connaught in all Masonic matters. He (Lord Tenterden) had had the honour of installing him as Master of a Lodge; he was a good Mason, and a good soldier, and would doubtless render a good account of himself in the duties he had just undertaken. Speaking of the Charity Organisation, just adopted in the Province, it was satisfactory to know that at the last Elections they had secured the return of one boy, one girl, and one old lady candidate. The Charity Committee were to be congratulated on this result. However, still more had to be done; it was requisite that there should be united action, and that there should be a good pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether. In speaking of those who were unable to be present, Lord Tenterden remarked that all would regret the absence of Bro. Philbrick, the D.P.G.M., who had been compelled to go to Bury St. Edmunds on some urgent, though disagreeable, business. He trusted, however, they might see him later in the day. He intimated that it was his intention of continuing the services of Bro. Philbrick as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and paid that worthy brother a well-merited compliment for the zeal he displayed in the conduct of the business, and heartily thanked him for the assistance he rendered him personally. He congratulated the members of Prov. Grand Lodge on the honour conferred on them by the visit of two Prov. Grand Masters, and threw out a hint that some united action might be initiated for mutual assistance in securing the return of their respective candidates. Bearing all these matters in mind, it could scarcely be asserted their history was a stagnant one. With respect to the proposed amendment in the Constitutions of the Order, on the principle that two many cooks would spoil the broth, he had suggested to Bro. Philbrick that he should prepare a *résumé* of the suggested alterations. This request had been complied with, and the following circular is the result of Bro. Philbrick's labours.

The revisions made in the Book of Constitutions may be thus generally summarised:—

(1) The whole of the Laws have been collated and re-arranged, grouping the Rules under their proper heads, and in consecutive order.

(2) The discrepancies in the wording of Laws dealing with the same subject have been altered, so as to make one uniform language run through the whole Book.

The alterations, other than those merely verbal or necessary for the sake of clearness, have been studiously kept to the smallest number, and may be classified as under:—

(3) Expansions of the existing Laws where the present wording wanted explanation to make the meaning clearer—or

(4) The statement of the Laws, which have long obtained practice and are universally acted on, it being deemed desirable to express plainly on the face of the Book of Constitutions the construction and interpretation which have been accepted for years.

N.B.—It will be noted that no new Law, or Rule, and no alteration of substance is involved under any of the foregoing heads.

(5) NEW RULES—The introduction of which has been avoided as far as could be. The principal new matter will be found in the regulations as to the official conduct of the records of private Lodges and their returns to Grand Lodge; in the increased fees for warrants for new Lodges, which the present position of the Craft, as contrasted with 1813, when the table now in force was adopted, is thought to justify; in bettering the status of serving brethren in certain cases; in extending the powers of the appeal to all cases; and in making due provision for the business to be brought before the Grand Lodge.

It is believed that the Rules as now framed are of a clear nature, explaining themselves, and such as the Craft is fully enabled to form its judgment upon, when attention has been directed to them. Great pains have been taken to adhere to the frame and substance of Masonry as contained in the ancient landmarks of the Order.

Lord Tenterden, in concluding, referred to our Charities as the golden columns and bright jewels of the Order. He impressed on all the necessity of a solemn and efficient working of the Craft. There was a vitality in Freemasonry; it was a true system of morality; and its teachings were something real and tangible; not to be cast aside as dreams Freemasonry afforded a common ground, for all who belong to it, to advance the best interests of humanity, and he urged one and all to sustain it in its integrity.

The W. Bro. Andrew Durrant P.M. 276 was re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and special recognition of the value of his previous services was made. The investment of Prov. Grand Officers for the next twelve months resulted as follows:—

W. Bro. Alfred Buck W.M 453 ...	P.G. Senior Warden
,, E. B. Florence I.P.M. 214	P.G. Junior Warden
Bro. Rev. J. H. Rowley 1343 ...	P.G. Chaplain
W. Bro. A. Durrant (re-elected)	P.G. Treasurer
,, J. F. Barrett W.M. 1000	P.G. Registrar
,, T. J. Ralling P.M. 51 ...	P.G. Secretary
,, H. E. Debane W.M. 1543	P.G. Senior Deacon
,, A. J. Manning P.M. 1437	P.G. Junior Deacon
,, F. C. Smith W.M. 1457	P.G. Supt. of Works
,, A. Lucking P.M. 160 ...	P.G. D. of C.
,, C. Hempson W.M. 1799	P.G. Assist. D. of C.
Bro. H. Bowles 276	P.G. Organist
W. Bro. J. M. Farr W.M. 1817 ...	P.G. Sword Bearer
,, D. J. Wright I.P.M. 1024	P.G. Pursuivant
Bro. T. S. Sorrell 276	P.G. Tyler
W. Bro. Wm. Sowman W.M. 51 ...	P.G. Stewards
,, E. Shedd W.M. 276	
,, T. G. Mills W.M. 1697	
,, A. Mead J.W. 276	
Bro. R. Clowes S.W. 650	

After the new Prov. Grand Officers had been saluted, Bro. Andrew Durrant brought forward the motion which stood in his name:—

"That every Lodge in the Province add to the present payment to Provincial Grand Lodge a contribution of sixpence for each Subscribing Member per annum; the amount to be forwarded with the Annual Return, and to be applied towards making as many Lodges, in the name of the Worshipful Master for the time being, Life Subscribers of the Masonic Charities as the Funds will admit, not less than £10 10s being subscribed to each Charity, and the Lodges to have precedence according to seniority."

This elicited a considerable amount of discussion, several changes being suggested, but all—to our mind—leading to the same end. Eventually the motion was carried in the terms expressed above.

W. Bro. E. H. Debane proposed the following:—

"That four Provincial Grand Officers be now added to the Masonic Charity Committee, three Past and one Present; and that one of the Past Provincial Grand Officers retire by rotation at the yearly meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, when a Present Grand Officer shall be elected to fill the vacancy,"

and after ample consideration this also was assented to, and the additional members of Committee were nominated and appointed. The other business comprised the consideration of Bro. Clabon's proposed addition to the amount payable to the Fund of Benevolence, but this met with no support, and consequently was negatived. Shortly after this Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

A capital banquet was supplied by Messrs. Alex. Gordon and Co., the Proprietors of the Forest Hotel, who must be complimented on the success of their efforts to make the proceedings pass off agreeably.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Shire Hall, Hertford, on the 26th July, under the banner of the Hertford Lodge. The Right Worshipful Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, presided, and in addition to the following Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, there was a large attendance of the brethren from Lodges in the Province and at a distance:—Bros. F. H. Wilson Iles, M.D., D.P.G.M., F. Shillitoe 449 S.G.W., Rev. Lewis Deedes G.C., George Finch 404 G.C., F. Sumner Knyvett G.T., John E. Dawson G.S., H. Balderson J.G.D., J. Knight G. Supt. of Works, J. Terry G.D.C. The other offices were filled by past members. The Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held on the 16th July 1881, were read and confirmed, and the roll of Provincial Grand Officers, and of Lodges was called. On the motion of Bro. T. S. Carter, Bro. F. Sumner Knyvett was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer. The following brethren were appointed Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and were duly invested in their respective offices:—

Bro. F. H. Wilson Iles P.M. 404 ...	D.P.G.M.
J. E. Cussans W.M. 403	P.G. Senior Warden
W. H. Hobson P.M. 504	P.G. Junior Warden
Rev. Lewis Deedes P.M. 403 ...	P.G. Chaplains
Rev. C. C. Ewbank 449	
F. Sumner Knyvett P.G.S. 404 ...	P.G. Treasurer
R. B. Croft S.W. 403	P.G. Registrar
J. E. Dawson P.P.G.S.W. P.M. 404	P.G. Secretary
Frederick Levick P.M. 404	P.G. Senior Deacon
W. E. Gompertz jun. W.M. 869 ...	P.G. Junior Deacon
J. S. Taylor P.M. 409	P.G. Supt. Works
James Terry P.M. 1327	P.G.D.C.
George F. Cook Treasurer 1580 ...	P.G.A.D.C.
John Fisher W.M. 1327	P.G. Sword Bearer
E. B. P. Francis J.W. 403	P.G. Organist
Thomas Woodman W.M. 1757 ...	P.G. Pursuivant
Frank Hall Sec. 403	P.G. Asst. Pursuivant
Samuel Neale, Frederick Taylor, Alex. J. Small, Joseph Hunt, W. J. Morris, T. D. Medcalf Hertford 403	P.G. Stewards
Thomas Wright 403	P.G. Tylers
Charles Thomas 1580	

The Provincial Grand Master brought under the notice of Provincial Grand Lodge the subject of the contributions to the Fund of Benelence, proposed by Bro. John M. Clabon P.G.D., at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, held on the 7th June, on which occasion the question was postponed in order that an opportunity might be afforded to the Provincial Grand Lodges of considering whether any increase should be made to the Quarterages at present paid to Grand Lodge. After some discussion a resolution was proposed, approving the increased payment by Provincial Grand Lodges suggested by Bro. John M. Clabon, whereupon an amendment was moved, and subsequently carried, to the effect that the matter be referred to the respective Lodges in the Province for an expression of opinion thereon, in order that the Provincial Grand Master might be in a position to communicate to Grand Lodge the feeling of the Province on the subject. The report of the Board of Finance was presented by the Provincial Grand Treasurer and adopted, and the following resolutions were passed:—(1) On the motion of Brother T. S. Carter, "That twenty guineas be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." (2) On the motion of Bro. J. Terry, "That £10 be voted to the Hertford Lodge towards defraying the expenses of entertaining Provincial Grand Lodge." (3) On the motion of Brother J. E. Cussans, "That ten guineas be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the General Infirmary at Hertford. (4) On the motion of Bro. F. Sumner Knyvett, "That the sum of £30 be voted from Provincial Grand Lodge to refund to Bro. George Lambert the amount he advanced to the late Bro. Thomas Thomas, the Provincial Grand Tyler." (5) On the motion of Bro. John E. Dawson, "That the publication of the Provincial Calendar be continued," the usefulness of which was strongly referred to by the Provincial Grand Master. W. Bro. James Terry Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies moved, pursuant to notice, the desirability of establishing a Charity Organisation for the Province, which was favourably received, and a Committee, composed of the Prov. Grand Master, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and the various Worshipful Masters of Lodges and Principals of Chapters in the Province, was appointed to frame rules for carrying out the proposal. The Prov. Grand Lodge having been closed with the usual ceremonies, the brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet in the Assembly Room, the evident forethought displayed in the arrangement eliciting the hearty appreciation of the brethren. Brother T. F. Halsey, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, presided. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. G. T. Carter 183, who was assisted by Bros. H. W. Schartau 1549, and E. J. Bell 1319. Bro. Malcolm Heywood 403 P.P.G.O. ably presided at the pianoforte. The dinner, which was of a first-class description, was supplied by Mr. Campling, of the Dimsdale Arms, and gave great satisfaction. Dinner having been served, and grace, "To Thee alone," (*Hobbs*) sung, the Provincial Grand Master proposed "The Queen and the Craft," saying that this toast was always received with cordiality, and even enthusiasm by every assemblage of loyal Masons. He sincerely trusted that for many years to come the Queen would continue to reign over a loyal and devoted people, and that a very long time would elapse before the health of their Most Worshipful Master would require to be given with the toast of the reigning Sovereign. The toast was received with great applause, and was drank, as all the succeeding toasts were, with Masonic honours. "God Save the Queen," was sung, the company joining in the chorus. The Provincial Grand Master said that time was going on, and as he knew that some of the brethren had to leave by an early train, he thought it was advisable to press on with the toasts, which included the health of those whom they delighted to honour. He begged therefore to propose "the Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master." He felt convinced that he had only to mention the name of the Most Worshipful Grand Master to ensure that the toast would be received with the enthusiasm which it so much deserved. During the period—a long period now—he had presided over the Grand Lodge, Masonry, as they all well knew, had made great strides, and some of them also knew that on the occasion of Grand Lodge meeting to congratulate her Majesty on her escape from the attack of a would-be assassin, the crowd of Masons who attended was so great that many brethren from this Province were unable to obtain admission. They had heard something during the day of a proposal to increase their payments and subscriptions to the Fund of Benevolence, but the large attendance on the occasion in question made one almost fear that they would shortly be called upon to face the question of whether it would not be necessary to erect a larger Masonic Hall. But he would not go into that question at that time, it being one for the future rather than the present moment, but they must all rejoice at the continued prosperity which is marking the progress of the Craft, not only in its numbers—for an increase merely in numbers was not the best test of its prosperity—but in its increased efficiency, the largely increased amounts given to their Charitable Institutions, and the good feeling and enthusiasm that seemed to pervade all the brethren, from Grand Lodge to all the private Lodges. They must all hope and trust that spirit would continue and prosper still more, and that the Most Worshipful Grand Master would be spared for very many years to come to preside over a body whose welfare he knew His Royal Highness had very much at heart, and in whom he was very greatly interested. Ode, "Hail to thee, Albert" (*Hobbs*)—solo by Bro. G. T. Carter. The Provincial Grand Master said he had next to propose a toast which came nearer home to them, inasmuch as they had some of the brethren present to whom it referred. He begged to propose the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, past and present. He said it was not necessary for him to say much respecting the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master. They all knew how efficiently the Earl of Carnarvon discharged the duties of the Office when it was necessary for him to preside in the absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. They were acquainted with the great interest he took in the progress of the Craft, and the command of language he possessed in which to clothe his thoughts when he addressed them. They also knew the ability of the Earl of Lathom, the Deputy Grand Master, who was a true Mason, and in every respect well calculated to uphold the interests of the Craft. The merits of the rest of the Grand Officers were well known to those to whom he was speaking, and they were also acquainted with the zeal and enthusiasm they displayed, as well as the courtesy with which they met the members of the various Lodges. They were honoured with the presence of the Grand Secretary, on whose shoulders most of the labours of the Grand Lodge fell. It gave them very great pleasure to have this Officer present, and he could not but remember that on the last occasion the Provincial Grand Lodge met in Hertford, the Grand Secretary's predecessor in his office installed him as Provincial Grand Master. It must be gratifying to them all that on the next occasion of visiting Hertford they were honoured with the presence of the present Grand Secretary. Bro. Lambert, whose name was a household word amongst them, was also present; and Bros. Raynham Stewart and Clark, who were well known, were also present. He (the P.G.M.) felt sure that when such brethren came to visit them, they would give them a hearty welcome and they would be induced to come again. He coupled with the toast the name of the Grand Secretary. Song, "The Love Chase," (*Watson*), by Bro. E. J. Bell. The Grand Secretary (Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke), on rising to respond to the toast, was received with great applause. After returning his thanks for the very kind way in which the toast had been received, he said the Provincial Grand Master had referred to the more important Grand Lodge Officers in such a manner that it was quite unnecessary, and would even be presumptuous, for him to say anything about them. He might, however, just be allowed to state that they looked up to Lord Lathom for assistance and guidance in all matters of doubt and difficulty, and it was very much in this way that they maintained the prestige of the Grand Lodge of England. He was sorry that all the Grand Lodge Officers were not there on that occasion. The brethren of Hertfordshire would doubtless have been very happy to have received them all, but as they were unavoidably absent he must speak for them, and in their name assure the company that it was a very great honour and pleasure to be present. All the Officers of Grand Lodge felt it to be a very high honour to be appointed to their respective places, and they might be looked to in the future, as in the past, to put their shoulders to the wheel to further the interests of Freemasonry. It was exceedingly gratifying to them to find that their merits were appreciated, and that they were always so cordially received. Personally, he thanked them for their cordial reception; this was the first time he had visited Hertford; this had not arisen through the default of the Provincial Grand Master, but from the fact that his engagements being so numerous, he had hitherto been unable to accept an invitation. He experienced a great deal of pleasure in coming to Hertford, and this partly arose from the fact that he had a personal acquaintance with many members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, whom he was happy to meet. He congratulated the Provincial Grand Master on the position he held. The Province was not large—it was far from that; but numbers, as the Provincial Grand Master had said, was not a test altogether of prosperity. There was in this Province a strong fraternal feeling, a bond of unity, which was unsurpassed in any Grand Lodge in England. They were fortunate in having to preside over them in this Province a gentleman who was

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beloved and esteemed by every one, but while this was the case, he had to turn to the Provincial Grand Master, and congratulate him on presiding over such a Province as Hertfordshire. In concluding, he again thanked them for allowing him to respond to such an important toast. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. F. H. Wilson Iles, M.D., said the pleasing duty devolved on him to propose the next toast, which was the health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. He said the Province was fortunate in being presided over by a gentleman who took the greatest possible interest in Masonry in all its branches, and in addition to his intimate knowledge of the Craft and ability in it, he was possessed of a large share of courtesy and kindly feeling, which was shown to every brother in the Province. He trusted he would be enabled for very many years to come to preside over them. When the Provincial Grand Master was installed eight years previously, eight Lodges in the Province were handed over to his care, and now the number of Lodges had increased to eleven. He ventured to think that the example set by the Provincial Grand Master had had a great deal to do not only with this increase in the numbers, but with the increased general efficiency of the Craft. Eight years ago the Worshipful Master in some Lodges was little better than a lay figure, and the members were quite satisfied with him if he could open and close the Lodge; but a very different spirit prevailed now, and this, he believed, was entirely owing to the example set them by the Prov. G. Master, whose health he now asked them to drink with the greatest cordiality. Song, "When Nell and I were young" (*Smith*), Bro. H. Schartau.

The Provincial Grand Master said he had to thank them most cordially for the very kind reception they had given to the toast of his health. He could only say that he felt this kindness very deeply, and he ventured to hope that the Provincial Grand Lodge, coming back to Hertford after an absence of seven or eight years, would entitle him to say that he had some degree fulfilled the promises he made—that he would endeavour to do his duty—when last he had the honour of addressing them, and returning thanks in that room as their Provincial Grand Master. He specially thanked them for their cordial reception on this occasion, but he was afraid that he must have given the local brethren some considerable amount of trouble. He could assure them it was unavoidable. At the time when it was originally appointed that the Provincial Grand Lodge should meet, he was reduced to a diet of beef tea; he could hardly swallow, and was only able to make his wants known by means of the deaf and dumb alphabet, with which fortunately he was acquainted. He knew how inconvenient it was to postpone a meeting at so short a notice, and his first thought was to ask his Deputy to take his place; but he found that Bro. Wilson Iles would be unable to be present on the day originally fixed, and therefore there was no alternative but to postpone the meeting. He knew by experience that postponed meetings sometimes turned out failures, but he was happy to say that that result had not followed on this occasion. He had to thank the local brethren for what they had done, and to sympathise with them in the double trouble that had been inflicted upon them. He desired to thank them very much for the most kind and cordial manner in which they had received him, and he sincerely trusted that as long as he had the honour to preside over the Provincial Grand Lodge they would go on prospering in the future as they had done in the past. Bro. Iles had mentioned the increase of Lodges in the Province, and, although they never could hope to see their numbers so large as in some Provinces in the North of England, he ventured to think that for a small country Province they stood in a remarkably good position, and he hoped that before long at least one more Lodge would be added to their roll. He also ventured to think that although they were small in numbers, they stood second to none in a true Masonic spirit, as was shown by their contributions to the various Institutions belonging to them. That, however, was not the subject on which it was his duty to enter at the present time; it would be brought before them at a later part of the proceedings. He had only to repeat that as long as he had the honour to preside over the Province, he should endeavour faithfully to do his duty in maintaining its efficiency; and he not only trusted that it would continue to prosper, but he was sure it would do so. Glee, "Fair Flora" (*Danby*). The Provincial Grand Master said he was sure the next toast would be well received. It was the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, present and past. It had been his good fortune that ever since he had the honour of presiding over the Province, he had been most ably and efficiently supported by the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers who had served under him, and he trusted that would always be the case. As to their Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he did not think it was necessary for him to say much about him; he was known to all in the Province; but he would venture to say that no Grand Master ever had been better served or had more useful work done for him, nor had there ever been a more efficient Deputy. He was most indefatigable in visiting the Lodges in the Province, and even those Lodges that were situated at a distance from his home were not forgotten. He was also diligent in reporting to him the condition of the Lodges, and in maintaining their efficiency. In fact, he looked on Bro. Iles as a model Deputy, and as to his efficiency, he did not think there was a brother in the Province who could hold a candle to him in respect to the excellent manner in which he conducted their various ceremonies. He trusted that the newly-appointed Officers would look up to him, and frame their conduct according to the example he set them; if they did that, and took him as their model in everything, the cause of Masonry would prosper and flourish in the Province in the future, as it had done in the past. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. F. H. Wilson Iles, M.D., on rising to return thanks for the toast, was received with great applause. He said that by attending there in such large numbers the past Officers of the Province were showing that their zeal for Masonry had not gone out with their term of office, but that they were still to the front. There were many present on whom the Provincial Grand Master had conferred the purple, but there were also present many on whom his predecessor had conferred it, and he wished particularly to call attention to their distinguished and esteemed Brother S. Austin, who was in the room. They had heard something that night about old members, and they might well look up so and esteem a brother who was a father in his Lodge. Brother Stephen Austin had been for fifty-three years a subscribing member of his Lodge, and although he was not now as physically able as he had once been, he was as zealous as ever in the cause of Masonry, and he came there that night to welcome the Provincial Grand Master on this his second official visit to Hertford. He desired to return thanks on behalf of the Officers who had been appointed that day; they were all very well known to him, as he had occasion from time to time to meet them in their various Lodges, where he had seen them conducting their ceremonies in the most able manner. It would be found that they were not unworthy of receiving the purple from the Provincial Grand Master, and that they would still more promote Masonry in the Province. The Prov. Grand Master had been pleased to speak of him in very favourable terms, but he was afraid he had overdrawn his merits. It was true he had done his utmost to carry out, as he thought, the wishes of the Provincial Grand Master, and he had gone about visiting the Lodges, making himself acquainted with the brethren, but at the same time this had been a labour of love to him; he had always been so very kindly received that visiting the Lodges had been a source of the greatest possible pleasure to him, and sufficient always to induce him to desire to visit them again. As long as they honoured him with their confidence, and he was blessed with good health, he hoped to fill his office with satisfaction to every one. The Provincial Grand Master next proposed the Visitors, and said this Province was second to none in dispensing the duties of hospitality, and in giving visitors such a cordial reception that they were sure to see them again. Many of those then present were no doubt in a technical sense visitors, for although they resided in this Province, they were not members of the Provincial Grand Lodge. It was their duty, however, to persuade them to become members. They were honoured by a visit from many distinguished brethren. To the Grand Secretary he had already alluded, and he therefore did not require to say more respecting his merits; Bro. Raynham Stewart was another of the visitors, and Bro. Ramsay had honoured them by coming as his guest, and Bro. Clark, and several others of very distinguished rank in the Craft. Bro. Paul, a Provincial Grand Officer of another Province, was also with them; and he trusted they would all receive such a hearty welcome that they would come on future occasions. He begged to couple with the toast the name of Brother Raynham Stewart. Bro. Raynham Stewart, who was received with great applause, returned thanks on behalf of himself and the other Visitors, and expressed a hope that this would not be the last time they would have the pleasure and gratification of partaking of the hospitality of the Hertfordshire brethren. Song, "Tell her I love her so" (*De Faye*), Bro. G. T. Carter. The Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. F. Sumner Knyvett, next proposed the Masonic Institutions, and expressed a hope that their endeavours to support these Charities would be largely increased. At the same time, he said he felt proud in a small Province like Hertfordshire to appear as their representative, for during the last four years it had three times headed the list with its contributions. That was a proud position for them to hold. They had two representatives of these Institutions present—Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School, and Bro. Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution for Old Men and Women—to whom, as they were so well known to them all, he need not further allude. Bro. Binckes, in returning thanks for the toast, expressed his gratification at having his name coupled with it. He often saw an analysis of the amounts sent up from various Provinces on behalf of their Institutions, and "little Herts" compared most favourably with them all. The county had been called "little Herts," but it was very gratifying to find that the Masons in the Province were men who were possessed of very large hearts. But, after all, what wonder was it that they did so much? It was noted for its spirited, able and distinguished Grand Master, who was beloved by every one who was under his rule, and of whom not one word could be used which would be too eulogistic. He was, he might be allowed to say, one of the most able and accomplished Masons to be found anywhere; and others gained their experience in the Metropolitan districts, and brought it to bear on the Province of Hertfordshire. One of their Officers was the able representative of one of their Institutions, and with all these various advantages, which were increased by their propinquity to the metropolis, there was their great agricultural wealth. They had many distinguished individuals in the Province, and what wonder was it, he again asked, that they earned from the editors of their organs a certain amount of congratulation for what they did? He said the Province ought to do its duty under all these favourable circumstances, and from his own point of view he was happy in being able to say that he believed it did. But how could it do otherwise? The name of the Past Grand Sword Bearer of England was well known in connection with their own Institutions, but he had also a world-wide reputation for the great interest he took in all charitable work, and he thanked God for it. He also thanked Bros. Dr. Wilson Iles, T. S. Carter, Edgar Bowyer, and others, for what they had done in this respect. The Province of Hertfordshire had justly earned its reputation, and he felt sure that under the rule of their experienced Provincial Grand Master it would never fail in its duty. He looked back with gratitude on its past history, and confidently relied on what they would do in the future. He had always received a hearty welcome from this Province, and he hoped his conduct in the past had been such as to justify him in looking forward to a renewal of their kindness at no distant date. Bro. Terry, who was loudly called upon, said that after the complimentary and exhaustive speech of Bro. Binckes, nothing remained for him to do but to thank them, which he did very heartily, for all they had done for their Institutions during the last eight years. Let them consider what they were before that time. They had no voting power, or very little, but now they had 2000 votes in connection with the three Masonic Institutions. The day would come, and must come, when the Prov. G. Master would pre-

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side at the annual meeting of one of these Institutions, and when that day came, it would be found that Hertfordshire, "little Herts," had maintained its reputation by coming forward at the head of the list. Song, "I fear no foe" (*Pinsuti*), Bro. E. J. Bell. The Provincial Grand Master said the next toast referred to the foundation of their success. It was the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges of the Province. It must be self-evident to every one that it was owing to the exertions of the Masters that the Lodges were kept in a state of efficiency, and that in this way the Province was kept in the same position. These were the kind of men who held, and he trusted always would hold, high office in this Province. For the second time in the course of his rule, he had been entertained by the Hertford Lodge, and this Lodge, like all the others in the Province, had done its duty well, and as long as that was the case, they need have no fear of their efficiency being maintained. He had had much pleasure in appointing the W.M. of the Hertford Lodge to the highest office in his power, and he begged to couple the toast with his name. The Master of the Hertford Lodge (Brother J. E. Cussans) said he ought to have known, but he did not know, that he was to be called on to respond to this toast, or he should have prepared a very nice speech, but had he had weeks of preparation, he could only have said, "I thank you for myself, and for the other members of the Hertford Lodge; they all most heartily thank you, not only for the position to which you have more directly raised me, but for the courtesy and ability you always have shown at the head of this Province." A great deal had been said, and said with truth, that this Province had sent a great deal more money than some others, and if he were asked to account for that fact, he would say it was because they had such a good Provincial Grand Master and Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and such good Provincial Lodge Officers to rule over them, and keep the subsidiary Lodges up to the mark. They required some one to keep them up to the mark, and they had that in their Provincial Grand Master. A good man was wanted at the helm, and another good man at the sheet, and a boat thus cared for was sure to sail well. They had a good man at the helm, and another good man at the sheet, and it thus happened that they went on famously. He thanked them on behalf of the Masters of the various Lodges of the Province, and for himself personally he thanked the Provincial Grand Master for conferring upon him the highest honour it was in his power to bestow. Glee, "King Canute" (*Macfarren*). The Tyler's toast was then given, and shortly afterwards the company separated.—*Hertford Mercury.*

A warrant for a new Lodge, under the title of the Saint Mary Abbott's Lodge, has been granted to the under-mentioned brethren, and will be consecrated on Thursday, the 10th inst., in the Town Hall, Kensington:—W. Bros. Capt. A. Nicols, Col. Martin Petrie, Sir George Rendleshaw Prescott, Bart., Francis Charles Compton, Edwin M. Lott; Bros. Capt. H. S. Andrews, Capt. C. F. Compton, and F. H. Cruggen. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary will perform the consecration ceremony.

ANOTHER Lodge has been added to the roll of Lodges under the rule of the Grand Master for the Province of Kent. The consecration of the Saye and Sele Lodge took place, on the 25th ultimo, at Essenden House, Belvedere, Brother Dr. Spurrell, to whom the house belongs, and who is well known throughout and beyond the Province as a most enthusiastic Mason, giving the use of his dining-room, a saloon of noble proportions, for the transaction of the Lodge business on the occasion. It will not surprise our readers under these circumstances to learn that it is the wish of the founders to keep the Saye and Sele Lodge eminently select. Notwithstanding that it was some time since laid down as a rule by Grand Lodge that the number of members of a Lodge cannot legitimately be limited, it is still, no doubt, a fact, that a Lodge can, in framing its bye-laws, limit the number of members to be admitted. In fact, like any other society or club, so long as the members are agreed amongst themselves, they may make any rules they please, provided that these rules are not inconsistent with law and order. The number of members of the Saye and Sele Lodge, as indicated by a notice of motion given by the Junior Warden, is to be limited to thirty. It is a small number, and to the outsider may appear too small, but still the founders must be supposed to know what is requisite for the true interests of the Lodge; and they have, no doubt, good reasons for fixing the small limit which they have placed on the numbers to be admitted. Taking the number who signed the petition, and are, therefore, members *ab initio*, and the others who were proposed either for initiation or joining, the number above stated is already very nearly, if not quite, complete. The ceremony of consecration was performed by Lord Holmesdale, the Provincial Grand Master, and the ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master was entrusted to Bro. Lucas, a Past Master of the Lion and Lamb Lodge. The first Master is Bro. J. Giesman Chillingworth, and his principal Officers are Bros. F. Wood S.W. and A. H. Bateman J.W. After the ceremony was completed, the company dined together in the large room of the Institution for Decayed Merchant Seamen. Lord Holmesdale presided, and the whole proceedings passed off in the most agreeable manner.—*Evening News.*

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Though good health is preferable to high honour, how regardless people often are of the former—how covetous of the latter! Many suffer their strength to drain away ere maturity is reached, through ignorance of the facility afforded by these incomparable Pills of checking the first untoward symptoms of derangement, and reinstating order without interfering in the least with their pleasure or pursuits. To the young especially it is important to maintain the highest digestive efficiency, without which the growth is stunted, the muscles become lax, the frame feeble, and the mind slothful. The removal of indigestion by these Pills is so easy that none save the most thoughtless would permit it to sap the springs of life.

ROYAL ARCH.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, General Brownrigg, C.B., acting as M.E.Z., Comp. S. Rawson as H., and Comp. J. A. Rucker as J.; the other Comps. present were Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Col. Creaton, Frank Richardson, W. G. Harrison, Q.C., J. S. Peirce, James Lewis Thomas, Charles Greenwood, Magnus Ohren, J. S. Scott, H. Maudslay, H. J. P. Dumas, Joshua Nunn, Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, Rev. Thomas Robinson, H. G. Buss, Wilhelm Ganz, W. H. Perryman, W. H. Dean, Edgar Bowyer, H. Massey, R. R. Davis, A. A. Pendlebury, W. H. Lee, Nathan Moss, T. W. Whitmarsh, William Dodd, R. Fisher Young, W. George Lemon, William Stephens, C. H. Webb, and H. Sadler. The following petitions were granted:—

1st. From Companions Thomas John Jackman as Z., Charles Shaw as H., John Braim as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, Melbourne, to be called the "Combermere Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Lonsdale-street, Melbourne, Victoria.

2nd. From Companions William Goodacre as Z., John Robert England as H., William Greatorex as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Urmston Lodge, No. 1730, Urmston, to be called the "Urmston Chapter," and to meet at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Urmston, Lancashire.

3rd. From Companions Daniel Keen Congdon as Z., John Frederick Stone as H., Barrington Clarke Wood as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Fremantle Lodge, No. 1033, Fremantle, to be called the "West Australian Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Fremantle, Western Australia.

Grand Chapter also granted a Charter to the Companions of the Royal Cumberland Chapter, No. 41, Bath, authorising them to wear a Centenary Jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st of February 1882, the Chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years. The Rev. Thomas Robinson was invested as Second Assistant Sojourner, to which office he was appointed by the Prince of Wales, but through ill-health was unable to be present for investiture at the meeting in May. Grand Chapter was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF KENT.

THE Annual Provincial meeting of the Royal Arch Chapter of Kent was held, on the invitation of the Bertha Chapter, No. 31, at the Masonic Temple, St. Peter's-street, Canterbury, on Wednesday, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Superintendent of Kent, Comp. Lord Holmesdale, when he appointed and invested the following Companions as Provincial Officer for the ensuing year:—

Comp. J. S. Eastes	... ...	P.G. H.
C. Holttum	... ...	P.G. J.
T. S. Warne	... ...	P.G. Scribe E.
J. S. Podevin	... ...	P.G. Scribe N.
H. J. Butter	... ...	P.G. P.S.
W. Mate ...	... ...	P.G. 1st Assist. Sojourner
B. Swallow	... ...	P.G. 2nd Assist. Sojourner
B. K. Thorpe	... ...	P.G. Treasurer
W. Russell	... ...	P.G. Registrar
Capt. W. J. Blakey	... ...	P.G. Sword Bearer
C. E. Wright	... ...	P.G. Standard Bearer
G. Page ...	... ...	P.G. Director of Ceremonies
A. Bourne	... ...	P.G. Organist
J. Cooke ...	... ...	P.G. Janitor

The Provincial Chapter being closed, the Companions adjourned to the Royal Fountain Hotel, where upwards of sixty sat down to a most sumptuous banquet, provided by Comp. H. Ward, under the presidency of Lord Holmesdale. After the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Arch toasts were given and duly honoured.

ST. HILDA CHAPTER, No. 240.

ON Wednesday night, 19th ult., the annual Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields, when there was a large attendance of Companions. The Chapter was opened in due form by Most Excellent Companion Thomas Coulson Z.; and after the transaction of the ordinary business Most Excellent Companion Benjamin Levy P.Z. and P.P.G.H. was conducted to the installing chair, and performed the interesting and imposing ceremony of installing M.E. Comp. J. S. Wilson as Z., M.E. Comp. J. T. Wilson as H., and M.E. Comp. M. Dodds as J. The First Principal then invested his Officers, as follow:—Comps. J. Hunter E., G. S. Shotten N., Thomas Coulson P.Z. as Treasurer, John A. Hall P.S., George Robson and Thomas Bincks A.S., George Wilson Organist, and John Brown Janitor. It was resolved that the Chapter subscribe £9 9s to the Province of Durham Charity Education Scheme, after which the Chapter was closed in proper form. It may be mentioned that for the occasion of the installation, opportunity was taken of the flourishing condition of the funds of the Chapter to renew most of the furniture and to renovate the remainder, and the effect of the newly-painted cloth, handsome new silk banners, candlesticks, sceptres, &c., was exceedingly striking, and drew forth the ready and hearty commendations of the Companions. The Companions, after business, adjourned to the pleasantly-situated Marine Hotel (Mr. W. Armstrong's), at the head of the South Shields Pier, from which a fine view of the entrance to the Tyne, and extensive sea beach is obtained, where the annual banquet was served up in excellent style. The chair was occupied by Most Excellent Comp.

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J. S. Wilson Z. and P.G.J., &c., who was supported on the right and left by M.E. Comps. J. T. Wilson H., M. Dodds J., Benjamin Levy P.Z. P.P.G.H. &c. Sunderland, R. Hudson Z. St. Bede's Chapter 1119, Jarrow, and G.E. &c., Thomas Coulson P.Z. Treasurer, &c. &c. The vice chair was filled by Comp. J. A. Hall P.S. After ample justice had been done to the repast, the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant and humorous evening was spent.

At a meeting of the North London Chapter of Improvement, held 3rd August, at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's-road, Islington, N., Comps. Edmonds filled the chair of Z., Gregory H., Dean J., Sheffield P.S., Fennell S.N. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, after which the Chapter was adjourned until Thursday, 10th August, at 7.30.

Not long since we had an opportunity of inspecting an illuminated address on vellum that was presented to Mr. Alfred Curry, a Past Trustee of the Incorporated Society of Licensed Victuallers, on his retirement from the post of Treasurer. The address in question was the handiwork of Bro. J. H. Oppenheim, Draughtsman, Illuminator, and Heraldic Artist, of 15 Basinghall-street, E.C., lately of Southampton-buildings, Chancery-lane, and we take upon ourselves to say that a finer piece of workmanship could not be produced. In style it was most artistic, and in the best of taste, while the manner in which the design had been carried out was admirable. It is no unusual thing for an illuminated address or vote of thanks to be presented to some meritorious brother, and we feel sure those of our friends who may call in the services of Bro. Oppenheim will be promptly and skilfully served.

Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. ELLIS JONES.

ON Thursday afternoon the remains of our late Bro. Ellis Jones, Immediate P.M. of the Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28, and late senior partner in the firm of Messrs. Ellis Jones, Son & Co., Manchester warehousemen, of Fore-street, City, were laid lovingly to rest in the pretty little cemetery at Ealing, in the presence of a large and sorrowing circle of friends. The circumstances attending the death of our brother were peculiarly distressing. On Wednesday evening in last week he left the City by his usual train for Mill Platt Hall, Isleworth, where he had for some time resided, and on his arrival at the station, at about a quarter to seven o'clock, he found his carriage awaiting him, in the ordinary course. Accompanying him was an old friend, Brother George Reynolds, merchant, and an ex-Mayor of Grahamstown, South Africa, and his groom. Driving down from the station, and just as he was passing into the main road, Brother Jones observed a cab standing at the entrance gates, on which he shouted to the driver in charge of it not to move, as we was coming out. The man took no notice of the caution given to him, however, but deliberately came through the gateway, the result of which was that Bro. Jones's carriage had to be suddenly pulled up by the side of the kerb, when, cannonading against a post, it was overturned, and its occupants thrown violently into the road. Fortunately, Bro. Reynolds and his groom escaped unhurt; but Bro. Jones was shot out a distance of five or six feet from the vehicle, falling heavily on to the hard road, and it was speedily found he had sustained severe internal injuries. He was conveyed home as speedily as possible, and Dr. Bott, a resident surgeon, having been called in, did all he could to alleviate the sufferings of his patient, pending the arrival of Sir James Paget, who was telegraphed for from town. Sir James, however, was not at home, and Dr. Savory, the eminent surgeon, of Brook-street, attended in his stead, when it was found the unfortunate sufferer had sustained a fracture of three ribs, in addition to a severe shock to the system. Pleurisy set in, and about five o'clock on Sunday morning, much earlier than had been anticipated by his medical advisers, death ensued. The sad event has caused a deep sense of sorrow and regret, not only amongst the deceased's immediate relatives, from whom he has been taken at the comparatively early age of fifty-six, but amongst those also in commercial circles who knew him, and appreciated his great force of will and his indomitable perseverance in matters of business. Coming up from Wales when he was but sixteen years of age, he was apprenticed for eight years at Brentford, only a mile and a-half from where he lately resided. After that he was for twenty years in the employ of Messrs. Cook, Son and Co., drapers, of St. Paul's Churchyard, where he passed through all the grades before reaching the highest responsible post, under the proprietors; and subsequently he was for ten and a-half years associated with Mr. T. J. Thomas, formerly of Watling-street, and of late years of Queen Victoria-street. A few months ago that partnership was dissolved by mutual consent, and Bro. Ellis Jones and his son started in Fore-street, where they have already reared an extensive and thriving business. Deceased was for many years an active and zealous member of the Wesleyan Methodist connection, amongst whom his name is as "a household word," especially in the Hammersmith circuit, whilst his large-hearted sympathy and unstinted benevolence are known only to the grateful recipients of his bounty. He leaves a widow, his son and partner, and two daughters to deplore their loss. On Tuesday an inquest on the remains of our lamented brother was held at Isleworth, before Dr. Diplock, the coroner for the district, when the jury, after hearing the evidence, returned a verdict of "Accidental Death," at the same time suggesting that the attention of the railway company should be directed to the very dangerous condition of the entrance to the station yard, and requesting that some alteration be made as soon as possible, in the interest of public safety.

The long and mournful procession left Mill Platt Hall at half-past three o'clock on Thursday afternoon, proceeding through Isleworth to Brentford, in both of which places shops were closed and blinds drawn, in respect for the deceased. The hearse was an open one, and the polished oak coffin was literally buried in beautiful wreaths of white roses, pelargoniums, and other flowers. Following the bier, which was drawn by four horses, came eight mourning coaches, conveying the son, Mr. Ellis James Jones and his two sisters, and the intimate relatives and friends of the deceased, the rear of the procession being brought up by nearly forty private carriages, filled with representatives of the leading mercantile, shipping, and legal firms in the City, who thus testified their esteem and regard for the deceased. Amongst the sorrowful company were also many members of the Old King's Arms Lodge, in which, as W. Master last year, he won such sincere respect for the manner in which he conducted its affairs; and many also of the Wheelwrights' Company, of which he was a Past Master. At the Brentford Town Hall, a large body of the workmen employed in the Fore-street warehouses fell in, four abreast, and followed to the grave the master whom they had learnt to love and respect, having come down from town in a body for that purpose. The scene was a very imposing one, as the inhabitants of the little town crowded to the doors and windows in sorrowful admiration, and silent regret for one who had done so much for the district. There was a vast crowd at the cemetery, and the little chapel could not contain one-half the friends who sought to be present at the service. The opening prayers were said by the Rev. J. Ingram, pastor of the Wesleyan Chapel, Brentford, who also read the 90th Psalm, after which the Rev. John Baker, M.A., an intimate friend of the family, read the beautiful service for the dead from 1 Cor. xvi. The service at the graveside was most impressive, and amidst the large concourse of sorrowing spectators there was many an eye bedewed with tears, testifying the universal love and respect borne by so many in every rank of life towards our deceased brother. The funeral arrangements were entrusted to Mr. J. H. Studley, undertaker, of Brentford, who executed his duties in a very satisfactory manner.

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A BATCH OF QUESTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—From the very clear and admirable way in which you have hitherto placed the statistics of our Institutions before your readers, I am inclined to ask your assistance in solving the following questions relative to our Institution for Girls. How many pupils are there in the School? Does the income exceed the expenditure? if so, by how much? and is that excess sufficient to justify the Committee in keeping the Institution up to its present strength? Again, if there are vacant beds, on what grounds do the Committee of Management limit the number of vacancies to be filled in October next?

Whilst I am writing about one of our Institutions, I may as well jog your memory with a view to inducing you to remind Craftsmen that, unless the Grand Lodge wants to stultify itself a second time on Bro. Raynham Stewart's motion for the extra £800 for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, they must muster in force on the first Wednesday in September, to ratify what they fought for and carried in December 1881, and again in June 1882.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

[Our correspondent is searching in his inquiries, and not unnaturally. Taking his queries in the order in which they occur, we may state that there are 238 girls on the establishment; that, as a reference to the published accounts will show, there is a considerable excess of income over

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expenditure, but whether, having regard to such excess, it is wise, or will be possible, to maintain the present strength is a matter of opinion. As to the vacant beds, we must refer our correspondent to the Secretary. We presume, however, that the number of vacancies to be filled up in October will be governed by the number of vacancies that have occurred since the last Election. With reference to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, we shall only consider it our duty "to jog" the memory of the brethren in the event of its becoming apparent that an hostile resolution to non-confirm the minutes of the June Communication is in contemplation. We have no desire to anticipate, though we feel it our duty to be provided against, difficulties that may present themselves.—ED. F.C.]

SUBDIVISION OF THE LONDON LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I hope Bro. James Stevens is not losing sight of his proposal to the Grand Lodge for the subdivision of the London Lodges into Metropolitan Grand Lodges. There are very many brethren of my personal acquaintance who have expressed their surprise that his intended motion at the last Quarterly Communication was intercepted, and who not only entirely agree with his proposal, but were pleased to hear him resent the interference which gave rise to his question of privilege. If only for his championship of free discussion at our Grand Lodge meetings he deserves support, to say nothing of the merits of the question he has raised. As to that latter, you may be assured it has the agreement of a large body of Metropolitan Masons in its favour, and these desire that Bro. Stevens should not let the matter drop because of his having been misinterpreted on the last occasion. If he sees this letter perhaps he will let us know, through your pages, whether or not he proceeds with it.

Yours fraternally,

DELTA.

22nd July 1882.

REVIEWS.

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The Last Punic War. Tunis, Past and Present, with a narrative of the French Conquest of the Regency. By A. M. Broadley, Barrister-at-law, correspondent of the "Times" during the War in Tunis. In Two Volumes. With illustrations. William Blackwood and Sons: Edinburgh and London, 1882.

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WITH the political aspect of this Punic War we have no concern, but some of its occurrences, as well as some of its descriptive accounts of places and people, are well worthy of being noticed. Here, for instance, is a sketch of Sy Ali Bey and his surroundings when visited by the author at Sidi Salah. "The tents," writes Bro. Broadley, "were very large and difficult to move, and those occupied by the Bey and his suite were ponderous marquees. If a strong wind happened to be blowing, twenty or thirty men usually struggled for an hour at least with the canvas of the Bey's pavilion before it could be got into shape. The baggage was even more cumbersome than the tents. The heir apparent's own luggage consisted of a number of wooden trunks, covered with brown leather, and thickly studded with brass-headed nails. One of them was devoted to syrups, sweetmeats, and *zoedine*, the orthodox nature of which was duly certified by the Bey's imám, or chaplain, who found it necessary to make several trials of the drink before he pronounced his definite opinion. The Bey's personal cortège was as miscellaneous and remarkable as his baggage. At its head was Dr. Stresino, his physician-extraordinary, whose duties were of a very varied nature. In the first place, he had to administer harmless and agreeable coloured potions to cure imaginary ailments; he was expected to make himself pleasant whenever the prince was dull, and to play chess whenever required, always contriving to be the loser. The Bash-Káhwajee or 'head coffee man' was certainly the next in importance. His tent immediately adjoined that of his Highness, and in it a large pot of water was continually kept boiling over a charcoal fire. He was expected to produce cups of coffee at a moment's notice. During the march he was always close to his master's heels, with all his paraphernalia in saddle-bags, and ready whenever called on to perform his duty. After the Kahwájee came the chaplain, the water-bearer, the gun-bearer, the pipe-bearer, and the sword-bearer. The jester was a very important personage indeed. He was privileged to say what he liked, and the coarser his jokes the more they were appreciated. Whenever the camp was moved Ali Bey mounted his charger for a few minutes, and then betook himself to a gilt coach, drawn over the roughest ground by four mules. Beggars abounded, and some of the Bey's trunks contained linen and cloth to enable him to indulge freely in the virtue of almsgiving."

The Khamirs, who figure so conspicuously in the events which have led to the occupation of Tunis are described as "agriculturalists and cattle dealers, and the country offers many and exceptional facilities for their pursuits. Springs of excellent water are plentiful, the pasture is luxuriant, and the dense forests afford good shelter. They manufacture their own gunpowder, are very clannish, but submit without a murmur to the authority of their chief. Some live in huts, others in tents, but these latter are not nomadic. The Khamirs are frugal, but perhaps fare better than their brethren of the plain. The women spin a superior kind of woollen *bernous* (cloak) and weave blankets. A large quantity of tobacco of an excellent quality is grown, but nobody smokes. Every one, on the contrary, takes snuff. It is generally calculated that there are from fifteen to twenty-five thousand fighting men in the range of mountains. All the adults are for the most part armed with flint-lock guns about seven feet long, and made without any idea of balance. It consequently generally requires a strong man to keep the muzzle level. The mountains are very steep, and the only passes are very narrow paths, in most places not more than two or three feet wide. Dense forests often cover the heights, and the richness of the vegetation adds considerably to the extreme beauty of the scenery. Oak and cork trees, the thorn and 'locust-bean' trees, wild vines, and giant ferns all grow and thrive together in one luxuriant tangle. Men born under such accidents of nature as these are, of course, hardy, fearless, and capable of enduring extraordinary fatigue."

The first three chapters in the Second Volume, headed respectively "A Revolt in the City of Cucumbers" (Sfax), "The Shelling of Sfax," and "Loot," are very interesting. The Arabs made a good fight of it, but it was impossible they could withstand the heavy artillery of the French fleet, and the wonder seems to be that they should have been able to withstand it so long and so bravely. "The resistance," says Mr. Galea, as quoted by Bro. Broadley, "was as brave as it was hopeless, but no amount of personal courage can compensate for the use of weapons fit only for old metal dealers or curiosity shops. In the narrow streets of the native town, house after house was only occupied after a desperate hand-to-hand conflict." As to the scenes depicted in the chapter in "Loot," there is no need to describe them; a state of pillage can easily be imagined. But the occupation by French troops of Sfax and other places by no means put an end to the opposition of the Arabs, and it is not surprising that the account of the "Loot" should be followed immediately by one headed "Alarms at the Capital." The French protectorate of M. Roustan had been established, and the Bey had accepted the inevitable, but the whole of Southern and Central Tunis was in a state of revolt, and Europeans were everywhere being put to death by the enraged Arabs. On the appearance of a band of insurgents at Rades, which is equally visible from Tunis and Goletta, the bridge between the latter and Rades was ordered by the Bey to be broken down and the passage guarded by artillery. But so great was the excitement that "people in Tunis decided to fly to Goletta, and persons in Goletta determined to take refuge in Tunis! A crowd of Tunisian fugitives arrived by train at Goletta, but only to meet another mob of refugees waiting impatiently to take the return train to Tunis." We can well understand that the meeting of the two crowds formed an "amusing"—though a somewhat painful—"*tableau.*"

We have already spoken of the pluck shown by the Arabs during the French attack on Sfax. We have a further instance of this in the repulse of Colonel Corréard's column, which had made an attempt on Hammamet, but had been compelled to fall back on Hamman-el-Lif, whence it had started, in order "to revictual and complete its munitions before recommencing its march." Says Bro. Bradley: "The French troops had already sighted Hammamet, when they found the surrounding olive groves alive with Arabs. While the latter checked their progress by a sharp fire, other bodies of insurgents collected in their rear, and threatened to cut off all communication with Tunis. In this predicament Colonel Corréard asked the co-operation of a troop of 500 Tunisian irregulars encamped in the neighbourhood, but, as the commanding officer declined to comply with the request in the absence of instructions, it was decided to fall back to 'revictual and complete munitions.' During the retreat the Arabs made constant attacks on the column, notwithstanding that it was protected by artillery and *mitrailleuses*, and in spite of the heavy loss they necessarily sustained in each assault. The French at length regained their old camp, after a most harassing and perplexing march." No wonder it should be added, "In no country does news spread with more mysterious rapidity than amongst the Arabs, and the consequences of Colonel Corréard's retrograde movement were soon felt; the position of the Zaghouán column became critical, and even the Bizerta road was no longer safe for foot passengers. "In this difficulty, troops were sent by sea to Hammamet, which was at once occupied," but even then we are told, "matters can hardly be said to have mended; the Arabs devastated the country up to the very walls of the town, and Colonel Corréard did not think it prudent even to attempt a junction with the garrison."

Of subsequent events, the march and capture of the Holy City of Kairwan are the principal, their description by Bro. Broadley being extremely graphic. The expedition, which was under the command of General Forgemol, appears to have been well planned and well executed, and reflects credit on the force engaged. The Arabs, too, fought bravely as usual. But worthier far of notice than the mere military operations are the particulars of the Holy City itself, which was founded about the year A.D. 675 by the Emir Okhbah Ben Nafi Ben Abdullah Ben Kais el Fahri. Its history has exercised a strong influence on the fortunes of Europe. From out of its gates the gallant Tarik set out on his Conquest of Spain. In A.D. 756 its Emir Abd el Rahman was strong enough to send an expedition against Sicily. Later, the Caliph el Reschid appointed Ibrahim Ibn el Aghbad hereditary Emir, who became the founder of the Aghlabite dynasty and proclaimed himself Caliph of the West. It was here he received "the ambassadors of Charlemagne, who asked for the remains of St. Cyprian." His sons waged war on Italy and Sicily, and one of them conquered Malta. In A.D. 877 Ibrahim Ibn Ahmed founded most of the towns on the Tunisian littoral, and successfully besieged Tunis after it had been captured by some of the insurgents. The first of the Green Caliphs, who reigned after the Aghlabites, by name Obeid Allah, "ravaged Lombardy, took Genoa,

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and ruled in Sicily." From the eleventh century, however, its history has been one of decay.

The principal building is the Great Mosque in the Northern suburb. Several illustrations are given of it, and a full description and an authentic plan of the building made by the French engineering department. The South-eastern end, we are told, measures 85 yards, there being a single porch in its centre exclusively for the entrance of the Bash-Mufti. In each of the sides, which are 143 yards in length, are four entrances, the finest of them facing the ramparts. Mr. Rae describes it thus: "It has an outer horse-shoe arch, and an inner one which contains the door opening direct into the prayer-chamber. The exterior is a finely proportioned piece of Saracenic work: it has a row of arched panels along the upper portion of its sides, and the dome and interior of its arches are in plaster fretwork." Midway, on the same side, is the sacred well of Kefâyat (Plenty) fenced in by a low wall, and having its aperture lined with different coloured marbles. "Tradition asserts that it communicates directly with the spring of Zemzem at Mecca." The north-west end is only seventy-five yards across, and the Minar rises in the centre. In the interior are the prayer-chamber, forty yards long by eighty-five yards broad, the vestibule adjoining it, and a great cloistered court. In the first are 296 columns, in the vestibule are 34, and in the covered arcade, surrounding the cloister, which is a "vast quadrangle paved with white marble," are eighty-six on either side, and twenty-seven at the end, making it no less than 439. The Minar, which has three storeys, and is about one hundred feet high, is ascended by means of a marble staircase, having one hundred and twenty-nine steps, and the view from its summit is described as magnificent. But even more important and more beautiful still are the tomb and mosque of Abdullah Ben Wadib el Belawi, the companion of the prophet who founded Islamism. Bro. Broadley tells us that he was "the first European who ever entered this Moslem *sanctum sanctorum*."

From his description, we gather that the tomb itself was surrounded by a high grating of bronze, and is shut in by four marble columns about seven feet high. "From a rod, on a line with the grating, hung festoons of ostrich eggs and golden balls. The catafalque above the grave is covered by two elaborately embroidered palls; the first, of black and white velvet, adorned with Arabic inscriptions in silver, was the gift of the late Ahmed Bey; the second, of pink and blue brocade, was a votive offering from Muhammed es Sadek"—the present Bey. "Over them hung thirteen banners, rich in gold, silver, and needlework—the tribute of the successors of Heussein Ben Ali."

There is much else in these volumes we should like to notice, especially the mystic rites, witnessed by the author, of the members of the Confraternity of the Aïssaouia, but we have already gone the full length of our tether in respect of space. It is unquestionably a work of importance, valuable from a political point of view, and interesting from the graphic sketches it gives of the war of last year, as well as from the description of places of importance in the Regency. It is written in an easy, fluent style, and with its excellent illustrations, plans, and maps, will well repay the reader for the time occupied in perusing it. Moreover, the narrative has the further advantage of having been written by one familiar with the country, and the habits and customs of its people. In short, of its kind we have seldom read a better or more ably written work.

Father Mathew. A biography by John Francis Maguire, M.P., author of "Rome: its Ruler and its Institutions." People's Edition. London: Burns and Oates, 17 and 18 Portman-street and Paternoster-row. 1882.

It is a capital idea which has led Messrs. Burns and Oates to publish a people's edition of Mr. Maguire's biographical sketch of Father Mathew, who, in his lifetime and during future ages, will be known as the "Apostle of Temperance." Temperance, whether it is used in the more limited sense of moderation in the use of strong drinks or in its general application as expressing moderation in the use of all things, is a virtue which evokes the admiration of all true Masons, as it does of all true men. Personally, we are no advocate of teetotalism. We believe that wine and other liquors were intended by the Creator of the Universe for the use of men, and teetotalism is only excusable in the case of those who cannot control their appetite, those, in fact, whom it has latterly become the fashion to speak of as dypsomaniacs; and it was to counteract the sin of drunkenness and the terrible effects it exercises on its votaries that Father Mathew laboured so zealously, and we rejoice to say, so successfully. Many and many a poor wretch has been weaned from an excessive indulgence in drink by the influence of his teaching and example. But little more than a quarter of a century has elapsed since he passed away gently to his last long sleep, and the cause he preached so eloquently has been taken up by others. Yet his name remains a tower of strength, and will continue to exercise its weight for generations yet unborn. The name of the high-minded, self-denying minister of abstinence from a degrading vice will always be a household in the family of every right-thinking Irishman and Briton, and that it may so continue, while the English language lasts, is or should be the prayer of every lover of humanity.

Father Mathew, to judge from the account given of him by his biographer, appears to have possessed especial qualifications for the office he undertook. He was a man of good family—people may sneer at rank as much as they please, yet it has its influence on the multitude. He was handsome in person, of singularly engaging manners, and a model of gentleness in his demeanour towards others. "From his earliest years," says Mr. Maguire, "the desire to afford pleasure to others, to be the means of conferring happiness on some one human creature, was his most marked characteristic." As a boy he had an aversion for the sports in which boys ordinarily delight, though he was always gay and cheerful. He had a strong attachment for his mother, but though this was "a source of constant ridicule to his brothers who called him 'the Pet,' addressed him as 'Miss Molly,' and accused him of being 'always tied to his mother's apron strings,'" still "he acquired an influence over them which they never attempted to dispute or resist, and which he retained and they felt to the last moment of their connection in this world." Notwithstanding, however, that he was thus devoted to his mother, he was, we are told, not unmindful of his brothers' interests, or "indifferent to their marked partiality for good things; for he employed the influence he derived from his mother's love to coax from her the materials for a little feast, of which he was to be the proud dispenser, and with which it was his delight to surprise them, as they returned home, rosy with health and exercise, and with the appetites of young wolves. To procure a feast—to preside over it—to witness the relish with which the sweet things were, not to say despatched, but devoured—this was a kind of passion with this mere child. Not that he was by any means personally indifferent to such delicacies—what healthy boy ever was—but that he derived more pleasure from bestowing them on his brothers than in sharing them with them. In after life, we are told, he was remarkable "for his love of order, his neatness of dress, and the propriety which, in spite of his voluntary poverty, distinguished the arrangements of his modest dwelling." To find anything out of order was an offence against his "sense of order and regularity," and an instance is mentioned how, on one occasion, happening to see in the breakfast parlour at Thomastown—where he was born—a pair of silk stockings being aired on the back of a chair before the fire, he was so annoyed that he threw them into the fire, and, on being asked why he had done so, boldly replied that it was because they had no business to be there.

Theobold Mathew, or Toby, as he was familiarly called, was born 10th October 1790, at Thomastown, the seat of his relative the second and last Earl Llandaff, and there spent his early years under the kindly offices not only of his parents—his father had been adopted by the Earl—but also of Lady Elisabeth Mathew, sister of that nobleman. Five years later his father, then married, and with a young family growing up round about him, removed to a house called Rathcloheen, close by Thomastown, and prospered famously. Having resolved on becoming a priest, and gone through the preliminary course of instruction, he was entered at the College of Maynooth when barely seventeen years of age, but having broken one of the rules, by giving an entertainment to some of his fellow students, he voluntarily quitted the College in 1808, and some time later placed himself under the care of the V. Rev. C. Corcoran, of Dublin, with a view to becoming a member of the Order of the Capuchins. On Easter Sunday 1814, he was ordained by Dr. Murray, and preached his first sermon in the parish chapel of Kilfeacle, in his native county of Tipperary. His first mission was in Kilkenny, where he joined the small Capuchin community, and soon won for himself a high reputation. His labours for the poor were incessant, and his generosity most conspicuous. In April 1838, when he was in his forty-eighth year, he resolved on advocating the cause of temperance, and thenceforward to the end of his life worked, as few other men could have worked, to promote the good cause. Wherever he went his reception was most cordial, and the results magnificent. High and low, rich and poor, took the pledge at his instigation, and he passed away with the satisfaction that he had striven his best to promote the happiness of his fellow-creatures. Nor were his labours confined to Ireland. He visited England, and won numberless adherents to his cause, the value of his labours being recognised by the highest and mightiest in the land. Be it added, that father Mathew was no sectarian, there was no taint of bigotry in his mind. He worked with Protestants of every denomination as readily and harmoniously as with members of his own creed, and if ever a man had his reward in the love and respect of his fellow-men, it was Father Mathew, "the Apostle of Temperance." He died in Queenstown, on the 8th December 1856, but the memory of his virtues still flourishes, and for ages will so continue, like the green bay-tree.

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The second number of the new series of this Magazine fully sustains, if it does not surpass in excellence, the character of No. 1. "Art and the Builders of Monte Cassino," &c. by Bro. George F. Fort, "Craft Customs of the Ancient Stonehewers, Masons, and Carpenters," translated, with notes, by Bro. Geo. W. Speth P.M., and the "Legend of the Introduction of Masons into England," by Bro. Rylands, F.S.A.—to say nothing of the lighter material—are most praiseworthy contributions, and would do credit to any periodical.

The Installation Meeting and Annual Festival of the Metropolitan Council, Time Immemorial, Allied Masonic Degrees, will be held on Saturday next, at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. The time arranged for the meeting is three p.m., and when the degrees of St. Laurence and Grand High Priest have been conferred, the ceremony of installation, followed by that of the appointment and investiture of Officers, will take place. The banquet is fixed for five p.m.

A Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees will be held the same day, and at the same place, at 2·30 p.m., when the minutes of the last meeting will be read for confirmation, a report of the progress of the Order will be submitted, and the Grand Officers for the year will be appointed and invested.

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ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

ST. JAMES OF JERUSALEM PRECEPTORY.

A MEETING of this Preceptory was held on Friday, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at six o'clock in the evening. Present —Sir Knights J. Horrock E.C., Sam. Crowther Constable, J. Bromley Marshal, G. Ferguson Sub Marshal, A. Hopkinson Captain of Guards, W. Nicholl Almoner, J. W. Taylor Organist, C. S. Lane 1st Standard Bearer, R. H. Swindlehurst Registrar, G. P. Brookbank (Treasurer) Past Grand Captain, V.E. Sir Knights C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds Provincial Grand Commander of Lancashire. The Preceptory having been opened in form, the minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Sir Knight Brookbank P.G. Captain, presented to the Prov. Grand Commander, who had assumed the throne, for installation as E.C. for the ensuing year Sir Knight Samuel Crowther, and he, having been duly obligated, was proclaimed and saluted in due form. The following Sir Knights were appointed as Officers for the ensuing year:—John Bromley Constable, George Ferguson Marshal, G. N. Brookbank Treasurer, Alfred Hopkinson Sub-Marshal, W. Nicholl Captain of Guards, C. S. Lane Almoner, J. W. Taylor Organist, W. D. Holbrook 1st Standard Bearer, W. Taffray 2nd Standard Bearer. On the motion of Sir Knight Brookbank, seconded by Sir Knight Taylor, the thanks of the Preceptory were very cordially tendered to the Provincial Grand Commander, for his courtesy in attending, at considerable inconvenience, the installation of the day, and congratulating him on his promotion to honours in the Craft, and other orders of Masonry. It was resolved, that the Provincial Grand Conclave be invited to hold its next annual meeting under the banner of this Preceptory. Preceptory closed at seven o'clock. The Sir Knights then proceeded to banquet, when the customary loyal and Templar toasts were duly given and responded to.

REMINISCENCES OF A SECRETARY.

ONE night, as the Worshipful Master was about to commence "work," an announcement came that Bro. Brown, from Lodge No. 999, England, wished to be examined. The W.M. cast an inquiring look upon me, and I retired to examine the stranger. I found in the ante-room a very handsome young man, dressed genteelly, but clothes rather worse for wear, who began by apologising that he was rusty, and that this was the first Lodge he had attempted to visit in America. He had never made himself known as a Mason, although living more than six months in New York. He spoke a good grammatical English, with a decided English accent —that is, the accent of the better class—and I soon found him by his conversation to be a man of very good education. He produced the ponderous certificate in use by the Grand Lodge of England, half Latin and half English, by which I found that he had been a Mason about two years. I proceeded with the examination, until I found that he was legally entitled to visit my Lodge, and brought him inside. When he found that I was the Secretary, he came up near my desk, and remained near me until the Lodge closed. There was something so sad, so suppressed and subdued in the man's manner and speech, that I could not make it out. He looked poor enough, yet the stamp of the gentleman was unmistakably upon him. Before closing I mustered up courage to ask him if the Lodge could do anything for him. He looked startled, blushed, thanked me very kindly, and said no, not now; and when the Master, in the words of the beautiful old ritual, asked, is any brother of our Lodge, or a sojourning brother, in need of our aid or sympathy? I looked sharply at him. Again the blood mantled his face; he bowed his head as if in meditation, but said nothing. After Lodge closed I gave him one of our visiting cards, and cordially invited him to call again. This he did several times, looking paler, sadder, and poorer each time.

One day a letter was brought to my house requesting me to call that day upon Bro. Brown, my pale English friend; but as I only got the letter late in the evening, and it being Lodge night, I resolved to call before going to the Lodge, even at the risk of letting the brethren wait for me—which by the way, they seldom had to do. I found the address given me to be in the most crowded east side tenement district, and as I mounted stair after stair, I felt indeed that I was in the home of that greatest monster of our present civilisation—Poverty.

I knocked at the door of room No. 46, and it was opened by a beautiful young woman of scarce eighteen years, who, much confused, bade me enter. Upon a miserably fitted up bed, or cot, lay dressed, my friend the English brother Mason. He asked to be forgiven that he had troubled me, but he now wanted my aid. He would be dispossessed on the morrow if he did not pay the rent by 10 o'clock in the morning. It was an enormous sum, the whole of six dollars. I promised to bring his case before the Lodge that evening, and also that I would surely call before 10 o'clock the next morning, and that he might rest easy, he being able to keep his rooms. I hastened to the Lodge, where I reported his case, and was appointed a committee of one with power. Early next morning I again went to see my man, determined this time to find out more about him—as I had now the funds of the Lodge to dispose of, I felt in duty bound to see that these funds were well, and worthily bestowed.

I first satisfied the clamouring landlord, so as to make the young people easier in their mind; and when I entered their room with a receipt for their rent, their thanks were profuse and hearty. I then broached the subject of his history; told him it was not idle curiosity that prompted my inquiry; but that I might intelligently aid him. I would like to know something of his former home and life. It was then that he revealed to me, under Masonic seal, his true name.

Bro. Brown had held an important position in a large commercial house in England, where he had the *entrée* to his employer's house and home, where he met and loved the merchant's daughter, which love was not only returned, but fostered and encouraged by the young girl. It never entered the minds of the young people that they could not obtain the sanction of the rich and proud father to their union, but they kept right on, holding secret meetings and pledging eternal love and fidelity to each other, when their dream was suddenly ended by the young man receiving his instant dismissal from the house, and preparations being made to send Miss M—— to London.

The ardent lovers frustrated this plan by a hasty marriage, and flight to America, there to strike out for themselves. In youth everything looks rosy, especially to those who have never been brought face to face with that powerful fiend, Poverty; and so with these people. The funds hastily gathered before leaving home soon melted, and he found every avenue of life overcrowded, and he had to acknowledge to himself that he had not the "push" and "vim" to crowd in and crowd on and onward. They soon became poorer and poorer, until they brought up in this miserable abode, a room seven ft. by nine ft., and even here he could not stay, as there was no hope for him.

There was something very sad in his voice that struck me as particularly strange in one so young, but I saw it was remorse —deep, sincere remorse—for having induced his wife to come with him to America, to leave a home of plenty, and luxury, and refinement, to share this abject poverty with him. He further stated that he knew he was going to die, and asked me would we give him decent Masonic burial, and made me promise as a brother Mason to notify the British Consul, tell the true name of his wife, and see that she was sent home to her kinsfolk in old England, there to forget the foolish youth who had cast so deep a shadow across her young life.

He seemed exhausted by his long talking, and I tried to encourage him—spoke of his youth and of better things yet in store for him—but he faded fast away, and grasping my hand he whispered faintly:—

"I shall be dead within the hour. Keep your promise, send Julia back to her father. The British Consul will pay you back the money, and God will pay you in kind."

He then began to whisper the Lord's Prayer, faintly but distinctly, word by word, the young wife, stricken, dazed, and mechanically joining with him and myself, and when the last words were reached, "for ever and ever," we listened, with our heads bowed low, for the "Amen." It did not come. The brother had passed to the realms beyond. May the Amen come to him from the throne of glory, "for ever and ever."

After the brother had been buried by the Lodge, I found that the widowed girl could not then be sent home. Through the goodness of old Dr. Muhlenberg, late of St. Luke's Hospital, she was placed in that excellent institution, where she gave birth to a little girl, and gave her young life with it. Again the grave opened, and the child-wife, widow and mother, was laid beside her lover husband.

I now had to take care of the tiny little orphan, which a brother of a sister Lodge, who knew some of the circumstances, consented to adopt; but death had also put his relentless stamp upon the little one. The trials and vicissitudes through which the mother had passed, and the inadequate food before being admitted to the Hospital, along with her suffering, could not fail to have its effect upon her offspring. The child was born suffering with marasmus, and could not be cured. It lingered, however, through good and careful nursing, for three months, when it also died, and for the third time the yawning grave opened and received the last of this unfortunate family, united in death as they had been on earth.

I never notified the British Consul, never wrote to the harsh old father, and the secret of those lives and the secret of their names, lies buried in the triple grave at Greenwood Cemetery, there to remain until all secrets are revealed, all hearts laid bare, and the final judgments will be passed on all—rich and poor, weak and strong, alike—all measured by the standard of the great Jehovah, by the scale of the ever-righteous Judge.—*Canadian Craftsman.*

Viscount Holmesdale presided at the meeting on Wednesday of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent. His lordship was well supported by his P.G. Officers and the Companions, every Chapter in the Province being represented.

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TESTIMONIALS.—Head Quarter Staff, Cabul, May 31st, 1880. Mr. R. Freeman, Dear Sir,—It is with much pleasure I am able to state that your Chlorodyne has been of special service to me in alleviating the wearisome spasms of Asthma, which is here existent in an aggravated form. Many of my patients now come and beg me to give them that medicine which always relieves them, and which I need hardly say is your Chlorodyne. Yours faithfully, CHARLES W. OWEN, L.R.C.P. Lon., M.R.C.S. Eng., the Divisional Head Quarter Staff and Civil Surgeon, Cabul.

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 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, 5th AUGUST.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
1375—Star, Five Bells, 155 New North-road, S.E., at 7. (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)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1213—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 7th AUGUST.

1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1106—R yal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1299—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
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1873—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1706—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 8th AUGUST.

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.)
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, 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.)
1709—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
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
608—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
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
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.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 9th AUGUST.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
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)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Gout 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
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. (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
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.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1343—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.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 30—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 10th AUGUST.

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)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
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)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1599—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.)
1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
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.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
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.
733—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
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.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool,
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1360—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
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. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Co'chester
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
K.T.—Salamanca, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

FRIDAY, 11th AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 116 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.)
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—R yal 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.)

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-steet, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
682—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle
K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 12th AUGUST.

Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, at 2.30
Metropolitan Council (T.I.) Allied Masonic Degrees, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, at 3
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New North-road, S.E., at 7. (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)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

On Tuesday, at Windsor, the Prince of Wales inspected the rest of the Life Guards under orders for Egypt, and expressed himself pleased with their appearance. In taking farewell of them, His Royal Highness wished them God Speed, and regretted it was not possible for him to accompany them.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP, No. 206, AND MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER, No. 435.

IN accordance with a time-honoured custom the Brethren and Companions of the above Lodge and Chapter held their Annual Dinner, on Thursday, the 27th ult. The place chosen was the historic and picturesque hamlet of Wrotham, in Kent. The arrangements made by the W.M. Bro. Samuel Gamman, and the M.E.Z. Comp. Francis Harrison, were carried out to perfection in every detail. The brethren and companions were requested to meet, as far as practicable, at the Blackwall Pier, to leave by the 11.30 a.m. boat for Rosherville. The trip down the river was most enjoyable, the weather being everything that could be desired. At Rosherville breaks were in waiting to take the party to their destination—about eleven miles, through some of the most charming parts of the "Garden of England," which was reached about three o'clock, dinner being ordered for four. The interval was pleasantly enjoyed in inspecting the many points of interest in Wrotham, more especially the grand old church, which to members of the Craft possessed more than ordinary interest from its architectural beauty and great antiquity. The *rendezvous* was the Bull Hotel, where every preparation was made for the reception of the visitors by Bro. J. E. Shrubsole, who was most assiduous in his endeavours to make the visit one of real enjoyment. We may here remark that it was in this hotel, 110 years since, that the Lodge of Friendship was consecrated; as the following extract from the Bye-laws of the Provincial G. Lodge of Kent, testifies:—"Lodge Friendship, No. 206, now held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, was originally consecrated at the Bull Hotel, Wrotham, in the Province of Kent, on the 19th June 1772. Brother Fuljames was the first Worshipful Master, Lord Petre being Grand Master of England at that time. It was removed to Deptford (date unknown), from thence to St. Katherine Dock Hotel in 1846, then to the George and Vulture Tavern, Cornhill, in 1849, and to the Ship and Turtle in 1855." At this hotel it is still located. The dinner was served punctually at the hour named. It has been our province to attend many such pleasant gatherings, but we have seldom the good fortune to sit down to a more récherché spread. The Bull Hotel is noted far and wide for the care which is taken of the requirements of the "inner man," but surely on this day it eclipsed itself, and the wines were of the choicest, of the best and well-known brands. After ample justice had been done, and thanks to the G.A.O.T.U. given, the W.M. gave the Loyal and Masonic toasts usual on such occasions, which were duly responded to. In proposing Success to the Lodge of Friendship and the Mount Lebanon Chapter, the W.M. specially referred to the fact that 110 years ago the Lodge of Friendship was consecrated in that building, and probably the room in which they were assembled was used for the ceremony. The toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Collier, in very felicitous terms, proposed the health of the W.M., and the M.E.Z., thanking them for the arduous labours they had bestowed in order to render the day's enjoyment complete. He therefore on behalf of himself and the brethren tendered his sincere gratitude for the great treat they had experienced that day. The W.M. and M.E.Z. briefly returned thanks; if the brethren were satisfied with what they had done, they felt themselves amply repaid. Bro. Samuel Smith replied on behalf of the Visitors. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. S. Gamman W.M., F. G. Harrison M.E.Z., H. M. Collier Treasurer, A. R. Ramsey Secretary, S. Stuart, J. J. Stephens, H. A. Jacobs, C. T. Scrivener, W. Gowland, J. M. Rooney, C. Smithers, Moore, J. M. Collins, H. Caton, Fred. Dunn, E. Dodson, H. Webb, Gehlekeu, L. Conbro, J. Badkin, R. Sindell, P. Clay, Myers, T. Smith, A. Gamman, &c.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—On Monday last, at the Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge, Bros. Brooks W.M., Rowles S.W., Cotton J.W., Taplin S.D., Nicholson J.D., Duffin I.G. and Tyler. After the usual formalities, the ceremonies of passing and initiation were rehearsed, Bro. Taplin being the candidate for the latter, and Bro. Nicholson for the former degree. Bro. Rowles S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was closed and adjourned until Monday, the 14th August.

United Pilgrims' Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—At the meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 28th ult., there were present—Bros. J. Bate W.M., R. Poore S.W., G. W. Knight J.W., A. R. Cranch S.D., Smith J.D., G. Hubbard I.G., John S. Terry P.M. and Sec., J. W. Watts P.M., James Stevens P.M. Hon. Preceptor; and others. A very instructive evening resulted from the able working of Bro. Bate, who rehearsed the entire ceremonies of the three degrees, opening and closing his Lodge respectively in each. It was a sufficient evening's work, and the brethren expressed their satisfaction with Bro. Bate's zeal and capacity. Bro. J. B. Sargeant is the W.M. appointed for the ensuing meeting.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York on 24th ult. The W.M. Bro. G. Simpson presided. The business consisted of the passing of Bro. Waters to the second degree. In the absence of the Deacons, through indisposition, Bro. C. G. Padel P.M. conducted the candidate. Before closing the Lodge Bro. Stubbs presented a very curious old apron, which has come into his possession from the descendants of a very old deceased brother in the East Riding. This apron is covered with emblems of various degrees, and is a veritable antique. Bro. T. B. Whytehead presented a framed photograph of Masonic emblems, and a bound volume of the "Voice of Masonry." Business over, a pleasant party met round the social board, when an agreeable evening was passed, enlivened by songs and recitations.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening last, the 1st instant, at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, where there was a good attendance of brethren, Bros. R. Poore W.M., G. W. Knight S.W., R. R. Johnstone J.W., E. A. Francis Preceptor, H. M. Williams Secretary, C. H. Phillips (Treasurer) S.D., H. Hooper J.D., Joseph Perry I.G., Thomas Poore P.M. and P.Z. joint Preceptor, James Warren S.D. Ebury Lodge 1348, John A. Danks 1669, E. Bye jun., H. Stokes, George Flint, C. G. L. Kipling, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting, read by the Secretary, were duly confirmed. The W.M. proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Flint as candidate, in a masterly manner. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. ably rehearsed the ceremony of passing, with Bro. Kipling as candidate. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. The following brethren were unanimously elected members:—Bros. James Warren Ebury No. 1348, E. Bye jun. Faith No. 141. Bro. G. W. Knight was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. After hearty good wishes from the brethren, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned until the 8th instant, at eight p.m. The after proceedings were as enjoyable as ever, all the brethren remaining, when the Lodge was closed, for the usual musical and social entertainment. The toasts of the Visitors, New Members, Bro. E. A. Francis, Preceptor, were given with enthusiasm and duly responded to. Bro. H. M. Williams Secretary, in giving (by permission of the W.M.) the health of Bro. Thomas Poore P.M., &c., welcomed him on behalf of the brethren once more to their Lodge, expressing their pleasure on his renewed health and vigour, and their hopes that he would long be able to attend the Lodge as often as his other engagements would allow. Bro. Thomas Poore, in acknowledging the toast, thanked the brethren for their good wishes, and stated how pleased he was to attend their Lodge once more. He was much gratified to hear of the progress of the Lodge as regards new members, the weekly attendance, to witness their earnestness, and the good working of the Lodge. He hoped the brethren would attend regularly, and thereby profit by the excellent instruction of Bro. Francis. Bros. R. R. Johnstone and Monk delighted the brethren with several songs and vocal duets, while Bro. Williams, the Secretary, presided as usual at the pianoforte. Bros. Kipling and Thomas Poore likewise favoured the brethren with recitations. The Lodge offers a hearty welcome to all brethren.

Bro. Jefferies, No. 720, has recently been appointed manager of the Granville Hotel, Ramsgate. Since his occupation of that post, he has made numerous improvements, and the attendance of visitors has wonderfully increased. Our worthy brother has had a large experience, and doubtless this will be exercised in his new quarters.

The Metropolitan Beer and Wine Trade Charity lately held its forty-eighth annual excursion, at Margate. Many of the visitors dined at Bros. G. Chapman and George's establishment, the New Imperial Hotel, High-street. The Mayor dined with the committee.

Bro. Captain H. E. Davis, of the Royal Assembly Rooms, has provided a very excellent programme for the amusement of the visitors. Bro. C. Frewin's band, with several artistes from the Theatre Royal Covent Garden, perform some artistic selections. Last week a juvenile ball was given, with great success. Bro. R. Coote is the able M.C.

The Hall by the Sea, under the proprietorship of Bro. George Sanger, and the able management of Bro. Arthur Reeve, is nightly filled. The band, under the direction of Mr. White, is excellent. Great improvements have been made in the Hall, which is lighted by the Electric Brush Light. A new ceiling is a feature to be noticed, while artistic medallions adorn the walls. In the menagerie there is a splendid collection of animals. Crowds flock in by night and day. The artistes engaged are the charming Sisters Mario (who nightly receive deserved applause), the Brothers Wemm, and a wonderful Contortionist, named "Vonare." Mr. Tubbs caters in the grounds, where swings and outdoor amusements receive a fair share of patronage. Messrs. Wright, Barringer, and Gus Foster are acquisitions to this vast and popular place of amusement. Bro. J. Arnold makes a very efficient M.C. Bro. George Sanger has just completed the purchase of a large plot of ground in the High-street, Ramsgate, for the purpose of erecting an Assembly Rooms and Amphitheatre.

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DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

BY reason of the conduct of certain brethren in attempting, for unwise purposes of their own, to set up an independent Grand Lodge, the District of New South Wales has acquired, during the last year or two, a certain amount of unenviable notoriety. The majority of the brethren—English, Irish, and Scotch, are loyal to the backbone to their respective Grand Lodges. But human nature is human nature, and there are always heaps of people who never know when they are sufficiently well off. The discontents—we should be sorry if we had written, as we originally intended, the word "malcontents"—cannot possibly fare better under an organisation of their own than they fare now in their connection with the Grand Lodges to which they are indebted for their existence. In our opinion, indeed, they would be in a worse position. To be connected with the oldest Grand Lodges in the world is an honour not lightly to be regarded, and an honour against which absolute, in place of comparative, independence weighs nothing. For these reasons it is that we welcome, all the more heartily, the appearance in New South Wales, of a *legitimate* organ of Masonic opinion in the shape of the *Sydney Freemason's Chronicle*, while all the greater is the pleasure we experience, not only in bearing testimony verbally to its merits as such, but likewise in giving all the publicity in our power to its notice of the meeting of District Grand Lodge, held on Monday, the 15th May. R.W. Bro. J. Williams, J P., D.G.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. H. Westcott D.D G.M., F. A. Whyte Moore D.G.S. Warden, Rev. W. M. Whyte Moore D.G.J. Warden, and a strong muster of D.G. Officers, present and past, and other brethren. The minutes of the previous Communication having been read and confirmed, the reports of the Board of General Purposes and Board of Benevolence were submitted and adopted, after which the District Grand Master addressed the brethren present in the following terms:—"Worshipful Brethren, we have every reason to congratulate ourselves on the great progress and extension of English Freemasonry in this colony during the past year; indeed, I can unhesitatingly say that it is unparalleled in the history of Masonry in New South Wales. No less than five new Lodges have been formed, and of a class of brethren that will do honour and credit to the Order. The names of the Lodges are as follow:—St. George, Paramatta; Glebe, Glebe; Cobar Cobar; Prince of Wales, Muswellbrook; and Lodge of Peace, Uralla. I need not say how gratifying it must be to you, brethren, as well as to me, to mark the steady advancement of our Constitution, notwithstanding the subtle efforts that have been made from time to time to break the bonds of unity that bind together the Lodges here under the Grand Lodge of England. One act has been effected by this District Grand Lodge, of vital importance to the welfare of English Masonry, viz., the laws passed for the relief of indigent Freemasons and their widows (which laws will be forwarded to the Grand Lodge for its approval) and this has been done without any extraneous aid from either Lodges or brethren, our own benevolent funds being ample to meet any case that comes before the Committee. Our financial position, as our worthy Treasurer's balance sheets show, is most prosperous. The amount expended in benevolence has been £215 10s 6d. We have issued during the past year 383 certificates, and would have issued upwards of 400 if we had had blank certificates to meet the demands of the Lodges. These are the proofs, brethren, of our progress during the past year, and for them we have reason to thank the Great Architect of the Universe." The R.W. D.G.M. having explained how, on learning the dastardly attempt on the life of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, he had taken upon himself to cable immediately to the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales the sympathy of the Craft E.C., and had received within twenty-four hours a reply from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, thanking them for their loyalty and Masonic feeling, the proposal to hold the annual D.G.L. Festival was discussed. Some were in favour of a ball, others of a banquet. Bro. Whyte Moore D.G.J.W., LL.D. thought a banquet was most suitable. He did not propose this because his sacred calling prohibited his visiting a ball; yet, at a banquet, worthy brethren could give expression to their feelings, and many Masonic honours might be accorded which, at a gathering composed of ladies and strangers, would have to be omitted. Wor. Bro. S. Hodge said his experience was that when a banquet was given D.G. Stewards had to put their hands in their pockets to make good the deficiency in the expenses, whereas last year the ball left a surplus of £37. The R.W. D.G.M. reminded D G.L. that the ball last year was an exceptional case, as the anticipated presence of the Royal Princes tended to make it the success it proved to be. The R.W. D.G.M. then spoke of the honour it was considered in England to hold the position of a Grand Steward, and gave a very lucid and interesting account of their origin. In conclusion, he remarked that he was at a loss to know why one of the greatest Masonic events of the year, viz., St. John's Day, was no longer celebrated in New South Wales, as formerly. Application has been made for dispensation under the English Constitution for three new Lodges, viz.:—Royal Albert Lodge, Esk Bank; Ballina Lodge, Richmond River; Moorabin Lodge, Wilcannia; making in all fifty Lodges. After some routine Masonic business District Grand Lodge was closed.

IS MASONRY REALLY FLOURISHING?

THIS is a question we are continually being asked, and taking all the facts, we scarcely feel ourselves in a position to answer so satisfactorily as could be desired. That the Order has made huge advances, especially within the last eight or ten years, is an undoubted fact, and were numbers of themselves any recommendation, we might be able to congratulate the Craft upon the progress it has made. But, unlike the friendly benefit societies, numerical strength in Freemasonry is not an unmixed good. With those the accession of "financial members" is a great point to be gained, for therein lies the secret of their success and the stability of their existence; whereas, in Masonry unwieldy Lodges are a source not only of anxiety, but a positive disadvantage in every sense. To this cause may in no small measure be attributed the unsatisfactory condition of many Lodges, both in the metropolis and the provinces; for in their desire to see the numbers increase, some brethren, in their excess of zeal,

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seem to lose sight of the principle which should guide them in admitting candidates for the mysteries and privileges of the Institution, and to lack discrimination in the selection of persons who seek a participation in its benefits. That the subject is one not unaccompanied with difficulties we readily admit; still, when we hear certain brethren exult over the ever widening extent and popularity of the Craft, it would be well to pause and consider how far the quality of our Lodges is affected by the quantity. It is well known that many Lodges, by the freedom with which candidates are admitted, have become too large to be manageable with any degree of satisfaction either to the Master or the members. The inevitable consequence is, that brethren aspiring to office, and seeing their chance, in the face of so large a number, very remote, reason together with the view of starting an offshoot of the mother Lodge, and, of course make it a proviso that they shall fill the chairs from the outset, and thus enter into competition so to speak with the parent branch. We have known Lodges in which young brethren yearning for prominence, and unable to find it within their own circle, have strained every feeling of disinterested love for the Craft in their ambition to grasp a collar; and have pledged seats of honour to those who would combine with them in applying for a warrant to establish a new Lodge in which they themselves might lay claim to offices which they had failed to earn in the Lodges into which they were initiated. Herein has lain the cause of many a strife and much bitterness of feeling, and Lodges so formed have not unfrequently struck among the shoals and quicksands of jealousy and heartburning only when those who had been most active in their formation, actuated by personal motives, have either supped full of their self-sought honours, or grown tired of Freemasonry altogether, and retired—as so many do who are unsuccessful—disappointed with the "hollowness" of the profession, as they are pleased to designate it. The profusion with which warrants for new Lodges have been granted till within the last two years was, in our opinion, not altogether well-advised; and we are by no means disappointed that, of late, the "progress of Freemasonry" has been more steady and subdued. Had it gone on at the ratio it assumed prior to 1880, the consequence must have been to cause such a degeneracy of the Craft as to have shorn it of much of its influence and importance. As it is, how many men do we know who, having sought admission to our ranks with ulterior motives of benefit and gain, have seceded when they found their prospects of mercenary or personal aggrandisement fall short of their anticipations? These are the men who shrug the shoulder when the praises of Masonry are sung by those who really love the Craft for its own sake, and who fail to see any of its sublime professions borne out by practice. These are the malcontents who, having failed to gain honours by merit and the purity of their motives, stand aloof, and with bated breath malign the Institution they once professed to admire and promised to support; who ultimately descend from one point to another, until we find them in the ranks of those who look askance at our Benevolent Funds, and ask in alms what they could not gain by avarice. We have known men, even after they have assisted in breaking away from their mother Lodge, and in building up an offshoot, in the ruling (!) of which they could take a share, going back to their original, and obtaining a petition for presentation to the Benevolent Fund for aid, which in some cases they need not have required but through faults of their own. In the country this is even a worse evil than in London, because few Provincial Lodges possess benevolent funds, having quite enough to do to meet the necessary expenses of the Fourth Degree, and to pay Grand Lodge fees. In such cases, when brethren appeal for relief, all they can do is to send up a petition to the Lodge of Benevolence in the hope of obtaining some help for the needy brother, and thus we find the number of applicants for assistance at each successive meeting of the Committee absolutely overwhelming, and impossible of being fully met. Apart from all other considerations, this is one of the ill effects of a too ready admission of candidates into Freemasonry. of men who fall into arrear, at first with their subscriptions. then lapse altogether into a state of apathy and discontent. and finally fall into the ranks of those who have to ask for charity. With young Lodges formed in the way we indicate, it is imperative that initiates shall be found, in order to keep up the balance in the hands of the Treasurer: though, unfortunately, in some Lodges we could mention, in spite of an average share of admissions the balance-sheet tells a woeful tale of laxity on the part of the members, and a hopeless state of arrears, so far as contributions are concerned. Far better it would be if instead of gratifying personal vanity, and endeavouring to "keep up appearances" before the world, members would remain alive to a sense of their individual and collective responsibilities, and maintain in their integrity those motives and impulses which first prompted them to enrol themselves under the Masonic banner. Initiation fees are necessary, and naturally acceptable, but if the vitality of a Lodge depends upon these, and permits a laxity in the regular and constant support it has a right to expect from its older members, disasters must follow as an inevitable consequence. Another source of weakness is when we find brethren, after they have fought their way, with more vigour than discretion, through the chairs, and at last are decorated with a Past Master's jewel, sadly retiring into the background, either because they think they have achieved all they can hope for, or because they may have aspired to the purple, and found it like the "sour grapes" in the fable. Such men should never become Masons, whose zeal and enthusiasm are damped by every little trial of their fortitude and patience. This is another undesirable result of the inflation of the Craft by the too rapid creation of Lodges, and we think, all things considered, we shall best answer the question propounded at the commencement of this article by concluding that, much as we rejoice to see the Craft widen in its influence and importance, the mere increase of numbers is not all that we can wish for, and that in this very rapid augmentation of numerical strength there is danger of deterioration in point of the quality of the brethren admitted. Better far to have a reasonably workable Lodge, without drones, and in a sound financial position, than a crowd of apathetic members whose only aim is for office, whether they are qualified or not, and who sink into gloomy discontent, if "vaulting ambition" happens to "o'erleap itself and fall on the other side." If it were possible to weed out the hundreds of dissatisfied ones into whose outspread laps honours have not fallen, or deserved to fall, our Lodges would be freed from the trammels by which many are so sorely tried, and the wheels of Masonic prosperity would revolve with a far less grating sound. The query put to us, and which we have endeavoured in some way to open, is one which is exercising the minds of a considerable section of the Craft just now, and we shall be glad if any of our correspondents can, by their thoughts or experience, throw any additional light upon it. By the interchange of thoughtful opinions much good is wrought, and we trust we may receive the expression of many views upon the momentous and most important question under consideration.

BANK HOLIDAY.

EACH of the four Bank Holidays which, thanks to the initiative taken some ten years since by Sir John Lubbock. Bart., M.P., occur annually, has its special recommendations. Boxing-day enables the hardy sons of toil to extend their Christmas festivities over two days, while it further stimulates the chemist to extra exertion by promoting the sale of antibilious pills in order to counteract the dyspepsia that follows invariably the consumption of too many rich viands. Easter Monday, so dear to our Volunteers, falls in the early spring, when the trees are just beginning to bud, and the breadwinner, wearied by labours protracted through months of dull and musky weather, is looking forward to a little sunshine. Whitmonday falls later, when, for better or for worse, the weather is more settled; when cricket, and athletic and aquatic sports are in full swing; when visions of gooseberry tart and gooseberry fool loom in the by no means remote future; when our school children are counting the days to the Midsummer vacation, and bethinking themselves where they shall go, and what they shall do to enjoy themselves during that blissful period of the year; and when working men—by no means limited to the artisan and mechanic classes—have begun to feel more acutely than ever the heavy strain on their mental and physical powers. The August Bank Holiday comes in the full tide of summer, and is most enjoyable if the weather has about it anything of summer. The days are still long, and the air generally warm—occasionally even a little more so than is pleasant. The corn crops are beginning to look their

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brightest, and the attractions of the sea-side resorts have not yet had time to become stale and unprofitable. Thus, as we said at the outset, each of the four Bank Holidays has its special recommendations, while, to speak generally, Bank Holiday, without reference to differences of season, may be looked upon as being almost as sacred in the eyes of loyal Britons as Magna Charta or the Bill of Rights. No wonder, under these circumstances, that those who cater for the convenience or entertainment of the public should lay themselves out to meet the varied tastes and requirements of their patrons. On this occasion the Railway Companies, as usual, provided any number of excursion trains, at cheap rates, to all parts of the country. Steamboat Companies followed their example, while the programme set forth by the theatres left nothing to be desired.

The weather, if not exactly the brightest and sunshiniest we have had this year, was extremely pleasant, and from a very early hour the principal railway termini were crowded with people who, like famed John Gilpin, "on pleasure bent," had resolved on taking that pleasure either by the "sad sea waves," or at some quiet pleasure-resort inland. Thus, very heavy complements of holiday folk travelled by the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railways to Brighton, Hastings, Eastbourne, Portsmouth, Southampton, Isle of Wight, and other favourite seaside towns, while some, making shorter stages on the same lines, were content with roaming among the Surrey Hills, &c. The South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Companies were under the necessity of putting their best legs forward in order to keep pace with the well-nigh overwhelming demands made on their resources by those who think Margate and Ramsgate are the only places of their kind which offer the requisite quantum of pleasure. The Great Northern not only despatched a heavy load of excursionists to St. Albans, where there was an additional attraction to the nice country round about in the shape of a combined Foresters' and Odd Fellows' Fete, but conveyed some 2,000 visitors from Cambridge, Hitchin, and other stations on its line to the Alexandra Palace; *vid* the London, Chatham, and Dover to the Palace of Crystal. The London and North Western, notwithstanding the heavy demands on their resources, found means to dispatch sundry excursions to Harrow, Sudbury, Wembly Hill (all of them great favourites with holiday-seeking folk), St. Albans, to which we have referred in connection with another line, and Watford, &c. All this traffic was so arranged that it did not in the slightest degree interfere with the regular traffic of the Company—a feature in railway management on which the Directorate is to be congratulated. The Midland ran a cheap train to Bedford, where there was a fire brigade competition; and the Great Western, besides dividing with the South Western the onus of filling Royal Windsor to an overflow with excursionists, bent either on enjoying a stroll on the banks of the Thames, or in the beautiful country round about, or visiting the State Apartments at the Castle, despatched an early and heavily-laden train to Swindon, Bath, Bristol; and a somewhat late, but equally well-filled one to Reading, Pangbourne, &c., &c. The Great Eastern did a heavy passenger traffic, not only in close proximity to Epping Forest, but to the remoter centres of resort with which it is connected—Walton-on-the-Naze, Clacton-on-Sea, Harwich, Dovercourt. The London, Tilbury, and Southend line, though it had its power severely taxed, was fully equal to the occasion, and by its means thousands of bread-winners with their families spent a happy day at Rosherville, Gravesend, or Southend. The Steamboat Companies also had a good time of it, and did their part in the day's traffic, by conveying some thousands to Margate and Ramsgate, Gravesend, Southend, and Sheerness, or up river to Kew, Richmond, and Hampton Court.

To attempt anything like a full and particular description of the entertainments provided for these multitudes would be out of the question, even if the space at our disposal were more considerable. Those resorts which are accessible all the year round cannot complain they had not their share of the public patronage. Kew Gardens, with its rare botanical collection, had some 40,000 visitors, and fully as large a number made or renewed acquaintance with the lions of Royal Hampton. The British Museum, the Zoological Gardens, South Kensington Museum, and the Royal Horticultural Gardens, one and all were more or less crowded with holiday folk, while others gravitated about the Tower of London and saw the lions—not your real live *F. Leones*, such as were to be seen there half a century since, but the Regalia, the Horse Armoury, the axe and block, Traitors' Gate, &c., &c. As for such vast open spaces such as Hampstead Heath, they, we may be sure, were not neglected. Some 50,000 to 60,000 visited the Heath we specified, the only drawback to their enjoyment being the intrusion of the Salvation Army. As to the Alexandra Palace and Crystal Palace, the enterprising management had in each case good reason to congratulate themselves on the grand programme they had prepared for the occasion. Thousands upon thousands of people sought admission at one or other of these abodes of pleasure, and enjoyed themselves till further enjoyment had become well nigh impossible. Moreover, as the railway arrangements in connection with the two Palaces were admirably regulated and controlled, these said thousands upon thousands were conveyed thither and home again, expeditiously under the circumstances, and without misadventure of any kind that we have heard of since. Lastly, those who returned early to town, or being in town as visitors, were not making homewards till the night was well advanced had something still to fall back on to make their day's pleasure, if possible, still more complete, that something being the theatres and music halls, the Christy and Mohawk minstrels, &c., which, one and all, made abundance of hay of a kind that is never disappointing long after the sun of their August Bank Holiday of this year of Grace 1882 had disappeared below the horizon.

ORGAN RECITAL.

ON Saturday the 29th. ult. Bro. Dr. Spark, the borough Organist, assisted by the Yorkshire St. Cecilia Quartet, gave his last free organ recital for the present season in the Leeds Town Hall, which was crowded by an overflowing audience. This was the fiftieth organ recital the Doctor had given since 3rd January, besides having played at six other meetings of a different character. In the course of those recitals two new pieces have on an average been introduced at each recital, so that the frequenters have had brought under their notice the best current music of the day. It is calculated that no fewer than 60,000 persons have attended the recitals, and listened to about 400 of the best compositions of living and dead authors, including excerpts from Herold, Mozart, Schubert, Bach, Guilmant, Wely, Lemmens, the Wesleys, Romberg, Handel, Wagner, Mendelssohn, Marandi, Spark, Dussek, Merkel, the Hepworths, and others. From this it will be seen that the Music-loving people of Leeds have had exceptional opportunities of making the acquaintance of the composers of music for the king of instruments, including not a few of the organist's efforts. That Dr. Spark has thoroughly gauged the tastes of his audience has been proved by the attentive hearing he has always received, and the unstinted marks of appreciation that have rewarded his efforts. He has rarely played before a larger or more appreciative audience than that of Saturday evening, and the programme selected for his final appearance this session was one calculated both to please his hearers and to show off to the best the capabilities of the magnificient organ of which he has so long been the able custodian. Auber, Rossini, Merkel, Gounod, and Romberg, had each been drawn upon to provide music fitting the occasion, and the selections must in every way have commended themselves to the audience. The vocal part of the entertainment included "The soldier's love," "Banish, oh maiden," "The dance," and "The three chafers," compositions which it is needless to say were rendered in an admirable manner by the quartet who had so kindly volunteered their assistance. The Rev. Canon Ormsby, of St. Patrick's Cathedral, who is at present officiating at St. Martin's Church, Potternewton, felicitiously proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Spark for the musical treats he has from time to time provided to his hearers. The rev. gentleman expressed the personal enjoyment he had received from the recitals he had been enabled to attend, and said that they must be doing a great deal to educate the musical taste of the people of the town. He congratulated the people of Leeds on having such a hall, and such a splendid organ. Their thanks were due to the Corporation for providing such a means of education, but principally and chiefly were their thanks due to Dr. Spark, to whom he had pleasure in moving a vote of thanks, which he called upon the audience to accord in true Yorkshire fashion. The vote having been carried with acclamation, it was briefly acknowledged by Dr. Spark, who said that so long as he lived he should devote himself to the organ for the edification of the people. He hoped to resume his free concerts on the second Saturday in September, which he trusted would be the beginning of an equally successful session as the one which was now over.—*Yorkshire Post.*

Bro. Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G. Chaplain, Canon of Winchester, Rector of Burghclere, and Chaplain to Bro. the Pro Grand Master, has written a letter to the *Guardian* in favour of Home Missions of the Church of England.

Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. Grand Master for Cornwall, was present at the annual distribution of prizes on board the Mount Edgcumbe training ship, at Plymouth, on Wednesday last, held under the presidency of Admiral Sir Houston Stewart.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

THE meeting of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of the Province of Devon was held at Newton Abbot, on Tuesday, 1st inst., and, as is usual, was preceded by various Committees. The auditors V.W. Bros. J. E. Curteis P.M. 70 P.P.G.S.W. and W. S. Pasmore P.M. P.P.G.R., having performed their duties, the Huyshe Memorial Committee met at the Devon, 1138, Lodge room. There were present W. Bros. John Brewer P.G.S. Chairman, J. E. Curteis, W. E. Elphingstone Stone P.P.G.J.W., Rev. W. Whittley P.P.G.C., C. Godtschalk P.M. 70 P.P.G.D., R. H. Rae P.P.G.D., J. Stocker P.G.T., J. Jerman P.P.G.S. Works, and J. B. Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C. The accounts having been gone through and verified, the following report was adopted:—

The Huyshe Memorial Fund beg to report that the subscriptions received, a summary of which is annexed, amounted to 551 10s. Of this sum £525 was appropriated in payment of the purchase of a life presentation in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and £7 15s 10d in expenses for printing and postages, leaving a balance of £18 14s 2d, which your Committee recommend should be presented in the name of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the same Institution on the Steward's list of Bro. Godtschalk, who in August 1881 moved the resolution in the Prov. Grand Lodge that the John Huyshe Memorial should *take* the form which is now *consummated*. The presentation has been filled by the nomination of Sidney Sowden, son of the late Bro. Sowden, of Lodge 372, Budleigh Salterton. Your Committee further recommend that this Report, together with the summary before referred to, be printed and forwarded to each Lodge and Chapter in the Province.

The next meeting was the important one of the Committee of Petitions. Here the V.W. Bro. J. E. Curteis presided, and there were present W. Bros. J. B. Gover Secretary, C. Godtschalk Rep. in London, J. Brewer P.G.S., J. Stocker P.G.T., E. Aitkin Davies P.M. 1099 P.P.G.S. Works, W. Whittley P.M. 156 P.P.G.C., Webb E. Elphingstone Stone 372 P.P.G.J.W., J. Chapple P.M. 1396, G. Merrifield P.M. 282, D. Watson P.M. 328 P.P.G.J.D., Henry Stoker W.M. 39, L. D. Westcott P.M. 70 P.P.G.S. Works, H. Welch P.M. 202 P.P.G.P., G. C. Searl P.M. 710, William E. Warren 1358 P.P.G.O., Robert Hambly W.M. 1855, T. D. Ford W.M. 1091, James Murray P.M. 1402 P.G.S., John Hurrel P.M. and T. 797, J. Bassett I.P.M. 1212, R. G. Bird P.M. 1550, J. R. Lord P.M. 70 and 1247 P.P.G.S.B., R. Cawsey P.M. and S. 230, A. R. Lethbridge P.M. 1847, Samuel Jones P.M. 112 P.P.G.J.W., John T. Crosby I.P.M. 952, S. Loram P.M. 1442 P.P.G.D.C., G. T. Barry P.M. 248 P.P.G.P., H. J. Kitt W.M. 105, Edmond T. Fulford P.M. 1254, William Brodie P.M. 1753 P.P.G.J.D., Thomas Ford P.M. 1125, George Evans P.M. 1181 P.P.G.S.D., W. Powell P.M. and S. 1205, S. B. Harvey P.M. and Sec. 1255, Henry G. Beachy P.M. 1138 P.P.G.T. A letter was read from the chairman, the R.W. Bro. W. Goddard Rogers D.P.G.M. stating his inability to attend. The minutes of the last meeting having been read, were confirmed. The Secretary read his report as follows:—

The number of votes received from the Provinces for the past year have been for October 1881, 253 boys' and 184 girls'; for April 1882, 267 boys' and 184 girls'; for May 1882, 434 men's and 444 widows', showing an increase over the number received last year of 214 votes. This improvement clearly demonstrates the utility of widely circulating the Reports of the London representative, in which Reports will be found many wholesome truths *and undeniable facts*. There are, however, still some Lodges who persistently withhold their support. This must be because the brethren who are appointed to represent them on this Committee fail in their duty. The Lodges who have neglected during the past year have been Nos. 106, 489, 710, for the eleventh year 1135 and 1753. The Chapters are 106, 444, 710, 90, and 1284. The disposal of the votes will be shown in the Report of Bro. Godtschalk, as also the position of the Province, which is highly favourable.

The report of the London representative (Bro. C. Godtschalk) having been printed and circulated was in the hands of each member of the Committee of Petitions, and is abridged as follows:—

The Annual Report referred first to the fact that at the half-yearly Report, Devon owed to other Provinces a total of 2,204 votes, whilst there were due to Devon 1,949 votes. The first election of the year was that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 8th April 1882, and a peculiar feature of this election was that at a Quarterly Communication, held immediately preceding the election, a motion was carried that all the candidates (twenty-seven) should be admitted without a ballot. Hence, the thousands of votes collected with so much care, became waste paper, and Devon was enabled to pay their liability of 626 votes. Of course arrangements had been made to pay in full if it had been required. The next election was for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, 10th April 1882; the Devon votes received by Bro. C. Godtschalk from the Province were 267 Boys', with 816 repaid by Warwickshire, 197 borrowed, and fifty from a private source. These 1,330 votes were disposed of as follows:—Repaid Worcester 457, Cheshire 29, Bro. L— 33, lent Cheshire 500, to Warwickshire 257, and to South Wales 54. At the election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Widows, 19th May, there were received from the Devon Province 444 votes; add to these the following votes obtained by your representative from Warwickshire 816, from Monmouthshire 535, from Cheshire 1,000, from South Wales 108, borrowed from Cornwall 239, and from Exmouth, exchange for men 47. These 3,189 votes are thus accounted for: The candidate selected by the Committee, the widow of an Exeter brother, had, during two previous elections polled 22 votes, 1,381 votes were polled for her, and she was elected with 1,403 votes. Then selecting the widow of the Plymouth brother whose friends had previously guaranteed to poll for her some two or three hundred votes; 1381 votes were polled for her by me, and she was elected by a total of 1,841 votes; 427 were then lent; this accounts for all received. The exceptionally high polling at the election of widows, at which only thirteen were to be elected out of sixty-three candidates, meant that the highest candidate polled 2,096 votes, and the lowest elected 1,373. At the Election for Aged Freemasons, on the 19th May, the Devon votes were 434; borrowed from Cornwall 207, from Wiltshire 50, repaid by Cumberland 104. These 795 votes were thus dealt with, including sixteen rejected coloured votes, because three Lodges and two Chapters had neglected to pay their dues to Grand Lodge, to a brother of Exmouth. In exchange for 100 Widows' votes, lent Exmouth 175 votes, and in exchange for twenty-five guineas to be paid to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on the list of Bro. C. Godtschalk, 504 votes were handed to Bro. Carter, and he was enabled to elect a duly qualified Devon candidate with 988 votes. Thus at four elections, the total number of Devon votes received by your representative were 1329; whilst the elections of Devon candidates during same elections a total of 3,541 votes more had been used, and yet our Province has no future liability, other than can be repaid by votes lent to other Provinces. Devon has now on the London Charities seven Aged Masons, seven Widows, and three others receiving half their late husbands' annuities, six Devon orphan boys, and eight girls in the Schools. Bro. Godtschalk's Report concluded with a regret that the duties were so manifold, and with less time at his disposal, he should not seek re-election at the expiration of his term; his successor, however, would find the Province under no liability for a single vote in connection with the elections.

An animated discussion arose hereon as to the disposal of some of the votes, and the independent line of action adopted by Bro. Godtschalk at the several elections, as shown by this and other of his reports.

In reply, Bro. Godtschalk said evidently two or three of the Committee were labouring under a mistaken notion. They must bear in mind in every case since he had represented the Province at the Great Masonic Charities, he had first, from his own efforts, supplemented the *small* number of Province votes placed at his disposal, and with these votes at once elected the candidate, whether man, woman, boy, or girl that had been selected by this Committee. Had these poor candidates been left to reap the benefit of what the Devon Province votes would have done for them, it is certain they would not have been elected, but been left out in the cold, and by now probably be hungry. Not only had he, without a single exception, elected the candidates selected by the Committee, but had, with surplus votes obtained entirely outside the Province, elected other duly qualified Devon candidates, for which the Province of Devon is under no liability whatever. He also pointed out to the two or three brethren who cavilled at this independent action, that had he used the large number of votes obtained wholly outside Devon, by electing candidates not belonging to the Province, then there might be something in their objection, but they well knew such had never been the case. He failed to see, looking at the fact that his action had been to relieve the Province, by electing duly qualified Devon candidates, whose cases *must sooner or later* have come before this Committee, who not having the power to elect the same would have had a burden to deal with, which, by his action, to the extent of the candidates elected, this Committee is relieved from dealing with. Moreover, let it be noted that in two recent cases of Devon candidates elected, they not being selected by this Committee, monies have been paid to the respective Institutions, for which Devon gets the credit, and future votes, through her Steward. Thinking thus, it would be well if certain brethren, before giving vent to the very crude objections expressed, were to throw a little light thereon, and endeavour to post themselves with a knowledge of some of the features of a contested Masonic election; they would learn that during the two hours of the poll being open, and after previous well-arranged plans have been made for the election, and the ultimate disposal of votes, many contingencies arise; by having to depend on others for votes, which have to be allotted, repaid, marked, and polled, and to the brother whose word is good for the prompt return at a future election within the last hour of the poll being open, large parcels of votes are sometimes offered; this requires instant decision, with the knowledge of what number he wants to elect his candidate, and not to poll at random, and so waste votes; and also to know that he will be in a position to repay the borrowed votes at next election; to do this requires a representative, not a mere go-between who must needs wire his Province for instructions over every small transaction. For some years he had been, in the sense first-mentioned, their representative, and the large number of Devon candidates—Aged Masons', Widows', Boys', and Girls'—carried by him, with only a small moiety of Devon votes to do so, placed him in a position to say to carping brethren, "In the interest of our Province, and for the benefit of our unfortunate and necessitous poor,—Go thou and do likewise." At the conclusion of these remarks, Bro. Godtschalk's report was received and adopted by the Committee, for presentation to the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The following Report was likewise adopted for presentation to the Provincial Grand Lodge:—

The Committee of Petitions, in submitting their annual statement to the Provincial Grand Lodge, have the pleasure to report that the result of their efforts has been as successful as in former years. The total number of votes for all the Charities received by the Committee from Devon for the year have been 1766, an increase over the former year of 214. With these at their disposal the Committee have succeeded in securing the election of one aged Mason, two widows, and one girl, and for this purpose 4851 votes have been used. Where and how the enormous balance of over 3000 votes were obtained is shown in the Reports of Bro. Godtschalk, to whom the Province is largely indebted for his indefatigable energy and skilful arrangements. It is still, however, a subject for regret that many Lodges do not support the Committee. Those who have neglected to do so in the past year are Lodges 106 Exmouth, 489 Bideford, 710 Totnes, for the eleventh year 1135 Ilfracombe, for the fourth year 1753 Okehampton, and Chapters 106 Exmouth, 444 Starcross, 710 Totnes, 954 St. Anbyn, 1284 Topsham. There are at least 600 votes annually lost to the Province, either by being given to candidates outside Devon, or not being utilised. It should be remembered that the pink coloured votes sent to Lodges and Chapters are rejected by the scrutineers if the Grand

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Lodge and Chapter dues are unpaid. And at the elections a black list is issued by the Grand Secretary, and the Lodges who figure therein lose their votes. At the meeting of the Committee in Exeter, on 24th January, the following sums were granted:—£5 to the widow of a late brother of Lodge 112 Exeter, being a fifth donation, £5 to a brother of Lodge 159 Stonehouse, £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 280 Devonport, £5 to the brother of Lodge 248 Brixham, £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 328 Torquay, £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 1125 Tiverton, £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 1205 Stonehouse, the sum of £2 10s to the widow of a brother of Lodge 1247 Plymouth, and £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 1550 Plymouth. At the meeting held at Newton Abbot this day, the Committee have granted the sum of £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 489 Bideford, and they recommend the Provincial Grand Lodge to grant the following sums:—£5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 280 Devonport, £5 to a brother of Lodge 248 Brixham, £10 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 1125 Tiverton, £10 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 1205 Stonehouse, £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 156 Plymouth, £10 to a brother of Lodge 328 Torquay, and three guineas to a widow of a brother of Lodge 1181 Seaton; and in accordance with the resolution of the Provincial G. Lodge, the Committee recommend that the sum of one hundred guineas (the available balance of the funds) be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and that it be placed on the list of the W. Bro. J. E. Curteis P.P.G.S.W., as Steward representing the Province.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Alexandra Hall, under the banner of Devon Lodge, No. 1138, and the room was well arranged and decorated by the zealous members of that Lodge.

The Secretary's Report, showing the returns of the Lodges in the Province, the number of members and amount of dues, which will be printed and circulated amongst the Lodges, was received and adopted.

The Treasurer's Report showed the amount received for the past year, and beyond small printing and postal expenses, the balance will be found to be satisfactorily expended by the Committee of Petitions. The Report of the Fortescue Fund was not presented.

The Report of the Committee of Petitions was read by W. Bro. Gover, and it was unanimously resolved that it be received and adopted, and the sums therein recommended be paid.

The Bye-Laws Revision Committee reported that they had met, and having regard to the fact that the constitution of the Order was also to be revised, and having the advice of the higher authorities, the Committee would wait for the settlement of the general laws.

The Report of the Huyshe Memorial Committee was received and adopted.

The Report of the Committee for purchasing Collars and Jewels was read. They had been unable to find exactly how many would be really wanted, and there was a large difference in the Masonic drapers' and jewellers' prices; but after the meeting, when they proposed to retain the collars, they would be able to decide and carry out the arrangement. Bro. Gover suggested that it would be better to adopt the principle of Grand Lodge, and let the brethren who were appointed to office come provided with their regalia. He had had several experiences of new collars being bought for Grand Lodge, and could scarcely understand how these were lost; a Brother distinguished by high official rank ought to be able to recollect to whom the jewel lent him for a year really belonged. The Report was received and adopted.

The following communication from the Grand Lodge was submitted for consideration:—"That at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, holden on 7th June, it had been proposed 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 1s 6d each to the fund, instead of 1s, as fixed by the Grand Lodge held on the 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 Grand Lodge." But, "after some discussion, the following resolution was passed:—'That the further consideration of this motion be postponed until an opportunity be given to Provincial Grand Lodges to consider whether any increase should be made to the quarterage at present paid to Grand Lodge.' I am, therefore, directed to request that you will be so good as to take the necessary steps to ascertain the views of your Provincial Grand Lodge on the question, and to notify the same to me before the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on the 6th December next, at which meeting the consideration of the motion will be resumed." The brethren generally were opposed to this proposition, and it was proposed and seconded by W. Bros. Samuel Jones and Perry that no increase in the quarterage should be advised. The only brother that spoke in behalf of the Grand Lodge proposition was Wor. Brother Charles Godtschalk, who sought to show that one of two courses must be followed: either the quarterages must be increased, or the relief afforded by the Lodge of Benevolence must be limited. At present that Lodge had a reserve fund of £45,000, but the calls upon it had increased so much of late that the expenditure exceeded the income, and at the present rate that reserve fund must be annihilated in about twenty years unless the brethren came in some way to its aid. Lodges were always applying to the Board of Benevolence for aid when they had any distress, somewhat too frequently, he feared, from want of caution and circumspection in their Lodge management. Yet they thought nothing of how that fund was to be replenished. By the reckless increase of Lodges during the past few years, whether wanted or not, many had been brought into the Order who had better have been left out; with them Masonry had made a bad debt. This debt must now be paid by increased quarterages, or it must be liquidated by diminished grants from the Fund of Benevolence. The proposition against the increase of the quarterage was carried with scarcely another dissentient. W. Bros. John James, J. W. Cornish, and Walter Bradnee were proposed for the office of Treasurer. Bro. Cornish was elected. W. Bro. J. E. Curteis and W. S. Pasmore were re-elected Auditors.

R.W. Brother Rogers then invested the following brethren as the Officers for the ensuing year:—Worshipful Brothers Captain W. Elphinstone Stone, R.N., 372 P.G.S.W., Wm. Derry 166 P.G.J.W., the Rev. Roger Granville 489 and Rev. H. B. Grimaldi 164 Prov. Grand Chaplains, W. Vicary 1138 P.G. Registrar, J. W. Cornish 223 P.G.T., John Brewer 251 P.G. Sec., W. B. Colston 248 P.G.S.D., Mark Farrant 112 P.G.S.D., W. H. Goodridge 797 P.G.J.D., Thomas Sanders 421 P.G.J.D., George Merrifield 282 P.G.S. Works, James Murray 1402 P.G.D.C., H. L. Friend 1443 P.G.A.D.C., W. H. Gillman 1099 P.G.A.D.C., H. H. Edmonds 444 P.G.S.B., James Chapple 1396 P.G.O., C. W. Holdstock 666 P.G. Purs., C. H. Cooper 105, F. H. H. Orchard 164, H. F. Willey 1284, James Thorne 1332, Frederick Falk 1358, and F. Littleton 1847 P.G. Stewards, P. L. Blanchard 444 P.G. Tyler, John Rogers 202 A P.G. Tyler. This concluded the business, and in the evening a large number of brethren dined together at the Globe Hotel, R.W. Bro. Rogers presiding.

On the 5th September their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Albany will visit Preston, when His Royal Highness will lay the first stone of the Free Library with Masonic ceremonial. There will be present on the occasion the Earl of Lathom D.G.M. England, and Provincial Grand Master West Lancashire, the Earl of Bective, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Cumberland and Westmoreland, Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart. M.P., Sir R. Assheton Cross, M.P., Bro. the Earl of Derby, who will present an address to the Duke, &c., &c. It is expected that quite a thousand members of the Craft will take part in the proceedings of the day.

The transport Orient with Major-General H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught P.G.W., and the 1st Battalion of the Scots Guards on board, left Malta for Alexandria at 1 a.m. on Tuesday the 8th instant. The ship reached the latter place on Thursday, and shortly after its arrival H.R.H. landed and paid a visit to the Khedive.

The Calabria with Lieutenant-General Bro. Sir Garnet Wolseley, commanding the expeditionary force to Egypt with squadrons of the 2nd Life Guards and Royal Horse Guards reached Gibraltar at noon on Tuesday. Lord Napier of Magdala, who commands the Garrison on the Rock, went out in a gunboat and paid Sir Garnet a visit.

Commander Bro. Lord Charles Beresford is one of half a dozen officers of the same rank who have been promoted to be Captains in the Royal Navy in consideration of their distinguished services on the occasion of the bombardment of the Alexandrian forts on the 11th July.

A committee has been formed with a view to raising by public subscription sufficient funds to enable Mr. J. T. Wood to resume his exploration of the remains of the famous Temple of Diana at Ephesus. It was as far back as 1863 that Mr. Wood began his labours, and after continuing them for six years he was fortunate enough to discover the site of the building some twenty feet below the surface of the ground. For the five following years he prosecuted his task under the auspices of the Trustees of the British Museum, by the aid of government grants, amounting in the aggregate to £12,000. Since then circumstances have not been favourable to his wish to carry his searches further, and hence the present movement, which is under the patronage of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany.

On Tuesday afternoon the Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales were confirmed at Whippingham Church, Newport, Isle of Wight, the ceremony being performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, with whom were the Dean of Windsor and Canon Connor. The Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, with their daughters the Princesses Victoria, Louise, and Maud of Wales, the Princess Beatrice, the Duchess of Connaught, Prince Leopold Duke of Albany, the Duge of Hesse, and the Princesses Sophia and Margaret of Prussia occupied seats in the chancel, which was beautifully decorated with flowers, while on the Communion Table was an exquisite display of white lilies. The young Princes wore their naval uniform, and by special desire of Her Majesty, every rank on board the Bacchante was represented, Captain Lord Scott and the other officers being in full uniform.

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HOLIDAY TIME.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At a time when the sun is broiling us all in London, and rendering life almost unbearable to us who are "chained to the desk" it is pleasant to think of so many of our brethren who are away on the wings of holiday-making, and who will return to their duties full of renewed health and vigour, when the recess is over. I hear, too, that the summer banquets which have taken place in connection with many of the metropolitan Lodges have turned out an unqualified success, and that one or two others are on the point of drawing together goodly parties of brethren and their lady friends during the next few weeks. I only regret that your columns are not thrown open more freely to a description of these happy *réunions*, for independently of the pleasure such accounts would give to the unfortunate, but unselfish, ones who have to stay at home, the records of trips and enjoyable excursions by road, river, or rail, always possess some features of interest which may be read with pleasure during our hours of relaxation. I have just received a missive from an old friend of mine, who is now enjoying a flying visit to the land o' cakes and it is positively charming to hear his recital of the benefit and pleasure he is deriving from the change. Our brother, before crossing the Tweed, wrote and asked, which was the most convenient hotel in the locality for which he was bound? and received what must have been to him a very welcome hint. "My house would be as good an hotel as any I know of, and so you had better come here." It is not often an invitation comes so frank and hospitably, and I should have wondered had Brother O—— needed a repetition of it. So away he speeds on a 350 miles journey, which he says, gleefully, was got over in eight hours and twenty minutes; and, he adds, "we did rattle away over some parts of the journey!" There is a tantalising chuckle about that style of reminder which makes one almost rush in desperation and pack up one's portmanteau instanter! He goes on further to tickle the fancy by saying, "This is a beautiful place. The house is situated in a large park of over a thousand acres, with a splendid trout stream running through it, and surrounded by very high hills, the scenery of which is splendid. I long to be at the top of them, which I shall be in a few days." My correspondent,—let me whisper in parenthesis,—always seems to hold "Excelsior!" as his motto, whether in Lodge or in his business and pleasure; and that is one reason, perhaps, of his having attained the enviable means of scudding off every now and then on a 350 miles journey! "The air is singularly pure and bracing, and it is considered one of the most healthy places in Scotland." Even in the midst of all this delicious revelry, with mountain-climbing and trout-fishing on the brain, he does not, however, forget home, for he hopes some kind brother was found the other night to "scratch down" the minutes of the Lodge of which he is Secretary, and if the substitute is too indolent to make them into "fair copy" for the next meeting, he asks me to "keep them in the rough till he comes home." Of course, the worthy old fellow need not make himself anxious at all on that score, nor allow the thought of it to interfere for a moment with the rural felicity he is now enjoying. In the postscript are the words, "We are off for a drive directly after dinner. Remember me to the brethren all, and say, I am enjoying myself and forgetting all about Masonry, so I shall have to rehearse to myself while fishing." Lucky dog! the only harm we wish you is, that we could join you on the banks of your lovely stream, and hear your merry prattle, as the trout rise to the fly, to enhale your mountain breezes, and to "rehearse Masonry" (?) instead of spending the next few sultry weeks on a high stool amongst the bricks and mortar of this eternally hard-worked city. Cannot you get a few more of our brethren who are floating about in charming holiday ease to send us a few little bits of such gossip. It would enable them to give vent to their joyous feelings, and do a little to make us at home forget the worries of an involuntary imprisonment in the durance vile of our offices.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

GRUMBLER.

Cheapside, 9th August 1882.

JEWS IN ENGLAND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—All English historians agree that Jews settled in England during Cromwell's time; E. H. Lindo, in his "Jewish Calendar," page 127, says, that in 1656, "The first Portuguese synagogue, Duke's Place," was opened, also their burial ground, in Mile End, and their hospital, where it now stands. I was, therefore, surprised to find in "The England of Shakespeare," by Elwin Goadley, published by Cassell, Petter, Galpin and Co., chapter ix. page 138, an intimation that Jews lived in England during Shakespeare's time.

The said chapter is devoted to an imaginary ramble, by the author, through various parts of London. On page 138 he says, "Our route is by Cornhill, then anything but a corn place, full of old clothes shops, and familiar Jewish physiognomies. If you have been robbed of a hat, a cloak, or a rapier, in a brawl over-night, it is here you may find it hanging next morning, with a good price on it in English money." On the next pages he says, "To the right is the Jewerie, the abode of the persecuted, but useful tribe."

Now, if there is any truth about the *old clothiers* in the days of Elizabeth or James I. in Cornhill having bought stolen goods, these old clothiers could not have been Jews. I hope you will call the publisher's attention to the blunder of Mr. Goadly, so that it may be corrected in the next edition of that otherwise very interesting little book.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 21st July 1882.

SUBDIVISION OF THE LONDON LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — The letter of your correspondent "DELTA" gives me great encouragement. I have not lost sight of my proposal, and, as a proof of intention to promote it, I may, perhaps, be allowed, through your pages, to inform him and the brethren generally, that I have forwarded to the proper quarter another notice of motion, which I trust will not be affected by any technicality rendering it unacceptable to the Board of Masters, to whom it, as well as all other notices of motion for discussion in Grand Lodge, must in accordance with our rules and constitutions, be submitted My motion now is as follows:—

"That, having regard to the great increase, during the past twenty-five years, in the number of 'Lodges within the London District,' (see Book of Constitutions, page 72), this Grand Lodge desires to respectfully represent to His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master the desirability of subdividing the said London District into Subordinate Grand Lodges, to be constituted in like manner to Provincial Grand Lodges."

There is not the least doubt that the question I desire to have discussed is one in which a majority of the members of the Metropolitan Lodges take great interest; and I conscientiously believe that, if the suggestion I make can be carried out without interference with any prerogative whatsoever, their votes will be given in its favour. I have no personal desire to give the slightest occasion for interference with duly constituted authority; but, on the contrary, am loyally disposed to submit thereto in all matters consistent with firm principle and freedom of discussion. Being, therefore, undesirous of promoting any debate which cannot be to the interests of Freemasonry, I have sought advice and information as to whether any, and, if any, what reasons can be advanced against this notice of motion as a fair question for the decision of the Grand Lodge, which body "alone as the inherent power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the Craft." But it has been intimated to me that it is no part of the duty of others, notwithstanding official position, "to advise private members of Lodges either as to the form or substance of resolutions they may desire to bring forward in Grand Lodge."

Consequently the action I have taken is on my sole responsibility, and I must stand or fall accordingly as the members of the "Lodges within the London district" may afford or withold their support. The "championship of free discussion," to which your correspondent alludes, although a very taking and complimentary expression, does not carry with it that freedom from anxiety which is essential to comfort, *unless* there be a corresponding effort on the part of those who agree with the principle. If that assistance be given, not only by perfect agreement out of Grand Lodge, as it is, but by open endorsements within its portals, the task of securing a "fair hearing" for an important question will be made easy, and the result give satisfaction.

On the merits of the question to which my notice of motion refers, I will not now enlarge. There will be proper time and place for full explanation of my views. They may not accord with the general sentiments of the brethren; on the other hand, they may. I am content to take their opinion in either case; but as to any interference with the ordinary course of procedure in respect of "notices of motion" the "question of privilege" still remains as a "*dernier ressort*," unless indeed the "cloture" should become a standing order of Grand Lodge procedure.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z.

Clapham, 7th August 1882.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—No one admires Bro. James Stevens more than I do, and no one would more gladly see his efforts at any reasonable reform crowned with success. I do not doubt, as your correspondent of last week "DELTA" is pleased to remark, that Bro. Stevens's proposal for "the subdivision of the London Lodges into Metropolitan Grand Lodges," already "has the agreement of a large body of Metropolitan Masons in its favour," and, such being the case, it does not surprise me in the least to hear that they "desire that Bro. Stevens should not let the matter drop because of his having been misinterpreted on the last occasion." I think it was quite beneath the dignity of the Board of Masters, even though they were fortified in what they did by the opinion of so learned an authority as our respected G. Registrar, to employ a mere quibble in order to defeat Bro. Stevens's motion, and Bro. Stevens was perfectly justified in bringing the matter under the notice of Grand Lodge as a question of privilege. I will go further and say, that in my humble opinion, Bro. Stevens's plain and unadorned explanation showed advantageously by the side of that offered by Grand Registrar, and I

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am considerably more than half inclined to believe that our Pro G. Master, though he felt it his duty to justify—as he did on grounds which, as his lordship was pleased to remark, were most trivial—the action of the Board of Masters, was of the same mind. But, though I think the Board of Masters was in the wrong in rejecting Bro. Stevens's motion, and that the latter was not only fully justified, but acted most pluckily in bringing his question of privilege before Grand Lodge, that is quite another affair from having faith in the virtue of the proposal Bro. Stevens was desirous of submitting. I do not, in the first place, think the Lodges in the Metropolitan area have the slightest reason to complain of not having their due share—if there be a due share, where merit alone is, or should be, the ground for promotion—of Grand Lodge honours. In the next place, the line which separates the Metropolis from the contiguous Provinces of Kent, Surrey, Essex, Herts, and Middlesex, is so absolutely nominal that a London brother who is anxious to win for himself Prov. Grand honours need not experience the slightest difficulty in satisfying his ambition. Lastly, the proposition, if carried, would, by encouraging still further the already too prevalent love of tinsel, still further detract from the simplicity of the Craft.

Yours fraternally,

"JOD."

MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have little doubt that your readers have by this time had well nigh enough of this discussion. The question of the bestowal of alms, and in what cases it is justifiable, in what the reverse, is one in respect of which there will always be found a large number of people who are of one mind only in one particular—they agree to differ. But this hardly affects the point as originally raised by a "CONSTANT READER." He cited a particular case, in which a "wayworn" brother applied for help to the members of a Lodge who were in the act of enjoying the final bout of conviviality at the very moment he made his request, and was sent away unrelieved. He remarked on the hardship of the case, but was rebuked by "CARITAS CUM DISCRIMINE" for his pains. I followed, with a suggestion that no harm could possibly have been done if the poor fellow had been temporarily relieved with the price of "glasses round," meaning of course, as I subsequently explained, that that would have met the immediate necessities of the brother's need till proper inquiry had been made into the circumstances. The discussion continued, and at length culminated in the article which appeared in your number of last week. Now there is nothing in which the observance of a hard-and-fast rule is so likely to be injurious as in the distribution of alms. The man who makes a point of giving indiscriminately to every applicant has his charity again and again abused by loafing vagabonds. If you remonstrate with him, all he probably says is, "Well, it can't be helped; at all events, there were some worthy people among those I helped." On the other hand, the man who on principle refuses every applicant for help, acts with equal unwisdom. But in Masonry there is some difference in the administration of help to needy brethren. We are invited—or rather I should say it is enjoined upon us—to help those of our fellows who are in distress—within the just limit of prudence. Therefore, though it is the duty of every Mason to whom application is made by a brother for help to exercise the necessary caution, so as not to encourage the vagabond in his wanderings, it is not his whole and sole duty. If he can afford it, he ought to give him sufficient for his immediate necessities, so that, to use your own quotation, it may not be a case of "While the grass grows the horse starves." It is better to waste a little on some unworthy object of your sympathy than to run the risk of driving a worthy one into the workhouse. If, on inquiry, you find your applicant is little else than a vagabond going about the country for the purpose of seeking whom he may devour, you can then advertise him as such in the Masonic journals, and you have expended no more than you would have spent, if, in company of half-a-dozen friends, you had paid for "glasses round." If, on the other hand, he turns out a worthy fellow, you not only have the immediate satisfaction of having helped him in his immediate distress, but you can leave him with the almoner of a Lodge with far better grace, and therefore be of greater service to him ultimately, than if, in doubt of the justice of his case, you had dismissed him unrelieved.

I have no wish to prolong the discussion, but these few remarks may possibly help to illustrate your article of last week.

Fraternally yours,

"LONDONER."

The Prov. G. Lodge of South Wales, Western Division, will hold its annual meeting at Haverfordwest, on Wednesday next, the 16th instant. There is sure to be a very considerable gathering of the Craft, as there is, unquestionably, no more popular Masonic Provincial chief than Lieut.-Col. Lloyd Philipps, who is Grand Master of the Province. We anticipate that the meeting will prove a great success.

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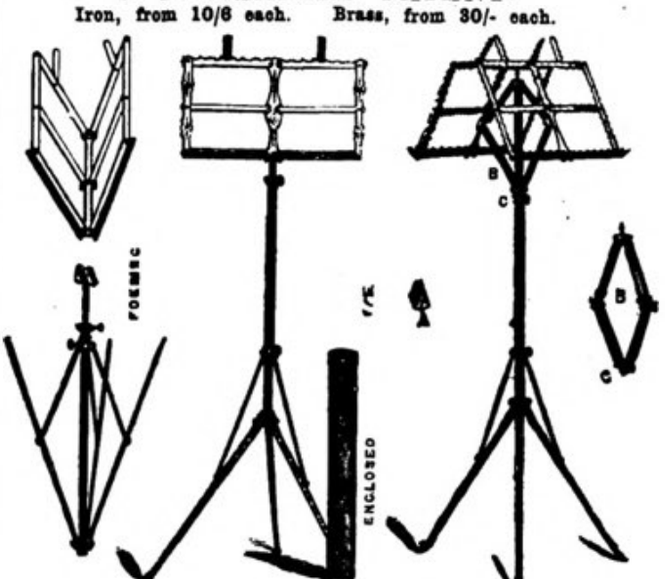

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In this order the march was continued till the Cathedral was reached, when a halt was called, and the brethren opened to the right and left, facing one another inwards, so as to leave a lane for the Grand Masters to pass up the centre; thus the Church was entered by inverting the order of the procession.

The service was begun with the appropriate hymn, "Pleasant are Thy courts," &c., which was sung most heartily. The Rev. R. Swann, rector of the parish, read the prayers; the Rev. R. Saunders, rector of St. Matthew's, read the first lesson; and the Rev. W. W. Duncombe, rector of St. David's, the second lesson. The sermon by the Right Rev. the Bishop was a practical and eloquent exposition of the words: "In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord,"—Ephesians ii. 21.

The Cathedral choir on the occasion was increased by many of the singers of St. Andrew's Church, which added much to the music both in volume and effectiveness. The Anthem selected was "The Marvellous Work," from Haydn's Creation. The solo was very finely sung by Mrs. Spence, in a clear, brilliant, and well-sustained manner, and the whole service was most hearty and joyous. When the last notes of the organ were pealing out the Hallelujah Chorus the procession reformed, and proceeded to the grounds of the present Lodge, in front of which the new Temple is to be erected, where preparations were made for laying the corner stone. A platform had been constructed for the members of the Grand Lodges; and as soon as order could be obtained, the Hon. J. H. Webb, District Grand Master for the Bahamas under the English Constitution, announced the purpose of the occasion, and offered a short prayer. The Provincial Grand Master, under the Scotch Constitution, F. J. Aranha, Esq., then inquired of the Treasurers and Secretaries of the Grand Lodges what coins, papers, or written documents had been prepared to place in the cavity of the stone. These Officers responded, and Bro. Butler read the scroll, which contained the names of the Grand Masters and Officers of the Grand Lodges, &c. Coins of the period and newspapers were also deposited under the stone, the cement was spread and the stone lowered, making three distinct stops, while the band played "Rule Britannia." Bro. Grand Master Aranha then presented to the Deputy Grand Masters, Bros. Captain Lightbourn and A. Thurston, the Square; to the Grand Senior Wardens the Level, and to the Grand Junior Wardens the Plumb, and the following colloquy ensued:—The Deputies were asked, "What is the proper jewel of your office?" To this they replied, and stated the moral and Masonic use of the Square. Similarly the Senior and Junior Wardens stated the jewels of their respective offices, and their uses in Masonry; the Level to remind the brothers of equality and to lay horizontals, and the Plumb to indicate rectitude of conduct and to try perpendiculars. All these several Masonic uses were applied to the Corner Stone, and the Deputy Masters reported it "square," the Senior Wardens "level," and the Junior Wardens "plumb." The District Grand Master then said:—

"This Corner Stone has been tested by the proper implements of Masonry, and we find that the Craftsmen have skilfully and faithfully performed their duty. We do, therefore, declare the stone to be well formed, true and trusty, and correctly laid according to the rules of our ancient Craft. Let the elements of consecration now be presented."

The Deputy Grand Masters then scattered corn as an emblem of plenty, and said:—

"May the blessing of bounteous heaven be showered upon all like patriotic and benevolent undertakings, and inspire the hearts of the people with virtue, wisdom, and gratitude."

The Senior Grand Wardens produced wine, and, pouring it on the Stone, said:—

"We pour this wine as an emblem of joy and gladness. May the Great Ruler of the Universe bless and prosper our Empire and City, and may Friendship and Brotherly Love endure throughout all ages."

The Junior Grand Wardens poured oil on the Stone, and said:—

"We pour this oil as an emblem of peace. May its blessings abide with us continually, and may the Grand Master of heaven and earth shelter and protect the widow and orphan, shield and defend them from trials and vicissitudes of the world, and so bestow His mercy upon the bereaved, the afflicted, and the sorrowing, that they may know sorrowing and trouble no more."

An Invocation, pronounced by the District Grand Master, followed: in these words:—

"May the all-bounteous Author of Nature bless the inhabitants of these Islands with an abundance of the necessaries, conveniences, and comforts of life; assist in the erection and completion of this building, protect the workmen against every accident, long preserve the structure from decay, and grant to us all a supply of the Corn of Nourishment, the Wine of Refreshment, and the Oil of Joy."—Amen.

An Address by the Provincial Grand Master Aranha followed:—

Men and Brethren here Assembled: Be it known unto you, that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and engaged by solemn obligations, to erect magnificent buildings, to be serviceable to the brethren, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which cannot be divulged, and which have never been found out; but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted, in peace and honour, to the Masons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey the unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honourable, we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have been honoured with the patronage of so many illustrious men in all ages, who have ever shown themselves ready to promote our interests and defend us from all adversaries. We are assembled here to-day, in the face of you all, to build a house, which we pray God may deserve to prosper, by becoming a place of concourse for good men, and promoting harmony and brotherly love throughout the world, till time shall be no more. Amen."

At the conclusion of this Address, the District Grand Master (Bro. J. H. Webb) rose and delivered an eloquent and extempore oration, in a clear, comprehensive and happy style, of which the following is a summary:—

"Brethren and Friends,—At this stage of our proceedings, it is usual for some learned and eloquent brother to deliver an oration, embodying the salient principles of our Order, and their adaptability to the exigencies of modern thought and the requirements of Society. I at once admit my incapability of properly performing this duty, but I feel somewhat relieved from any embarrassment by the sympathy and interest so clearly manifested in the vast assemblage of persons of all ranks and walks in life here gathered to assist in the ceremony of the day. I look upon the joyous faces of my brethren, this surging crowd, this glorious weather and brilliant *tout ensemble*, as an oration in itself—more eloquent than any language of mine can illustrate. We cannot paint the lily nor adorn the rose, any more than can any words of mine add to the poetic beauty and grandeur of this interesting occasion. However, I will occupy your attention for a short time with a few points in the history of Ancient and Modern Freemasonry, the Secrets of Masons, and the universal principle of Charity and Brotherhood, which is the glory of our Order. Laurie's "History of Freemasonry" contains the most succinct and graphic history of the Craft. I will read a passage or two from this work, and then leave this part of my subject, which, like all other traditional histories, is involved in a certain amount of obscurity, but has still enough of the sunlight of truth and fact to connect it with modern Speculative Freemasonry. (Extracts were here read, tracing the origin and progress of this ancient and venerable Institution.) In the West Indies Masonic history can be traced to its first Charter, about 130 years ago, and in our own sea-girt island we have data for nearly a hundred years. In the records of the vestry of Christ Church in 1785 it is stated that the Freemasons attended Divine Service on St. John's Day; and in 1810 the foundation stone of St. Andrew's Kirk was laid by Freemasons. In 1830 they assisted at the laying of the foundation stone of the tower of Christ Church, and in 1837 they were again present when the corner stone of the new church was laid. In 1844 the first efforts were put forth by Bros. Sir George Anderson, Cooke, Jarrett, Dillett, and Smith (whose son I now see present), to obtain funds for the purchase of the present Lodge site, and the erection of the building for which to-day we are met to lay the Corner Stone. It is peculiarly gratifying to me to assist at this ceremony, because I believe the building to be erected will be an ornament to this City as well as a home for Masons, where in mutual brotherhood meetings for intellectual culture and social recreation may be had. It will be the fault of Masons alone if the arts and sciences[1] are not therein discussed and cultivated, and I rejoice in the knowledge that all good men and true may there receive educational advantages. Of the secrets of Masonry it only becomes me to say, that they are not at variance with either the laws of God or man. In ancient times the Operative Mason used them as signs of brotherhood, and in modern times the Speculative Mason uses them in the same way to discover the bond which makes all within its mystic pale one in universal charity. Whether our wives approve or not, one fact is certain, that many a widow's heart has been cheered, and orphan's life made happy through the very secrets which some despise and contemn. The magnificent schools, almshouses, and retreats for the elder brethren of the Order scattered throughout the mother country fully corroborate what I state; and there is hardly a brother present who cannot testify to the fact that some young man or woman has had the first start in life through the influence which these traditional secrets impose on the conscience of the brethren. A good Mason will sure to be a good man, and a bad man cannot be a good Mason. Freemasonry, let us bear in mind, "is not a plaything or a sensation. It is a very useful, unassuming, benevolent, and valuable Order; a friend to true progress, and improving civilisation, which asks for and obtains the warm support of the intellectual, the moral, the kindly disposed, and the honest-hearted. It is an institution, around which we may freely rally, amid many opposing schools of thought and sympathy to-day, as offering us a standpoint on which we ourselves can plant, as on a firm basis, its goodly standard of toleration, honour, loyalty, and charity." Let me urgently advise its use, and recommend its principles. It seems to me to say to-day, in convincing tones, Our Order is one within whose peaceful portals you may learn useful lessons, without dwelling upon hurtful, puerile contentious—lessons of forbearance, love, truth,

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without condemning one another. Amid all the noise of angry combatants and the turmoil of sectaries Freemasonry offers a rendezvous for toleration, concord and brotherhood. Of the great fundamental principles of the Order, I will only say that they appear to me like the grand old Atlantic Ocean spread out before us in dazzling beauty and sunlit streaks. Its vastness is only limited by the globe we inhabit, though its waters merge into other oceans and seas which lave the continents and islands which give them names. So is the universal bond of Masonic charity. It knows neither Confucian, Buddhist, Islam, nor Christian, by symbol or creed, but embraces all in its universal girdle of charity and brotherly love. It only asks for the sign, to at once extend the fraternal embrace. I commend this Order to your wise consideration and enlarged sympathies, and thank you, on behalf of my brethren, as well as myself, for your kind presence here to-day to assist in laying this stone."

The Benediction was then read as follows:—

"Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace and goodwill toward men! O Lord, we most heartily beseech Thee with Thy favour to behold and bless this assemblage; pour down Thy mercy, like the dew that falls upon the mountains, upon Thy servants engaged in the solemn ceremonies of this day. Bless, we pray Thee, all the workmen who shall be engaged in the erection of this edifice; keep them from all forms of accidents and harm; grant them in health and prosperity to live; and finally, we hope, after this life, through Thy mercy, wisdom, and forgiveness, to attain everlasting joy and felicity, in Thy bright mansion—in Thy holy temple—not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.—Amen."

The brethren here responded earnestly, "So mote it be!" and gave the grand honours and a hearty huzza.

Refreshments were afterwards liberally supplied in the lower hall of the Lodge room, which had been beautifully and lavishly decorated with flowers, and the ceremony of laying the Corner Stone of the Temple closed.—*Nassau Guardian.*

[We are indebted to a correspondent for the paper which contains this interesting report. Bro. J. H. Webb, the District Grand Master, is well known to, and deservedly esteemed by, many of our readers, inasmuch as he is a brother by birth of Bro. W. P. Webb, the popular Worshipful Master of the Kensington Lodge, No. 1381.—Ed. F.C.]

On Saturday last there was a meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Edgar Bowyer presiding. The following brethren were also present:—Bros. A. Williams, C. F. Matier, J. L. Mather, R. W. Stewart, A. E Gladwell, L. Ruf, Jas. Terry, Rev. A. F. Woodford, Dr. F. W. Ramsay, E. C. Massey, and the Secretary. After the usual business of confirming the minutes of the Committee's previous meeting, and reading the minutes of the House and Audit Committees for information, a sum of £250 was voted to be transferred from the General Fund to the Sustentation Fund, which had been overdrawn. Three petitions were presented, and of these two were approved and the other deferred for further information. An outfit allowance was voted to A. E. Breary, a former pupil, who was certified to be giving satisfaction to the employers to whom he has engaged himself. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart's motion, of which due notice had been given, then came on for consideration. Bro. Binckes having withdrawn, Bro. Stewart briefly stated his proposal that the Committee should add the sum of £100 a year to the Secretary's salary. He had originally proposed to ask them for an addition of £150, but to this Bro. Binckes had himself objected. Although the subject of discussion precludes any detailed report being given of what was said by the different speakers, the unanimity of the vote will sufficiently indicate that there was no opposition offered to the motion, which was seconded by Bro. Matier, and carried without a dissentient voice. It is desired, however, that the Craft generally may be informed exactly as to the following facts:—Seven or eight years ago Bro. Binckes's salary was fixed by the Committee at £400 a year, in addition to which he was allowed a sum of £200 as compensation for the discontinuance of the per centage he had previously received upon the sums collected for the Institution. On his completing his twenty-first year of service, the sum of £100 was voted to him as a gratuity, to commemorate the occasion, but from the manner in which this payment had been entered in the published accounts it is feared that some brethren may imagine that it is an annual payment, which is not the fact. In short, now that Bro. Binckes's salary has been raised to £500, his whole emoluments from the Institution do not exceed £700. On being informed of what had been done for him, Bro. Binckes thanked the Committee for the compliment they had paid him, and said that though his faculties had lost some of the vigour they possessed when he was a younger and stronger man, the resolution that had been passed was an indication that the Committee did not consider that he was as yet failing in his efforts on behalf of the Boys' School. There was no other business, and a vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Colonel Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), Rev. A. F. A. Woodford. James Brett, Edgar Bowyer, George Bolton, Raynham W. Stewart, J. March Case, Thos. Cubitt, A. H. Tattershall, William Stephens, J. G. Gordon Robbins, H. McPherson, Thomas W. C. Bush, C. H. Webb, Robert P. Tate, W. Hilton, Charles Godtschalk, W. J. Murlis, and James Terry Secretary. The chairman signed cheques for the quarter's annuities £1,570 to the men, and £1,355 to the women, besides cheques for office salaries, expenses, &c. A widow was granted half her late husband's annuity, and four male and two female candidates were placed on the list for the May 1883 Election. Bro. Terry informed the brethren that G. Lodge would hold its next Quarterly Communication before the Committee met again, and as Bro. Raynham Stewart's motion for granting £800 a year to the Benevolent Institution would be again mentioned there, it was desirable that all the brethren should attend to support it. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

On Saturday afternoon, H.M.S. Bacchante, with the Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales, took up her moorings off Cowes. Its arrival had been expected much earlier in the day, and at 8 a.m. the Prince and Princess of Wales, on board the Royal Yacht Osborne, had started to meet the good ship on which their sons had been voyaging round the world. But for some reason, whether barnacles or other is of little moment, it was not till the afternoon was well advanced, that the approach of the Osborne followed by the Bacchante was signalled, and as there were yachts and other small craft innumerable sailing about, and as the Hector guardship, Cowes, the Prince of Wales's yacht Aline, &c., became all of a sudden quite gay with the bunting they displayed, the scene was a very lively one. The Prince and Princess on meeting the Bacchante had boarded her, and greeted their sons most affectionately, and, having inspected the ship, returned with them to the Osborne. When the latter, therefore, had taken up her moorings, the Royal party left in a steam pinnace for the purpose of visiting the Queen at Osborne. About seven o'clock they returned on board the Osborne, where the Prince and Princess entertained at dinner a number of guests, among them Lord Charles Scott, Captain of the Bacchante, and several of his officers. The young Princes afterwards returned to their vessel. On Sunday the Prince and Princess of Wales attended divine service on board their sons' ship. As the Bacchante sailed from Portland on 20th September 1880, the Royal midshipmen have been absent only a few weeks short of two years.

The meetings of the North London Chapter of Improvement, at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's-road, are being conducted in an eminently satisfactory way. On Thursday last Comps. Edmonds filled the chair of Z., Gregory H., Stroud J., John Evans Sheffield S.E., Knight S.N., R. F. Fennell P.S., Edmonds Preceptor, when the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, after which Comp. Stroud of the Bedford Chapter, and Comp. Phillips of the Industry Chapter were elected joining members.

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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, 12th AUGUST.

Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, at 3.30
Metropolitan Council (T.I.) Allied Masonic Degrees, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, at 3
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New North-road, S.E., at 7. (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)
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

MONDAY, 14th AUGUST.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
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.)
1633—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1635—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1683—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
1927—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
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
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
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

TUESDAY, 15th AUGUST.

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.)
980—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)
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, Alexandra Palace, N.
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
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.
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, 16th AUGUST.

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
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)
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)
1638—Brownrigg, Swan Hotel, Kingston on Thames
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. 1594—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone

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
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
973—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1096—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1366—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

THURSDAY, 17th AUGUST.

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)
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, Spotted Dog, Upton
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 742—Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
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
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
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)

FRIDAY, 18th AUGUST.

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.)
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.)

152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
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.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon

SATURDAY, 19th AUGUST.

1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New North-road, S.E., at 7. (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)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 980.—On Tuesday, 8th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Forss W.M., Jones S.W., Frith J.W., F. Carr Secretary, Christian S.D., Smyth I.G. The Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Glass offered himself as candidate for passing; he was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and Brother Glass was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The W.M. worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Frith of Lodge 1707 was elected a member. Bro. Jones was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

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WELCHPOOL LODGE, No. 998.

THE regular meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Lodge Room, Railway Station, on Friday, 4th instant, and the members of the Lodge, taking advantage of the Lord Mayor's visit to Welchpool, eagerly availed themselves of the opportunity of asking his lordship to honour the Lodge by attending as Grand Junior Warden of England.

The Lodge was opened in the first degree at five p.m. by Bro. Edmund Field Robinson W.M. in the chair; Bros. Rev. Alfred Whitlow, M.A., I.P.M. Chaplain, T. B. Morris P.M. P.Z. as Senior Warden, Dr. Morgan P.M. as Junior Warden, W. Whithy P.M. P.Z. Treasurer, D. P. Owen P.M. P.Z. Secretary, W. Collender Past Prov. G.A.D. of Cer. P.Z. as S.D., Rhys Buckley Williames J.D., Rees Thomas I.G., T. McGrath Dir. of Cer. members of the Lodge; R.W. Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., Prov. G. Master for North Wales and Shropshire, J. Danily Past Prov. G.S.B., F. Britton Past Prov. G.J. Warden of Derbyshire P.Z., J. H. Anderson P.M. M.E.Z., R. W. Hurst, Edward Owen, John Owen, R. Lewis Andrew members of the Welchpool Chapter. Bros. J. Kitto P.M., W. Spraggon Past Prov. G.A.D. of Cer., C. E. Monro, J. Nunn P.M., T. A. Forster P.M., Clement O. Rav. Visitors—Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London Grand Junior Warden of England, attended by the City Marshal, Bro. Major Bannerman Campbell 21; the Sword Bearer, Bro. C. J. W. Winsar 87; and the Mace Bearer, Bro. W. H. B. Ikey 697; R.W. Bro. Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G. Master of Surrey, W. H. Snaell Prov. G. Secretary, Col. Huddleston 460, Edgar Attwood W.M. 1070, T. Goodman P.M. 1694, T. Warren Thompson P.M 117, J. H. Webb W.M. 1582, W. Russell 120, A. J. Blair 1432, J. Pugh Morris 1124, Joseph Evans 1583, Ed. Davies 1582, W. Craig 954, W. Francis 1394, J. A. Talbot 1594, Edward Jones 1594, C. L. B. Powell 1072.

A letter from the Most Noble the Marquis of Londonderry Prov. G.M. Durham was read, expressing his inability to attend.

The ballot was taken that Bros. T. Morgan P.M. 1120 and A. J. Blair 1432 be joining members. This proved unanimous in their favour. The ballot was then taken that Mr. William Noah Holt, Inland Revenue Officer of Welchpool, be a candidate for Freemasonry, and was unanimously in his favour. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master of N. Wales and Shropshire was then announced, and received in proper form, and the same with Prov. Grand Master of Surrey, and they were saluted accordingly. The W.M. then asked W. Bro. D. P. Owen P.M. to ascend the pedestal, and the candidate being present was admitted and initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. The Masonic services were conducted musically. Bro. D. P. Owen's Masonic Service of Scriptural Extracts being ably rendered by the aid of Bro. R. Lewis Andrew, presiding at the harmonium, assisted by Bros. John Owen, Ed. Owen, and W. Francis. On the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. resumed the pedestal, when the R.W. Grand Junior Warden was announced, and a deputation consisting of W. Bros. Collender and Spraggon Past Prov. G.A.D. of Cer. awaited upon his Lordship, and conducted him to the dais, when he was saluted in due form. A petition to the Board of Benevolence was sanctioned by the Lodge on behalf of an old member, and a cheque of £5 was ordered to be sent to meet his present necessities. Lodge afterwards was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Oak, where a sumptuous banquet was served in Mr. Rowland's usual excellent style. Great credit is due to the brethren of the Lodge for the very handsome manner in which they had furnished their Lodge room.

The following was the

MENU.

Potages—Creme de Pois, Consommc Clair.

Poissons—Turbot Hollandaise, Saumon d'Homard Anguilles.

Entrees — Cotelettes d'Agneau au Concombre, Quenelle de Volaille, Compote de Pigeon.

Rots—Hanche de Venaison, Dindonneaux Bechamel, Langue de Bœuf, Bœuf Braise.

Releves—Cailles, Levrauts, Canetons, Poulets Rots.

Entremets—Gelee au Maraschino, Creme de Vanille, Tartelettes.

Glace—Poudin a la Nesselrode.

Dessert—Grapes, Pines, Melons, Peaches, Apricots, Greengages, Jersey Pears.

W. Bro. Edmund Field Robinson, M.B., W.M., said the first toast he had to propose was one of unusual interest—that of the most illustrious Lady in the land, the Queen. They all knew how she had endeared herself to the Brotherhood by permitting her son to take the sincerest interest in the welfare of the Order.

"God Save the Queen," by the Band.

Bro. Robinson said the next toast he had to propose was that of the Prince of Wales—a name that was dear to all as the noble patron of the Order and the Worshipful Grand Master of England. His geniality and thoughtfulness were so proverbial that he need not say more on that point, and it gave him great pleasure to couple with the toast the name of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, with sincere thanks for the honour he had done Lodge 998 by accepting their invitation to advance the interests of the Craft, and if he (the Speaker) were not going beyond the bounds of propriety, he was quite sure that the Most Worshipful Grand Master would give him absolution if he said on his behalf that there was nothing which gave him greater satisfaction than to feel that the Freemasons appreciated the work he did on their behalf. He begged to connect the toast with the R.W. Bro. Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., Grand Junior Warden of England.

The Lord Mayor, in responding, said he hardly knew how to reply for the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, but they all knew how exceedingly gracious and condescending His Royal Highness was, and how he was always anxious to promote the interests of Freemasonry. The objects and ends of Freemasonry were so worthy that upon several occasions he had freely and with the most open heartedness explained the real and true principles upon which Freemasons act, and he was assured that those principles were the principles which His Royal Highness highly approved. He believed that the basis of all Freemasonry was goodwill towards men. Justice, truth, honour and virtue were the words that were inscribed, not upon their banners, but on their hearts. They believed that the happiness of mankind was made up by behaving to each other as they would be done by, and that those virtues should be practised by Freemasons, not occasionally, but universally—at all times. With them emulation was one of the first principles, but they desired to succeed not to the disadvantage of others, but that their success might be a benefit to all who were associated with them. Those were the sentiments which he believed should emanate from every true Mason. Having the honour on the present occasion of answering for the toast, he had great pleasure in doing so. He felt it a most distinguished honour and a pleasure, and a gratification beyond expression. He felt also very great satisfaction in being associated with such excellent company. Perhaps he could hardly speak amongst Welshmen of his friend Sir Watkin Williams Wynn in terms which would be equal to what he knew animated their breasts; in fact, no language could describe the position which Sir Watkin held in the Principality. He hoped and trusted that some more able orator than himself would yet propose the health of Sir Watkin Williams Wynn. But speaking of Bro. General Brownrigg, he was the P.G.M. of the County of Surrey, which was the county in which he had long resided. He could say that they were very proud of their county. It was a metropolitan county. They believed they had the advantages which a great town affords in civilising and educating the people, but they also possessed some of the most beautiful scenery in the world—the river Thames, in its beauteous course—the Surrey Hills, full of grand scenery, and almost as poetic as the hills of Wales; but the beauty and grandeur of the scenery of Surrey would not create envy, because envy never entered the breast of a Welshman. But they esteemed Bro. Brownrigg on account of his knowledge and skill in the Craft of a Freemason. His Lordship concluded by returning their heartfelt thanks to the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast.

"God bless the Prince of Wales," by the Band.

W. Bro. D. P. Owen said that it gave him the greatest pleasure to propose the next toast, viz., the health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of North Wales and Shropshire Sir W. W. Wynn, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge. He (Bro. Owen) had peculiar pleasure in so doing, as he was one of the very few who were present eighteen years ago, when Sir Watkin came and consecrated the Lodge. The pleasure of Sir Watkin's presence was enhanced by the knowledge that he always expressed his great delight whenever he honoured the old town with a visit. The able manner in which Sir Watkin governed his Province was evinced by the fact that Masonry was dull in the Province previously to the establishment of No. 998, the Masons of the Province sprang into activity in 1864, since which time Sir Watkin had consecrated eighteen Lodges, and in the Province, in addition to the twenty-seven Blue Lodges, five Chapters were flourishing as well. As regards the other Provincial Grand Officers it was well known how assidnous they were in the performance of their duties.

"Sir Watkin's Delight," by the Band.

Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn said he rose to return thanks to his old friend, Bro. Price Owen, for the kind way in which he had proposed his health. He begged to thank them all for the kindness they had shown to him. It gave him great pleasure to be amongst them again, for in no town in North Wales had he received more kindness. He was glad of the present opportunity of being there, and very glad to see one in particular coming amongst them. One who occupied a very high position in this country. One presiding over the largest municipality in the kingdom. In that position the Lord Mayor had done all he could to keep up the prestige of that high office. He felt sure that they were glad to have the opportunity of welcoming one who held one of the highest offices in Grand Lodge as well as the responsible position of Lord Mayor of London. He would not trouble them with any further remarks, but they all knew, especially the old Officers, how interested he was in their success, and he concluded by thanking the Officers and their predecessors for their kindness.

Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn said he had to give them a toast which he thought ought to be given, the health of the Worshipful Master, with thanks for the trouble he had taken in receiving the Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor in the way which he had done, and also to propose prosperity to this Lodge.

"For he's a jolly good fellow" (Band).

Bro. E. F. Robinson W.M., in responding, said he thanked them sincerely for the manner in which his health had been drunk. It was a great honour to him to receive such distinguished company that day, and it would afford pleasing reminiscences to him and the Lodge.

Bro. Pryce Jones said that the next toast, that of the Immediate Past Master and the Officers of the Lodge, had been placed in his hands, why, he assured them, he knew not, save that it was simply because he was an inhabitant of the county of Montgomery, and also a member of the Welshpool Lodge. It was his mother Lodge in Masonry, certainly, and the Masonry which had taken root throughout the county was initiated by the Lodge at Welchpool. The Immediate Past Officers, and its present Officers must certainly, therefore, have managed the affairs of Masonry at the Welchpool Lodge in such a manner as to merit their thanks. They had formed a Lodge not only at Newtown, but at Llanidloes, and he also knew that the Welchpool Lodge had a considerable sum of money at its bankers, which spoke a good deal for its management by its Officers. He also knew that they were continually making life votes, year after year, for the good cause of Masonry. In conclusion, he said he would now venture to propose the toast which had been placed in his hands, and that was the Immediate Past Master and Officers of the Lodge of Welchpool.

Bro. Rev. A. Whitlow I.P.M., in responding, said it was his duty to return thanks. He confessed it was the most auspicious occasion

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upon which he had been at a banquet. It was no doubt a grand red-letter day in the history of the Lodge, and he ventured to express a hope that it would encourage them to work harder and make Masonry prosper here and everywhere else.

Bro. E. F. Robinson W.M., said he wished to give the next toast, the Visitors, with great heartiness. They had honoured and distinguished guests, and old friends, and he was very pleased to see them, and hoped that they might long be spared to meet them again. He thought that those visits did a great deal of good—infused new ideas, and introduced influences which would tend to the prosperity of the art. He coupled with the toast the name of R.W. Bro. General Brownrigg P.G.M. Surrey.

Bro. Brownrigg, in responding, said he felt sure that all those who were, like himself, visitors, would entirely agree with him in thanking the Lodge of Welchpool most cordially for the hospitality they had shown them that evening. He was very pleased with their surroundings, and particularly struck by the arrangement of the draperies, and the artistic and very charming appearance of the Lodge room. It was much better that Masons should hold their meetings separately from any hotel—there was a certain sanctity about their meetings and customs which made it far better to have a temple dedicated to Masonry in which to hold them. But what struck him very much was the admirable way in which the initiate passed his trial, and the solemnity in which he went through it. Very often, sometimes through nervousness, sometimes from other causes, there was an appearance of carelessness. But he believed the ritual of the Order was thoroughly impressed upon the mind of the initiate that day. He concluded by returning thanks on behalf of the visitors, and said it was a matter of great congratulation to him to meet them, and to see that they were flourishing and doing such good work.

Bro. D. P. Owen then gave the Masonic Charities. He stated that it ought to be known that their distinguished guest, the Lord Mayor, had a few days before presided over the Boys' Festival, and his exertions in the cause of charity evidenced itself in the fact that almost £12,000 was put down on the dinner table. As regarded the Charities and the Welchpool Lodge, they were supported by making a Life Vote every year, and if every Lodge followed this example it would add about £10,000 per annum to the funds of the three Charities.

The Tyler, Bro. John Barnard, gave To all Poor and Distressed Masons.

The string band performed a nice selection of music during dinner, and was conducted by Sergeant Drummer Whittingham, 4th Battalion South Wales Borderers.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

ST. PETER'S CHAPTER, ROSE CROIX.

A MEETING of this Chapter was held on Saturday, the 29th July, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at four o'clock in the afternoon, when there were present Comps. J. W. Taylor M.W.S., James Horrocks 1st General, W. J. Thomson 30 2nd General, C. S. Lane Grand Marshal, J. M. Sinclair Raphael, Thomas Mitchell Recorder, Thos. Entwisle 30 Treasurer, G. P. Brockbank 32, W. Nicholl, R. G. Brook, W. M. Wylde, Arthur Middleton, W. A. Byrom, John B. Lees, A. H. Jefferis, J. D. Glendinning, Rooke Pennington, Thos. Higson, F. A. Hust, George Ferguson, Thomas Morris P.M.W.S., C. J. Banister 33 S.G.I.G. Northern District. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The resignation of two members of the Chapter were tenderrd, but not having complied with the requirements of the Bye-laws as to contributions due, could not be accepted. Bro. John Barrett, of St. George's Lodge, Bolton, was ballotted for and unanimously elected. Bro. Barrett being away from home for the benefit of his health, was unable to be present for perfection. Apologies were read from several of the Officers who were unable to attend. S.P. James Horrocks was duly presented to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister 33 for installation as M.W.S. for the ensuing year, and the beautiful ceremonial was rendered with great dignity and precision. Ill. Bro. Banister announced that the Supreme Council would visit Lancashire in the month of October, and hold a Chapter of Grand Elected Knights K.H. in Liverpool during the visit. Bro. Banister, in the name of the Chapter, presented to Bro. J. W. Taylor, the retiring M.W.S., a very handsome P.M.W.S.'s jewel, with a suitable inscription engraved thereon, as a mark of the approval of his year's presidency by the brethren of the Chapter. Bro. Entwisle 30 presided at the third point, after which the Chapter was duly closed at six p.m. Banquet was served immediately after business had concluded, but owing to the great heat and the desire of many of the brethren who resided at some distance, the proceedings were speedily brought to a close. A very cordial and hearty vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Banister for his kindness in attending the installation, and for the great interest he has at all times manifested in the prosperity of the Chapter, from its formation. The accounts of the Chapter, duly audited, were presented and passed, and thanks given to the Auditors, Ill. Bros. Brockbank, Ferguson, and Nicholl. The following were appointed Officers for the ensuing year:—

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PROPOSED CONVENTION.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE AND THE SCOTCH SYMBOLICAL GRAND LODGE.

A FEW weeks since we gave, at some length, the purport of an article on this subject from *Le Monde Maçonnique* for the month of June. The writer, Bro. A. Grimaux, expressed his intention of noting sundry objections to the project, and in the July number of the same journal he has carried his intention into effect. Be it our present task to reproduce in general terms, and in their English garb, these same objections of Bro. Grimaux.

Having noted in the first place his unwillingness to wound the feelings of brethren who express it as their opinion that the Grand Orient may reckon on the symbolical Grand Lodge to aid it in bringing about the unification of French Freemasonry, and that their confederation was created for no other purpose than to realise that grand idea, Bro. Grimaux points out that, in December last, he laid it down that such a result would be quite possible when the Scotch Symbolical Grand Lodge recognised that the surest and easiest method of securing a unification was to enter purely and simply into the Confederation of Lodges holding under the Grand Orient of France, without pretending to claim privileges which did not belong to the old Lodges. While believing that the proposal for unification was honourable to those from whom it emanated, Bro. Grimaux points out that other Scotch Masons, fully comprehending that, in spite of its goodwill, the Supreme Council would never be in a position to give full effect to its democratic aspirations, had regularly and in a friendly spirit separated themselves from that body, and had ranged themselves under the banner of the Grand Orient of France. There they had found Lodges which had received them most cordially, and in a spirit of rejoicing at the influx of so many excellent brethren. No distinction was made between the old and the new members of the Order. The most perfect equality, so far as was possible in accordance with the democratic traditions of the Grand Orient, was established between them. Why, then, asks Bro. Grimaux, have not the members of the Symbolical Grand Lodge followed this wise example? Why, if they were so desirous of bringing about the fusion of the two bodies, did they create a fourth Masonic power? Why, in short, did they and do they still refuse to effect a union on a footing of equality with the French Lodges? We know not, adds our worthy brother, though we deplore that, in lieu of adopting so natural and so fraternal a course, they should have thought it possible to dictate terms which, in the form in which they were presented, appear to be wholly inacceptable. Is it the *régime* of the Grand Orient which is at fault, and does not appear to be sufficiently democratic in the eyes of those Scotch Lodges and brethren who have separated themselves from the Supreme Council, only after having been for years subject to the aristocratic Scotch system. It has been often so maintained, but invariably without proof, for obvious reasons.

There are many young Masons who, from constantly hearing it said in season and out of season, and under every variety of expression, that the Grand Orient is an absolute power, and ought to be reformed, arrive at the conclusion that such accusations are well founded, and, unintentionally, make common cause with the clever adversaries of the Grand Orient of France. It may not, therefore, be out of place to set before such brethren clearly and succinctly, some idea of the organisation of that distinguished body. In the first place, its Lodges nominate all their officers for one year. Such officers must be Master Masons, and must have belonged to the Lodge for the space of at least six months. The President or Venerable—our Worshipful Master—must have been a member for at least a year, and a Master Mason of two years' standing. These are the only restrictions imposed on Masons in making their choice, and no one will venture to say they are not necessary. As in all other Societies, the chiefs or Venerables are the legal representatives of the Lodges which have elected them by ballot for their annual term of office. The bond which holds the Lodges together is the Grand Orient, which is composed of the Masters of all the Lodges in the jurisdiction, and of the Council of the Order. Every year the Grand Orient holds a General Assembly, comprised of (1) all the Venerables, or, in case of necessity, delegates from the Lodges, and (2) the Council of the Order. The Assembly nominates its President, and for the future, will also elect its other officers in the same manner as is provided in the subordinate Lodges. This system, which is absolutely unobjectionable on the ground of principle, involves no other inconvenience than the loss of some valuable time.

The Assembly, albeit truly representative of the Masonic Lodges, is unable to sit permanently, though it did so when the Provincial Lodges were represented by Parisian brethren. Hence its administrative powers are entrusted to a permanent Commission of thirty-three members, who constitute what is known as the Council of the Order—one-third being elected every year. This Council, in its turn, elects its Officers annually. It is the official representative of French Masonry, renders accounts of all its acts to the General Assembly, and is the defender of the principles and statutes of the Institution. The judicial power is distinct from the legislative and administrative powers. The Lodge decides cases in the first instance, and the Provincial or local Chambers, composed of juries chosen by the Lodges, in all cases of appeal. The Worshipful Masters and Orators of Lodges can be provisionally suspended by the Council of the Order, but judgment in first and last instance is passed upon them by the Chambers or Courts of Appeal. As regards the Lodges, the disciplinary powers belong to the Council, subject to the approval of the General Assembly. Such is the organisation, which is attacked as being the reverse of democratic, though everything depends on the system of election, while all the Officers are temporary and all the powers vested in the Masters of Lodges, and in the Council of the Order, are distinctly limited.

But there is something further to take into consideration than the organisation of the Society, and that is the spirit which animates it and the ideas it propagates. Moreover, without speaking here of what is distinctive of the Grand Orient in common with all other Masonic bodies, we can judge for ourselves, without difficulty, what it has done for the development of liberal and democratic ideas. A few instances will suffice. The Grand Orient of France signalised its birth by abolishing the privileges of the Masters of Lodges, who were in truth owners of the charters, by virtue of which those Lodges existed. The watchword was "No more Privileges, No more life offices," and periodical election by the free and unbiassed

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choice of one's peers made its appearance instead:—in other words universal suffrage was introduced into Freemasonry eighty years before it was established in our public life. To the Grand Orient belong the honour and happiness of having promulgated this system which so perfectly expresses, in the present day, our ideal of justice, a system which, later on, was adopted by the French Revolution, because itwas unable to discover any other formula that answered so nearly to the generous aspirations of the men of that grand old epoch. From the very outset it had imposed on it the truly arduous task of re-uniting the scattered forces of French Masonry, which, owing to its division into innumerable systems, presented the appearance of an absolute chaos. By patience and labour this result had been happily attained, when the Scottish system re-appeared in France (having been introduced from America by the Count de Grasse-Tilly) under a new name and increased, in its transoceanic journey, by eight new degrees. Resuming forthwith its labours, the Grand Orient in 1804 concluded with the hardly-then-established Supreme Council a treaty which was very soon broken by the latter. Since then, all its efforts have been unceasingly directed towards effacing all traces of division and antagonism, and hence it is that, at a period not very remote, it has absorbed the rite of Memphis with its ninety-five degrees.

(To be continued.)

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH WALES (WESTERN DIVISION.)

THE annual meeting of this Prov. Grand Lodge took place on Wednesday, 16th inst. The brethren assembled under the banner of the Cambrian Lodge, No. 464, at the Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest. The Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel Lloyd-Philipps, Prov. Grand Master, presided, and was supported by a goodly assembly of the brethren of the Province, the Prov. Grand Officers of the year, with but one exception, being in attendance. After Prov. Grand Lodge had been formally opened, the roll of Lodges was called over, and it was found each one in the Province was represented.

The minutes of last Provincial Grand meeting, held in New Milford, in July of last year, having been read and confirmed, the Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts for the past year were submitted. These showed a balance due to Provincial Grand Lodge of £32 19s 7d.

The election of Prov. Grand Treasurer resulted in the re-appointment of Bro. J. Jenkyn Jones, who was complimented on the zeal he had hitherto displayed in the welfare of the Province and thanked for services rendered.

Before proceeding to the appointment of Provincial Grand Officers for the next twelve months, Bro. Colonel Lloyd-Philipps expressed his gratification at the way in which the Officers of the past year had fulfilled their duties, and thanked them heartily for their services. He announced that he had received a letter from Lord Kensington, in which he regretted his Parliamentary duties precluded him from the hope of being present at the meeting, and expressing the disappointment he experienced at being compelled to absent himself. The collars of office for the next year was then distributed as follow:—

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B. Deane Gilbertson 1748	...	P.G. Organist
John Henry J.D. 378	...	P.G. Pursuivant
E. Glendower Elford 378, E. P. Phillips 464, T. P. Evans J.D. 464, S. Read J.W. 464, Lewis Roberts 464, R. H. Treweeks Sec. 1748		P.G. Stewards
John Williams 366	...	P.G. Tyler

The Report of the Prov. Grand Lodge Committee which met at the St. Peter's Lodge, Carmarthen, on 7th July 1882, was next presented. This stated that from the Reports sent in by the Lodges for the past year, the general state of Freemasonry in the Province is highly satisfactory, and in a prosperous condition. The Committee recommended that Wor. Bro. J. Beavan Phillips P.M. 671 P. Prov. S.G.W., be re-elected as the Charity Commissioner for the ensuing year, and Wor. Bro. Aaron Stone P.M. 671 P. Prov. J.G.W., as Assistant Charity Commissioner. It advised that votes of thanks be accorded them for their valuable services and for the great zeal which they have displayed in the cause of Freemasonry in the Province. These recommendations received the unanimous approval of the members. The Committee also recommends that Wor. Bro. Aaron Stone be elected Steward to represent this Province at the Festival of the Boys' School for 1882-3, and that a Jewel be presented to Wor. Bro. Edwin Thomas P.M. 378 Prov. J.G.W., at the next meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, in acknowledgment of the services he has rendered to the Province as Charity Steward; also that the best thanks of Prov. Grand Lodge be tendered to Bro. Thomas for his great exertions in furthering the cause of Freemasonry in the Province.

When the consideration of the Committee's recommendation that the sum of twenty-five guineas be voted from the funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys came on, Bro. G. Griffiths made an urgent appeal on behalf of a distressed brother, a man who was well known and deservedly respected throughout the Province. Unfortunately, this worthy Mason had been stricken down by paralysis, and it was deemed essentially necessary he should undergo a lengthened period of cessation from labour as the only chance of regaining his strength. Before Prov. Grand Lodge voted the sum named above for the Boys' School, Bro. Griffiths begged they would consider the urgency of this case; he had no wish to oppose the proposed vote, but he feared the funds at their disposal would not enable them to do what was required if the twenty-five guineas was thus absorbed. Bro. J. Llewllyn Davies supported; what he thought it desirable to do was, that the Provincial Grand Lodge should undertake to provide a substitute who would perform the clerical duties of the afflicted brother for a period of six months. This would entail an outlay of say £50. Some discussion followed, and several practical suggestions were made as to how this amount could be realised. The claims of the Boys' School were fully recognised, and in view of the effort that must be made at the election in October next, when the candidate supported by the Province—Geoffry Stuart Jones—will stand his last chance of admission, it was thought imperative that the proposed grant of twenty-five guineas should be made. On the question being put, the amount was unanimously agreed to. Later on, however, £20 was voted from the Provincial Fund of Benevolence, and a Committee was formed to collect the additional £30 requisite to carry out the suggestion of Bro. Llewellyn Davies. The appeal was heartily responded to, and the brethren were enabled to return to Milford with the assurance that if repose would enable our afflicted brother to recruit his strength the means for enjoying it were secured. The next business was to receive the report of the Charity Commissioners. This directed attention to the fact that the resources had been exhausted by the efforts made to elect a child into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in 1881, consequently last year they started without any reserve of votes.

At the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge a candidate from this Province was adopted, a youth brought forward by the Pembroke brethren, the promotion of the interests of this Boy—Geoffrey Stuart Jones—has been the sole care of the Commissioners during the past year, and they had not yet succeeded in securing his election. The delay is unavoidable—it arises in the first place from this lad having been placed in charge so soon after efforts in favour of other candidates had placed the Province in a weak position in regard to votes, and in the second place from the fact of an election of a candidate for the Boys' School being very much more difficult than the election of a candidate for either of the other Institutions connected with Freemasonry. To make it clear it was pointed out firstly, that at each election only some 150 Boys' votes and 120 Girls' votes were forthcoming from the Province, which had succeeded in polling 1,134 votes for the Boy. The candidate has one election more before him, that in October, when he must be elected, or be disqualified by age from gaining admission at all. The Commissioners promised they would make every effort, and confidently hoped to succeed.

(To be continued).

PROV. G. LODGE, HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE Prov. Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight held its annual meeting in the Town Hall, Bournemouth, on Thursday, the 10th instant, R.W. Prov. G.M. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., presided, and was supported by the following, among other brethren, namely, Bros. W. Hickman P.D.G.M., J. E. Le Feuvre 130 P.G.S.W., Dr. J. R. O'Connor 257 P.G.J.W., J. Murray 76 P.G.S., T. Good 1834 P.G.S., A. J. Miller 130 P.G. Sec., A. Barfield 35 P.G.S.D., A. Dawes P.P.G. Org., W. B. Rogers P.M. 195 P.P.G. Reg., J. B. Atkinson 195 P.G.D., W. M. Heath 62 P.P.G.S.W. Dorset, T. W. Ansell 340 P.P.G. Supt. Works, A. Scott 351 P.G.D.C., G. P. Arnold I.P.M. 1428 P.G.D.C., J. Gieve I.P.M. 1069 P.G.S., E. S. Main P.M. 1776 P.P.G.D.C., J. Friedeberg P.M. 342 P.P.G.D., E. W. Rebbeck 195 P.P.G.S.W., S. R. Everitt 176 P.P.G.D., J. O. Carter 209 P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, J. T. Craven P.M. 342 P.P.G.D., J. Wallingford P.M. 903 P.P.G.J.W., J. Dew 694 P.P.G.R., J. A. Atkins 622 P.P.S. Dorset, G. Pearman 487 P.P.G. Org., J. Biggs and J. Exell P.G. Tylers. The minutes of the last regular Provincial Grand Lodge and of an especial Lodge was read and confirmed. A letter was read from the P.G. Treasurer Bro. Mark E. Frost, resiguing his office. He had carried out the duties for many years, but owing to failing energy he was desirous of being relieved of the duties. Bro. Frost's resignation was accepted, but as the new Bye-Laws of the Province provided for the modification of the duties of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, the election of his successor was postponed. The Report of the Committee appointed to consider the Provincial bye-laws was read, and the new bye-laws as submitted were passed after some slight modifications. A committee, consisting of the Prov. Grand Officers and the Worshipful Masters of Lodges, was appointed to consider the proposed revision of the Book of Constitutions for the government of the Craft. The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the following brethren as Prov. Grand Officers for the year, namely:—

Bro. W. Hickman	...	D.P.G.M.
James Druitt, jun. 195	...	P.G. Senior Warden
A. J. Miller 359	...	P.G. Junior Warden

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Rev. G. H. Defraine 257	P.G. Chaplain
J. Bidd Hayman 309	P.G. Registrar
J. E. Le Feuvre 130	P.G. Secretary
H. W. Townsend 1903	P.G. Senior Deacon
C. W. A. Jellicoe 130	P.G. Junior Deacon
T. Stevens 195	P.G. Supt. Works
Dore 319	P.G.D.C.
Laverty 1428	P.G.A.D.C.
Willmott 1834	P.G. Sword Bearer
R. B. Cheverton 151	P.G. Pursuivant
Quickfall 1869	P.G. Organist
John Harvey 694, W. Gammon 76, R. W. Beale 487, John Yond 723, W. Dart 804, G. H. Barclay 1773	P.G. Stewards
J. Biggs and J. Exell	P.G. Tylers

The banquet which followed was presided over by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master who, on the removal of the cloth, gave "The Queen and the Craft," followed by "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." In proposing the latter toast, the P.G.M. said His Royal Highness was always engaged in useful pursuits, and particularly in the cause of charity he was always anxious and ready to fulfil his Masonic duties. He hoped that ere long they would see him again presiding in the Grand Lodge of England. He was sure there would be a large concourse of brethren who would be glad to have the opportunity of testifying their Masonic loyalty. In proposing the third toast, "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master of England, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Officers and past Officers of the Grand Lodge," the Chairman alluded to Lord Carnarvon's connection with the county of Hampshire. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. Hickman then proposed the toast of "The R.W. P.G.M.," referring to Bro. Beach's great ability as a Mason, to the indebtedness of the P.G.L. for his many services, and to his having attended the present proceedings at great inconvenience to fulfil the duties of his high office. He was always most assiduous in his efforts to please the brethren, and in his anxiety to execute the duties of his office to the advantage of the Craft. The Prov. Grand Master, in responding, said it was with peculiar gratification he attended on the present occasion, because Bournemouth was situated in the most extreme part of the Province, and he and the other Provincial Grand Officers were anxious to show their active interest in the prosperity and working of the Lodge Hengist. He regarded intercourse between the Provincial Grand Lodge and the Lodges in the Province as having a most salutory influence. During his tenure of office he had always done his best to fulfil the duties adequately, and he believed, though he could not say, to some extent successfully. In the present day it was doubly important to reflect on the nature and meaning of Masonic duties, and it was especially incumbent on them to prove themselves worthy members of the Craft. Masonry was no light matter. Neophytes were not invited into their ranks to gratify curiosity, but to learn to fulfil great and important duties with regard to social life. For himself he could say that he esteemed it both a duty and a pleasure on all suitable occasions to advocate true Masonic sentiments and practices. In conclusion, he referred to the advantage to the Provincial Grand Lodge from the renewed acceptance of the office of Prov. Grand Secretary by Bro. Le Feuvre. He then proposed the health of Brother Hickman, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Bro. Hickman, in reply, said it always gave him the greatest pleasure to support the Provincial Grand Master, whose earnest desire was to uphold Hampshire and the Isle of Wight as foremost among the Provincial Grand Lodges of England. It was not quantity but quality that was desirable in the Lodges, and in this respect Hampshire had always been prominent. Brother J. Druitt jun., Bournemouth, also responded for the Officers of the Grand Lodge, and returned thanks for the honour and distinction which had that day been conferred on him—an honour as much prized at it was unexpected—of being appointed P.G.S.W. He esteemed it as an individual honour, as well as honour to his mother Lodge. Referring to the fact that his father was the oldest member of Lodge Hengist, Bro. Druitt said he could not help feeling that the position in which he found himself that day was in some degree the result of his father's long service to the Lodge. Bro. Le Feuvre P.G.S. &c., expressed the pleasure he felt at being again associated with the active Masonic working of the Province, the Masonic circumstances of which were now quite different from what they were at the time of his resignation. The toast of the Masonic Charities was then given, and duly honoured, Bro. E. T. Budden, of Wimborne, in connection therewith, singing a charity song compiled and arranged by him.—*Portsmouth Times.*

GREAT WESTERN TOURIST ARRANGEMENTS.

FOR some days past fashionable London has been preparing to seek refuge in the country, from the hurly-burly of the season while strong contingents of middle class folk have already found a resting-place where the cares and troubles of business or professional avocations are momentarily forgotten. But there are thousands, both of fashionable and middle class people, who have not yet adventured on their summer holiday, and to whom a few words of advice as to where they should go and what do with themselves during their absence from London will be very welcome. One of the great advantages of our railway system is, the intercommunication that exists among the different lines which constitute it. There is now no difficulty whatever in making your way from one part of the United Kingdom to another. You may live in the West of England, but you will easily find through communication with East, South, and North. The Londoner may wish to make the circuit of England, taking the western districts first, and gradually making his way northwards into Scotland, and thence in due time returning by the east, to resume once again his labours in the calling he follows. All this, however, is so well known to our readers that without further circumlocution we will enter on our present task of drawing their attention to the special facilities which are afforded to intending travellers by the Great Western Railway Company. The line itself traverses some of the finest parts of the country, and for convenience sake may be sub-divided into three districts, the West of England, the South Wales, and the North Wales. The first named includes the counties of Gloucester, Somerset, Dorset, Devon, and Cornwall, and there is no gainsaying the fact that some of the loveliest of our English scenery is to be found in these counties. If a residence at the sea-side is preferred, there is the choice of such well-known resorts as Weymouth, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Lynton, Clevedon, Weston-Super-Mare, Minehead, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Dartmouth, Plymouth, Newquay, Falmouth, St. Ives, Penzance, &c. If the tourist prefers some inland resort, there are Cheltenham, Clifton, Bath, Malvern, Leamington, and other places innumerable, which, in their several ways, are almost equally attractive. The South Wales district embraces Abergavenny, Monmouth, Chepstow, Tintern, Neath, Swansea, Carmarthen, Tenby, &c.; while the North Wales (which is reached *viâ* Birmingham, Shrewsbury and Ruabon), includes Llangollen, Corwen, Bala, Dolgelly, and Barmouth, and *viâ* Ruabon and Chester, Rhyl, Abergele, Llandudno, Conway, Bettws-y-coed, Penmaenmawr, Bangor, Carnarvon, &c., on to Holyhead. In addition, between Bristol or Milford there is communication, by a regular service of steamers, with Cork, Waterford, and the Lakes of Killarney, while from Holyhead, passage may be taken across St. George's Channel to Dublin, Belfast, &c. From Manchester it is an easy transition by rail to Scotland—Edinburgh, Glasgow, and the Highlands being equally accessible, and then turning once again in a southerly direction, communication is easily had with the Yorkshire watering-places, Scarborough, Whitby, and, by working on through other lines, with the Eastern coast, with attractions such as Hunstanton, Yarmouth, Cromer, Lowestoft, &c., &c. Then we have the Lake District, and the Isle of Man; Buxton, Matlock, and the lovely country in their neighbourhood. The Channel Islands are readily accessible from Weymouth, as likewise is Cherbourg, and thence to Paris; while with but little trouble all the favourite places on the South coast, the only District we have passed over, can be reached with the greatest facility. In short the Great Western Company, either by the lines it has under its own immediate control, or by those with which it has established relations, is in a position to convey the tourist to all parts of the United Kingdom as well as to the Continent.

In the foregoing remarks we have contented ourselves with indicating, in general terms, the wonderful facilities for travel which are offered by the Great Western Railway. We will now more precisely note the advantages the directors submit to the public during the holiday season now current. As a rule, two months is the outside limit which the tourist can ordinarily compass for his holiday, and hence tickets available for that period, but renewable on most reasonable conditions, are at the service of the public. The tickets will be issued as late as the 31st October, and they can be renewed as a rule to the 31st December. They are to be obtained at the Company's headquarters at Paddington, at Westbourne Park, Notting Hill, Uxbridge Road, Shepherd's Bush, Hammersmith, Kensington, Earl's Court, Westminster Bridge, Charing Cross, Blackfriars, Mansion House, Victoria, Kings Cross, Farringdon-street, Moorgate-street, Bishopsgate, and Aldgate Stations on the Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Lines, and at Cook's Tourist and Excursion Offices, Ludgate Circus, E.C. The fares are remarkably moderate, and every opportunity is afforded the traveller for breaking and deviating from the direct line of his journey. For North and South Wales and Valley of the Wye, circular tourist tickets are issued for no less than five different routes. By the first of these passengers go by rail to Tenby *viâ* Whitland or New Milford, and back to Carmarthen, thence *viâ* Pencader, Manchester, &c.; and Milford and Cambrian lines to Dolgelly, returning from the last-named place *viâ* Bala and the Vale of Llangollen to Ruabon, and thence to Shrewsbury, or *vice versâ*. As the journey may be broken at frequent intervals, the tourist will have the opportunity of visiting Gloucester, Chepstow, Newport, Swansea, Tenby, Aberystwith, Dolgelly, Bala, the Vale of Llangollen, &c., &c. The second route is to Dolgelly *viâ* Ruabon, the Vale of Llangollen and Bala, returning from Dolgelly by way of Barmouth junction, Machynlleth, and Oswestry, or Welshpool and Shrewsbury, or *vice versâ*. Route three differs from Route two in that the journey, after continuing by Barmouth and Afon Wen to Carnarvon, returns by way of the Chester and Holyhead Railway to Chester, or *vice versâ*. The fourth and fifth routes traverse the Valley of the Wye, and the tickets are available for travelling only once over the same ground, except the fourth route tickets from Pontypool Road to Monmouth and back. The routes, according to the point selected for starting, are described at full length in the Company's Time Tables and Tourist Programmes.

Though these two-monthly tickets are the principal feature of the arrangements, it must not be imagined that they are the full extent of the train service for the extra holiday traffic of the season. Short return tickets to all the principal places on the line, or with which the line is in communication are issued at moderate fares, while facilities are afforded for those who may wish to avail themselves of other excursions which are not immediately included in the programme issued by the Company. Those, however, who are desirous of obtaining fuller particulars than we, having regard to the limited space at our command, are able to furnish, will do well to consult the Great Western Time Tables issued for July, August, and September. They will there find all needful information as to times, fares, possible breaks in the journey, steamboat communications in connection with the line, &c., &c. As to the comforts afforded to passengers *en route*, the Company is too well known for us to go out of our way to enlarge on them. They may be equalled, but they cannot be surpassed on any other line in the kingdom.

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A HOLIDAY RAMBLE.—RICHMOND AND THE THAMES.

By Our Roving Brother.

OUR Summer Banquet at the Star and Garter was a great success. We all went down in the orthodox fashion, in "brakes" and waggonettes of the most approved fashion; the weather was splendid; and the ladies were beaming with smiles from the moment we started until dewy eve brought us home again. The dinner in the gilded pavilion, the tennis and other pastimes on the lawn, the delightful scenery from the terraced walks, all combined in settling my resolve that, instead of undergoing all the bustle and fatigue of a lengthy journey to the seaside, I would just drop down to Richmond for a modest fortnight, where, if need be, I could run up to town occasionally, and rejoin the "better half" and her troop of little chicks in the cool of the evening. It was the pleasantry of our Summer Banquet that settled the inevitable question that year, as to "Where shall we go for our annual holiday?"

With the approach of the autumn season is associated a programme of alluring trips and excursions into the country, or to the seaside, where a respite from the monotony of business can be enjoyed, and the physical powers fortified for the stern duties of life to which we must all ere long return. And were it not for these pleasant breaks in the journey, life would indeed be but a realisation of Mr. Mantalini's sage opinion that it is only "one dem'd horrid grind."

When Parliament is on the eve of rising from its labours, and the dusky grouse already dangle from the poulterers' hooks, the momentous question "Where shall we go?" always crops up. Paterfamilias scratches his head, and gravely calculates the cost, and mamma sees to the packing of the boxes; while the girls scan the tourists' handbooks and lay their plans for flirtation and conquest. And so the world—*i.e*, those who can afford it—soar away, with the home-returning swallows—some to the Highland moors and forests, others to Norwegian fjords and Mediterranean islands; to the fells and mountains of Switzerland; to Belgium, Germany, and the Rhine; whilst others still, with shallow purses, have to content themselves with stuffy lodgings at one or other of our own watering-places and the motley attractions of the "Spa."

However, before the "harvest moon's begun," the autumnal exodus is in full swing. Cook and Caygill could wondrous tales unfold of Continental cities which lay themselves out to entertain—and fleece!—the "distinguished foreigners" who patronise the "personally-conducted tours;" whilst at home excursion trains are hurrying to and fro with freights of pleasure-hunters whom economy, or necessity—compels to spend their holiday, if they have one at all, in their native land.

But there is a class, and one to which I may just as well at once confess I belong, who can afford neither the time nor the money to go far afield for relaxation or health. I mean the hard-worked City "hand"—the clerk, the shop assistant, and the thrifty artisan, who has enough to do in these hard times to feed, clothe, and educate the little olive branches which blossom so thickly around his hearth. And who has a keener relish for emerald meads and the fair open country than he who drudges away from year's end to year's end at the everlasting counter and the desk?

Thus, as I said at starting, and with the most agreeable recollections begotten of our summer Masonic *réunion*, the writer, measuring both his leisure and the length of his purse, decided upon staying near at home this summer; and reflection based on experience consoles him with the thought that he might have gone farther and fared worse. Perhaps the most pleasant day amongst those mapped out for our tour was that spent in the "royal" atmosphere of Richmond and the Thames, which just at this season of the year presents an attractiveness not surpassed by any of the favourite resorts on the "Continong." There is, moreover, no anxiety or fussiness in the packing of huge trunks requisite for a long journey and a protracted stay; the classic ground, so fertile in historical associations, so replete with the beauties which Nature has lavished upon it, lies within easy hail by the practical and prosaic "iron road."

Bright were the beams of the morning sun as we left smoky, din-distracted London behind us, and the district railway trundled us down in half-an-hour to Richmond. How altered since our last visit, twenty years ago! Alongside the dingy old South Western station others have sprung up, connecting the town with a network of diverging lines, and the traffic must have assumed proportions which were little dreamt of in the philosophy of the inhabitants half a century since.

Signs of progress abound on every hand. In and around the Quadrant handsome buildings and shops have been erected, in bold and pleasing contrast with the irregularly-designed houses elsewhere, and which look as though they had been pitchforked into all manner of impossible places, with an utter disregard to uniformity, at various periods; whilst outside the town villas and terraces appear on the hillsides, giving to the suburbs an aspect of opulence and gentility quite gladsome to behold.

But as I am pledged only a bird's-eye-view of things in my day's ramble, I have no time to expatiate on the enterprise which has helped to induce so many "City gentlemen" to take up their quarters in this favoured locality. If we would see the "lions" of the place we must be quick about it, for they are many.

Threading an out-of-the way passage, we come to the parish church, surrounded by thickly-grouped tombs and gravestones, and completely shut in by buildings of a by no means aristocratic description. Inside there is nothing architectural to invite a lingering stay; but we must pause before memorial to James Thomson, the poet, whose "Castle of Indolence" is well known to all who are on quotation terms with the gifted bards of England. His residence in the Kew-road is mentioned to us, where, we are told, are still the parlour in which he lived, and the furniture he used—the garden in which he basked in the sunshine, "slipper'd and with hands each in waistcoat pocket." And there come back to us memories of poor Savage and of Collins, who loved to meet in that old summer house, and to converse with their genial and hospitable friend.

Returning by way of Richmond Green, on which the boys play merrily at cricket and other games, we are shown an ancient gateway, bearing an escutcheon of King Henry VII., and some scanty relics of a famous Royal palace, in which so many memorable scenes were witnessed. We trace back the pages of history to the palmy days when Charles I., the Duke of York and lords lived here and hunted in the New Park, when the judges and lawyers fled here to conduct their business, away from the horrible Plague in London. The imprisonment and death of Elizabeth—that impetuous creature who longed to learn the secrets of ye mystic tie!—the founding of the palace of Henry VII., by whom the name of Richmond was bestowed on Sheen; the grand tournaments that enlivened the Green in those old Tudor days; the refuge of Wolsey, and the doings of the old Carthusian monks—are they not all written in the pages of the history of England?

Passing through George-street, which is, I suppose, the oldest portion of the town, we proceed past the bridge which spans the river, up the hill towards the magnificent terrace, and the Star and Garter, now of European fame. What a sublime prospect is here presented! The river meanders along for miles, like a winding strip of silver, amidst glimpses of lawn and garden, and woodland, and meadows of many-tinted green, whilst from the embowering glades peep here and there handsome old villas and mansions, whose gardens slope down to the water's edge, and which look like exquisite vignettes in one of Nature's title pages. Barges glide up and down, behind snorting steam tugs or panting teams; steam launches scud briskly along amidst a crowd of boats, which skim about like gay water birds; while from punts and river banks the disciples of old Izaak Walton calmly pursue the "gentle art," and form portion of the manifold pictorial effects.

We shall descend the hillside presently, but meanwhile we will saunter through the labyrinths of *salons* in the Star and Garter, where the requirements of the inner man may be satisfied at as reasonable a cost, and in as sumptuous a style, as in the very heart of London. We pass through the pavilion, with its gilded columns and artistic arcades, whose walls ever and anon resound with echoes of revelry and mirth; we gaze out upon the terraced gardens so trim and neat, and speculate upon the number of wedding parties that have sported on those slopes, and celebrated the dawn of happy married lives since the days when the "Lass o' Richmond Hill" was first sung.

We should like to ramble awhile in the Old Park, where the ear and tail of the deer "twinkle innumerably," and there is the sequestered little hamlet of Petersham, close by; but *tempus fugit!* We hear something of a "wishing tree" in the park, but cannot find it. I wonder whoever has! 'Tis said that, sitting under a certain tree, Lady Russell, forty years ago, *wished* she might some day come to reside in this delightful locality, and that her desire was gratified. I presume that is the origin of the term "wishing-tree," and many there be who enquire, but few who find it. Here and there, on rustic seats, little groups of visitors are clustered, deliberating over *al fresco* luncheons, whilst the frequent passing of carriages tell of resident aristocrats who love to sniff the morning air as they bound along over the well-kept drives which intersect those once royal haunts. But you who are wont to luxuriate in an occasional carriage-drive must read the rules before entering the Park, for no hackney coach "badge" is permitted within those historical precincts.

As we descend the hill we find the streets populous with visitors, whose baskets and satchels speak of considerate sisters and spouses who believe not in jaunting about on empty stomachs; while itinerant bands fill the air with dulcet strains of the most popular music. Richmond is decidedly lively on a bright summer day, and the means of enjoyment are included in a lengthy bill of fare. Enterprising caterers stand at the doors of eating-houses, and politely ask you to walk into their parlours—an invitation which is stimulated by savoury odours from steaming joints; moreover, the principal hotels, the Castle, the Talbot, the Greyhound, and others hold out tempting allurements to visitors who have brought their purses with them, and whose delight it is to fare sumptuously. Byron reminds us that—

> "Man's happiness—the hungry sinner—
> Since Eve ate apples, much depends on dinner;

and having so appeased the unfortunate gnawings of hunger, and feeling at peace with ourselves and all mankind, we sally forth towards the river side, passing the curious obelisk on the bridge, which informs us in a strange conglomeration of numerals and figures how many miles and a-quarter it is respectively to ever so many places round about. This monolith, whereon the public is peremptorily and in divers spots admonished to "stick no bills," also informs the visitor that the foundation-stone of the bridge was laid over a century ago—in the year 1774—and that it was completed just three years later, doubtless opened in the presence of royal and other distinguished persons, if the local records are extant and one had time to hunt them up.

Beneath the bridge we select one from amidst a crowd of pleasure-boats which are let for hire—"a shilling first ower, and sixpence an ower arterwards, sir" and row away up the calm sunny waters in the direction of Twickenham. On either side the banks are glowing with rich sylvan scenes—old mansions, in the façades of which grow sturdy ivy and the more graceful creepers which depend in festoons from overhanging verandahs and terraced walks; great oaks and cedars and elms rear their stately forms above closely shaven lawns and zig-zag walks, blending into a scene of unsurpassed boldness and beauty. On the river lie moored saloon barges, whose decks are adorned with choice selections from the conservatory, and a peep into whose windows reveal an aspect pleasantly suggestive of cosy pic-nics up the river, away from the busy haunts of "the madding crowd." The boat-builders on the towing paths are brisk

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with the business of the rowing clubs, of which there are several in the locality, and whose regattas attract considerable attention from aquatic men in London and the suburbs.

On past the Eyot, with the meadows of Petersham on the left, well-trimmed gardens and slopes leading up to the comparatively newly-created Cambridge Park Estate on the right, we come in view of the avenues of Ham, through the openings of which we catch sight of a melancholy mansion, with red-bricked front and high-pitched roof, well known as the celebrated Ham House, the principal legend attached to which is that Charles I. here concealed himself when pursued by Cromwell and his Roundhead crew. An old gardener made much of the story that there is still the room in which the fugitive monarch was bidden, and that the "breakfast-things" are still on the table as Charles left them when he escaped by one door at the precise moment that Cromwell entered by another. There remains also a chamber, the man said, in the state that the old Duchess of Lauderdale left it in—her desk, great chair and cane remaining as though for her Grace's return. We are not allowed to enter the gaunt old mansion, which stands grim and silent amidst its well-kept flower-beds, great trees and balconied terraces; but we can spare time to roam under the magnificent arenue towards Ham Common, where flocks of geese browse about amongst the gorse and furze, and in the pellucid atmosphere of that open spot breathe a host of poor little orphans who are cared for by Royal bounty.

On our return, we find little pic-nic parties squatted in idyllic fashion under the spreading chesnut trees by the river margin, and the whole place is alive with the rippling laughter of children who gambol about on the emerald sward, sheltered from the garish sunbeat by lines of huge trees. On the opposite bank we see another, but less antiquated, residence, once occupied by Queen Anne, when Princess of Denmark, and further distinguished by its having been the residence of Louis Phillippe during the period of his first exile in England. Orleans House derived its name from the late King, when he lived there as Duke of Orleans, and up to within a recent date has been occupied by members of his family who survived his second exile, but who, since the fall of the French Empire, have returned to their native soil. Having undergone great improvements, the mansion and its ground are now the head-quarters of the Orleans Club, where gay parties may be seen disporting themselves upon the lawns during the summer months. The Four-in-Hand and Coaching clubs awaken the echoes of the kingly demesne at intervals during the season, and when garden parties and the festive doings of the "Upper Ten" are at their height.

"I suppose the existence of the club is appreciated by Twickenham people as a great source of attraction and profit?" I asked of our cicerone; to which, with a laconic grin, the old man replied, "Well, they say as it don't bring in much, but Twickenham folk is never 'appy unless they're grumblin'. However, so many grand swells, always a-comin' and goin' *must* bring some good to the place." So I should say, for Twickenham has not been what it was before the princes left, some years ago.

We rejoin our boat and paddle gently past the ferry, catching a view of the handsome residence of Mr. Grant Duff, M.P., formerly the temporary home of the Comte de Paris, and on to the Eel Pie Island, where parties erstwhile congregated to enjoy that popular viand; wherein that comfortable hostelry pleasure-seekers regale themselves at frequent intervals, and brethren of the mystic Craft enjoy refreshment after their "speculative" labour. Once upon a time, when our Summer Banquet was celebrated on this charming island, a facetious Brother, whose forte was the compilation of *impromptu* verses, sang a song which I believe has never yet appeared in print, and which he entitled "The Cowan's Retreat." One recommendation of it is that it may be sung in any Lodge and made *local*, by merely substituting the names of brethren in the place of the asterisks which I have inserted where the names of *our* members appeared in the original. The ditty was well received, to the tune of "The Captain with his Whiskers," and ran as follows:—

IMPROMPTU SONG.

The Cowan's Retreat.

Written and Sung at the Summer Banquet of the Anonymous Lodge, No. 0.

By Bro. O. Fully Greene, Esq., W.M.

Air: "Captain with his Whiskers."

I'm a simple little country lad, as doubtless you may see,
But, with all your so-called "mysteries," you don't come over me;
Oh! I know your signs and passwords—and the "secrets" every one,
So if you try to gammon me, you'll find it can't be done.

Oh! I am so very "fly!"
And I give you leave to try,
So "take your time from me,"
And I'll prove that Masonry
Is a very pretty plaything for old fogies such as thee;
But I'm the little country lad—you don't come over me.

A friend of mine once said to me, "I'll show you every dodge
By which you may bamboozle 'em and get into a Lodge;
There is not half the difficulty that you may suppose;
So march up boldly to the door, with your finger at your nose."

Oh! I am so very "fly!" &c.

"Then," said my friend, "Outside the door a Tyler you will find;
Just whisper 'Bacon' in his ear, and he'll prove very kind;
When he asks you for *the other pass*, just whisper to him 'Greens';
And, sure as fate, he'll let you have a peep behind the scenes."

Oh! I am so very "fly!" &c.

So, according to my friend's advice, and knowing well the dodge,
I made my way, with gladsome heart, to the * * * * Lodge;
I first came to this banquet hall, was asked to go inside,
When * * * * standing at the Lodge door I espied.

Oh! I am so very "fly!" &c.

Now this man had an apron on; he looked so very grand;
With a fine blue sash around his neck; a big sword in his hand;
But I march'd up to him boldly, and said "'Bacon,' my dear sir;"
But he couldn't understand the "Greens" I whispered in his ear!

Oh! I am so very "fly!" &c.

Then he gave three loud raps at the door; I heard a voice inside,
When a man, I think called * * * * out the little trap door spied.
"Now, who comes here?" I heard him say, the Tyler says to he,
"I fancy 'tis a cowan; you had better come and see."

Oh! I am so very "fly!" &c.

Then straightway came the Inner Guard—look'd very fierce at me,
And the questions that he ax'd I'm sure were rude exceedingly;
He ax'd how old my *Mother* was, and the year that I was *made*;
I can hardly tell you all the stuff that cheeky fellow said.

Oh! I am so very "fly!" &c.

Then he spoke about some *Architect*, and how I was *prepared*;
I really thought the man was mad—so hard at me he stared;
He wouldn't have my pass-words, but he turned and said, quite cool—
"Now, Tyler, get the poker hot, we'll frizzle this poor fool."

Oh! I am so very "fly!" &c.

You may depend I didn't wait to have the test applied,
So I bolted off and very glad to find myself outside;
And if you think I'll try again, you'll find I'm no such fiat,
For I'm the little country lad, so mind what you are at!

Oh! I am so very "fly!" &c."

We cannot quit the sequestered spot, however, where the little Duke of Gloucester was wont to drill his young playmates in mimic war, without patronising the Island Hotel; and having satisfied ourselves of the excellence of the interior economy of that establishment, we ply our oars again, rowing away a little in the direction of Teddington Lock, passing the delightful grounds of the late Countess Waldegrave at Strawberry Hill, and others of as nearly picturesque aspect, returning past the boathouses of the Twickenham Rowing Club, and over the shallow Middlesex side to the landing-place. Of course, we visit the church with its ancient greystone tower, disfigured by a red brick nave, but there is little in the heavy-galleried interior which strikes the visitor with admiration. Here, too, we find among the mural tablets one of more than ordinary interest, of a man who would not be buried in Westminster Abbey, though he well deserved a niche in that resting place of national greatness—I refer of course to Alexander Pope, whose house once stood a short way off. The site is now covered with a house of modern structure—one of the most extraordinary specimens of architecture which the vagrant taste of the present day in such matters can possibly conceive. Pope's willow is also gone, and so is the obelisk he raised to his venerable mother, but the grotto still remains, and is visited by the curious.

But the afternoon is growing apace, and the river is low, so that if we are to have a turn at the "gentle art" we must lose no time in getting into our punt, which the waterman has stationed in mid-stream. As we sit there, and with many more besides, and the silvery roach and dace come flickering into our creels, the twilight deepens into dreamy softness, and from the returning river craft comes wafted the harmony of songs from pleasure-parties who are sharing with us the glories of a summer's evening on the Thames.

My advice to "the likes o' me," who can only afford a day now and then to enjoy a holiday, and to inhale the fresh and invigorating country air, is "go to Richmond and the Thames;" and perhaps this little passing sketch may help them to see as much as can be comfortably crowded into one single day.

The Board of Masters meets on Wednesday next, the 23rd instant, for the purpose of settling the business to be transacted at the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, and among the notices of motion that will be submitted will be the one notified by Bro. James Stevens in his letter which appeared last week in the columns of the Freemason's Chronicle, namely:—

"That, having regard to the great increase, during the past twenty-five years, in the number of 'Lodges within the London District' (see Book of Constitutions, page 72), this Grand Lodge desires to respectfully represent to His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master the desirability of subdividing the said London District into Subordinate Grand Lodges, to be constituted in like manner to Provincial Grand Lodges."

We see nothing in this notice to evoke anything like an objection to its being inserted in the agenda paper, though, as a matter of course, opinions as to advisability of passing the motion in Grand Lodge must divided. Bro. Stevens writes in a hopeful strain, and though we cannot shut our eyes to the reasonableness of "Jod's" letter, we see no very grave objection to his proposition. At all events he has, we understand, a large number of brethren who sympathise with him in his movement.

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A GOOD MASON.

ONE Brother remarked to another, in our hearing the other day, that a third person, to us unknown, was "a good Mason." We did not ponder the remark at the time, but afterwards it occurred to us, What did our Brother mean? What is "a good Mason?"

Is "a good Mason" one who is present at his Lodge meetings regularly and punctually, never failing to obey a summons or notice to attend, unless for a good Masonic reason? Is he one who shows that he is ever ready to counsel his Lodge by being present at each communication so as to make it possible for him to render service? In our view the importance of this duty can scarcely be over-estimated. "Absent in body, but present in spirit" does not amount to anything in Masonry. It is all very well to say, "I wish the Lodge success," "I hope it is growing," and all that sort or thing, but if a Brother habitually fails to attend the meetings of his Lodge, or worse still, dimits therefrom and remains unaffiliated, no matter how much prosperity he *wishes* Masonry, it will owe whatever lack of success it has, in part directly to his neglect. It is too true that the majority of Lodge members are, at every Lodge communication "conspicuous by their absence." This is an old complaint in another connection, at least as old as Tacitus, who was the first one, so far as the records of language show, to use this expression. We have no hesitation, therefore, in saying that "a good Mason," whatever else he is, *is a regular attendant at his Lodge*—that such an attendance is a necessary ingredient of goodness in Masonry. But it is not the only ingredient.

"A good Mason" *regularly and promptly pays his dues* to the Lodge. This financial quality is the *sine qua non* of "a good Mason." There is the highest authority for this duty, for our first Great Light directs us to "render to all their dues." Money is as necessary to a Lodge as it is to an individual—it cannot live without it. There are only two ways in which a Lodge can legitimately *make* money—one is by making Masons, and the other is by collecting dues from its members. To accomplish the latter, the members must each be possessed of a willing mind and a liberal hand. Masonry does not go to law for its dues—the most that it does is to suspend for non-payment of dues, and it never does this where the Brother is *unable* to pay. Brotherly Love forbids it. Poverty may prevent a man from becoming a Mason, but it never causes him to be cast out of Masonry—on the contrary, a Mason in distress is the ward of the Craft. "A good Mason" pays his dues as long as he is able, in order to enable his Lodge to pay its debts, and dispense needed charity to the distressed.

But a regular and punctual attendance at the Lodge, and the prompt payment of dues, although Masonic virtues of a high order, will not alone constitute "a good Mason." There are material parts of both the letter and the spirit of the law that yet remain to be fulfilled. The spirit of Masonry is the spirit of Brotherly Love. "Love is the fulfilling of the law." It is not too much to say that the main purpose of the Masonic Fraternity is to evoke and continually exhibit in action this divine principle of Brotherly Love. It is that which draws us together; which unites us into one band or society of friends and brothers; which enkindles our hearts, and opens our hands in charity; which creates that unmatched social feeling which ever distinguishes Freemasons. The "good Mason" is a *good lover of his brethren*, a good lover of humankind, tender-hearted, open-handed, and unselfish in the largest degree. He loves both Masonry and Freemasons. He is a good man, and *par excellence* "a good Mason."

There are other qualities that distinguish "a good Mason," which, if minor, should not be overlooked in a general view of the subject. "A good Mason" takes, reads, and promptly pays for a good Masonic newspaper. He loves knowledge, and is a continual seeker after "more Light." He likes to read the news of the Craft, to know what is said and done in the world of Masonry. In this age of the printing press, when "that angel, knowledge," is abroad in the land, the Freemason who does not have this "angel" for a regular visitant at his home, has only himself to blame. What operative Mason would think of erecting a material arch without inserting in it a key-stone? And analogously, what Freemason should think of living an enlightened Masonic life, more especially in the Masonic jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, without the stated presence, aid and assistance of the *Keystone?* Its purpose is to instruct and entertain, to diffuse lawful knowledge throughout the entire circle of its readers, to be a supplemental light in Masonry, and by every thought, word and work to add to tha number of "good Masons."

Having thus recalled to mind the constituted elements of "a good Mason," let us build every one of them into the temple of our lives, for they constitute the life of the building. Freemasonry is a shadow without them. Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth are the living stones of the fabric, and failing to exemplify these, we fail to be 'good Masons."—*Keystone.*

CORNER STONES.

IT is almost an impossibility to ascertain at what date this custom of laying corner stones was first introduced. After considerable research, we shall endeavour to give, as near as we can find out, the origin. There can be very little doubt that the original idea or form emanated from the Eleusinian and Bacchic mysteries, over three thousand years before Christ. We learn from Festus that the Estrinians had forms concerning the ceremonies observed at the founding of cities, altars, temples, walls, and gates. Plutarch tells us that Romulus before he laid the foundation of Rome, sent for men from Etruria, who informed him in all the punctilios of ceremony which he was to observe. According to Dionysius, they began with offering a sacrifice. They then dug a ditch, in which they threw the *first fruits* of all things that served for human nourishment; at the same time they consulted the gods to know if their offering would be acceptable, and asked if their enterprise would be successful, and if they approved of the day chosen to do the work.

They then chalked out the boundary (exactly as we do at the present day) by a score of white earth, which they called *Terra pura.* While they were forming this boundary, they stopped at certain intervals, and placed within the excavation the *first fruits*, corn and oil, and the symbols of the religious belief at that period. In these sacrifices they invoked, beside the gods of the country, the gods to whose protection the new temple or city was recommended. In those days it was done secretly, because it was necessary that the titular gods should be unknown to the vulgar. (We do it more openly, but our form is nevertheless a sacrifice). Among the Romans, when they were to (build a temple, the Aruspices were employed to choose the place as our architect does), and the time when they should begin work. This place was purified with great care, and was encircled with garlands and fillets (we have seen flowers on a corner stone in this country and in Europe). Fow notice: *then he touched the corner stone that was to be first laid in the foundations*, which was bound with a fillet, when the people, animated with enthusiastic zeal, threw it in with some *pieces of money or metal*, which had never passed through the furnace. (We do the same thing, only the money has passed through the mint).

When the edifice was finished *there was also a consecration of it with grand ceremonies.* Myth. vol. 1. p. 297. When the fruits of the earth were the only food of men, care was taken to reserve a certain portion for the gods. Sometimes water was poured over the heads of the victims, sometimes honey, sometimes *oil*; but generally they were sprinkled with wine, and then the wood of the fig tree, the myrtle, the vine was burnt upon the altar. There was no erecting of any altar, temple, or wall, without the use of *corn*, and more particularly *barley*, as it was the first sort of corn used by the Greeks after their diet of acorns was given up. In the dedication of Mason's halls the *corn*, *wine*, and *oil* are poured upon the Lodge, the processions three times around the foundation and the hall when finished, the three lights, striking the stone thrice, &c., are in conformity to the customs of the Elensinian Bacchic mysteries.

We think, however, that the real origin of the laying of the corner stone was from India, that cradle of civilisation—some of their majestic temples prove this. The Temple of Elora is considered the most curious. No one can regard without astonishment a whole mountain of porphyry, covering nearly six miles of superficial measurement, converted into a mysterious succession of halls, chambers, anti-chambers, vestibules, courts, saloons, &c. In the midst of these apartments is the great Temple of Elora, a single apartment of five hundred feet in circumference, hollowed out of the solid granite.

Its galleries are supported by sculptured pillars; its walls are polished, into which are cut thirty-three niches, extending from floor to dome, in which are thirty-three gigantic statues of Hindoo divinities. During some convulsion of nature these statues were partially removed, and underneath them, and some columns of gigantic size, about forty feet in diameter, were found some curious coins and symbols, and grain of a character which seemed to have passed through some process for preservation.

Discoveries of the same character have been made at different periods in India. We think, therefore, that the custom is far ahead of the Egyptians, or Greeks, or Romans. We do know for certain that 715 B. C. the (*collegia fabrorum*) or Roman constructors, always performed this ceremony. We leave our readers to decide for their own part on the explanation we have endeavonred to make but bearing in mind whatever metals, coins, or articles of whatever description were placed by the ancients under their corner stones, they were purely symbolic of the religion of the age, and we do not think intended for the use of posterity; for the construction of their temples was, like their religion, intended to last for ever.—*New York Dispatch.*

At the meeting of the North London Chapter of Improvement, held 17th August, at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's-road, N., Comps. Edmonds filled the chair of Z., Gregory H., Sparrow J., John Evans Sheffield S.E., Fennell S.N. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, after which the Chapter was closed until Thursday evening, the 24th inst.

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MOZART LODGE, No. 1929.

THE Installation meeting of the above Lodge was held at Harewood House, High-street, Croydon, on the 12th inst. Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., E. M. Lott, assisted by Bros. Edwin Moss S.W. W.M. elect, Phillips J.W., and a numerous gathering of members and visitors, among whom were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, and Buss Assistant Grand Secretary. Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The audited accounts were then submitted and passed, showing a balance on the right side. The W.M. courted the able assistance of Col. Shadwell H. Clerke to work the installation, and that worthy brother, to the delight of all present, assented and occupied the chair of W.M., appointing as his S.W. Bro. H. G. Buss Assist. Grand Secretary, Bro. E. M. Lott following J. T. Phillips in the J.W. chair. Bro. Frances P.G.D.C. Surrey acting D.C. presented Bro. Moss as the W.M. elect for the benefits of installation. Bro. Moss having applied in the affirmative to all inquiries prior to his appointment as a ruler of the Craft, received the benefits of Masonic prayer, brethren not eligible to remain in Lodge retired, and the distinguished brother in the chair gave the necessary degree, and placed Bro. Moss in the chair of K.S. The Board of Installed Masters was then closed, and the brethren of the different grades were admitted and saluted the chair in formal manner. Bro. Moss appointed his Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. Phillips Senior Warden, H. J. Lardner Treasurer, E. M. Lott Secretary, J. King Senior Deacon, W. Ainsly Junior Deacon, R. Palmer Thomas Inner Guard, F. Compton P.M. M.C., H. P. Jones Assistant M.C., J. W. Simonn Steward, J. Holdgate Assistant Steward, J. H. Liepold, Organist, J. Kift Director of Ceremonies, C. Grundtirg Std. Bearer. The installing Master then delivered the final addresses in a most impressive manner, the whole of the ceremony being worked without a fault or the slightest hesitation, and the worthy brother received a Masonic ovation. There being two brethren for raising, Bro. Moss was enabled to prove to the members of the Lodge that they had selected a brother to preside over them of true merit, the ceremony being worked in a perfect manner. Lodge was resumed. Bro. E. M. Lott I.P.M., after a highly and justly complimentary address to the Installing Master, in which every one joined, moved that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to that worthy brother; the motion having been unanimously confirmed, Bro. the Grand Secretary paid a high compliment to the excellent working of the Lodge, and wished them progress and prosperity. Other minor subjects were brought before the Lodge, and disposed of as business matter. Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, prepared by Bro. Rhodes (host), to which justice was done, grace being sung by a talented company of professionals. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to—that of the Grand Officers being ably responded to by Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary. The health of the W.M. was fully acknowledged by Bro. Moss. Bro. Moss proposed the toast of the I.P.M., at the same time fixing on his breast a valuable jewel of elegant design and great intrinsic value, being of fine massive gold. Bro. Lott returned his acknowledgments to the members for their handsome gift, and promised to be among them whenever he could. The Officers followed next, to which Bro. Phillips S.W. observed that the Officers felt and esteemed the neat compliment paid them by the W.M., and that they would one and all endeavour to show him they were worthy of his estimation, they had now entered on the second year of existence, and he himself hoped the W.M.'s project for supporting the Charities would be carried out, and thanked him for the Officers' toast. Next followed that of the Visitors. Bro. Le Resche, Mechanics Lodge, No. 245 (Jersey), replied for the Visitors. The Tyler's toast followed, and the brethren separated after a most enjoyable gathering. Part songs during the evening were rendered by the following brethren:—Bros. E. M. Lott, T. Tremere, Kift, A. Thompson, A. James, E. Collins, Schartau, and Simons.

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ANOTHER addition has just been made to the list of London Lodges in the form of the St. Mary Abbotts Lodge, No. 1974, which was consecrated on Thursday, 10th inst., at the Town Hall, Kensington, by V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, assisted by W. Bros. Captain N. G. Philips P.G.D. as S.W, Robert Freke Gould P.G.D. as J.W., V.W. Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G. Chaplain as Chaplain, W. Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. as Director of Ceremonies, and W. Bro. H. G. Buss Assist. Grand Secretary as I.G. The ceremony of Consecration was conducted by Bro. Clerke in his usual able manner, and the Lodge having been formally dedicated, the W.M. designate—W. Bro. Captain Adolphus Nicols P.D.G. Sup. of Works Punjab—was presented and installed. W. Bro. Col. Martin Petrie having been unanimously elected Treasurer, the W.M. invested the S.W. designate—Captain Henry Smith Andrews—with his collar of office. The J.W. designate—Francis Henry Gruggen—was unable to be present in consequence of having met with an accident. The W.M. stated that as the brother who would fill the position of Secretary was not then a member of the Lodge, he proposed to make the appointment to that office, as also to the other minor offices, later on; he should, however, be obliged to Bros. Petrie, Capt. Chas. Francis Compton and Francis Charles Compton if they would fulfil for a time the duties of Secretary and Senior and Junior Deacons respectively. Bro. Austin was elected, and invested as Tyler. Before closing the Lodge, the Secretary *pro tem.* announced the receipt of letters of regret from various brethren who had been invited, but who were unable to attend. Five propositions for joining, and one for initiation, were made. A vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers was, on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., unanimously passed, as was also one to the brethren who had carried out the musical portion of the day's programme. Bro. Grand Secretary acknowledged the compliment on behalf of the Consecrating Officers. A Committee having been appointed to draw up the Bye-Laws, Lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to banquet, which was well served by Bro. Ward. At the conclusion of the banquet, the W.M. proceeded with the customary toasts; first on the list was that of the Queen and the Craft, it was one, the W.M. said, which needed no preface from him. Noble and good herself, Her Majesty the Queen had always been the Patroness of institutions established for the welfare of her subjects, or for the relief of distress, and although it was not possible for her to take any part in the mysteries of Freemasonry, she had given her support to it by becoming Patroness of the Charitable Institutions connected with it. With the toast of her health they, as Masons, were always pleased to couple Success to the Craft. The toast having been honoured, the National Anthem was sung, and then the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., together with that of the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past, was given. Masons generally, were proud to honour the Grand Master, who, since he had become their ruler, had shown them he had the power of reigning well. The founders of the Saint Mary Abbotts Lodge had especial cause to be thankful to him from the fact of his having granted them a warrant of Constitution after having expressed his opinion that he considered London Lodges were sufficiently numerous. Of the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and the other Grand Officers, he could say much, but they were so well known to all who were then present, that he would simply dismiss them with the best of his wishes for their future. With the toast he had the pleasure of coupling the name of the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford Past Grand Chaplain, and that brother in due course replied. The brethren had heard his voice so very frequently that day that he almost wished the Master had given them an opportunity of listening to some other of the Grand Officers present. But being called upon by the W.M. he must first tender his thanks on behalf of the Grand Officers for the way in which the brethren had replied to the toast. The rulers of Freemasonry were men they were bound to reverence and admire, and it would always be so, as long as they fulfilled their duties as they did at present. They had that day among them several Present and Past Grand Officers, and he felt sure they were one and all animated by a desire to benefit the English Craft. Very much of the success of Freemasonry at the present time was due to the care bestowed upon it by the Grand Secretary, who had shown by the way in which he had carried out the ceremonies that day how much interest he took in the Craft. He must not forget to refer also to the Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. Buss, whose work in the Craft had met the approval of all with whom he came in contact; more especially was this the case some time since, when the bulk of the work devolved on him. Speaking of Freemasonry generally, he could remember how, forty years ago, when a very young man, he first saw the light of Freemasonry at Gibraltar. The longer he lived the more he appreciated it, and he could but say to those around him if they only make as many friends, and spent as many pleasant evenings in it as he had done, they too would know the advantages of Freemasonry. The Worshipful Master next submitted the toast of Very Worshipful Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Consecrating Officer. Were it possible for him to enjoy speechmaking, he should have very much to say in praise of their Grand Secretary, to whom he and the founders generally were greatly indebted for assistance rendered them in the formation of their Lodge, both before and after the issuing of the warrant for its consecration. He trusted the Lodge might prosper and never forfeit the respect and regard of the brother to whom they were so much indebted for what he had done towards starting it. Bro. Clerke thought he might fairly echo the remarks of Bro. Woodford so far as what he had said as to his having spoken so often before that day was concerned. It was a great pleasure to him to reply to the toast, more especially after the way in which the W.M. had alluded to the small services he had been able to render in connection with the establishment of the Lodge. It had been a great pleasure to him to be present that day, and he had felt it his duty to assist the W.M. as far as lie in his power. He had felt from the first that the Lodge would be a successful one, and had done his best to get the needful authority from the Grand Master as early as possible. He must congratulate the founders on the successful start that had been made, and trusted that the future of the Lodge would be all they could desire. Before resuming his seat he would ask them to honour another toast—to use an oft repeated expression, the toast of the evening—that of their W.M., coupled with Prosperity to the Saint Mary Abbotts Lodge. As he had said in Lodge, the W.M. was a very old and experienced Mason, having passed the chair some years since in India. He (Bro. Clerke) had seen him on many occasions in Freemasonry, and was sure he was the right sort of man to put at the head of a Lodge. He could but congratulate him and the Lodge generally on the favourable auspices under which they assembled, and had little doubt but that the first Master and the Lodge itself would prove a great success. The Worshipful Master tendered his heartfelt thanks. He assured the brethren that the present was the one period in the whole day's proceedings he had looked forward to with diffidence and misgivings. The man who could gracefully say, I thank you, under such circumstances was, in his opinion, a masterpiece. So far as he was concerned, he should do his very best for the welfare of the Lodge. He invited his brother visitors to come and see him when there was work to do in the Lodge, as if he could do his duty there, he felt they would excuse him at the toast list, and then proceeded to propose the health of the guests. The Visitors who were present must remember they were assembled that evening at a new Lodge, whose machinery had only just been set in motion. He was at present unable to say how it would work, so would not promise too much; all he could hope was that the St. Mary Abbotts Lodge would eventually attain a reputation both for hospitality and good working. With the toast he had the pleasure of coupling the name of Bro. Rev. W. Francis; that brother, in responding, felt the Master could hardly have selected any one less able to reply than himself, but at the same time he could not have chosen one who had enjoyed himself more than he. He thought he might say that the Visitors had all enjoyed themselves; that each did really wish every success and prosperity to the Lodge and its founders. What was more, they felt convinced from the way in which it had been started, and the ability of the brother at its head, that the Lodge must succeed. The W.M. next proposed the health of his Officers. Of course as he had not seen them work he could not yet say anything of them; he hoped, however, the brethren would unite with him in wishing them good health and trusting they might keep up the reputation that had been established that day. He coupled with the toast the name of Col. Petrie, the Treasurer and acting Secretary. Bro. Petrie acknowledged the toast. The W.M. had said he could not say what his Officers were like as he had not tried them, but under so distinguished a master, he (the speaker) felt convinced they could hardly fail to do well. Masonry was often spoken of as an institution which created good fellowship and charity among its members, but he thought it had a much higher aim. It taught its members to prepare themselves for another world and that their aim should be to make themselves fit stones to be selected by the Great Architect of the Universe to be added to the great temple above. Brother Gould followed. The brethren had paid him the compliment of asking him to act as Junior Warden of the Lodge and to retain that position during the remainder of the day's proceedings; he thanked them, in a position which he did not think he should be able to occupy again—as one of the Officers of the Lodge. One thing had struck him which had not yet been mentioned by any of the speakers—the number of military men who had taken part in the day's proceedings. As an old soldier he felt very pleased to meet so many members of the profession. He felt there was no better class of men to be found in the world than those who had passed a military life; and he felt that the large number of military men associated with the Lodge would ensure success. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. The W.M. took occasion during the evening to specially thank the musical brethren for the part they had taken in the day's work. 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SATURDAY, 19th AUGUST.

1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New North-road, S.E., at 7. (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)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

MONDAY, 21st AUGUST.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
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.)
1628—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)
1901—St. Ambrose Baron's Court H. tel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
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. (Instruction)
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
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.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1206—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1238—Gooch, Alba y 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. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 22nd AUGUST.

65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
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.)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich

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
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1314—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms, Grays, Essex
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness

WEDNESDAY, 23rd AUGUST.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
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—Paumure, 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)
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.)
1549—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
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)

86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1284—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Horncsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
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
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 24th AUGUST.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
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)
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.)

116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
303—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
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
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
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)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
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. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 25th AUGUST.

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.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, 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. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 26th AUGUST.

1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New North-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1641—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

Bro. Sir John Bennett, speaking at a gathering of hop and fruit growers, and land cultivators, held in London, on Monday, to promote the abolition of extraordinary tithes, contended it was high time such an impost should be abolished. He knew something about hop cultivation, and would say that he never grudged the manure nor their labour, but that he did the money which from time to time the parson received from him for tithes.

The installation ceremony of the High Cross Lodge will be rehearsed on Wednesday next, the 23rd inst, at four o'clock.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, Town Clerk of the City of London, is spending his holiday in Switzerland.

Bro. Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., who has been a widower for about two years, is, says *Truth*, to be married shortly.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

St. Hilda Lodge, No. 240, South Shields.—On Monday, 14th instant, the ordinary monthly meeting of the brethren of the the above prosperous Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, when there was a numerous attendance of members and visitors; among the latter were Bros. F. Rearson 80, John Bill 991, Wm. T. Clarke 315 P.J.W. 1829 and P.S. 811, Hugh Golder S.W. 119, John Stokoe P.M. P.P.G.W. Durham; there were also present Bros. J. T. Wilson I.P.M., Jas. Roddam P.M. P.P.GS.., J. Potter P.M., J. T. Appey P.M., George Lawson P.M. P.P.G.D., Thomas Coulson P.M. P.J.G.D., &c. Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. G. A. Shotton W.M., assisted by Bros. J. H. Thompson S.W., Thos. Binks J.W. and other Officers. Bro. J. S. Wilson P.M. Secretary, read the minutes of last meeting, which were confirmed. The ballot was then taken for John Thomas Henderson, Thomas Richardson Dawson, and John Dobbyn, and in each case the Worshipful Master declared the candidates to be duly elected. Messrs. John Thomas Henderson and Thos. Fyall (previously ballotted for) being in attendance, were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Masonry by the W.M., who performed the ceremony and delivered the charge in an exceedingly effective and impressive manner. Bro. Binks J.W., gave the working tools impressively. Owing to the excessive heat no other business was taken, and Lodge was closed in harmony.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—Held on Monday, the 14th instant, at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Present—Bros. Rowles W.M., Cotton S.W., Nicholson J.W., Brooks S.D. Taplin J.D., Duffin I.G. and Tyler, &c. After the usual formalities, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brooks candidate. Bro. Duffin was interrogated and entrusted, and after the Lodge had been advanced to the second degree, was passed to that of F.C. Bro. Cotton S.W. was unanimously elected to the chair for next meeting. It was resolved to secure the services of a distinguished brother in the district to rehearse the ceremony of installation, if possible, on the opening night of the next session which begins on the 4th of September. Their being nothing more offering for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed and adjourned until the 21st of August.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—Meeting, Friday, 11th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, at 7.30 p.m. Lodge opened, Bros. A. R. Cranch W.M., J. Bate S.W., H. M. Williams J.W., J. B. Sarjeant S.D., R. Poore J.D., C. H. Phillips I.G., John S. Terry P.M., Secretary, James Stevens P.M. Hon. Preceptor, E. A. Frances, E. Bye, G. W. Knight, F. Thurston, T. C. Edmonds, and others. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Stevens as candidate. Bro. Bate delivered the charge to F.C.'s. The lecture on the second tracing board was effectively given by the Preceptor, who was assisted by Bro. Frances. Lodge was closed down and called off. The brethren took part in "Entry Drill," and Lodge was called on. Bro. Bate was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and Lodge was closed after two hours of very instructive working.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—At the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, on Monday, 14th inst. Bros. Maud W.M., Stewart S.W., M. Isaacs J.W., Barnes S.D., Hubbert J.D., Oxley I.G. Lodge was opened in due form, with prayer, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Oxley being a candidate to be passed to the second degree, answered the usual questions, and was duly entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Oxley candidate. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed down. Bro. Stewart was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was closed in due form, with prayer.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening last, the 15th instant at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton. Brother E. A. Francis Preceptor of the Lodge presided, and was supported by more than twenty members of the Lodge, besides other Visitors. Lodge was opened and closed in the third degree and the ceremonies, of initiation and raising rehearsed by the W.M. in a most efficient manner. A resolution was unanimously passed, conveying the thanks of the brethren to Bro. Francis for the able manner in which he had conducted the business of the evening, and ordered to be inserted on the minutes. Bro. Phillips, Treasurer of the Lodge, having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

ROYAL ARCH.

Patriotic Lodge, No. 51.—The quarterly meeting of this Chapter was held on Thursday evening, the 10th instant, when the only business on the agenda was the election of Officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:—E. Comps. T. J. Ralling Z, E. Hennemeyer H., J. E. Wiseman J., J. J. C. Turner S.E., A. S. B. Sparling S.N., W. Sowman P.S., Marshall 1st A.S., Clowes 2nd A.S., W. P. Lewis P.Z. Treasurer, S. Munson Janitor. The Companions afterwards spent a pleasant hour at the festive board, under the presidency of the Z. elect.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 1643.

THE usual meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Ellison House (Bro. Hall's), Hebburn-on-Tyne, on Wednesday, 9th instant, when there was a very numerous attendance of the members. The Lodge was opened by Bro. G. Hardy P.M. (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. Bewicke W.M.), assisted by Bros. J. Brodie S.W., J. Chadwick J.W., and other Officers. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Frederick West was examined and entrusted in the test of merit and password, and retired. The Lodge having been raised to the second degree, Bro. West was passed to the second degree by Bro. Hardy P.M. There being no other business the Lodge was closed in harmony, the brethren adjourned to refreshments, and spent a pleasant evening.

OUR EARLIEST CRAFT LODGES.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

I HAVE received from our indefatigable Brother, the Rev. W. C. Lukis P.M., F.S.A., some more jottings from his investigations of the Stukeley Papers, and this time they are of unusual interest. They are extracts from Dr. Stukeley's Diary, and are valuable as being very early references to Masonic work in London. The question of where the doctor was made a Mason, is settled by the first entry, as follows:

"January 6 1721.—I was made a Freemason at the Salutation Tavern, Tavistock-street (London), with Mr. Collins and Captain Rowe, who made the famous diving engine.

"[I was the first person made a Freemason in London for many years. We had great difficulty to find members enough to perform the ceremony. Immediately upon that it took a run, and run itself out of breath, through the folly of the members.]"

It would have been interesting if the writer had told us how many members were required in those days to perform the ceremony. It is evident that a strict form was observed.

"June 24 1721.—The Masons had a dinner at Stationer's Hall. Present—Duke of Montague, Lord Herbert, Lord Stanhope, Sir Andrew Fountaine, &c. Dr. Desaguliers pronounced an oration.

"The Grand Master Pain pronounced an old M.S. of the Constitutions, which he got in the West of England 500 years ago. He read over a newset of articles to be observed. The Duke of Montague chose Grand Master next year, Brother Beal Deputy."

Beal is mentioned in the list of Lodges appended to the first Book of Constitutions as W.M. of Lodge No. 12. Pain (or Payne) had been re-elected Grand Master in 1720, and Dr. Desaguliers was the Immediate Past Grand Master—a brilliant meeting.

"December 27 1721.—We met at the Fountain Tavern, Strand, and by consent of the Grand Master present, Dr. Beale constituted a new Lodge there, where I was chosen Master."

Nothing is named about the qualifications for the Chair, and as Bro. Stukeley had not been twelve months a Mason, it is manifest that any Brother could be chosen to preside, as also that the verbal consent of the Grand Master or his Deputy was sufficient to authorise the formation of a Lodge.

"May 25 1722.—Met the Duke of Queensborough, Lord Dumbarton, Hinchinbroke, &c., at Fountain Tavern Lodge, to consider of Feast on St. John's."

The Fountain must have been one of the leading Lodges to have made the rendezvous of these distinguished brethren.

"November 3 1722.—The Duke of Wharton and Lord Dalkeith visited our Lodge at the Fountain."

The Duke was Grand Master in that same year, and was followed in the chair by Lord Dalkeith.

"October 4 1723.—I read my discourse of the Dorchester Amphitheatre at the Lodge, and delivered to every brother a copy."

Stukeley was a great antiquarian, and one of the best classics of his day, and although his theories on various archæological subjects are now known to be erroneous, he was a leader of thought in his time, and even yet his correspondence and close observations are of great value. Bro. Lukis is at present engaged on a volume of his writing for the Surtees Society.

"June 1726.—Being sadly plagued with the gout, I retired to Grantham, &c. Here I set up a Lodge of Freemasons, which lasted all the time I lived there."

To this Lodge at Grantham I referred in a note a few weeks ago.

"1728.—Died, my landlord, Lambert, of the Fountain Tavern, Strand, where I was Master of a new Lodge of Masons."

In his autobiography, Dr. Stukeley gives his reasons for becoming a Freemason. He says:

"His curiosity led him to be initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, suspecting it to be the remains of the mysteries of the ancients; when, with difficulty, a number sufficient was to be found in all London. After this it became a public fashion, not only spread over Britain and Ireland, but of all Europe."

It will be observed that for some three or four years after the "revival" of Masonry, very little progress, if any, was made in the Craft, which seems to have carried on a very feeble existence until the year of the Duke of Montague's Grand Mastership.

There are two entries in the Diary, which are still more remarkable. They are as follows:

"Nov. 7 1722—Order of the Book instituted."

"Dec. 28, 1722.—I din'd with Lord Hertford, introduced by Lord Winchelsea. I made them both members of the Book, or Roman Knighthood."

Does any one know anything of this Order? Was it Masonic, or or simply a literary Brotherhood? If Masonic, it shows how very soon our brethren began to hanker after more degrees.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

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IS MASONRY REALLY FLOURISHING?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your article, under the above heading which appeared in the last issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, opens up a very wide, and as you rightly observe, a momentous issue in relation to the Craft. And, although I fear I shall be able to add very little to the deductions you make, yet I have reason to fear there is considerable weight in them, unpalatable as their acceptance might be to us, and all who are jealous for the interests of our Ancient and Honourable Institution. It would be invidious to point to any especial cases in which members have been indiscriminately—I was almost going to say recklessly—admitted into Lodges; but it can hardly be gainsaid that instances are neither few nor far between in which by far a too large a proportion of some Lodges "lose heart" after the first few years, and either resign or grow careless and indifferent as to their responsibilities to the Craft. I wonder how many Masons there are who, though fired with enthusiasm at first, would now be unable to work themselves into a Lodge? I do not mean to insinuate that all these have fallen into the ranks of the inactivity through necessary avarice or disappointment in obtaining honours; as there may be a variety of causes to actuate men—business or private engagements—in abstaining in greater or less degree from active participation in the working of their Lodges. I do not see that such men are to be blamed entirely for this; although there can be very little doubt that some brethren, seeing there is but a remote chance of promotion, wax faint and shrink from that enthusiastic action in connection with the Craft which they evinced at the outset. One feature of your remarks must commend itself to all thinking Masons, and there can be little question that many Lodges have swollen to such unwieldly dimensions as to preclude many who aspire to office the possibility of advancement; and thus in the face of a hopeless case, nothing can be expected on the part of members but a desire to overflow into an "offshoot" Lodge, where in a short period, at all events, they might reasonably anticipate a realisation of their hopes. I can hardly see how the curb is to be put on in the matter of restricting the increasing the number of men who are solicitous of joining the ranks of Freemasonry, and, as you point out in your article, the *selection* of candidates is a matter of the utmost difficulty, if not impossibility. When candidates appear to all external appearances just and upright men and Masons, it is absolutely impossible for anyone not possessed of "second sight" to fathom the mind and intentions of those who are admitted, as to whether their motives are mercenary or otherwise, or whether they will after a time lapse into a state of apathy, or even eventually fall back upon the Benevolent Fund. Although there may be in some cases "an excess of zeal," such as you seem to indicate, on the part of brethren to see the numbers of their Lodges increase, yet I do not think the remark applies to anything like a large proportion of them, either in the metropolis or the Provinces, and considering the number of applicants for admission, who are either withdrawn or "pilled," one can hardly doubt that there is a very large amount of discretion exercised in the *selection*—that is, so far as selection can be exercised—of candidates for initiation. You cannot judge of the quality of nut until it is cracked, and it is equally impossible to say how a man will turn out until you have watched his actions, and estimated the genuineness of his professions after his admission. Much, therefore, as we must all deplore the number of "drones" which exist in our Lodges, I for one cannot see how a remedy is to be found for the increase of individual Lodges, and its inevitable consequence in the multiplication in the applications for new warrants. I hope some other correspondents will express their views upon this question, which is one of considerable interest to the Craft, and that some remedy for the evils of which you so justly complain may be the outcome of their collective thought.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A YOUNG MASON.

Boxhill, 16th August 1882.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am glad you have mooted this question. As far as mere numbers go, we have, unquestionably made huge advances since the memorable day when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was installed Grand Master of England in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington. But, as you have frequently remarked, mere numerical increase is no just criterion of increased strength. Freemasonry is popular with all classes of the community and is respected by those who understand its precepts for the immense amount of good it does as a practical philanthropic Institution. A society, which annually raises over £40,000 in order to provide for the maintenance and education of orphan girls and boys and to make comfortable the declining years of its aged indigent members and their widows, is not likely to be at a loss for eulogists, and there is fair reason to suppose that its influence may be so far contagious as to secure a number of imitators. There is, however, this danger to be considered, that in addition to the eulogists and the imitators, it also has a large number of admirers who, being as it were, a kind of beasts of prey, have no other thought in seeking admission to its ranks than to make profit out of its benevolent propensities. These people adopt different modes of procedure in order to secure the object they have in view. Some obtain entrance into the Craft by means of friends, who are also brethren, in the hope and belief that, by so doing, they will extend the sphere of their custom as tradesmen, while others, finding their commercial status becoming somewhat cranky, are only too glad to speculate to the extent of a few pounds in the shape of initiation fees and subscriptions, in the hope that, when the crisis in their affairs has arrived and their means are exhausted, they may obtain substantial help from Grand Lodge and, if they are married men, equally substantial help in bringing up their families. It may appear very un-Masonic to say so, but there is no doubt that the large accession of mere numerical strength during the past few years has brought with it a very considerable accession of weakness. This is borne out by the fact that, only a short while ago, the Fund of Benevolence was under the necessity of selling out a portion of its capital in order to make good its excess of expenditure over income. It is further demonstrated by the still more conspicuous fact that, though our Institutions have, since the Prince of Wales was elected Grand Master, enlarged the sphere of their operations to an amazing extent, and have on their books from forty to sixty per cent more recipients of their bounty than they had eight years ago, the number of applicants is still out of all proportion to the number of vacancies. This circumstance alone deserves to be recognised as an unhealthy symptom, and as showing that, however grand may be the outward proportions of Freemasonry in this country, it is not as sound as it ought to be at heart.

The multiplication of Lodges has had a great deal to do with bringing about this result. Men spend money in the Lodge, which, if they were right-minded and conscientious, they would spend at home. What need is there for a brother to be a member of several Lodges? It gives him no additional status in the Craft. It does not prove that he possesses exceptional merits, and, in nine cases out of ten, it involves him in a needless burden of expenditure. I admit there are some who, having proved themselves worthy and able Craftsmen, are fully justified in their endeavours to promote the welfare of Freemasonry by starting new Lodges, but the number of these is, in the nature of things, limited. For instance, it was understood a year or two since that warrants for no new London Lodges would be granted, yet warrants have been granted even in the course of the present year, and the cases in which the grant of a new warrant seems justifiable are few indeed. For instance, if I take only a figure view of the case, I find that London, with its population of four millions, has over 300 Lodges, or one Lodge to every 13,000; while in the Provinces there are some 1,000 Lodges to nineteen millions, or one Lodge to every 19,000. But then one half of the population are females, and from the male half of 11,500,000, we must at least deduct three-fifths who are not adults, the result being, in these circumstances, that we have one Lodge to some 2,650 male adults in London, and one to every 3,800 in the country. Let me take one step further. Quite four-fifths of these male adults are unwilling or unable pecuniarily to join the Craft, the result being that there is one Lodge to every 500 competent male adults in London, and one to every 760 in the country. Clearly, therefore, and apart from the fact that the area of the Metropolitan District is more limited, and the Lodges in closer contiguity to each other, it must be evident that no new warrants for London Lodges are needed now or for some time to come.

There are other points in your article I should like to notice, but time presses, and I must subscribe myself,

Fraternally yours,

"ALIQUID."

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Next Wednesday fortnight, 6th September, Grand Lodge holds its Quarterly Meeting, at which, amongst other business, Grand Lodge will be asked to confirm a proposition which it has already carried twice, viz., Bro. Raynham Stewart's motion for an extra grant of £800 per annum towards the above Institution. It may not be known to all the members of Grand Lodge that there is already a grant of one £800 a year to the Aged. How did that grant come about? Many years ago, 1854, when our Lodges numbered about 800, G. Lodge agreed to give to the Institution £800 a-year on condition of receiving three votes (two male and one female) annually for every Lodge under its Constitution. Since that time our strength in numbers has increased to 2,000 Lodges more or less, so that we now give 6,000 votes for the same consideration as we previously gave 2,400. On these grounds I believe the Institution is justly entitled to the extra £800 per annum; especially as since the motion, which was carried in December last, though non-confirmed in March, was then held over to know whether what the Grand Secretary read out, and the Auditor's Report confirmed, was correct, namely, that there was a handsome annual surplus on the Fund of General Purposes from which the extra grant could be well spared. At the meeting in June, it was given out that this surplus revenue was about £4,000, and the proposition was again carried. It now remains with the brethren to confirm what they have twice agreed to; to show their zeal and fidelity to the cause they profess to admire; and by a large majority endorse their previous records.

Yours fraternally,

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A SUMMARY of this kind possesses a very considerable value for purposes of reference, provided it satisfies certain conditions, the principal of which are (1) clearness and conciseness of arrangement; (2) accuracy. The compilers specify among the sources from which they have taken their information "Hansard" and the *Times* newspaper, and better sources than these for ensuring accuracy it would have been impossible to select. The arrangement of a summary depends on the ability of the compiler, and Mr. Hime and Bro. Littelton Wilday have proved in this instance that they possess the requisite qualifications for such a task. Their method is excellent. Each year has its interesting events ranged under it on the days of their occurrence, and over each is placed the particular administration that was in power during its, or a part of its continuance. Nothing could have been better save in one respect. There should have been uniformity in superscribing these Administrations. For instance, during the first eight months of 1841 the late Lord Melbourne was Prime Minister, and during the remaining four months the late Sir Robert Peel, Bart., and to the heading "Melbourne and Sir R. Peel's Administration," no objection need be taken. In 1846 Sir Robert Peel resigned, and the late Lord John, afterwards Earl Russell, succeeded him. For the sake of consistency, therefore, the heading should have been "Sir R. Peel's and Lord John Russell's Administrations," whereas, it is "Sir R. Peel's Administration," which is true only of the first half of the year. In 1852 the description accords with that of 1841 and so it does again in 1855, when the late Lord Aberdeen was Prime Minister for a brief period and the late Lord Palmerston for the rest of the year. The next change of Ministry occurred in 1858; Lord Palmerston being succeeded by the late Earl of Derby in February, yet the whole of this year is assigned to "Viscount Palmerston's Administration." Similarly 1859 was divided in about equal parts between Lord Derby's and Lord Palmerston's Administration, yet the year is wholly assigned to that of the former. In 1866, a better, and what we hold to be correct, system is adopted. The late Earl Russell was Minister for the first half and the late Earl of Derby for the second half, and the year accordingly is divided between the two. There is no objection to the heading "Lord Derby's and Mr. Disraeli's Administrations" for 1868, because the two were virtually one and the same Ministry, and Mr. Gladstone did not take office till 9th December, while again in 1874 and 1880, the former of which was divided between Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Disraeli, and the latter between the late Earl of Beaconsfield and Mr. Gladstone, what we have expressed our opinion is the proper arrangement is adopted. We consider this threefold variety is a mistake. With this exception the plan adopted is a good one, while the events of each year are clearly and concisely described.

We have not, of course, been at the pains of examining all the events that have been deemed worthy of note with a view to testing their accuracy—we could not have spared the time for such a purpose. We have, however, glanced here and there at hazard, and though we have found the majority of the entries correct, we have also lighted on some which do not quite explain themselves and which, in future issues, it will be as well to rectify. Thus we have in 1842 against "August 26" the following "Treaty of Peace concluded with China," &c., &c., and on "December 8" again, "Peace with China." In 1843 against "February 17" stands "Sir Charles Napier's victory over Scinde chiefs at Meeanee," and later in the year this was followed up by a second victory at Hyderabad, yet on "December 20" we are told that the "Scinde War commenced."

Again, as regards the eventful years 1857-8, the commencement of the Indian Mutiny is set down for "Jan. 23," and is said to have been caused by the belief formed by the Sepoys about the greased cartridges. This was, no doubt, one of many pretexts for the revolt; but the Mutiny proper dates from the outbreak at Meerut, in May—we do not remember the exact day—and the subsequent march of the mutineers on Delhi, where they massacred the English and set up the Mogul as their sovereign. The recapture by Sir Archdale Wilson, of the city of Delhi, after a six days' fight in September, is unnoticed, but in 1858 against "Sep. 11," we have the Battle of Delhi, though the mutiny was virtually at an end on the latter date. Then the second relief of Lucknow, in November 1858, when Sir C. Campbell secured the ladies and children and other non-combatants, and retired till re-inforcements arrived, is omitted. In 1867 "April 18," we have entered "Withdrawal of Mr. Gladstone from leadership of Liberal party." Of course, our memory may be at fault, yet we confess we do not remember anything of the kind having happened, nor, as the Liberal party were in a majority, do we think it likely it could have happened, especially as, in 1868, "Apr. 30," we read, "Government defeated by 65 on Mr. Gladstone's Irish Church Bill." The only resignation of his leadership by Mr. Gladstone of which we have any knowledge took place after his defeat in 1874, when he was succeeded by the Marquis of Hartington. Some other errors of little moment should also be noted. The late Princess Alice was married in July 1862—she was engaged at the time of her father's death—not in 1863, and the Parliamentary grant to the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his marriage was £40,000, not £100,000 per annum. The Revenues of his Duchy of Cornwall raise his income, no doubt, to the latter sum, but Parliament has no control over these, which are his property, so long as he remains Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall, which will be till he becomes King.

We have noted these errors of omission and comission in no unfriendly spirit, but rather at the invitation of the compilers. There is no doubt their "Political Summary" has been well conceived, and well carried out, but errors in a compilation of such a character are inevitable, and we have no doubt that in future issues—which we shall heartily welcome—they will have disappeared.

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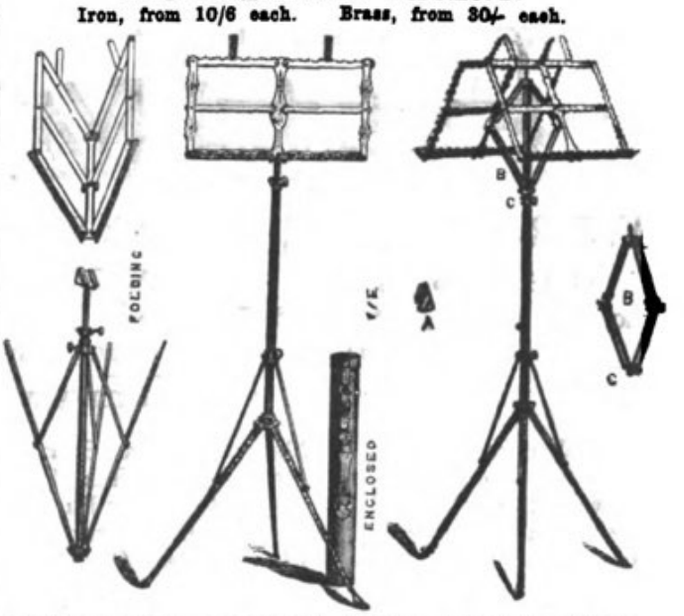

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PROPOSED CONVENTION.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE AND THE SCOTCH SYMBOLICAL GRAND LODGE.

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IN further consideration of its views, our worthy contemporary *Le Monde Maçonnique* continues in the following strain.

Is it not the case that our Grand Orient took the initiative in abolishing the Grand Mastership, an office which still exists in all the other countries of the world? Has it not, as a means of conciliating the supporters and opponents of the High Grades, and with a view to putting an end to the struggle which for years has divided French Masonry into two hostile camps, has it not, we ask, granted to the so-called superior Bodies the right to be represented in its general assemblies? Has it not, during the last fifty years, strenuously upheld the rights of the Jewish brethren in Germany, and those of the Negro and Mulatto Craftsmen in America, thus creating for itself, by this determined appeal to justice, a host of implacable enemies? Is it not the case that, single-handed against all the other Masonic powers in the world, it has dared to affirm the absolute freedom of man's conscience—an affirmation which has resulted in the excommunication of our Grand Orient by the whole of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry? All this is forgotten, and much else that we might refer to, such as the struggle against Prince Murat, or the campaign against recognition by the State, both which proved to demonstration how jealous were the brethren of the Grand Orient of their independence, and how deeply they were animated by the spirit of toleration, without which Freemasonry would not exist. Yet, in spite of all this, there are people who pretend to believe that the Grand Orient is a retrograde and anti-Masonic body. Worse still, there are those who charitably propose to infuse new blood in it, by bestowing upon it an entirely new Constitution, endowed with every imaginable good quality. Admitting for the moment that this Constitution, which it is desired to force on the Grand Orient as a condition *sine quâ non* of the fusion, should turn out to be unobjectionable in its effects, and realising on the instant all the hopes and aspirations of those who love justice, in that case, how perfect soever may be the new Constitution framed by the project of Convention, we do not hesitate to say, and we trust the Assembly will proclaim it aloud, that such Convention is impossible of acceptance, inasmuch as, in its most essential feature, so far from being progressive in its character, it will throw us back, and that, too, to a very considerable extent, as compared with the Constitution actually in force.

That the Constitution we live under at present is imperfect is a question that admits of no doubt, and it is equally recognised that those who have assisted in working it from 1865 till the present time have been no more than ignorant and incapable brethren. Meanwhile, however, this Constitution, notwithstanding its many defects, has at least one recommendation, which alone will suffice to wipe out the blots which people are pleased to attribute to it; it is capable of revision, and that, not only at remote intervals as those which preceded it, but constantly, whenever the majority of the Lodges have brought themselves to recognise the necessity for further modifications. During the last eleven years the General Assemblies of the Grand Orient have largely availed themselves of the opportunity thus afforded them, as is evidenced by the fact that of the forty-four articles contained in the Constitutions of 1865, no less than twenty-five have been modified, amended, or replaced by others. Would such a result be possible with a Constitution which provides not for any revision, and the essential features of which will have been settled in a definite manner? How will it fare with the treaty of Union between the Symbolical Grand Lodge and the Grand Orient, if the latter should rashly put its hand to the work that is submitted to the ratification, pure and simple, of the approaching Convention? Who will have the right to tear up this contract, seeing that the two contracting parties will have ceased to exist? Thus, for the rest of all time, the French brethren will be condemned to admire the profound wisdom of their settled Constitution!

Such a course as has just been indicated would be quite out of the question, and the Assembly should never associate itself with proceedings so reactionary. The Constitution of 1865, which showed a great advance on that of 1854, allowed a revision to be made only at the end of nine years, and it necessitated a concatenation of circumstances that could hardly be anticipated—such, for instance, as the refusal of General Mellinet to accept re-election, the difficulty of enlisting on the spur of the moment another Grand Master, &c., &c.—in order to afford the party of progressists the opportunity of demanding in 1870 and obtaining the reunion of a constituent Assembly, which put an end among other things to the clause fixing revision at periods of time too far removed and by means of a special meeting.

The Constituent assembly which it is expected will be held with a certain amount of illegality on the 16th of September next, might insert in the new Constitution a clause providing for periodical revision in the future; but is it likely the Scotch Symbolical Grand Lodge, which is one of the contracting parties, will be prepared to ratify a convention, the essential basis of which may be modified or destroyed at any moment? It cannot shut its eyes to the fact that it will always be found in a minority in the Assemblies, and it is only natural that, as it attaches certain conditions to its re-union with the Grand Orient, it should require those conditions to be scrupulously observed.

In a report on this question to the Symbolical Grand Lodge, Bro. Grumain-Cornille says distinctly: "I am desirous of pointing out that the actual proposition, even when it has been adopted by the Symbolical Grand Lodge, and ratified by the approaching Convention, is nothing more than a preliminary step, which in no way binds the contracting parties. Everything remains subject to the vote of the entire constituent body, to which shall be entrusted the Constitution of Symbolical French Masonry, once again restored to its sovereign jurisdiction. If, then, which is most unlikely, the representatives of the Symbolical Grand Lodge should find themselves in the Constituent Assembly in the face of a majority hostile to the principles of liberty as formulated in the project of Convention, it would still be in their power to reject, in its entirety, the new organic law as proposed, and, in a formal declaration explanatory of its reasons, to cancel the signature of the Symbolical Grand Lodge, with a view to maintaining its present independence, and so reserve an asylum for its liberty."

This language is clear, and sufficiently indicates that the Symbolical Grand Lodge is too much attached to its prin-

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ciples not to insist on formal guarantees in making a treaty such as is proposed. And, in a matter of this kind, what other guarantee can possibly be had than a Constitution which is unchangeable, albeit such a guarantee is in truth of but little account, seeing that, with the most perfect good faith on both sides, one may adopt to-day certain ideas and principles which to-morrow will appear so much more intolerable that it would be difficult, or even impossible, to amend them? Here then is a difficulty, the solution of which is evidently not simple, but on which the project of convention throws no light. Either the Grand Orient loses its power to modify its Constitution when and as it pleases, or the Symbolical Grand Lodge, content with its present victory, admits the right of revision, and is prepared to run the risk of seeing its principles at some future time replaced by others diametrically opposed to them. In such a case, which is by no means an improbable one, there will remain open to the malcontent Lodges no other resource than the final one of separating themselves from the jurisdiction, as they have separated from the Scotch system, and setting up a separate jurisdiction of their own. Yet when a case of fusion is on the carpet, it would be ridiculous to establish a position, which could only be put an end to by a schism. Whatever happens, it will be the duty of the General Assembly of the Grand Orient, before ratifying the proposal, to insist on the insertion of a clause under which the right of revising it will be included among the fundamental bases of the new Constitution.

THE DULL SEASON.

"WHEN the swallows homeward fly" we suppose that we shall hear the sound of the gavel calling the brethren in from all points of the compass, and they will come trooping back from their holiday trips with visages bronzed by the country sun rays, and with bodies and minds strung up with renewed vigour for the work of the coming session. With those whose misfortune it has been to have no holiday, this stagnation in Masonic circles, and the deprivation of those little amenities which go far to sweeten life, has become almost intolerable. To spin away for a couple of days on a visit to some Provincial Grand Lodge, and there to fraternise with brethren whom one has not seen for years; to hie away with a gladsome and happy group to a summer pic-nic; or to drop in at one of the cosy little Lodges of Instruction, which we are happy to see abounding on every hand, is the most that any man having Masonry at heart can hope to indulge in for the next month at least. However, we suppose that, like all mundane affairs, rest is as essential in Masonry as in any other condition of existence; and were it not for these breaks in the "annual round" perhaps even the most assiduous and enthusiastic Craftsman would grow to look upon his labours as monotonous. "All work and no play," has its moral and physical effect, alike in making "Jack a dull boy" or the student heavy-eyed; and thus, just as when the school-boy throws aside his books, and flings his cap high into the air in joyous exultation over the arrival of the holidays, so do most men—and especially those who work hardest with head and brain—hail with singularly happy complacency the time when they can lock up the desk, be it for ever so short a period, and indulge in a respite from the ordinary duties and worries of life. By and bye our brethren will be home returning, like doves to their cotes, wherein there will be renewed those loving and fraternal associations which have been broken by a short and pleasant spell. Then will be recounted the agreeable scenes witnessed and enjoyed on the holiday tours; the visits to country Lodges—for there is nothing more common than for our hearty and hospitable Provincial brethren to hold a special *réunion* at a time when they know there are numbers of Visitors about, and who would be glad of a fraternal hour or two away from home, and all those topics which go to make up the sum of friendly conversation. Friends will compare notes, illustrated by panoramic mental sketches of the scenery through which they have passed, the old friendships that have been renewed, and the new ones that have been gained; they will relate how little minor annoyances and disappointments were overcome, and generally "how things in general" were managed. At home, and in the midst of all this stillness to which we allude, we can only ponder upon the extensive area over which the brethren are just now scattered, and the various pleasantries in which they are respectively participating. Some are flitting round the coasts in white-winged yachts, dancing over summer waves, and inhaling the life-giving ozone of the breezes off the sea. They will tell us of the varying beauties of the foreshore, ever changing from one picture of quiet grandeur to another, of spanking breezes and "slanting" craft which take the lead in the regattas that now delight the dwellers by the sea; of deep line fishing and the hauls which may well make the inland disciple of Izaak Walton sigh with envy; of the saunterings upon the esplanade and pier, where bands play softly, and music mingles its sweet cadences with the ripple of the sea. Others have been far away upon the moors, and will return with cheeks as russet as the heather over which they have trampled, gun in hand, and with trusty spaniels and retrievers at their heels. What tales they will have to tell, and tactics of manœuvres "under cover," while blazing away amongst the speckled grouse, just as our brave fellows "out East" are peppering the deluded followers of Arabi! The idea is suggested by an expression which burst forth the other day from a burly brother who at almost his first shot brought down a brace of "brown beauties," and who only wished our "jolly red coats" could in like manner pop off the rebels "two at a time?" How they will account the heavy trudges over moor and heath land, the merry tales told along the way, the visions of sport, and the realisation of health-giving exercise and hilarity, of kilted attendants, and bonny Highland whisky! All these things have been recounted before, but they come fresh every year, dressed up in new fashion, and with a flavour of novelty in them quite mellow and refreshing. Others, again, have been by the lakes and streams, amidst the "finny friends" of whom our correspondent, the "non-sporting Brother," spoke so eloquently in a recent article in our columns; and it will be whether the "red soldier," the "palmer," or the "blue dun" has proved the most seductive in bewitching the silvery trout and other denizens of our streams into their creels. Down by the sea-side, at aristocratic Brighton or Scarboro', at more refined Eastbourne, Bournemouth or Ilfracombe, in shady beautiful Clovelly, and such like haunts of loveliness, never invaded by the noise of boisterous mirth; there are our brethren, with thousands more, enjoying their well-earned repose—too short a span, alas! they think—from the wear and tear, the hurry and bustle of business, and the ordinary routine of duty. We shall welcome them all home in a week or two, with many a hand-shake of congratulation upon their improved appearance and spirits, and shall all go forward again together along the paths of our favourite research. 'Tis little we have to say as yet in prospect of the coming session for the simple reason that as the knife grinder in the story, so aptly and so frequently alluded to by some of our Masonic orators, "we have no story to tell." But this we know, that when the brethren come back and enter once more upon their allotted tasks, the square men will drop into their square holes with all the steadiness and regularity of veterans, for the whole of the Masonic machinery will revolve as smoothly and as gaily as ever. Already the evenings are "drawing in" apace, and we shall have autumn and winter upon us almost before we are aware of their approach. The most must be made of the few remaining weeks—or days!—of a dull season, if we have not already gone upon our holiday escapades, for in a trice we shall be glad of cosy fires in our grates, the closed curtains, and the gladdening society of friends. Then from their hidden recesses will come forth the emblems and insignia which have been so carefully laid aside by considerate Tylers; the lights will reappear, and the brethren will again repair to their respective homes—for where can the word home be so thoroughly and perfectly find exemplification as within the precincts of our Masonic Lodges. To finish these simple platitudes, which in the absence of more stirring themes we are content to present as a sort of side-dish to our readers, we can only repeat, in pleasant recollection of the evenings we have spent together, "happy may we meet again." One thing is certain: the same joyous faces, the same impulses of hearty good fellowship and fraternal greeting, will soon again adorn the haunts of "ye mystic tie," when, with heart and hand our friends and neighbours will cheer the winter evenings, and dissipate for another year the solitude which inevitably accompanies the dull season through which we have happily so nearly passed.

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GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WE extract the following from the "Proceedings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," copy of which has just been forwarded to us :—

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was held in the town of Peabody, the 21st of April A.D. 1882, for the purpose of performing the funeral rites over the remains of R.W. Bro. William Sutton Past Senior Grand Warden.

Bro. Samuel Crocker Lawrence	...	Grand Master
Edwin Wright	...	Deputy Grand Master
William Babson	...	Senior Grand Warden
Henry G. Fay as	...	Junior Grand Warden
Sereno D. Nickerson ...	...	Recording Grand Secretary
Albert H. Sweetser ...	...	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 5
Rev. Fielder Israel ...	...	Grand Chaplain
Frederick D. Ely	...	Grand Marshal
John L. Stevenson ...	...	Grand Sword Bearer
Henry J. Parker	...	Grand Tyler

Amongst the other brethren present were—

Bros. William D. Coolidge P.G.M., William Parkman P.G.M., Chas. C. Dame P.G.M., Perceval L. Everett P.G.M., Charles Levi Woodbury D.P.G.M., William H. Chessman P.G.W., Henry J. Mills Master William Sutton Lodge, A. T. Stocker S.W., George Parsons J.W., Harmon Hall Member, Henry A. Brown P.M. Star King Lodge, Benj. Dean Past G.W.

At fifteen minutes past eleven o'clock a.m. Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, at the residence of our deceased Brother, in that part of his library called the "Masonic Room," where he had passed so many happy hours, surrounded by the portraits of brethren whom he so dearly loved, and by the interesting and suggestive souvenirs of his sixty years of Masonic life.

The M.W. Grand Master announced the purpose of the Communication. He gave a rapid sketch of the chief incidents in the history of our Brother, especially those connected with his Masonic career. He described in appropriate and graceful terms the debt we owe him for firmness and fidelity in time of obloquy and persecution, for aid and support in time of poverty and need. His kindly, modest, and affectionate devotion to the Craft in all its branches, and to all the brethren with whom he came in contact, was set forth in language which happily expressed the thoughts and recollections of those present. The Grand Master summed up this brief but feeling tribute to the memory of our departed Brother by reading the following Sacred Roll, to be placed on perpetual record :—

R.W. BROTHER WILLIAM SUTTON,

Past Senior Grand Warden of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

BORN IN SALEM, MASS., 26TH JULY 1800.

His life was one of busy and varied usefulness,—in every sphere full of honour, frankness, and truth. A patriotic citizen, a gallant soldier, a sincere friend, and a devoted Mason, to whose unselfish labours the Craft is largely indebted.

DIED IN PEABODY, MASS., 18TH APRIL 1882.

He has left behind him the record of a well-spent life, rendered beautiful by genial manners, generous friendliness, and active good works, and his brethren rendered grateful homage to the memory of one who served Masonry so faithfully and so well.

The Grand Officers took their stations around the body, in an adjoining room, which was fragrant with the many floral tributes offered by numerous civil, military, and Masonic organisations with which our friend had been connected. His pastor, the Rev. John William Hudson, conducted a fitting service in the hall above, after which the family and near relatives joined the Masonic circle, and the appropriate portions of our ritual were recited by the Grand Master and the Grand Chaplain, the responses being rendered most beautifully and effectively by the Temple Quartette.

The Grand Chaplain, Rev. Fielder Israel, then delivered the following parting words of affection, sympathy, and sorrow :—

Dear Brethren and Friends,—I will protract these services of commemoration and fraternal love but a moment longer, to repeat the Scripture : "This man, after he had served his generation, by the grace of God, fell on sleep." This is Bro. Sutton's best eulogy. His life of more than fourscore years was spent in doing good. He had a genius for benevolence. Kindness was the law of his life. He was absorbed and controlled by it. In him it was a principle and passion. He lived for others, and pleased not himself. He was a true Mason, "made on the good old plan of truth, obedience, and love." He was exalted to the sublimest degrees because of the fidelity of his conduct and the fulness of his charity.

He was concerned in everything pertaining to human welfare. The best interests of society always found in him an advocate and a supporter. Master and model to the Craft, he studied its principles, understood its purposes, and practised its virtues. He was a cordial, confiding, generous brother, full of love "that believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." He went in and out among his brethren like one who serveth." In him and by him the ancient word was fulfilled : "A man shall be a hiding-place from the wind, a covert from the tempest, as rivers of water in a dry place, and as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

To-day, dear brethren, we have come to fill his grave with our love, to plant the verdure of an everlasting spring upon his new-made sepulchre and then to go our way, to our duty and destiny, full of immortal hope ; so living

—— "that Death, come when he may, shall find
Us busily engaged in something which
Shall cast a blessing on the world, rebound
With one to our own breast, and tend to give
To man some benefit, to God some praise."

At the conclusion of this most touching and impressive service, which brought tears to the eyes of many besides the near relatives, the Grand Officers and the family of the deceased took carriages, and proceeded to the family tomb in Harmony Grove Cemetery. After a brief prayer and benediction by the Grand Chaplain, the mortal remains of our venerated brother were safely deposited in the silent tomb, and, with their hearts filled with sweet remembrance of his virtues, the brethren returned to the place of opening, and the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at ten minutes past one o'clock p.m.

Messrs. SPOONER & CO.'S ANNUAL EXCURSION.

THE annual excursion of the employés of Messrs. Spooner and Co. and Bro. J. E. Fells (Worshipful Master of the Confidence Lodge, No. 193), wine coopers and bottle merchants, of Laurence Pountney-lane, and Tooley-street, took place recently, Ightham, Kent, being again selected as the scene of the day's festivities. The weather was all that could be desired, and with an excellent programme before them, the men, numbering nearly 150 in all, assembled in high spirits at the Elephant and Castle station at 9.20 a.m., whence they proceeded to Wrotham, the journey down being enlivened with harmony and song. A pleasant walk over the Kentish hillside was enjoyed, the country now appearing in its summer luxuriance, and the hops, in full growth, adding much to the attractiveness of the landscape. On reaching Ightham, the party made at once for the George and Dragon Hotel, where "mine host," Mr. W. Mist, had made ample preparation for their comfort ; a substantial luncheon being laid ready for the visitors, whose appetites had been sharpened by a brisk walk after the railway journey. Luncheon having been discussed, the party adjourned, some to inspect the grand old church of St. Peter, in which are some beautiful monuments of the Selby family, one of which is to the memory of Dame Dorothy Selby, who is believed to have discovered to her husband the Gunpowder Plot, and many memorial brasses to the Moultons and others. There is also a handsome window in the north aisle, facing the east, dedicated to the memory of Demetrius Grevis James, J.P., and of Mary his wife, placed there by "their affectionate children." The Mote also was visited, and other places of interest inspected, whilst the main body of the company repaired to Mr. Mist's field, where a number of athletic and other sports were well contested. At two o'clock dinner was served in a spacious marquee in rear of the hotel, and which had been decorated in such a manner as fairly to entitle it to the appellation applied, of the "little floral hall." Bro. J. E. Fells, the acting partner of the firm, presided, supported by Mr. H. Grose, Mr. A. C. Hartley, Bro. Morris 193, Bro. Diplock, Mr. J. J. Candlish, of Seaham Harbour (son of one of the Prov. Grand Officers of Durham), Mr. Provost, and representatives of several wine firms in the City. The arrangements made by Mr. Mist elicited expressions of unqualified satisfaction, and at the conclusion of an excellent dinner the customary loyal toasts were honoured, followed by Success and Prosperity to the Firm of Messrs. Spooner and Co., coupled with the name of Mr. H. Grose, who referred in felicitous terms to the steady growth of the business that day represented, and its increasing importance in the City of London. He alluded in flattering terms to the excellent management of Bro. J. E. Fells, and expressed the hope that the good understanding subsisting between the various departments of the firm might long continue. Bro. J. E. Fells, in a few happily chosen sentences, responded, extending to all a cordial welcome, and expressing the pleasure it afforded him of meeting them all once more under such very agreeable auspices. This was the twelfth anniversary of their "outing," and seven of these pleasant days had been spent at Ightham, which was their favourite resort. He then spoke of his twenty-six years' connection with the firm, and added a few words of encouragement and advice, especially to the younger members, exhorting them to emulation in all they saw was good and likely to conduce to their happiness and success in life. He bade a hearty welcome to the Visitors, whose health was cordially acknowledged by Bro. W. W. Hughes, of the Victoria Wine Company. Several other toasts were honoured, and later in the evening tea was enjoyed ; and the cool of the evening pleasantly wiled away with singing and a variety of out-door amusements, until the time for the departure of the train for home, when all assembled and returned to town highly satisfied and delighted with the agreeable and admirably-arranged treat which had been provided for them.

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Obituary.

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BRO. W. W. WOODROW.

THIS week the painful task of recording the death of Bro. Woodrow, Royal Arthur Lodge, 1360, unfortunately devolves upon us. He was, indeed, a worthy working Mason, and therefore an honourable man, and, as such, adorned the Order in the faithful discharge of all the relative duties of life. For upwards of twenty-five years he filled the arduous and responsible position of assistant cashier at Nine Elms Railway Station, Vauxhall, in connection with the London and South Western Company, during which long period, by the assiduity he manifested in discharging the duties of his office, and the frank, genial, and amicable manner of his daily converse, "won golden opinions" from all those with whom he came in contact. Our brother was a guest at the Sphinx Lodge 1329 on the 15th ult., when he was in the enjoyment of health and strength. On his return homeward from that Lodge, however, he caught cold, of which, at first, no particular notice was taken, it being regarded as but of a transitory nature. Quinsy, however, afterwards exhibited itself, and ultimately dropsy supervened, the result being that speedy dissolution ensued. Thus, peacefully and resignedly, passed away from among us, in the prime of life, at the age of forty-four, surrounded by sorrowing relatives and dear friends, the soul of one who has entered into rest; the mortal has put on immortality, and the corruptible incorruption. As a matter of course, inasmuch as Bro. Woodrow was well known in South London, the suddenness of his death caused a gloom among the residents generally, and it was resolved that an expression of respect should be manifested at his burial. On Wednesday, the 16th inst., his remains were interred at Woking Necropolis, in the presence of an unusually large number of brethren, associates, and friends, the Directors of the South Western Railway Company providing a special train for the occasion. In addition to being a member of our Craft, deceased was a Forester and Volunteer. His life had been an active and useful one. "He had not lived for himself, neither did he die for himself"—

> "For the actions of the just,
> Smell sweet, and blossom in the dust."

As regards the Volunteer element, the Fifth Surrey Rifles, to which deceased had belonged for several years, were represented by a squad and firing party, whose presence lent a martial and imposing effect to the mournful cortège. Lieutenant Hyde Edwards, and Sergeants Hunt, Warwick, and Nesmyth, and Sergeant Instructor Fisher represented the brother officers and non-commissioned officers of the deceased, whilst among his old associates, with whom he had been united for so many years in unbroken harmony and goodwill, in his official capacity at Nine Elms, were Mr. H. B. Terrill (cashier), Mr. Charles Hagreen (chief accountant), Mr. Richard East, Messrs. Page, Grimsdick, Hornsby, Dobby, Gaiger, Anbler, Ponton, Lambert, Nicholls, G. Dunne, H. Dunne, Wells, Penny, Borwell, Burton, Ransford, Lewis, Jackson, Venables, Doig, Turner, Cousens, Parsons, Hyde, A. W. Wall, Chittenden (senior and junior), Bennett (London and South Western Railway Friendly Society), and Coward. The City receiving offices were represented by Messrs. Fletcher, Mortlock, and Hicks, and, in addition, Mr. Pain, from the Southampton Dock Company. Mr. Glover, Station Master at Woking, and Mr. Reider, of Brookwood, were also present, and last, though by no means least, were Bros. H. Forbes, Lodge 1329, Fletcher Royal Savoy Lodge 1744, and A. Hall 1329. Owing to the fact that no ostentations display was deemed advisable, and also that many brethren are away from home at this season of the year, the cortège was not so numerous as it would otherwise have been. There were, however, many Masons present whose names we could not ascertain. To the above brethren the task devolved of depositing sprigs of acacia on the coffin, which was placed on a catafalque, preceded by a firing party of the Fifth Surrey Rifles, the pall-bearers being non-commissioned officers of that corps. Following these were the mourners, headed by the bereaved widow—for whom evident sympathy was felt—and a long retinue of friends. On the pall being removed, choice wreaths and emblems wrought in flowers mingled with the acacia on the coffin, which was literally covered therewith. The exceedingly impressive and appropriate service for the dead being ended, three volleys were fired over the grave, and thus ended a solemn ceremony, which will be long remembered by those who were present. We are aware of the fact that a man cannot be a good Mason without being a good man. That is an impossibility, but as regards Bro. Woodrow, his religious principles shone forth in all his actions. Without parade, honour, or ostentation, he was a "living stone" in the earthly temple, and is now within the portals of that unseen temple to which every Mason is directing his eye of faith, and the steps of his daily pilgrimage.

BRO. OCTAVIUS DEAN.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Octavius Dean, P.M. Humphry Chetham Lodge, 645, Manchester, which took place on 14th August 1882. For some time past Bro. Dean had been suffering from a complication of disorders, which prevented his taking that amount of interest in the Craft he had done in previous years, but his purse was always at the disposal of the Steward who desired his donation. He was respected and beloved by the members of his Lodge, and is sincerely regretted by its Past Masters.

BROTHER WILLIAM PLATT.

This worthy Craftsman, a well known member of several Metropolitan Lodges and Chapters, died on Friday, the 18th inst., at Walham Green, and was interred at Brompton Cemetery on the 24th, in the presence of his sorrowing family and a number of Brethren and Companions of the Lodges and Chapters to which he was attached. The "last sad tribute of respect" was paid to our deceased brother in usual significant manner observed amongst Freemasons.

THE OATH OF OFFICE.

BEFORE being installed as Worshipful Master of a Lodge, a brother elected to that position is required to take a solemn obligation to support and maintain the constitutions, laws and general regulations of the Grand Lodge under which it holds its charter; also the by-laws of the Lodge over which he is elected to preside, and that he will discharge all the duties pertaining to his official position to the best of his ability. The other Officers are also required to join with him in this obligation, so far as pertains to their respective positions. The engagements thus entered into on their part would seem to be sufficiently strong and binding to secure good government in every Masonic Lodge, and strict obedience to Masonic law. The line of duty is plain, and of all men Masons should be the most reliable in the performance of it. We believe they are, and as a rule no code of laws are more faithfully executed than those enacted for the government of Masonic Lodges.

How unfortunate it is that there can be no rule without its exception. Even in Masonry obligations sometimes are not strong enough to control some men. There is occasionally a W.M. who will permit his Lodge to violate a regulation of the Grand Lodge. This is sometimes done through ignorance, which is scarcely less excusable than a wilful violation, for he whose duty it is to execute laws should make it his business to know them. He should always have a copy of the regulations in the Lodge-room for reference, and require all actions to be in accordance with them. Unless he does this he is not discharging the duties of his office to the best of his ability. He disregards his oath of office, and shows himself to be unworthy of the high honour conferred upon him in his election.

In all Masonic bodies in this State, in the several departments of Masonry, a similar obligation is administered to the presiding Officer and his associates in office before their installation, and hence all that we have said applies with equal force to them. It was not the purpose of this article to present individual instances of violations of official obligations, although quite a number of them have come to our knowledge during the term of Officers now presiding. They may have occurred through ignorance (a very poor excuse), and we hope, by calling attention to the fact, that their repetition may be avoided. We would suggest, too, that we are not the proper party to whom complaints should be made. Make them to the proper Grand Officer who has authority to investigate offences, and place on trial any one charged with violating his official obligations. —*Masonic Advocate.*

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MASONRY AND ITS RELATIONS TO THE OUTER WORLD.

THE following Oration was delivered at the late Sesqui-Centennial Celebration of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, by Bro. Hon. Henry M. Hoyt, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:—

An organisation which can project itself before a discerning public, confidently, modestly, and effectively, as the Masonic Lodges of Pennsylvania have this day done, will everbear every question of its right to exist, and will safely challenge an analysis of its "reasons for being." This well-ordered display of external power, without blazonry or frivolous trappings, may well lead the student of social science to explore those abiding and essential principles of human nature upon which Masonry in its esoteric philosophy is grounded. No fraternity of such proud, self-respecting citizens as have to-day countermarched upon the streets of this great city could be incorporated, and hold its integrity for generations, if its underlying polity was conceived in any wide or serious departure from the laws of God or of humanity. It were absurd to assume that its motive began and terminated in mere pageants or street parades, consciously strong, dignified and imposing as this one has been. For one hundred and fifty years, at least, this particular guild has gone on with its functions, overseeing and ordering an organism which has to-day, not for the first time, made an exhibit of its power outside the Lodge-room, and this Grand Lodge is only one among many, and you thousands are only part of other tens of thousands. Does any suppose that all this pre-arranged order and adjusted co-operation is the outgrowth of whim, or curiosity or intrigue, and launched upon the public for mere vulgar display? Here is a vast gathering of sedate, judicious, and well-to-do citizens. They come from all callings in life. I hazard little in saying, that seated along these aisles are the foremost of the men who are making modern life what it is, in all its best phases and tendencies. They are not fanatics, nor are they conspirators. They pretend to no inspiration. They affect no supernatural mission. They are simply a body of plain, practical men, intent upon a plain common purpose. Their ministrations lie about the home and threshold of every Brother—nay, of every fellow-being. Fraternity with them is not limited to those who sit in the Lodge-room. They take up the first awful question addressed to the first wrongdoer. "Where is thy brother?" They put it to every exclusive, oppressive, and corrupting person or community. They propose to reverse the melancholy philosophy of the Italian, who thought "that no man in God's wide earth was willing or able to help any other man." They propose to gather up all the glorious examples of their predecessors, and the ennobling tradition of the family of man, and as best they can, illuminated by the best light of natural reason, and in gathered strength and widened experience, fulfil the new and heightened demands of human fellowship. They invade no ecclesiastical domain. They usurp the functions of no sectary or church, or their ministers ordained under other and higher credentials, whose exhortations are to be enforced under higher sanctions. They have no political dilemmas, except the equality of men as children of a common Father, and no theological dogmas, except only the daily prayer and precept that "we may practise out of the Lodge, the principles of religion and morality we are taught within it."

Think you, Brethren, that with your great and extended membership, with your compacted unity, your generous enthusiasm, your indoctrination in right morals, that your influence and impress can be confined within the jurisdiction of the Tylers of your Lodge-rooms? The force generated within the dead walls will be borne out by living men in beneficent streams, well typified by the stream of living men which has flowed through these streets to-day. The "principles of religion and morality" we are taught within the Lodge are not complicated riddles beyond the comprehension and solution of the plainest member.

Under the government of a Supreme Being we find ourselves mortals here, with multiplied rights and duties to each other. The natural man may apprehend and observe these rights and duties. 500 years B.C., Socrates formulated the conclusion upon which the process and the expectation of final success is predicated.

Man has, no doubt, strong self-preserving, self-asserting, and self-advancing instincts, which, if left without counter-action, would lead to isolation, or mutual hostility and ultimate extermination; but these instincts, of isolated individualism are met by stronger instincts of sympathy, love and fellowship, in the ascendancy of which the true humanity of man, as distinguished from tigerhood and spiderhood, consists. The function of reason is the recognition and the realisation of truth. Truth recognised in speculation is science; truth realised in action is a moral life and a well ordered society.

Without insisting upon the antiquity of Freemasonry, I am insisting upon the antiquity of the reasons underlying it, and the identity of its doctrines and its methods with right humanity. There have come streaming down the central ideas of rightness and the maxims of justice which have saved us. In the prehistoric mists of the race, in the earliest types which blind Homer sung, anterior to the first Olympiad, amid the jealousies and struggles and even barbarities of the Grecian chieftains and kings of men before the walls of Troy, we come upon the full apprehension and exercise of the same essential qualities of manhood, whose definition has neither been lost nor essentially enlarged. From that day to this it has continuously included honesty, courage, love of country, loyalty to persons, faithfulness to convictions, respect, fidelity, and love for woman, whether maiden or wife, cherished with tenderness "from the bloom to the ripening of the grape." Among the soundest of ideas got from all this past we may reckon the power of opinion and persuasion as opposed to force; the sense of responsibility in governing men; the hatred of tyranny and all unlimited power; the reconciliation and harmony between the spirit of freedom on the one hand, the spirit of order and reverence on the other, and a practical belief in right as relative and in duty as reciprocal, and that the rights of human nature are unitary.

This body of doctrine which you hold—directed and adapted to no special calling, no sect, no clique, but to all men, energised by organisation, and more or less perfectly developed in the daily life of a picked body of men—selected citizens—must overflow the confines of Masonic temples. These temples become the depositories of moral capital, out of which all drafts made by charity, morality, religion, and even death, may be honoured at sight. They are the enacted law of the Ahiman Rezon—logically grown out of a reasonable legend and supported by a *cultus* and a ritual which can offend neither the conscience nor the common sense. Therein the helplessness of the individual is supplemented by the power of fellowship. Hopeless would be our condition if we struggled each for himself through the mazes and perplexities of life. In the whirl and attrition of the awful machinery in motion all about us, in the successes and disasters, in the hopes and woes, in the gladness and bitterness which hedge us round about, the individual is an inconsequential unit. Organisation and fellowship rescue him from the unequal conflicts in which single-handed he would go down before the Craft and evil combined against him. They are the scaffolding from which the complete harmonious social structure can be raised.

> "God loves from whole to parts, but human soul
> Must rise from individual to the whole;
> Self-love but serves the virtuous mind to wake,
> As the small pebble stirs the peaceful lake.
> The centre moved, a circle straight succeeds;
> Another still, and still another spreads;
> Friend, parent, neighbour, first it will embrace,
> His country next, and next all human race."

For my part, I fully believe that mankind will finally triumph over the destiny which now seems so grievously to encompass them. They have well held their own. Step by step humanity has climbed nearer the heavens whence we came. Not alone by the maxims current with Agamemnon and Achilles, Socrates and Marcus Aurelius—not, perhaps, unaided from the Empyrean heights, whence Prometheus snatched the sacred fire, and not without enduring some of the tortures with which that vicarious sufferer for his race endured, chained to the rocks of Mount Caucasus—not without the pregnant formula of the Apostle of the Gentiles: "Now abideth faith, hope and charity, these three—but the greatest of these is charity"—not without the external and Divine help of Him who, eighteen centuries ago, spoke the Sermon on the Mount and taught us "the Lord's Prayer."

The chivalry and art and democracy with which the Olympian games glorified the Hellenic race ought not to be anachronism to us. Our contentions are in the arena of ethics and morals. Rewards for victory and achievements now, no less precious than the wreath from the sacred olive tree in Olympia awaits successful competitors. They are for those who can "best work in the best degree." Our beatitudes terminate not upon the individual, but upon the family, the State and the race. We shall yet reap the harvest. "And it shall come to pass in that day I will hear, saith the Lord, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth, and the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil, and they shall hear Jezral."

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. The three chairs were occupied by Bros. Joshua Nunn, James Brett, and the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford; there was a very large attendance of Grand Officers and other brethren, for the season of the year. The Board of Masters was first held, and the paper of business for Grand Lodge of 6th September was submitted. The Lodge of Benevolence first confirmed grants to the amount of £240 recommended at the July meeting. There were twenty-five cases on the new list. The Lodge sat nearly four hours, in the course of which the brethren deferred two cases, and dismissed one. The remainder were relieved to a total sum of £735, which was composed of one £150, one £100, two £50, one £40, four £30, five £25, two £20, one £15, four £10, and one £5.

A Special Grand Lodge of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held on Monday evening next, at seven, at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., for the purpose of giving a welcome to those members of the British Association who are Masons, as well as to other visitors to Southampton, on the business of the Association, who are members of the Order. The same kindly Masonic feelings was, it will be remembered, exhibited last year by the Yorkshire brethren when the British Association held its meeting at York.

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THE *EVENING NEWS* ON THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I invariably look out for the Masonic column of the *Evening News*. It contains mostly some interesting items of news, and, generally speaking, the views it expresses are sound. But a paragraph I have just read about the additional grant to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and other matters has completely staggered me. The writer first of all points out that the anxiety that is felt as to the confirmation of this further grant is needless. But has he already forgotten that Bro. Raynham Stewart's motion was brought forward in the first instance last December, and though it was passed *unanimously, and amid loud applause*, yet in March, an eminent Brother, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of one of the home counties, a Past Grand Deacon, and a member of the Board of General Purposes, moved the non-confirmation of so much of the December minutes as related to the said motion, and the motion was carried, a Committee of Inquiry into the funds at the disposal of the Board of General Purposes being appointed with a view to ascertaining if Grand Lodge could afford the additional outlay? In June, Bro. Stewart's motion was again submitted, and, it having been shown that the Board had a surplus income of £4,000 per annum, was carried by a small majority, a counter-proposition to give £400 having been first negatived. Now, what happened in March with reference to the December minutes, may—I hope it will not, for the sake of Grand Lodge consistency—happen in September with reference to the June minutes, especially as the attendance at the last Communication, when the rival motions were discussed, was a small one, and the majority for Bro. Stewart's motion only about fifteen. Hence, I think, it is very natural that the supporters of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution should bestir themselves, and that its Secretary should second their efforts.

As to the latter part of the paragraph, so far as I can undertand it, it strikes me as being written in a tone which, to say the least, is the reverse of Masonic. The writer says there is this in favour of the Benevolent Institution, "That the recipients of its bounty did not come into Masonry at a time when it was thought there was something to be got out of Masonry. They joined Masonry, it is true; and, what is as true, they never did anything for Masonry besides belonging to it and working up in it, and the support of the Charities was never part of their practice. Still, they were Masons, and they fell into bad circumstances, and the doctrines of Freemasonry have been carried into effect by placing them on the annuitants' list." But he goes on to say, "With the other Institutions there is a difference. The children who are admitted are the children of younger Masons, who, there is no room left to doubt, in a large proportion had an eye to the future when they joined the ranks, and the great majority of whom never contributed a halfpenny to either of the Institutions. Very few men join Masonry late in life, and so there is no suspicion that the annuitants of the Benevolent Institution saw in the not far distant future an annuity of £40, when they went through the ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising."

Now, these assertions are far too sweeping in their character. There is reason to believe that many join the Craft for what they can make out of it, but such brethren are the exception, not the rule. Moreover, to my knowledge, very many men of mature age join the Fraternity, and if they, or any of them, have an eye to the main chance, why may they not just as well regard an annuity of £40 as "in the not far distant future," as the election of one of their children to the Boys' or Girls' School? A man of fifty may argue with much reason that to lay out a few pounds per annum for ten years to secure a life annuity of £40, if circumstances should go hard with him, is by no means a bad investment, just as a younger man with a quiver full of olive branches growing up around him may think it profitable to join our ranks in order that when the time comes he may get one or two of them maintained and educated at the expense of the Schools. It unfortunately happens that there is much truth in what the writer to whom I am referring says with so much apparent unction; a glance at the lists of candidates will show this; but, as I have before suggested, his accusation is directed against the whole of the Craft, instead of against an unworthy minority. Lastly, I submit it would be in better taste to make a charge of this sweeping description in the columns of one of the Masonic papers, not in those of an evening contemporary which furnishes only once a week a modest dose of Masonic news.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

[We quote the paragraph referred to in the above letter in full in another part of our columns.—ED. F.C.]

IS MASONRY REALLY FLOURISHING?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I quite agree with what you said in your recent article bearing the above title, especially when you remark of the increasing number of applicants for relief from the Fund of Benevolence that "Apart from all other considerations, this is one of the ill effects of a too ready admission of candidates into Freemasonry, of men who fall into arrear, at first with their subscriptions, then lapse altogether into a state of apathy and discontent, and finally fall into the ranks of those who have to ask for charity." It is also unfortunately true that, owing to the number of young Lodges which are springing up in all directions, they find it imperative to beat up for recruits, "in order to keep up the balance in the hands of the Treasurer," though, as you are pleased to add, "in some Lodges we could mention, in spite of an average share of admissions the balance sheet tells a woeful tale of laxity on the part of the members, and a hopeless state of arrears, so far as contributions are concerned." These are great evils and seriously affect the fair fame of Freemasonry. But they are not irremediable. If Lodges will only follow the advice of our late worthy Bro. John Hervey and be cautious in their reception of candidates, they will very soon put an end to the admission of comparatively pauper members, or those whose only care in joining Masonry is to make out of it as much profit as possible. Leaving the Colonial out of the reckoning, there are quite 1300 Lodges in England, and these are fairly well distributed throughout the country. Let greater care be exercised in issuing fresh warrants, which can be absolutely wanted only in very rare cases. Then, and by strictly following Bro. Hervey's advice, we shall hear but little of joining Masonry for profit and living upon its Charity.

I remain,

Faithfully yours,

M.M.

London, 23rd August 1882.

Commenting on this subject, the conductor of the Masonic column in the *Evening News* writes as follows:—

The FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE has start d a subject of great importance to the Craft, and which it is a pity has not been taken up in print before this. In a leading article last Saturday week the whole matter is succinctly, yet thoroughly, gone into whether Masonry is really flourishing. Admitting the large increase in numbers within the last ten years, it is suggested that numerical strength is not an unmixed good. The unsatisfactory condition of some Lodges is attributed to the large number of their members and the lack of discrimination which some brethren exhibit in introducing gentlemen into the Order. One of the consequences of this is, that many of the newly-introduced have a strong desire to achieve honours in Masonry, and as they cannot do so for several years in their own Lodges, because of the large number, they petition for new Lodges. The writer of the article in question believes that if the progress of Freemasonry had gone on to the present time in the same ratio as it assumed for the seven or eight years prior to 1880 the consequence must have been to cause such a degeneracy of the Craft as would have shorn it of much of its influence and importance. What the writer says also of the ambition of brethren to get honours is perfectly true. Those who seek honours only in Masonry are not the true Masons, but rather those who love it for its own sake, and strive to carry out its principles in practice. There is no doubt that the reason the calls on the Fund of Benevolence are so numerous is that men are admitted into the Order whose position in life never warranted the expenditure of the initiation fee. As mentioned above, the subject is one of great importance, and it is highly satisfactory to know that but few warrants for new Lodges are being granted at the present time by the Grand Master. The granting of warrants does not appear to be fully understood. In former years very few warrants were granted. For instance, in 1849 there were but 8, in 1850 there were 12, in 1851 11, in 1852 11, in 1853 13, in 1854 11, in 1855 15, in 1856 23, in 1857 34, in 1858 32, in 1859 30, in 1860 36, in 1861 45, in 1862 34, in 1863 45, in 1864 48, in 1865 36, in 1866 48, in 1867 59, in 1868 37, in 1869 50, in 1870 46, in 1871 41, in 1872 35, in 1873 55, in 1874 43, in 1875 66, in 1876 68, in 1877 73, in 1878 66, in 1879 54, in 1880 38, and in 1881 56. The increase has really occurred between 1860 and the present time, and not between the Prince of Wales's Grand Mastership in 1875 and the present time, as some have erroneously supposed.

BRO. WILLING'S CHOIR.—The prospectus of this new musical association has just been issued, and from it we gather that, in view of the dissolution of the Sacred Harmonic Society, some members of the chorus determined to resolve themselves into the above Association, under the presidency of the Earl of Lathom and an influential committee, with Bro. Willing (sub-conductor of the late society) as conductor. A series of four subscription concerts is announced to take place in St. James's Hall, at the first of which, on 12th December, will be produced, for the first time in London, Niels Gade's cantata "Psyche" (written for the Birmingham Festival) in conjunction with Handel's "Acis and Galatea." The Princess of Wales has accepted the dedication of "Psyche," and it is expected that Her Royal Highness will be present at this performance. At the remaining concerts, Mendelssohn's "Elijah," Handel's "Messiah," and a Miscellaneous Concert, including a new work, will be given. The orchestra, entirely professional, complete in every department, with Messrs. Carrodus, Doyle, Howell, White, &c., as principals, will together with the chorus (including many of the most efficient members of the late Sacred Harmonic Society) number about 250 performers. The principal vocalists announced include Mesdames Marie Roze, Anna Williams, Mary Davies, Orridge, Rosse, and Patey; Messrs. Edward Lloyd, Vernon Rigby, Joseph Maas, Frederic King, C. Henry, and Lewis Thomas. Exeter Hall has been secured for rehearsals, which will be shortly resumed.

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BRO. JAMES STEVENS'S PROPOSED MOTION.

BRO. James Stevens has favoured us with the accompanying memorandum, from which it will be seen that the Pro Grand Master has ruled against his proposed motion on the subject of subdividing the Metropolitan District into Sectional Grand Lodges, possessing the same powers and privileges as those enjoyed by our Provincial Grand Lodges, on the ground that such motion seriously infringes on the prerogative of the Grand Master. Brother Stevens's idea is, as our readers are well aware, that the London brethren are worse off by comparison with those residing in the Provinces, by reason of the fact that Provincial Grand honours are closed against them, and that, considering their numbers and influence, but, above all things, the vast increase in their numerical strength which has been made during the last five-and-twenty years, the apportionment of Grand Lodge honours which is accorded them is less than they are entitled to. We are inclined to think Bro. Stevens has acted injudiciously in pressing forward this motion. We do not question his statement that the London brethren would be mightily pleased if his motion were carried. There are those who think themselves happy when they can tack on to their names sundry initial letters signifying that they are Past Grand Blunderbusses or Past Provincial Grand Directors of the Sun and Moon, with the Milky Way thrown in by way of regulating the centre of gravity. Our own opinion is, that we have already enough of Grand and Provincial Grand titles. Still, legitimate ambition is admirable in its way, and we cannot venture to blame those who feel they will be so much the happier if they can write "Post Meridiem" or "Ante Meridiem" after their names.

Seriously, we hold it to be a most unwise thing on Bro. Stevens's part to question the ruling of the authorities, and especially of one so thoroughly conversant with Craft jurisprudence as the Pro Grand Master. Doubtless, no harm would have resulted either to the prerogative of the Grand Master or the welfare of the London brethren, had the Pro Grand Master ruled that the notice of motion might stand, with a view to the question being discussed in Grand Lodge. Still the laws, both written and unwritten, must be observed, especially by Masons, and as it is, undoubtedly, the prerogative of the Grand Master to nominate representatives of himself in such Provinces and Districts as he may think proper, we suggest, with all deference to Bro. Stevens, that he will benefit the Craft and himself more by letting matters rest as they are, than by taking further steps to promulgate his latest nostrum for the edification and amelioration of the Craft in England.

We append the document received, which reads as follows:—

Extract from a letter received, 24th August, from Grand Secretary.

"The proposed Notice of Motion, &c., was submitted to the Board of Masters at their meeting last evening, when the following communication from the Earl of Carnarvon, &c., was read:—

"Bro. James Stevens's Notice of Motion, dated 25th July 1882, has been duly laid before me by the Grand Secretary, and having carefully considered its purport, I am clearly of opinion that the Motion is one which cannot be placed on the Agenda Paper for Grand Lodge, inasmuch as it might lead to interference with, and encroachment on, the undoubted prerogative of the Grand Master, and with his freedom of action in the performance of the important duties of his high Office as set forth in the Constitutions of the Order,"—and consequently the Chairman of the Board of Masters ruled the Notice of Motion could not be received, &c.

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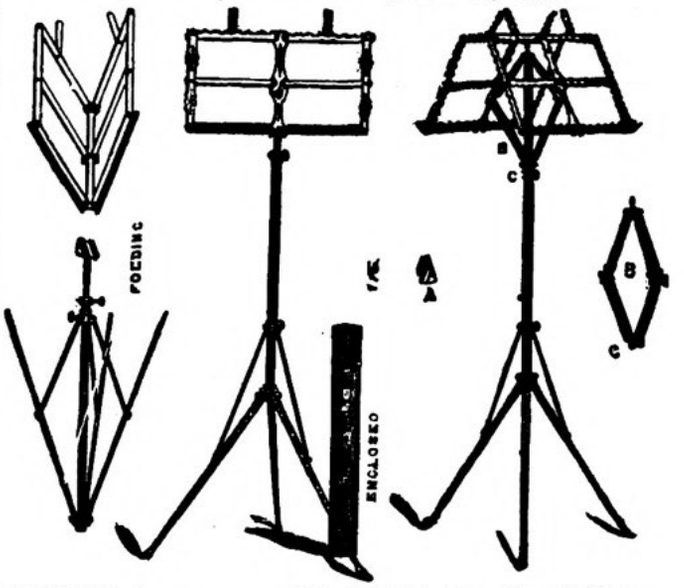

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH WALES, (WESTERN DIVISION.)

(Continued from page 130.)

LAST week we carried our report of the meeting of this Prov. Grand Lodge to the point at which the Committee were earnestly pressing on the notice of the brethren the necessity there was for supporting the candidature of their protegé, the boy Geoffrey Stuart Jones, who, if he does not secure a place at the election in October will have his name removed from the list on the ground of age.

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They would, of course, be under the necessity, in order to obtain the end in view, of contracting obligations which would have to be fulfilled at some future election, and this fact would make it apparent that they will have to exhibit the greatest care in adopting new candidates. However, as the voting power of the Province increases, so would their ability to secure for poorer brethren or children of deceased or indigent members a share in the benefits of the Institutions. It followed, therefore, as a corollary, that their power to command this share for them must depend on the amount of support given to the Charity by the Province. Having said this much by way of preface, we continue our narration of the proceedings from the point at which we closed in our last Saturday's issue.

The Report in question was adopted unanimously, and Brother J. Beavan Phillips P. Prov. S.G.W. was re-elected Charity Commissioner for the year ensuing, and W. Bro. Aaron Stone P.M. 671 Assistant Charity Commissioner for the same period. In the absence of Bro. J. Beavan Phillips this compliment was acknowledged by Bro. Stone, who pledged himself and his colleague to renewed efforts for the welfare of the Province. The Prov. Grand Master next formally presented Bro. Edwin Thomas with the Charity jewel, and referred to the energy that brother had displayed—under especially trying circumstances. He congratulated Bro. Thomas on his happy recovery from what at one time was thought to be a most serious and disastrous accident. He trusted he might have health and strength for many years to continue the work he carried on so efficiently. After Bro. Thomas had expressed his acknowledgments, the communication from Grand Secretary as to whether any increase should be made in the quarterages paid to Grand Lodge was discussed; again, however, this met with no support, and we should imagine that by this time Bro. Clabon must see the desirability of withdrawing his proposition for an increase in the payments. In view of the re-arrangement of the Book of Constitutions now pending, Colonel Philipps deemed it advisable that the consideration of any change in the Bye-laws of Prov. Grand Lodge should still further be postponed. Shortly after this the brethren formed in procession, and proceeded to St. Mary's Church, which had been kindly lent for the occasion by Bro. the Rev. J. B. Wrenford. The service was conducted by the Prov. G. Chaplains, the Revs. James Lewis and J. Parkin Morgan, the former brother preaching a most eloquent sermon. At the conclusion a collection was made, and the amount thus realised was devoted to the local charities. The procession was then reformed, and the members re-entered the Masonic Hall, and the other business of the day was completed. The banquet was served at the Castle Hotel; ample accommodation had been provided for those who, according to request, had intimated they should be present. These amounted to between sixty and seventy; but when the guests began to take their seats, it was found that between 110 and 120 desired to refresh the inner man. This necessarily created some confusion, but mine host Bland exerted himself, successfully—we think—under the trying circumstances in which he found himself placed. On the removal of the cloth the Prov. Grand Master gave the Loyal toast the Queen and the Craft, which was done full justice to, the brethren joining in the National Anthem. In speaking to the toast of the M.W. the Grand Master, Col. Lloyd-Philipps remarked that the toast list had been necessarily curtailed on account of the demands that had already been made upon their time; moreover, many of the brethren would speedily have to take their departure. With the toast he would associate the names of the Grand Officers. Bro. T. J. White proposed the next toast. This was an easy and pleasing duty. He felt assured all the brethren of the Province appreciated the energy Col. Lloyd-Philipps displayed for their welfare. In reply Col. Philipps thanked one and all most heartily. He had now been their Provincial Grand Master for over nine years. He had visited in that time, the whole of the nine Lodges which constituted the Province. They had assembled that day for the second time at Haverfordwest, and he anticipated a second peregrination of the Lodges in the Province, if his health permitted, that would be equally pleasant. He might tell them that, as an old adjutant, he knew what was required to make a subaltern of service, and by the same rule he thought he knew the qualities that were requisite to make a good Master of a Lodge. The Prov. Grand Master then alluded to the request that had been made to him on the occasion of their last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at Neyland, when he was invited to preside at one of the Annual Festivals of our Great Institutions. He gave the proposition serious consideration, and, in consenting, he was actuated but by one motive, that was to sustain the honour of the Western Division of South Wales. He was proud to acknowledge the support his Province had vouchsafed him, and heartily complimented the members on what they had done. He was also much gratified at what had been done in Prov. Grand Lodge that day on behalf of their afflicted brother of St. David's Lodge. He had already referred to the regret which the D.P.G.M. felt at being compelled to be absent, and announced that in addition to the letter he had read, he had just received a telegram from Lord Kensington, wishing them an agreeable meeting. The Visitors was the next toast; all those present received a hearty welcome. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Lukis and others acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Lukis stated that he was a temporary sojourner at Haverfordwest, and was much gratified at having presented himself at their meeting, where he had enjoyed himself immensely. Bro. Morgan also addressed the brethren. He had had the pleasure of attending the meeting last year at Neyland, and had agreeable recollections of having then spent a most enjoyable time. He, in some small degree, felt he had assisted in inducing Colonel Lloyd-Philipps to undertake the duties of Chairman at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he thought the result was eminently satisfactory to all concerned. During the last seven years and a half, a period during which what was being done in Freemasonry had come more directly under his notice, he found that the brethren of the Western Division of South Wales had subscribed a total sum of £608 14s to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; to the sister Institution, the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, they had given about £536, while in the seven years he was referring to the Benevolent Institution had benefited to the tune of £335 10s. In February last, however, when the Provincial Grand Master presided at the Festival of the youngest of our Institutions, he was right loyally supported, and the nine Lodges of the Province subscribed between them, in round figures, £350. It was most gratifying to know the interests of the Central Institutions were so well looked after, and on behalf of Bro. Binckes—who had looked forward with pleasurable anticipations to meeting the brethren that day, but who unfortunately was confined to his bed through severe illness—he thanked the brethren for their vote to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The other toasts that received attention were the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, Colonel Philipps making happy allusion to their duties, and the relative value attached to the several collars. He especially referred to the Stewards, and remarked that in appointing them he was actuated by a desire to have opportunity for still more closely watching their career. After a reply from Brother Russell S.W., the W.M.'s of the other Lodges in the Province were complimented, and special thanks were tendered the brethren of the Cambrian Lodge for the exertions they had made in carrying out the arrangements of the day. "The Masonic Charities," and the zeal of Bro. Edwin Thomas on their behalf, was a theme which was eloquently dwelt upon, and after suitable response had been made, the proceedings were formally closed.

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

A MEETING of the Grand Council was held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 12th August, when there were present Bros. Charles F. Matier D.G.M., Samuel Rawson G. Treas., D. M. Dewar G. Sec., H. Martin Green G.S.D., A. M. Broadley P.G.M. Tunis and Malta, Alfred Williams, Rev. A. W. Hall, C. H. Driver, R. Berridge, T. Cubitt, W. Roebuck, J. L. Mather, Thomas Poore, F. W. Driver, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., John Ramsey, R. L. Loveland, J. Moon, J. E. Anderson, Geo. Mickley, M. Mildred, John Smith, T. O. Harding, G. Lambert, H. C. Lambert, and many other brethren.

The Grand Council was opened by the D.G.M. in ancient form. The minutes of last Grand Council were read, confirmed and signed.

The following report was then read by the Grand Secretary:—Since the constitution of this Grand Council it is gratifying to be able to report that satisfactory progress has been made. The subordinate Councils are as follows:—

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The St. John and St. Paul Council	,, 3	Malta
The St. George	,, 4	Wigan
The Great Orme	,, 5	Llandudno
The Excelsior	,, 6	Calcutta

There are also Councils at Bolton, Rochdale, and Hull, from which no returns have been received. The number of registered members is 290, of which 100 belong to the Metropolitan Council. In that Council the work has been carried on most energetically, and the various ceremonies performed in the most correct and creditable manner.

The Holy Order of High Priest being so beautiful and so reverential, it is recommended that it should be conferred only on Installed Principals of the Royal Arch Degree, and only once a year, on the occasion of the installation ceremony, or some other suitable day. Considerable expense has been necessarily incurred in the Constitution of the Grand Council for printing Warrants, Certificates, Circulars, and in providing Books and other requisites, but the receipts have been nearly sufficient to meet the outlay.

The Grand Master has much pleasure in re-appointing Bro. C. F. Matier as his Deputy, to whom many thanks are due for his able and energetic services whenever required.

It was resolved, that the report now read be received, adopted and entered on the minutes, and that the recommendation with reference to conferring the Holy Order of High Priest be added to the Constitutions of Grand Council.

The D.P.M. then by command of the Grand Master appointed and invested the following Grand Officers:—

Bro. Alfred Williams	G. Senior Warden
Capt. C. Hunter	G. Junior Warden
Samuel Rawson (elected)	G. Treasurer
D. M. Dewar	G. Secretary
Rev. W. C. Lukis	G. Chaplain
R. Roy	G. Senior Deacon
J. G. Smith	G. Junior Deacon
George Lambert	G. D. of C.
J. L. Campbell	G. Inner Guard
Thomas Poore	G. Stewards
J. Parnell	
Henry George	

The Grand Council was then closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer.

The annual meeting and festival of the Metropolitan Council, was afterwards held, with a very numerous attendance.

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BRO. JAMES MILNOR, GRAND MASTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

PENNSYLVANIA has had few Grand Masters whose lives were of more varied interest than that of Bro. James Milnor, and the Grand Lodge honoured him above his Brethren by electing him to fill the Oriental Chair for eight successive terms. First elected Grand Master in 1805, he served continuously in the Grand East until 1813, a period longer than that of any Grand Master, since the Grand Lodge ceased to be Provincial, and became independent, in 1786. Bro. Milnor's ability as a man, and zeal as a Freemason, entitle his memory to be held in perpetual respect, and in order that our readers may judge of his high character, Masonic services, and varied achievements, we spread this brief and interesting biographical sketch before them.

Bro. Milnor came of honoured parentage. His father was the friend of both Washington and Franklin, and a Quaker and patriot. During the Revolutionary era, he drove a chaise with an ingenious false bottom, in which he conveyed intelligence, and furnished supplies to the patriot army, and was often suspected therefore, but never detected. His conduct gave great offence to "the heads of meeting," and he was "read out" by the Friends; but a few years prior to his death he became reunited to them, and died in the Society's connection at the age of seventy-three.

Bro. James Milnor was born, raised, and spent the first half of his life in the city of Philadelphia. 20th June 1773 was the date of his birth, and 8th April 1845 that of his death. He received his education at a grammar school in his native city, and afterwards in the University of Pennsylvania, which, however, owing to his father's straitened circumstances, he was compelled to leave before r ceiving his degree. He then commenced the study of law, at the age of sixteen, with Mr. Howell, an eminent Quaker Attorney of Phil delphia. That gentleman dying during the yellow fever scourge of 1793, he completed his studies with Mr. Rawle, and was admitted to the bar in 1794, before he had attained the age of twenty-one years.

The Masonic career of Bro. Milnor began in August 1725, when he was made a Mason in Lodge No. 31, Norristown. In a diary, which he kept for many years, the following record appears of several leading incidents in his Masonic life:—"I was elected Master of Lodge No. 31 while I resided at Norristown; but since my return to Philadelphia I have been a member of No. 3, and am now Treasurer of the latter." "On St. John's day, 27th December 1798, I was elected Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge; and on St. John's Day 1790, was unanimously re-elected to the same office." In 1801 he was elected W.M. of Lodge No. 3, of Philadelphia. In 1805 he was elected R.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and was re-elected for seven successive terms, filling the station with great credit to himself and honour to the Fraternity. His annual addresses were replete with sound Masonic views. On St. John Baptist's Day, 24th June 1811, as Grand Master, he dedicated the first Masonic Hall erected on Chestnut-street. Thirty-one Lodges and seven hundred and fifty brethren were present; and after the dedication services, a procession of the Craft was made, proceeding to St. John's Lutheran Church, on Race-street, where Grand Master Milnor pronounced a graceful and eloquent oration. At its conclusion, his legal friend, Thomas Bradford jun., playfully remarked to him, "Why, Right Worshipful, you were cut out for a parson." Three years later this prediction was fulfilled.

Bro. Milnor at this period took an active interest in municipal and national affairs. He was a member for a number of years of the Resolute Fire Company, served as a member of both branches of City Councils, and was elected a President of Select Council. Like his father, he was a Friend, and like him, also, he was "read out of meeting." The cause of this was his marrying a lady who was an Episcopalian, and being joined in marriage to her by a clergyman who received therefore a wedding fee. The record of his disownment still exists, and is so curious that we reproduce it:—

"At a monthly meeting of Friends of Philadelphia, held 29th of 11th month 1799, the following testimony was agreed to, and a copy directed to be given to the party, namely:—

"James Milnor, of this city, attorney-at-law, who had a birthright among us, the people called Quakers, disregarding the order of our discipline, has accomplished his marriage with the assistance of a hireling minister, to a woman not professing with us; and in his dress and address deviating from that plainness and moderation consistent with our religious profession; for which deviations he hath been treated with, but without the desired effect. We, therefore, no longer consider him a member of our religious society; nevertheless we desire he may become duly sensible of his errors, and seek to be restored."

A Committee even waited on him to "treat" with him, but he wouldn't treat, and this ended his career as a Friend.

An anecdote of his relation to Bro. Stephen Girard well illustrates the character of both these brethren. Bro. Milnor represented, professionally, a claim against Bro. Girard, which the latter stoutly contested, but at last agreed to submit to arbitration. The result was in favour of Bro. Milnor's client; and when Bro. Girard handed the former a check for the amount awarded, he observed: "You have proved yourself, sir, a lawyer who will *never* desert a client. If I had not an attorney whom I very much respect, you should be my man."

The political career of Bro. Milnor was no less distinguished than his legal one. In the year 1800 he was elected a member of Common Council, and in 1805 a member of Select Council, in which body he served for five years, and during one year as President. In 1810 he was elected to Congress as a member of the House of Representatives from the city of Philadelphia, were he served with distinction for three years. On his departure for Washington, in 1811, he was accompanied by a number of his political friends as far as the Blue Bell Tavern, on the Chester-road, where they paid him the compliment of a public dinner. One memorable event in his congressional career was the receiving a challenge to fight a duel from Bro. Henry Clay, for words spoken in debate. Bro. Milnor had the courage to decline the challenge in a manly written reply; and years afterwards, when the latter was a Doctor of Divinity, he was invited by Bro. Clay to dine with him; and ever afterwards each cherished for the other the greatest respect.

In the year 1810 Bro. Milnor became impressed with deep religious views, which resulted in his resigning his practice at the bar, and his high political honours, and entering the high Episcopal ministry. He was ordained a deacon by Bishop White in 1814, and in 1815 a presbyter, in St. James' Church, Philadelphia. In 1816 he accepted a call to the rectorship of St. George's Church, New York, which he continued to hold for twenty-nine years, until his death in 1845.

After declining a re-election as Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Bro. Milnor, when ordained a clergyman, was elected Grand Chaplain of the body he had so long ornamented as Grand Master; and he had a beautiful and costly Past Grand Master's jewel voted him by the Grand Lodge, as a token of their fraternal regard.

Bro. Milnor had the honour of having a son, the Rev. William H. Milnor, D.D., who served with distinction as Grand Master of New York in the year 1851; and the latter related the following anecdote of his father during the era of anti-Masonry.

A brother clergyman from the country called to consult him as to the propriety of his withdrawing from the Fraternity. Bro. Milnor inquired if he desired to renounce Freemasonry. He replied, "No, I love Masonry too well." "Then, do as I do," was the rejoinder, "put down your foot firmly, and say, 'I am a Mason, and proud of it,' and if any ask you what Masonry consists in, tell them, 'Love to God and good will to man.'" The brother followed his advice, and continued in the Fraternity, and preserved the esteem of his parishioners.

Upon Bro. Milnor's death, Lodge No. 3 of Philadelphia, of which he was a Past Master and member for so many years, adopted a glowing tribute to his lofty character as a Freemason, a citizen and a divine.

Such was the career of Grand Master Milnor. Pennsylvania has reason to be proud of his long and distinguished services rendered to the Grand Lodge, and of his entire Masonic life, the leading incidents of which we take pleasure in thus spreading before our readers.—*Keystone.*

We are glad to be in a position to state that Bro. Binckes, who is compelled to absent himself from his duties through illness, is somewhat better, and we sincerely trust that he will be shortly in a position to resume his labours on behalf of "Our Boys."

The Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) has appointed Tuesday next, the 29th inst., for the constitution of the Hundred of Bosmere Lodge, No. 1958, at the Masonic Hall, Havant, and the installation of the Master designate, Bro. H. Martin Green P.M. The ceremony will begin at 3.30 p.m., and will be succeded by a dinner at the Town Hall, Havant, at 5.30.

Some brethren who are strong supporters of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution feel a great anxiety with respect to a grant of £800 made by Grand Lodge at its last meeting, and in order to secure a confirmation of this grant, are soliciting the members of Grand Lodge to be in their places to support the confirmation next Wednesday week. At the last meeting of the Committee of the Institution, on the 9th instant, the Secretary also reminded the brethren that the grant would come up for confirmation on the 6th of September, and asked the Committee to attend to support it. The anxiety that is felt about this grant is really needless. Grand Lodge does not begrudge the £800, Grand Lodge can afford it, and Grand Lodge is always pleased when it can do anything which will further the ends of Masonry. The confirmation of the grant is a foregone conclusion. The £800 is a very small sum to Grand Lodge, and the Benevolent Institution, to which it is granted, has this to be said in its favour, that the recipients of its bounty did not come into Masonry at a time when it was thought there was something to be got out of Masonry. They joined Masonry, it is true; and what is as true, they never did anything for Masonry besides belonging to it, and working up in it, and the support of the Charities was never part of their practice. Still they were Masons, and they fell into bad circumstances, and the doctrines of Freemasonry have been carried into effect by placing them on the annuitants' list. With the other Institutions there is a difference. The children who are admitted are the children of younger Masons, who, there is no room left for doubt, in a large proportion had an eye to the future when they joined the ranks, and the great majority of whom never contributed a halfpenny to either of the Institutions. Very few men join Masonry late in life, and so there is no suspicion that the annuitants of the Benevolent Institution saw in the not far distant future an annuity of £40 when they went through the ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising.—*Evening News.*

"The Fern World," by Mr. Francis George Heath, author of "Autumnal Leaves," has just reached its seventh Edition.

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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, 26th AUGUST.

1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 28th AUGUST.

Special Prov. Grand Lodge Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
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, 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)
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 6.30. (Instruction)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
146—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
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)
909—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

TUESDAY, 29th AUGUST.

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.)
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, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1558—Duke of 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)

126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1586—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

WEDNESDAY, 30th AUGUST.

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)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
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)
1521—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)

125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
183—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1294—Rebura, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 31st AUGUST.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Virruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
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)
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.)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
433—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill

FRIDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER.

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.)
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)
983—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)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8.30
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Port and Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
R.A. 149—Ezra, 90 Ball's Pond road, N

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Charlton, Masonic Rooms, Charlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (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, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High street, Gosforth.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30

SATURDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
188—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (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)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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HIGH CROSS LODGE, No. 754.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, at the Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham. Lodge was opened at four o'clock by the W.M. Bro. James Garrod, who was supported by his Officers and the following Past Masters:—Bros. W. Dance (Treasurer), T. Cunningham (Secretary), J. Wells, H. Stephens, Thos. Jones, J. Linzell, H. Clements, G. Burford, G. Townsend. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. James Barnes, who was proposed as a candidate for initiation by Bro. Dance P.M. and seconded by Brother Maller P.M. The result was in favour of the candidate. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted, and then the event of the day was brought on. Bro. Clements P.M. introduced Bro. William Martin Tegg the W.M. elect, and Bro. Garrod carried out the ceremony in a most praiseworthy way. On the readmission of the brethren below the rank of Installed Master, Bro. Tegg was saluted and the following were invested as Officers for the ensuing year. Bros. E. J. Lewis S.W., Geo. Rowe J.W., W. Dance P.M. Treasurer, J. Linzell P.M. Secretary, A. G. Fidler S.D., W. S. Cooper J.D., H. Burkin I.G., W. J. Meek M.C., Thos. Jones P.M. Wine Steward, J. L. Lorn Assistant Wine Steward, J. Very Tyler. Bro. Tegg was soon called upon to prove his capacity for office; Mr. Barnes, the candidate for initiation named above, presented himself, and the ceremony of initiation was ably performed by the W.M. Routine work followed. A notice of motion was given by Brother Maller affecting the welfare of the Lodge. This will be considered at the next meeting. Reference to the death of Bro. Smart was next made; he had left a widow and large family unprovided for. Bro. P.M. Maller solicited the co-operation of the brethren in order that one of the six orphan children should be provided for at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The W.M. endorsed Bro. P.M. Maller's remarks as to the esteem in which their late Brother Smart was held by the members, and he felt that by a little exertion the necessary support to carry the election of the lad might be secured. Brother Stephens P.M. stated that he had been requested to bring under the notice of the Lodge the impoverished condition of a late member. The fortunes of this brother through illness and other causes, were at very low ebb; he had a family dependent on him, and on their behalf he (Bro. Stephens) brought the case forward. Some discussion followed, as to the merits of the applicant, and reference was made to previous appeals for assistance. Brother Dance P.M. and Treasurer said there was a substantial balance in favour of the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge, and to bring the discussion to an issue he would propose that a sum of £3 be voted. This was seconded by Bro. Garrod I.P.M., and unanimously agreed to. Hearty good wishes were tendered, and the Lodge was closed. A most elegant banquet was supplied by Bro. Oddy, who always exerts himself to promote the comfort of this Lodge. When the cloth had been cleared, the W.M. gave his attention to the toasts, and full honour was done them. Bro. James Garrod proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Tegg appeared before them in that capacity for the first time that evening. However, he had performed his duties most efficiently; the way he addressed his Officers was eminently satisfactory, and the ceremony of initiation which followed left nothing to be desired. Bro. Tegg had passed through the several offices in the Lodge, and it was anticipated he would perform the duties of the chair in an efficient way. He (Bro. Garrod) had great pleasure in calling on the brethren to honour the toast. After the ever popular duet—"All's Well," by Bros. Stephens and Barford, came the reply of the W.M. He was much gratified at what had been said of him by Bro. Garrod. He had looked forward to the time when he might achieve his present position, and would continue to do his best for the welfare of the Lodge. The health of the Initiates was next brought under notice, and after a song by Bro. Macknev, whose energy is as unflagging as we remember it—well, we will not say how many years ago, came the reply of Bro. Barnes, who hoped he might become a good and an old member amongst them. He was much gratified at what he had seen that evening. The Installing Master was the next toast brought before the meeting. Bro. Garrod had ably sustained the dignity of the Lodge, and well deserved the jewel which the W.M. had now the privilege of placing on his breast. At this stage of the proceedings Bro. R. W. Henev favoured with a musical sketch—The Italian Opera. Herein Bro. Heney's wonderful vocal powers were afforded full scope for development, while his artistic mastery of the pianoforte was heartily applauded. In reply to the toast Brother Garrod remarked that the past year had been a most pleasant one. He had had the honour to initiate several candidates, who he looked upon as likely to prove a credit to the Order. He trusted Bro. Tegg might have an equally successful time of it, and heartily thanked the brethren for the jewel, and for the way in which they had complimented him. The Visitors of whom there were upwards of twenty present, received a hearty welcome, and Bros. Driscoll, Longhurst, Macknev, Brinjes, and Lovering acknowledged the compliment. In speaking to the toast of the Masonic Charities, the W.M. stated he had received a letter from Bro. F. Binckes, regretting his inability to be present. Time was getting short, and with the permission of the brethren, he would associate with the toast the name of Bro. Morgan, as representing the Masonic Press, and doubtless Brother Morgan would offer a few remarks in reference to the Institutions. Brother Morgan, after thanking the Worshipful Master for acknowledging the services rendered by the Press, regretted the absence of the official representatives of the Institutions. Brothers Terry and Hedges were away recruiting themselves. Bro. Binckes—who for the present he might designate the official in charge—was seriously indisposed, and he (Bro. Morgan) feared they could scarcely hope to see "our Hercules" up to his standard point for a time at least. He had seen Bro. Binckes a few days back, and was gratified at being able to state that he found him better than on a visit he had made a week earlier. With respect to the Institutions, the results for the year might be taken as satisfactory. The first Festival, that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, presided over by Colonel Lloyd-Philipps, Prov. Grand Master South Wales (Western Division), realised about £12,500; His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught did duty for the Girls' School, and was supported by a very large body of Stewards, the amount raised being somewhere about £13,250. The Lord Mayor of London presided at the Festival of the Boys' School, the last of those held, and the result achieved might be considered satisfactory—nearly £12,000 being the outcome of the Stewards' exertions. Bro. Morgan then complimented the brethren of the High Cross Lodge on their zeal in behalf of the Institutions, and felt they might rely on the assistance of Bro. Binckes and the other Secretaries in carrying the election of the lad Smart. He thanked the W.M. for his promised services as Steward for the Girls' School, and felt the interests of their candidate would be well looked after by the Senior Warden Bro. E. J. Lewis, who would act in a similar capacity at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in 1883. The remaining toasts comprised the P.M.'s, the Officers, &c. It was a late hour before the Tyler gave the signal for departure. The following brethren were present as Visitors:—James Hammett 861, C. C. Pearce 1237, P. H. Willson 861, J. Driscoll 30, Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., J. H. Brinjes 309, E. W. Macknev 134, George Collier 1237, H. A. Bird 1567, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, C. F. Smith Prince Leopold, T. F. Lee 862, R. Leaman W.M. 1707, R. W. Heney 144, J. Longhurst 138, J. E. Pinder 1707, J. H. Thompson 1471, R. George 1524, T. Wigglesworth 15, W. B. Lovering 1579, G. Perry P.M. 1110, R. Matthison 1237, Thomas Perry 869, &c.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—The meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Friday, 18th inst., was well attended. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Bate W.M., H. M. Williams S.W., C. H. Phillips J.W., R. Poore S.D., F. Thurston J.D., G. W. Knight I.G., J. Stevens P.M. Preceptor, E. A. Francis (Preceptor 1949), G. Hubbard, C. Sims, W. J. Newland 1928, J. Belgrave, J. S. Eidmans, H. Bigg, &c. Bro. Bate having opened the Lodge in the several degrees, very ably rehearsed the ceremony of raising, assisted by Bro. Francis as candidate, who delivered the charge of the degree, and closed down. Lodge was called off for entry drill, in which all present took part, and called on. The Preceptor appointed Bro. Thurston as W.M. on the occasion of next meeting and all other Officers were retained. Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. T. Clark W.M., Jones S.W., Marsh J.W., F. Carr Secretary, Robinson S.D., Smyth I.G. Lodge was formally opened, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. Robinson offered himself as a candidate for the third degree. The usual questions were satisfactorily answered, and the candidate received the test of merit. The W.M. opened the Lodge in the third degree and ably rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Carr (Secretary) gave the traditional history. The W.M. next worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees, and Bro. Jones was appointed to preside at the next meeting.

On 22nd inst. Bros. Jones W.M., Marsh S.W., Robinson J.W., F. Carr Secretary, Smyth S.D., T. Clark J.D., Bunker I.G.; P.M. Bro. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. A. J. Clark, Catling, Christian, Baker, Steel, Finch, Allen, Edwards, Morgan. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Edwards candidate. Lodge was called off, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties. Bro. Jones vacated the chair, which was taken by the Preceptor, who opened the Lodge in the second and third degrees. On resuming in the second degree, Bro. Wallington rehearsed the ceremony of installation, placing Bro. Jones into the chair of K.S. Bro. Jones went through the form of investing Officers, Bro. Wallington gave the addresses to Master Wardens and brethren, and was complimented and thanked by all present. Bro. Steele, of the Chapter Lodge, No. 1365 was elected a member. Bro. Carr, the energetic Secretary of this Lodge of Instruction, will preside on Tuesday next. Before the Lodge closed Bro. P.M. Wallington rose; he stated that a desire had been expressed by several of the members that Bro. W. W. Morgan should be invited to deliver one of his lectures at this Lodge of Instruction. He had a lively recollection of the visit paid them by Bro. James Stevens, when he gave his lecture on the Masonic Rituals of the First Degree. The brethren had derived great benefit and instruction from Bro. Stevens's visit; he (Bro. Wallington) had not hitherto had an opportunity of listening to Bro. Morgan, but he was informed the lectures he gave were of an instructive and entertaining character. He would avail himself of the opportunity offered by Bro. Morgan's visit to request him to attend on that day fortnight for the purpose, provided his other engagements permitted. Bro. Morgan in response thanked Bro. Wallington, and stated he would attend on the evening mentioned, viz., the 5th of September. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned till Tuesday next.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—This Lodge of Instruction, which meets at the Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington, under the Preceptorship of Bro. G. Read P.M. 511, will hold special meetings, to inaugurate the season, as follows:—28th of August, under the presidency of Bro. J. Collings Preceptor of the Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, when the ceremony of passing will be rehearsed. 4th September.—Bro. G. Davis P.M. 167, Preceptor

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of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642, in the chair Ceremony of raising. 11th September.—Bro. Balia P.M. 753 Preceptor of the Prince Frederick William Lodge of Instruction. First and second tracing boards. Each evening, at 8 p.m. On 18th Sept. Bro. J. Terry P.P.J.G.W. Herts P.M. 228, &c., will rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation, commencing at 7 p.m. On this occasion the brethren will appear in Craft clothing. At the conclusion of the evening's work a supper will take place.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—The regular weekly meeting was held on Monday, at the Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., when there were present Bros. Matthews W.M., Weeden S.W., Woolff J.W., C. K. Killick Treasurer, R. P. Forge Secretary, Galer S.D., Gribbell J.D., Jones I.G., A. W. Fenner P.M. acting Preceptor; also Bros. Haslip, Gilham, Woodman, Deines, Hall, McMillan, and W. W. Morgan. After the Lodge had been formally opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. announced his intention to rehearse the ceremony of the second degree. Bro. Seelig offered himself as candidate, and passed the formal examination. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Matthews conducted the ceremony in a very satisfactory way. The ceremony of the first degree was afterwards rehearsed, Bro. McMillan candidate. Bro. A. W. Fenner, P.M. Upton Lodge, will rehearse the ceremony of installation, at this Lodge of Instruction, on Monday next. The brethren assemble at eight o'clock.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. George Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, when Bro. Richard Peore as W.M. was supported by a goodly number of brethren. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, and duly confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising most efficiently conducted by the W.M. Lodge being closed in third and second degrees, the W.M. for the ensuing week was elected. Other formal business being disposed of, hearty good wishes were tendered by the brethren, and the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

We note signs of activity in our Lodges of Instruction. The members of the Percy, No. 198, will resume their weekly meetings on Saturday next, the 2nd September, at their old quarters, the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N. The members of the New Concord, No. 813, will reassemble after the summer recess on Wednesday, the 13th proximo. This Lodge of Instruction is also held at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern.

The Directors of the London and North Western Railway announce important alterations in the charges for conveyance of small parcels by passenger train, which will come into operation from 1st September next. By these arrangements the Company will carry not exceeding a 1lb. weight parcel any distance not exceeding 50 miles 4d; and to any distance within their system, 6d. 2lbs, any distance, 6d. 3lbs, to 50 miles, 6d, above that distance, 8d. 4lbs, not exceeding 50 miles, 6d; any distance 9d. 5lbs, not exceeding 50 miles, 6d; 100 miles 9d; above 10d. 6lbs, not exceeding 50 miles, 6d; 100 miles, 10d; above 100 miles, 1s. 7lbs, 30 miles, 6d; 50 miles, 8d; 100 miles, 10d; 200 miles, 1s; 400 miles, 1s 3d; above 400 miles, 1s 6d. 10lbs, 30 miles, 6d; 50 miles, 8d; 100 miles, 1s; 200 miles, 1s 3d; 400 miles, 1s 6d; and over 400 miles, 2s. 14lbs, 30 miles, 6d; 50 miles, 8d; 100 miles, 1s; 200 miles, 1s 6d; 300 miles, 1s 9d; 400 miles, 2s; above 400 miles 2s 6d. 15lbs, 30 miles, 6d; 50 miles, 8d; 100 miles, 1s; 200 miles, 1s 6d; 400 miles, 2s 0d; above 400 miles, 2s 6d. 16lbs, 30 miles, 6d; 50 miles, 8d; 100 miles, 1s; 200 miles, 1s 6d; 400 miles, 2s. 18lbs, 30 miles, 6d; 200 miles, 1s 6d. Above 24lbs at proportionate rates. In all cases fractions of a penny to be charged as a penny. The Revised Scale will apply to the London and North Western system locally, as well as to the whole of the Lines in Great Britain and Ireland with which through booking arrangements exist. Light, Frail, and Bulky Packages.—Packages of a light, frail nature, or such as are bulky in proportion to their weight, such as Paper Boxes, containing Artificial Flowers, Paper Bonnet or Hat Boxes, Hat Boxes in Crates, Straw Bonnets, Packages of Lace, Pasteboard Boxes of Light Millinery or Feathers, Cases of Stuffed Birds or Animals, Driving Whips, Parcels of Mouldings, Picture Frames, Light Furniture, Violins in Cases, Barometers, Thermometers, Small Birds (alive), in Cases or Cages, Bottles of Medicine, and Parcels containing Brittle Articles, such as Glass or China, are charged 50 per cent. increase upon the ordinary Parcels Rate at Company's risk, and 25 per cent. more than the ordinary Parcels Rate at Owners' Risk. Van Parcels Traffic from and to London.—Van Parcels are conveyed from and to London by one slow train daily, at one-half the above rates. Such consignments must be marked "Per Van Train." No less charge will be made for a Van Parcel than the lowest charge for an ordinary parcel of 10lbs. in weight. Light, frail, and bulky packages will be charged 50 per cent. in addition at "Company's Risk," and 25 per cent. at "Owner's Risk." No Van Train on Sundays. All Parcels intended to be forwarded as Van Parcels at the reduced rate of charge must be legibly marked "Van Parcels Train," or they will be sent by the ordinary Passenger Trains at the usual rate of charge for Parcels. Further particulars may be had of the General Manager at the Euston Station, London.

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UNITED G. LODGE AGENDA PAPER.

WE publish elsewhere in our columns the programme of the business to be transcted at the meeting on Wednesday next of our United Grand Lodge. From this it will be seen that notice of motion has been given by Bro. E. T. Budden, P.M. No. 622, to the effect that so much of the minutes of the June Communication as embody Bro. Raynham Stuart's resolution granting an additional £800 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, namely £300 to the Male and £500 to the Female Fund, be non-confirmed, and that a series of resolutions be adopted instead, by the first of which the addition is reduced to £200, to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes, so that the annual sum payable to the Male and Female Funds shall be the same, namely, £500. By the second, it is proposed to raise the grants to the Schools from £150 each, as they are now, to £500, and the third lays it down that a Committee be appointed for certain purposes, with which we have nothing to do at present.

The proposal to increase the Schools is by itself unobjectionable. Differences may, and no doubt will, exist as to the amount to which they should be raised, but Bro. Budden cannot be charged with having suggested too large a sum. To his proposition, however, that the minutes relating to the grant to the Benevolent Institution be non-confirmed, and its amount set down at £1,000 instead, we feel it our duty to offer our most strenuous opposition. Our Masonic Parliament, unless it wishes to become the laughing stock of men of intelligence, cannot afford to be guilty of such flagrant inconsistency as Bro. Budden, by his present motion, invites it to commit. It has done so before in the case of Bro. Stevens's Uniformity Resolution, and whatever our opinion may be as to the merits or demerits of Brother Stevens's proposition, it cannot be said that Grand Lodge gained much in reputation by adopting it at one meeting and cancelling it at the next. In this instance, the result will be the more deplorable if Grand Lodge should take a backward step. Bro. Stewart's motion was accepted unanimously when it was brought forward for the first time in December last. In March, at the instance of Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., the resolution was non-confirmed, and a Committee was appointed to inquire into the income of the Fund of General Purposes. In June the Report was delivered, and was to the effect that the annual surplus income was about £4,000, and on the strength of that, Bro. Stewart's motion was again submitted and carried, though in a thin house, by a sufficient majority, over a rival proposition to grant only an additional £400. Thus Grand Lodge on two occasions has committed itself to the policy of increasing the grant to the Benevolent Institution. It has been shown that Grand Lodge can afford the extra £800 out of its surplus income of £4,000, and the only point of difference in June was whether the sum should be £400 or £800, a small but, as we have said, a sufficient majority determining the scale in favour of the latter. Under these circumstances, Grand Lodge will commit an amazing act of stultification, if, after having solemnly accepted Bro. Stewart's motion for the second time, it should now turn round and accept Bro. Budden's idea, which, in its turn, will have to be confirmed in December, before it becomes law. The policy of increase has been acquiesced in universally. It has been shown that Grand Lodge has money and to spare, not only for this additional grant to the Benevolent, but also for further grants, if they should be found necessary, to the Schools as well. Lastly, Bro. Stewart's motion has been twice approved, once unanimuosly, and the second time by a majority. If Bro. Budden has at heart the interests of the English Craft, the wisest course for him to adopt will be to let the motion drop.

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA.

WE have received copy of the Proceedings of the Sixty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and from it we learn that the meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Indianopolis, on the 23rd and 24th May, under the presidency of Brother Calvin W. Prather M.W.G.M., there being present to support the following Grand and Past Grand Officers, together with the representatives of 475 Lodges in the jurisdiction, namely:—Bros. Bruce Carr D.G.M., Albert P. Charles S.G.W., Mortimer Nye J.G.W., Charles Fisher G. Treasurer, William H. Smythe G. Secretary, Rev. John K. Pye G. Chaplain, Francis W. Hauss G. Lecturer, Milton L. Humston Grand Marshal, Isaac P. Leyden S.G.D., Frank E. Gavin J.G.D., William M. Black G. Steward and Tyler. Past Grand Officers:—Bros. Thomas R. Austin P.G.M., William Hacker P.G.M., Martin H. Rice P.G.M., Christian Fetta P.G.M., Lucien A. Foote P.G.M., Daniel McDonald P.G.M., Frank S. Devol P.G.M., Andrew J. Hay P.G.M., Robert Van Valzah P.G.M., Bellamy S. Sutton P.G.M., Mahlon D. Manson P.D.G.M., Elijah Newland P.D.G.M.

After the usual preliminaries and the appointment of the different Committees, Bros. W. H. Meffert M.W.G.M. Kentucky, and W. H. Scott M.W.G.M. Illinois, were introduced, and greeted with the honours due to their rank. The Grand Master then delivered his address, in which he dealt at length with the principal events that had transpired during the biennial period then about to close. From this it appears that four new Lodges had been constituted, and eight dispensations granted for new Lodges, while thirteen Lodges had surrendered their charters. The appointment of sundry brethren as representatives of foreign Grand Lodges having been notified, and a tribute of respect paid to the memory of distinguished members of the Fraternity recently deceased, resolutions to refer the address to a Committee were adopted. The Grand Treasurer's Reports showed Receipts, including Balance brought forward, to the extent of 34,371 dollars, and disbursements, of which 12,000 dollars were in respect of "Bonded Debt" amounting to over 24,188 dollars, thus leaving a Balance in hand of, in round figures, 10,182 dollars. These figures concern only the year 1881-2, but for the financial period 1880-2 they are as follow: Balance brought forward 15,202 dollars, Receipts 61,032 dollars—total 76,235 dols. Expenditure 66,053 dols., leaving to Grand Lodge balance to credit, as aforesaid, of 10,132 dollars. It further appears from the same Report that the Debt, which in May 1880 amounted to over 94,333 dollars, had been reduced in May of the current year to 63,000 dollars, a very gratifying achievement, and one for which our Indiana brethren deserve great credit. We learn also that during the same period of two years

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the Receipts in respect of rents have exceeded the expenses by over 4,651 dollars.

After a brief adjournment Grand Lodge met again in the afternoon, when, among other business transacted, the following were elected Grand Officers for the year, namely,

Bros. Bruce Carr	Grand Master
Albert P. Charles	Deputy Grand Master
Mortimer Nye...	Senior Grand Warden
Isaac P. Leyden	Junior Grand Warden
Charles Fisher	Grand Treasurer
William H. Smythe	Grand Secretary

The above were installed the day following, and the rest of the Grand Officers appointed and invested, to wit:—

Bros. John K Pye	Grand Chaplain
Willis D. Eagle	Grand Lecturer
Thomas B. Long	Grand Marshal
Jacob J. Todd	Senior Grand Deacon
Francis W. Hauss	Junior Grand Deacon
William M. Black	Grand Steward and Tyler

The Reports of the different Committees having been submitted, and a vote of thanks to the retiring Grand Master having been passed unanimously, the proceedings came to an end. The Appendix contains a complete list of the Grand Officers from the foundation of Grand Lodge in 1818 till the present time, and an interesting report by the Committee on Correspondence.

GRAND LODGE OF IOWA.

THE Thirty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Iowa was held at Moor's Opera House, in the City of Des Moines, on Tuesday, the 6th June and two following days. Bro. Van Saun M.W.G.M. presided, and among those who were present were the following Grand and Past Grand Officers, together with a strong array of representatives of foreign Grand Lodges, as well as of the daughter Lodges of the jurisdiction, namely, Bros. William W. Douglass R.M. Grand Senior Warden, Christopher S. Binkley R.W. Grand Junior Warden, Horatio G. Cilley R.W. Grand Treasurer, Theodore S. Parvin R.W. Grand Secretary, Lafayette Young Deputy Grand Master, E. K. Young Grand Chaplain, Newton R. Parvin Dep. Grand Secretary, C. T. Granger Grand Senior Deacon, J. E. Johnston Grand Junior Deacon, Theodore Schreiner Grand Tyler, G. B. Swan Grand Marshal, J. R. Jones Grand Senior Steward, G. W. Wilson Grand Junior Steward, F. W. Dance Grand Pursuivant; and P. Grand Masters Bros. T. S. Parvin, A. R. Cotton, J. R. Hartsock, E. A. Guilbert, John Scott, O. P. Waters, Joseph Chapman, H. W. Rothert, Z. C. Luse, J. W. Wilson, J. N. McClanahan.

Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form with the accustomed ceremonial, Bros. Newton R. Parvin, Willis Davis, and George M. van Leuven jun. were announced as having been appointed, in advance of the session, to serve as a Committee on Credentials, and their report was delivered in the afternoon of Tuesday. Other Committees were then appointed, and the Journal of Proceedings 1881, having been distributed in printed form, was taken as read. The Grand Master then delivered his address, in which he reviewed at considerable length the events of the past year, and congratulated the brethren on the prosperity of the Craft in his jurisdiction, the memory of the late Bro. President Garfield being, as a matter of course, duly honoured. The financial report of the Grand Treasurer showed that the Receipts, including Balance brought forward, amounted, in round figures, to 17,751 dols., while the Expenditure reached 12,321 dollars, leaving a handsome balance to the good of 5,430 dollars. In the evening the work of the first and second degrees was exemplified, and Grand Lodge adjourned.

On Wednesday morning, the Committee on the Grand Master's address was handed in, the majority of his recommendations being cordially endorsed. In the afternoon, the election of Grand Officers was proceeded with, the result being as follows:—

Bro. George Banta Van Saun	Grand Master
Charles Trumbull Granger	G. Senior Warden
James De Kalb Gamble	G. Junior Warden
Philip Schaller	G. Treasurer
Theodore Sutton Parvin	G. Secretary

the rest of them being appointed and invested on Thursday, namely:—

Bro. Crom. Bowen	Grand Master
Newton R. Parvin	Deputy Grand Master
Emerson K. Young	Grand Secretary
S. Mills Fowler	Senior Grand Deacon
M. J. Curteis	Junior Grand Deacon
Theodore Schreiner	Grand Tyler
A. T. Drinkle	Grand Marshal
O. E. Aldrich	Senior Grand Steward
Frank E. Hamilton	Junior Grand Steward
James W. Fletcher	Grand Sword Bearer
Fred. Merck	Grand Pursuivant

The rest of the business having been transacted, the Communication was brought to a close in the utmost harmony.

From the statistics presented on the occasion it appears there are on the roll of this Grand Lodge as many as 383 Lodges, with a total membership of 19,342, giving an average per Lodge of 53. Only eighteen Lodges sent in no returns in time for the meeting, and of these but four failed to comply with the requirements of the law in this particular. The statistics appended to the Report have been most carefully and elaborately compiled, and the correspondence is most voluminous and interesting. Moreover, there are several illustrations, some *in memoriam* of deceased Masonic worthies, and others, portraits of those happily still preserved to the Grand Lodge.

One point deserves to be singled out for special notice, namely, that this Grand Lodge passed a resolution authorising the officials to purchase the valuable library of the late Bro. Bower, either in its entirety, or to the extent of so much as might seem desirable, the only condition imposed on the said officials being that under no circumstances should the sum of four thousand dollars be exceeded. Certainly, our Grand Lodge, in the matter, might take a leaf out of the book of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. Here the magnificent sum of £25, equal to 125 dollars American currency, is allowed annually for the purchase of Masonic literature, while in Iowa, a lump sum, thirty-two times as great, is voted in order to secure, if possible,—and we believe it has been secured—one of the best collections of Craft literature which has been ever known. Golden Square has a unique collection, but at Great Queen Street there is a library, and that is about all that can be said.

We take the opportunity of announcing that, in accordance with the promise given, as reported in the notice of last week's meeting of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, Bro. W. W. Morgan will give one of his lectures in the said Lodge on Tuesday next, the 5th inst. As the choice was left open to him, Bro. Morgan has resolved on giving the one on the Masonic Institutions, which has already been delivered in more than one Lodge, and has invariably been well received. We trust, therefore, there will be a strong muster of the brethren on the occasion. We will further note, and we do so with a great deal of pleasure, that it was at Bro. Wallington's request that Bro. Morgan was induced to promise this lecture. Bro. Wallington is a most able and assiduous Preceptor; he has been associated for several years past with the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, and thus has been the means of imparting much sound knowledge of Craft ritual to the younger members of the Fraternity, and his recent action is only one more illustration of the zeal and interest he displays in all that relates to Freemasonry.

We are in a position to state that Bro. Alfred Best, who for the past few years has been lessee of the Freemasons' Tavern, has disposed of the goodwill of the said Tavern to the well-known firm of Messrs. Spiers and Pond, who will take possession on Tuesday next, the 5th inst. Bro. Best, by his energy and attention, has won the respect of the many Lodges and brethren for whom he has catered, and his departure will necessarily be the subject of regret. At the same time, the business could not have passed into better hands than those of the firm which has under its management so many large establishments in the metropolis and elsewhere. We rejoice to say the services of Bro. E. Dawkins will be retained as manager.

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CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE AT HAVANT.

ON Tuesday afternoon the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) accompanied by the Very Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. Hickman) and several of the Provincial Officers, took part in the Constitution of the Hundred of Bosmere Lodge, No. 1958. The ceremony was performed at the Masonic Hall, Waterloo-road, Havant, the Lodge being close tyled at two o'clock. The following brethren signed the attendance book:—Bros. W. W. B. Beach P.G.M., W. Hickman D.P.G.M., A. J. Miller, J. E. Le Feuvre, J. Ridd Hayman, G. H. Barclay, W. Quickfall, W. H. Jacob, Charles Travess, J. G. Mason, John Laverty, V. S. Freeman, Thomas Francis, W. Miller, George P. Arnold, George S. Lancaster, R. W. Beale, C. F. Matier, William Dart, Captain William H. St. Clair, R.N., James E. Buck, Charles W. A. Jellicoe, Eugene E. Street, James Weeks, J. Harrison, J. W. Willmott, George Bond, Joseph Ogburn, William King, James Lintott, Mark E. Frost, Thomas Page, S. R. Ellis, G. L. Green, Richard Lansmere, J. C. Arlidge, T. D. Askew, F. J. Hunt, R. J. Rastrick, J. W. Biggs, Joseph Exell, W. Blackmore, William Gamon, William Royston Pike, Frederick M. Stringer, Thomas A. Bramsdon, Thomas R. Williams, G. T. Cunningham, W. D. Parkhouse, Silas Dove, H. W. Townsend, and F. Rutland. The founders of the Lodge are Brother H. M. Green, H. R. Trigg, J. Purnell, J. Weeks, J. Harrison, J. Lintott. After the Grand Master had taken the chair and appointed Bros. A. J. Miller and G. S. Lancaster Wardens pro tem, the impressive ceremony was proceeded with, and at the appointed time the Provincial Grand Master, who was heartily greeted by the brethren, addressed them on the nature of the meeting. The interesting occasion, he said, naturally led them to reflect on the importance of the work in which they were engaged, and on the length of time during which it had existed. It was difficult, indeed, to estimate this time. Those who had been students of antiquity could carry back their thoughts a very long period, and of this they might be sure, that whenever knowledge existed and was preserved, in any portion of the world, there Freemasonry existed. They traced back their traditions, and in the most learned nations of the past they had evidence that Freemasonry prevailed. They had many proofs that where building and architecture existed, where it was necessary to arrange men in order and carry out work in a methodical and proper way, there Freemasonry was found. They knew that in many of the great buildings of the past, which were connected with ancient history, and which were the pride and admiration of the world, indications were to be found that Masons were engaged in their construction. As in the past Masons were engaged on those mighty works, so in the present day they did not withhold their interest from the construction of buildings, and though they did not act as operative builders, yet they imparted, in connection with the construction of buildings, those lessons of morality which they desired to communicate to all their votaries. In the history of their own country Masonry could extend its researches back a very great length of time. For at least a thousand years there were records of the meetings of Masons. They had met with more or less encouragement, and also with more or less opposition, but yet Masonry had continued to exist in England, and had become a great fact. Now that its magnitude was so great, and it was increasing on every side, it was indeed necessary for those connected with it to reflect more than ever on the work in which they were engaged. The lessons of morality which were impressed upon them were most important, and no one who took those lessons to heart ought to be unmindful of their teachings. Most of the virtues which could be named were brought to their notice, and they impressed them upon all those who joined their ranks. Of those virtues none was more strongly impressed or more actively practised in Masonry than that of Charity. If they saw that Masons were entirely unmindful of the great lessons which were impressed upon them they would think there was something very far from solid in the construction of their Order. But he thought they could confidently assert that it was otherwise, and that they had ample proof that Masons everywhere strove, as far as they could, to act up to the dictates and in the spirit of the lessons they received. Thus they saw they were engaged in no light work when they tried to extend the sphere of their operations, and to give others an opportunity of becoming members of their Craft. In doing this they were satisfied that they were trying to make them better citizens and better men, more affected to the laws of their country, more loyal subjects of the Queen, still worthier of the religion which they professed than they had hitherto been. They did not try to inculcate the lessons of any particular system of religion, but what they said was that those who joined their ranks and acted up to their principles could not fail to be better men. He hoped that this new Lodge might be productive of great good and assist in propagating those principles which they desired to inculcate, and it was because he believed that this new Lodge would be a force for good in the future that he had great pleasure in acceding to the request that had been made to him, and should now proceed to constitute it into a regular Lodge. The Provincial Grand Registrar (Bro. Hayman), who at the request of the Provincial Grand Master officiated as Chaplain, in the unavoidable absence of Brother the Rev. G. H. De Fraine, then offered the introductory prayer, and subsubsequently read the portion of Scripture selected for the occasion. The ceremony of consecration, dedication, and constitution was then completed in due form, and the P.G.M. installed the W.M. Bro. H. Martin Green P.M., who appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. J. N. Hillman P.M. S.W., H. R. Trigg P.M. J.W., Aldridge S.D., J. Harrison J.D., J. Purnell Secretary, W. King Treasurer, Lintott I.G., G. Blackmore Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Provincial Grand Master and his Officers for attending, on the motion of the W.M. of the newly-constituted Lodge, seconded by Bro. Hillman. Subsequently a banquet was served in the Town Hall by Bro. J. Purnell, of the Dolphin Hotel, whose catering was most satisfactory. The chair was occupied by the W.M. Bro. H. Martin Green P.M., who was supported by the Provincial Grand Master and his Craft. After the Queen and the Craft had been duly honoured, the W. Master gave the health of the M.W. Grand Master, referring to the progress which Freemasonry had made under H.R.H.'s rule, as was evidenced by the fact that since 1874, the year in which he became ruler of the Craft, no less than 500 Lodges had been established, or about one-fourth of the whole number of those owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. The Wor. Master next gave in eulogistic terms the health of the Provincial Grand Master, which was received with great cordiality. Bro. Beach, in reply, said he had the honour of ruling over a Province of very extensive dimensions, though, perhaps, in point of members, not to be compared with some in the north of England, and for this reason, however much he might desire to assist all the Lodges, his public duties rendered it impossible to do so. At the same time, he was always pleased to come amongst the brethren whenever his engagements enabled him. Since the year he succeeded to the government of the Province, no less than thirteen Lodges had sprung into existence, or one-third of the entire number; and this was in itself sufficient evidence of the growth which Freemasonry was making in the Province. Throughout the entire country, it was making equally rapid strides, and so long as they remained true to their principles, so long would Freemasonry flourish, and so long would it remain a power for good. They must not abjure these principles for a moment, but zealously and strenuously uphold them through evil and through good report. They must remember that they were not mere ephemeral ideas of the day, but had been handed down to them through distant ages, and they should on this account be very chary of permitting any deviation from the landmarks. They had seen the danger of doing this from a neighbouring country, and they had seen the melancholy result. When they saw how Freemasonry flourished in every other part of the world, and how ready their brethren were to hail them as Masons, it behoved them to be very careful how they altered one jot or tittle of those forms and ceremonies which had been handed down to them, or did anything to disturb the universal bond of brotherhood which existed. He was exceedingly glad to see this new Lodge spring into existence, because he believed that those who had taken it in hand would do their utmost to promote its welfare; and so surely as they selected suitable officers year by year to succeed those who now so worthily filled the chairs, and practised the principles of Freemasonry, so surely would the Lodge continue to flourish. Bro. Triggs P.M., the Senior Warden of the Lodge, proposed the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Hickman, in reply, said that the Grand Officers were one and all deeply interested in the welfare of the Province, and they viewed with a great deal of pleasure the progress which Freemasonry was making. They endeavoured to discharge their various functions to the utmost of their abilities, not only from a sense of duty, but also because they delighted to work under such an able and genial Grand Master as Brother Beach. As an illustration of this he referred to the resumption by Bro. Le Feuvre of the arduous duties of Provincial Grand Secretary. He wished prosperity to the new Lodge, and trusted many Masonic friendships would be formed and cemented within it. Bro. Beach proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, whom he had had the gratification of installing in the chair that day. He was sure he would preside over the Lodge with great ability and courtesy, and that he would consult the best interests of all the brethren in its government. The toast having been received with great enthusiasm, the Worshipful Master, in responding, said it was his earnest desire to discharge the duties of the office efficiently, and if he succeeded in any degree in meriting their approbation, he should feel himself amply rewarded. Other toasts followed. The proceedings were agreeably interspersed with a varied selection of vocal and instrumental music by Bro. F. J. Hunt P.P.G. Organist of Surrey, and Mrs. Hunt, Bros. R. Lansmere and J. Churchill Arlidge, the latter brother a flute obligato to Bishop's "Echo Song," which was sweetly rendered by Mrs. Hunt, being much applauded.—*Portsmouth Times.*

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Berks and Oxon, of which the Rt. Wor. Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Jersey is Prov. Grand M.M.M., and the V.W. Bro. Charles Stephens Deputy Prov. G. M.M.M., will assemble, by command of the Rt. Wor. Prov. Grand Master, at Maidenhead, under the Banner of the Jersey Lodge, No. 257, on Monday, the 2nd October next, when and where all Grand Lodge Officers of the Province (present and past) and Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Overseers of private Lodges are summoned to attend, and, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons are invited to be present. The Great Western Railway Company will concede special privileges to brethren attending this meeting.

The Rt. Wor. Bro. Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., has fixed Wednesday, the 13th inst., for holding his next Provincial Grand Lodge meeting. This will take place at the Public Hall, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley, under the banner of the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 498. The brethren will assemble at 12.30., and Prov. G. Lodge will be opened at one o'clock.

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ORIGIN OF THE ROYAL ARCH, &c.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—About two months ago I learned that a reply to my communication printed 6th May, in your journal, would appear in the Masonic Magazine. It did not, however, appear before July—that number did not reach me before 7th August, and, the most unpleasant part of all, it found me on a sick bed. I was unable to write or even read, and I am yet unable to leave the house. However, I have since then read it, *but found in it no reply at all.* It neither proved, nor disproved, anything; and, upon my word and honour, it is not worth analysing and showing up its shortcomings, and even its misleadings.

And now for the R.A. ritual mentioned in the Chronicle of 24th of June. The ritual, as I then stated, was sent by the *Moderns* Grand Chapter of England to Hayti during the first decade of this century; and in 1833 it was copied in New York by Bro. Marconnais. It is in the French language, and P.G.M. Nickerson, now G.S., promised to translate it into English. But after waiting a few weeks, and finding him still overloaded with work appertaining to his office, I began to look out for another translator, and was fortunate in being introduced to Dr. De La Granges, who performed the task without fee or reward. *But, "thereby hangs a tale."* The said Dr. has made a stir in *High Degreedom*, and, as the whole subject is still unknown on your side of the big pond, I shall here give the origin and cause of that high degree squabble.

About fifteen or twenty years ago there was a rage here for studying *the science of Masonic jurisprudence*, and any number of pretenders published books, and set themselves up as professors of that so-called science. At that time our jurisprudence-mongers, without exception, sincerely believed that all the Masonic laws, *written and unwritten*, have descended from Solomon, Nimrod, and older Masonic worthies, and consequently were Masonic laws all over the world. It has, however, since then been demonstrated that what is Masonic law in America is not, nor ever was, Masonic law anywhere else. The phrase has, therefore, been altered. It is now called "the science of American Masonic jurisprudence." I shall, however, here refer to one branch only of that science, viz., "*Masonic jurisdiction.*" And now for a few specimens of that branch of the science. Thus, a citizen of one State must not be initiated into Masonry in another State. When such a thing occurs, and it does occur sometimes, the Masonic *jurists* of all the States raise up a great hue and cry against the offending State, as if it had committed a crime of the greatest magnitude. This crime is called "*Jurisdictional invasion.*"

You might, perhaps, suppose that the object of that law was *protection* of the Fraternity for keeping out wrong materials, because a candidate's character is better known to the brethren of his own State than to those of another State. But nothing of the kind. The top and bottom of the reason is—*the dollars.* To prove my statement, I will give you a case that happened within my recollection. A young man from Massachusetts, after living two years in California, visited his native village, and during his stay among his old associates and schoolmates, he was initiated, and then returned to California; his first attempt to visit a Californian Lodge exploded a bomb shell. Some indignant letters were received by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; a Committee was appointed to mollify California, or to argue some legal points. I do not now remember what the result was, but I know there was a good deal of powder wasted. Now, in this case, no complaint was made against the moral character of the young man. Indeed, it must be conceded that the brethren of and in his native village must have known more about their candidate's character than the Californians could have known about him. But, as already said, it was not the character of the man California cared for, *but the dollars.* But while these worthy American Masonic jurists invariably fly into a rage when their jurisdictions are invaded, they have not a word to say when Englishmen, Turks, or any countrymen are initiated in their Lodges. It is only a very few years ago when some Turks were initiated in Connecticut, and I have met with any number of Englishmen, employed on the Cunard steam ships, who were initiated in East Boston or in Jersey City. If their law had been designed to keep out suspicious characters, why did they not tell those foreigners—your characters are better known in your own countries than here? &c. But, as already said, character is not the motive, *but dollars.*

But though the motive and aim of that law is obvious, the fanaticism for the necessity of that law is so ingrained in their minds that some of them were quite astonished at the audacity of the King of Sweden in initiating the Prince of Wales, at Stockholm, and at the temerity of the Grand Lodge of England for not having made an American Masonic fuss about it.

I will now give another illustration of the science with regard to *jurisdiction.* The law saith a man must be initiated in the nearest Lodge to his residence. Now, as there are some towns and villages which have no Masonic Lodges, a resident of such a town, if he wishes to be initiated, must consult a civil engineer in order to ascertain which Lodge in his surroundings is nearest to the village he resides in. True, this would-be Mason is acquainted with brethren belonging to the Lodge at village A, and is not acquainted with any one belonging to the Lodge at B. Yet if the Lodge at B is a little nearer to his residence than that of A, he must either be proposed in the Lodge at B, or must obtain its sanction to be initiated in the Lodge at A, or not be initiated at all. Should the Lodge at A, however, initiate him without being sanctioned by B, then begins the tug of war. The Lodge at B lays a complaint before the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge appoints a committee of jurists; sometimes counsel are hired by the contending parties to attack and defend. The jurists draw up a verbose report, enumerating at great length the opinions of other Masonic jurists, and the thousand and one precedents. This report sometimes recommends to censure the offending Lodge, or suggests some compromise; but in either case the new-made brother cannot again enter a Lodge without being *first healed.* And here again it is obvious that *dollars* was the main object of the law.

One more illustration of the science of the *jurisdiction law* will suffice at present. "No new Lodge can be formed (says the law) without the sanction of the Lodge located at the nearest distance from it." In 1855, there were five Lodges in Boston, all of whom met at the Boston Masonic Temple. A number of young men organised a new Lodge, but neither of the five Lodges would give its consent to it. A Lodge at East Boston, which is separated by a channel from Boston proper, was willing to endorse the brethren's petition. A certain part of Boston, situated just opposite East Boston, was found by measurement to be somewhat nearer than the Boston Temple was from that locality. The whole neighbourhood was covered with nothing but warehouses and storehouses, so the brethren actually made an arrangement to hire a loft in that neighbourhood for holding its Lodge there. When, however, the leaders of the Boston Lodges found they were outwitted by the youngsters, they made a virtue of necessity, and Joseph Warren Lodge was finally consecrated in the Boston Temple. In this case, *dollars* was also the object of the law. Our American Masonic jurists are evidently *protectionists*, not only in trade and commerce but in Masonry too.

With such Masonic science it is no wonder that our Grand Lodges are always in hot water with each other, with their own Lodges, and their members too. During the Grand Mastership of the Earl of Zetland the Grand Lodge of England was startled by a long-winded official communication from the Grand Lodge of Maine, the purport of which was that a Lodge in New Brunswick initiated a man who lived a short distance from it on the Maine side of the border. The Earl of Zetland explained the nature of the long document, and told the brethren of the Grand Lodge, if any of them wished to have it read, to make a motion to that effect. But no such motion was offered, and the Maine Grand Lodge learned, probably for the first time, that what is law in Maine is not law in England. A similar hubbub was raised in Missouri not many years ago. A Scotch brother, residing in Missouri, while on a visit to his native place received there the Royal Arch degree; thereupon the Grand Chapter of Missouri charged the Grand Chapter of Scotland with violating its jurisdiction. It is really fortunate for Masons and Masonry that our American Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, and other kinds of American Grands, own neither armies nor navies; for otherwise there would have been any number of fights, both with outsiders and insiders too. I hope the reader will now be prepared to understand to what length American Masonic jurists would go if the rights of their *sacred jurisdictions* (for so our Masonic luminaries style it) were invaded. And now I must go back to the anticipated new trouble.

Dr. De La Granges is a native of Spain. Besides his mother tongue he is master of Latin, French, English, &c. In short, he is a linguist and scholar, well versed in science and history,—except Masonic history. He received the Blue Degrees in Spain, in accordance with the Scotch Rite fashion. When he first tried to visit a Boston Lodge he was told that he could not be admitted unless he was initiated in the York Rite. So he paid the usual fee, and was re-initiated. Being by nature ardent, enthusiastic, and impulsive, and money being no object with him, he rushed pell-mell into the Royal Arch, the Council or Cryptic degrees, Templarism, and finally got the thirty-second degree of the Scotch Rite. Our Doctor was very much elated with the high honours he received, and believed himself to have become a veritable Sir Knight, Prince, and very Illustrious. About a year or two since, he made up his mind to re-visit Spain, when he was furnished with letters of high recommendation from our American Sir Knights, Princes, &c. His old friends in Spain were very glad to meet him, and showed their appreciation of his high merit by conferring upon him the thirty-third degree. Upon his return to Boston, previous to entering one of the High Concerns, he appended to his name in a book in the anteroom the mysterious two threes, with the little ring, thus 33°. As soon as this was learned by the Grand Commander, after he entered the grand sanctum, the high degree volcano exploded. The Sovereign Grand Commander lost his temper; he was enraged with the Grand Orient of Spain for invading an American sacred jurisdiction, and was no less enraged with the Doctor for presuming to style himself a 33°. The Doctor tried to defend himself. The Grand Commander would not listen, and ordered him to be silent. But the Doctor's blood was roused, and he would not be silent. The Grand Commander rapped his gavel. But, lo! he might as well have tried to stop the Falls of Niagara with his gavel as to stop the Doctor's talking. The fact is, the faster and louder the one rattled with his gavel, the faster and louder did the other talk. Of course, all this produced an excitement, but many of those present thought it as good as a comedy. Such scenes are not at all uncommon in the history of High Degreedom; but whenever such an event takes placed, it is always denounced as *unprecedented.* The upshot of all this fracas was the expulsion of the Doctor; he, however, has appealed to the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction, which will meet in Boston during the next month, when I expect there will be some more jolly fun.

I said before that Bro. De La Granges is a very enthusiastic and ardent Mason, this I discovered at a glance as soon as I entered his room. The walls of his parlours are decorated with about half a dozen elegantly framed pictures, probably bought in France. Each picture contains a group of High Degree Princes, Knights, &c., attired in all kind of fashions, of all ages and nations, scattered all over with

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swords, belts, symbols, and all kinds of crosses; and as already remarked, my new friend, like most of the new High Degreers I have met with, actually believed himself to be one of the greatest of the Masonic Illustriouses. It did not take me much time to shake his faith in all his illusions.

But however great a sinner Bro. De La Granges may be deemed among the High Degreers, I found him a very obliging man, a perfect gentleman, and enjoyed his conversation on various topics. The scene above described, and other information given, I did not receive from the Doctor. He at once consented to translate the ritual of the R.A., and the R.A. Companionhood ought to be very thankful to the Doctor for what I may call a new R.A. Revelation. The Doctor's copy I presented to Bro. Nickerson, but a copy I took therefrom I sent to the R.W. Bro. Shadwell Clerke, G.S. of England.

I shall only add that those who have access to Bro. Clerke's sanctum, and are willing to devote half an hour to the perusal thereof, will learn more in that half hour about the origin and history of the R.A. than all the Grand Preceptors in your Chapters of Instruction will teach them during their lifetime. Indeed, after perusing it, you may with a good conscience tell the great Preceptors *that they don't know anything at all about it.*

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 15th August 1882.

THE *EVENING NEWS* AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Upon what data the Masonic writer for the *Evening News* founds his assertion that the confirmation of the minutes, carried in June, is a foregone conclusion, I am at a loss to understand. With the facts before him that the minute of December 1881 relating to the additional grant of £800 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was non-confirmed, in order that the Board of General Purposes might have time to ascertain their financial position, or ability to make the grant;—the answer to which very inquiry and the Auditors' verification of it, would in a few minutes have been read out by the Grand Secretary. If, upon one occasion, because members of Grand Lodge are too negligent, or careless, to listen to statements to which they are asked to assent or dissent they are to delay the carrying out of an important item on the agenda paper for six months, some other equally reasonable cause may be found for a further delay of six months. Grand Lodge, as at present constituted, is a great, unwieldy body, without any consistency; and how can it be otherwise? Let us for a moment analyse its component parts. There are in England and the Channel Islands some 1200 Lodges, more or less, under the English Constitution. Now, the W. Master, two Wardens, and all the Past Masters of each and every one of these Lodges is entitled to attend at the Quarterly Communications, and if we take the very low average of three Past Masters for each Lodge, we have the enormous number of 7200 as having a voice, and a right to a vote, personally in the framing of our laws and our government. "In the multitude of councillors there is wisdom;" but I take it, you can have too many, as well as too few. Again, the utmost that can be massed into our legislative Temple is about 700. At one of these meetings a resolution is carried, and at the next it is asked to be confirmed by the same number, but not one-half of whom were present on the previous occasion, and the large majority of the others are unacquainted with the facts of the case, or the reasons adduced which caused the said motion to be carried. The numbers I have previously mentioned are exclusive of the brethren who wear the purple, who may be reckoned at another 400 or 500, and also all the qualified brethren of colonial Lodges under the English Constitution who may be staying in town. Now, while not for a moment doubting that the groundwork for a remedy to this grievous evil—which I venture to suggest—will meet with strenuous opposition by some, as well as warm support by others, it will at all events open the ball and invite discussion, out of which some plan may be shaped which will meet the object I have in view in broaching the subject.

1st. Though not approving of the mode in which Bro. Jas. Stevens has endeavoured to bring about a division of the Metropolitan district, which no one can deny is immeasurably too large, I am still in favour of his principle, and am of opinion that its division into four or more districts would be of great advantage to the Craft in general, besides giving opportunities for those desirous of the honours of the purple and scarlet, and a better chance of attaining them.

2nd. That it should be the duty of every Province at its annual meeting to ballot for and elect a certain number of representatives to attend the Quarterly Communications of G.L. on behalf of their several Lodges.

3rd. That every Province should send up the same number, and not in proportion to its strength, otherwise Provinces such as West Yorkshire, East Lancashire, &c., would have the power of carrying all before them.

4th. The dais should be represented by a certain number appointed by the M.W.G.M., besides the Officers of G.L. necessary to conduct the business thereof.

Thus there would be, including Jersey and Guernsey, forty-two Provinces, or with the proposed four London districts—forty-six in all; add to this the G.L. itself, would make forty-seven; allow ten representatives for each Province, and an extra ten for G.L., and you have the comparatively manageable number of 480, or in round numbers 500, which is more than enough to transact all the business, ordinary and extraordinary, appertaining to Grand Lodge.

As to the other charitable assertions of the *Evening News* writer, they are not novel, for certain dyspeptic individuals have uttered them before; but they partake of the nature of a novel,—they contain a modicum of fact and a large amount of fiction; of this I shall be pleased to try to convince him and his readers in a future letter.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

P.S.—Since writing the above, I have seen the agenda paper for the next meeting of Grand Lodge, and find that so far from the confirmation of Bro. Raynham Stewart's motion being a foregone conclusion, that there is actually a notice of motion, by Bro. E. T. Budden, P.M. 622, St. Cuthberga, to non-confirm that special minute which was carried in June and December last, and substituting another, reducing the extra grant from £800 to £200. I appeal to the brethren to attend on the 6th September, and not let it be said that Grand Lodge does not know its own mind from one quarter to another.

Referring to the remarks in the *Evening News* (made out of place, I maintain, in a general daily paper), about the recipients of our Charities, the following tables are about correct, and confirm, more nearly than I had hoped, the writer's statements. They are taken from the polling papers of the Old People's election in May last, and the forthcoming ones of the Boys and Girls in October next:—

	Number of Candidates.	Average Years Subscriptions have been paid.	Contributors to the Institutions.		
Aged Masons	47	21 nearly	5	or not quite	10 per cent.
Widows	63	20 1/12	6	or about	10 per cent.
Boys	62	9	14	or nearly	22 per cent.
Girls	20	10 1/4	3	or	15 per cent.

Of course there may be some contributors among the foregoing whose light is hid under a bushel, but it is very improbable, for candidates naturally try to make their claims as strong as they can; and what they had done for others in their time of prosperity would surely be one, and that a strong one.

IS MASONRY REALLY FLOURISHING?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—To this query, recently put in an article in your columns, with an invitation for an expression of opinion, I had hoped some more comprehensive correspondence would have taken place, as certainly the issues raised are worth careful consideration at the hands of all who are anxious for the welfare of the Craft. The tendency of your article, and that also of the recent interesting correspondence in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE relating to Masonic Mendicancy, is to show the undoubted existence of an undesirable element in the Craft, which, though it might be impossible to eradicate, may, as "M.M." so pertinently observed last week, be guarded against in the future. It is hardly within the province of individual members to suggest even as to the discretion of Grand Lodge in the issue of new warrants, though, as your correspondent points out, the number of Lodges now on the roll should suffice for the reasonable necessities of the Institution for some time to come. We may be perfectly certain that our Grand Officers, much as they may desire to meet the wishes of the brethren who aspire to found new Lodges, are well advised, and carefully weigh the nature of the requests made to them before they accede to the prayer of petitions. On this score, it appears to me they are equally at no option, as are the members of Lodges, in following "the late Bro. Hervey's advice" as to their being "cautious in the reception of candidates." The latter, as one or two of your correspondents rightly remark, cannot fathom the hearts of those who seek to participate with us in the mysteries and privileges of the Order; neither can Grand Lodge at all times gauge the feeling *locally* prevailing, and which animates brethren in praying for a new warrant. More than one instance might be recorded of men who, being ambitious for office, and not seeing their way clear to the attainment of their desire for perhaps a considerable time, gather around them chosen friends, and privately concoct a design for the establishment of a new Lodge. It is perfectly true such a petition must be supported by a certain number of signatories from the mother Lodge, but are these not sometimes influenced by a personal desire for the advancement of those who are striving after distinction, and in others by an equally urgent wish to rid the Lodge of troublesome and officious malcontents? When a servant leaves your employ, you do not always refuse him a "character," though he may not have been all you could have desired in him. He may have done his work in a manner such as would not justify you in withholding from him the means of obtaining other employment, but still you are "glad he is gone," and you would rather aid than impede his progress by giving him a recommendation. Thus it has been found that in many cases where Lodges have become too strong numerically there have grown up amongst them—from the "infusion of new blood" as we are apt to say—young and enthusiastic men who aspire for, and may be deserving of, office, but who from the very fact of the Lodge being so full see their chances very remote indeed. The consequence is that they hold a *tête-à-tête* with the view of starting an offshoot of the Mother Lodge, and the Mother Lodge is only too glad to get some of her obstreperous children off her hands. Is not this the true explanation why so many new warrants were applied for, until the "brake" was put on a few years ago? I quite agree with the comments made upon your recent leading article, contained in the *Evening News*—a paper which is devoting some judicious attention to the affairs of the Craft—that this is "a subject of great importance, and which, it is a pity has not been taken up in print before this." Still, now the matter is broached, it will be well for all of us to consider that "the evils which affect the fair fame of Freemasonry are not irremediable. Let the late Grand Secretary's advice be seriously taken to heart by individual Lodges, and let every care be

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taken not to admit into them "comparatively pauper members, or those whose only care in joining Masonry is to make out of it as much profit as possible." This sentence of "M.M.'s" may be in some degree construed to mean that affluence should be the only royal road to Masonry; but I am certain he does not wish to convey any such an idea. It is difficult, of course as you have all along pointed out, to dive into the hidden recesses of a man's mental structure, and to prove his intellectual integrity, still, in a majority of cases, those who propose and second candidates should be in some measure acquainted with those whose sponsors they become, and should not willingly introduce to the brethren those who are not, so far as can be, humanly speaking, judged fit and proper persons to become Masons. Hoping to see this matter still further dealt with in your valuable columns,

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

J.D.

30th August 1882.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—All who study the interests of the Fraternity will be glad that you have opened up the question above asked, and that other Masonic writers are devoting their attention to a subject of such vital importance to the Craft. For a long time it has been a prevailing opinion amongst Masons that the Order was too rapidly extending its borders, and that, in your own words, merely numerical strength in Freemasonry is not an "unmixed good." Since you have invited an interchange of views upon the matter, may it not be suggested that in many cases more than due influence is exercised in order to induce men to become Masons? I know it is an accepted maxim amongst us that we shall not *persuade* any one to join the Brotherhood, and indeed the candidate at his initiation avows that he has been impelled to do so of his own "free will and accord," and from a favourable opinion preconceived of the Order. And yet it has been not infrequently known that without stopping seriously to consider whether their status or means are likely to give stability to those who are virtually asked or encouraged to join our ranks, many brethren are only too eager to precipitate the entrance of their friends into Lodges by the implied benefits which they are likely to derive from their connection with Freemasonry? That is a principle which cannot be too rigidly discouraged by those who would rule wisely and well, and who are jealous for the prestige and good government of their Lodges. The old saying no doubt holds good that—

Angels are bright still,
Altho' the brightest have fallen;

and, though many who "pass well" at first have lapsed into the serried ranks of those who reflect no credit upon the Craft, yet the great principles we hold so dear are by no means affected by such declensions. But, on the other side of the question, I am disposed to believe that in a great number of cases men are practically led to seek admission into the Institution by the "improper solicitation of friends." I do not mean to say dishonestly, or with any wilful intention of bringing in unworthy members, but out of an excess of zeal, and a desire to draw into their society those acquaintances whom they may have learned to respect in other walks of life. This is merely a passing opinion, which may fit in with others which your correspondents will suggest in helping to elucidate information on this momentous question.

I am, Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

GAVEL.

Aldersgate-street, 30th August 1882.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There are so many phases of this question that, in order fully to ventilate it, even a word from so humble an individual as myself may be acceptable. I leave it to older and wiser heads than mine to solve the difficult problem of remedying that which you and your correspondents consider a great and increasing evil to the Craft, namely, the too rapid increase in the number of its members. But there is a case I could mention of a warrant being applied for and obtained by a coterie, who saw no hope of attaining to honours in their own Lodges, and who were assisted by Past Masters who either sought after a second reign, or some Provincial honours. This was prior to the year you mention when a curb was placed upon the "indiscriminate granting of warrants," and the circumstances attending it were, to say the least, not very meritorious. Several brethren were invited by one most anxious to achieve distinction (as is only natural where one has occupied a Warden's chair, but has been passed over by an incoming Master who disbelieves in the strict order by rotation method of advancement) to meet at his private residence, when the "grievances" of those who had hoped for, but did not receive collars, found full vent in sympathetic company. The "leader of the opposition," if I may use the term, lost no opportunity of expatiating upon the "slight" they had received, and urged upon each and all to strive their utmost to obtain a new Lodge. Of course, the leader was to be first Wor. Master, and those who supported him were to be his chosen Officers for the year. On that they all agreed, with wonderful unanimity, and it was furthermore made a condition that promotion should go by strict rotation, that is to say, each Officer should move one "peg" up at the close of each successive year, until all had passed the chair. I never heard the precise *modus operandi* by which that warrant was obtained, but it was obtained; the Lodge was founded, and in order to make a "good start," several persons were more than persuaded to become members, with the obvious view of obtaining funds by means of the initiation fees. The result has been that at least a dozen of the first initiates have since lapsed, proving that they could not afford, if they had been candid enough to admit it, to pay their initiation fees; and if they are not actually a burden upon the Craft, many, I know, have long since found it impossible to keep up their payments, or discharge their responsibilities to the Lodge. As an almost inevitable consequence of the secret conclave I have shadowed forth, the "plot" leaked out very shortly after the Lodge was founded, and most unpleasant recriminations ensued, which I will not here revive. I believe the Lodge has at last sailed from turbulent waters into a substantial calm; but its early days will be long remembered by those who watched the launch, and knew the circumstances under which it was arranged. I do not see how any blame can be attached to Grand Lodge for granting the warrant; but the responsibility is a grave one that rests upon those who, for the sake of snatching at honours which have been denied them in their own Lodges, were not over scrupulous as to whom they persuaded to join, and afterwards admitted into their Masonic circle.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

A YOUNG MASON.

Gravesend, 28th August 1882.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of this Province was held on the 29th ult., at the Public Rooms, Truro, under the presidency of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe Provincial Grand Master. Lodge was formed shortly after ten o'clock, the room being well filled. The Provincial Grand Master at once proceeded to business, which throughout the whole day he conducted in his usual efficient manner. The Secretary, W. Bro. E. D. Anderton, having read the minutes of the preceding Grand Lodge, they were confirmed. The Treasurer W. Bro. William Tweedy presented the balance-sheet, by which the sum of £223 10s 7d was duly accounted for, and a balance of £28 15s 4d was shown on hand. The Secretary reported that the number of brethren in December was 1,522 against 1,551 in December 1880. One new warrant had been issued during the past year, but from unavoidable circumstances the consecration had not yet taken place. It was also right to mention the great obligation of the Province to W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, for the excellent Masonic Directory he had compiled. The balance-sheet and report having been adopted, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe moved that a cordial vote of thanks be given to W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, for his connection with the Directory. This being carried, W. Bro. Hughan responded in a few suitable words.

The report of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, the recommendations of the Committee of Relief, the report from Bro. Charles Truscott respecting votes for Masonic Charities, the making grants to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund, and the great Masonic Charities, and the report of the Truro Cathedral Fund Committee, after being duly considered, were accepted or decided upon. The consideration of the Revised Book of Constitutions was then proceeded with. A Committee had been appointed to report thereon, and a printed form of the various matters which had commended themselves to their notice was submitted and circulated. On one or two points a debate arose, but ultimately the whole were arranged to the satisfaction of the Lodge. Bro. W. J. Hughan next proposed some alterations and additions to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund; and these, with one slight alteration, were carried. The brethren now formed in procession and proceeded to the temporary church, erected alongside the Cathedral, where a very eloquent sermon was preached by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. P. H. Newnham, from 1 Cor. iii. 9. "We are God's fellow-workers . . . . Ye are God's building"—The Rev. Brother said, meeting there as they did that day, in a place which must for ever be connected with the memories of a day unique alike in the annals of their Craft and in the history of religious work in that Province of Cornwall, it was only natural that he should endeavour to connect what he desired to say to them with the associations of that day, and also with that growing work which they saw close by. That work would be viewed very differently by different minds, according to their natural power of appreciating the beautiful in the lines of architecture, and their knowledge of the rules which have governed the ideas of the builder. Where one man will see only a heap of stones and a few pillars and arches rising, another would be able to appreciate the beauty and understand something of the general plan of the work, while a third would be able, by the help of technical knowledge, already to foresee the general appearance of the finished structure. Even so had God built up the religious structure of the world's faith from the earliest days until the present time. The existing system of Freemasonry combined into one many of the earliest religious symbols and rituals by which the spiritual instinct in its earliest infancy sought to embody its faith in one living God, and its hopes of a future immortality. Out of the darkness of the past God had built up the edifice of its present stage of completion. But the grand Cathedral of the world's worship was still like their present building far from complete. And yet hearts that had given themselves to its study could even now foresee the shape its arches would assume, and could give a good guess of the kind of roof that would rest upon them. And, as God had thus built up the religious life and thoughts of the world, so did He build up their individual lives. Every thought, word, deed, accident, coincidence of their lives was a stone, often apparently shapeless and unhewn, but which, worked into form by the chisel of time, was found to fit into its place in building up the plan of their lives. And that plan was, as the first clause of the text affirmed, that they would become "God's fellow-workers" in the scheme of His future building. Freemasonry had fulfilled its destiny in the past in bringing materials for the foundations, and building the crypts of God's destined World Temple. It must now claim its share in completing its own alloted por-

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tion of the work. And that it could do by smoothing down social asperities in a way that no other institution was capable of doing, for no other institution could bring together hundreds of men to unite in a common work and share in a common ritual, and yet never jar upon the social, political, ar religious susceptibilities of one of them. So that Freemasons work on still, looking forward to the time that shall come when the "Lost Name" shall be found again by the patient delvers in darkness; when the roof of God's World Temple of Worship shall be placed on its appointed supports; and He that is for ever shall be known no longer by the cold abstractions of Great Architect and Grand Geometrician, but the Father of all shall be revealed in His own true name of Love.

On the return to the Lodge Brother W. J. Hughan proposed that the sermon be printed and inserted in the next Directory. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master said he would, as usual, offer a few remarks, which he hoped would be found of some use and service. He then alluded to the great importance of the returns being sent in not later than 31st January, and intimated that he could not, in any case, grant a dispensation for a Masonic procession or any similar exhibition if the object was only display. For purely Masonic ceremonies it might be granted, and only for such a purpose. Having then alluded to a matter which concerned the admission of candidates, and to the Lodge at Wadebridge, which is awaiting consecration, he said his next duty was a most pleasant one, namely, the presentation of a token of respect to Bro. E. T. Carlyon. That worthy brother's genial kindness and worth in Masonry were well known to all in the Province. Some nine years ago they sustained a very heavy loss in Bro. Augustus Smith, and from that time to the present Bro. Carlyon had earned feelings of deep gratitude for his help and service to himself as Provincial Grand Master, and to the whole Province. The presentation consisted of a magnificent silver salver, a P.M.'s jewel, and a heavy gold bracelet for Mrs. Carlyon. On the salver was inscribed :—

"Presented to Edward Trewbody Carlyon, by the Freemasons of Cornwall, as a mark of their sincere regard and grateful recognition of his active exertions in the cause of Masonry, and of his invariable courtesy during the sixteen years he held the office of Provincial Grand Secretary.—1882."

W. Bro. Carlyon responded, saying he had been over twenty-five years a Mason, and had served under three Provincial Grand Masters, one of whom was Sir Charles Lemon, and he was made Prov. Grand Registrar in Sir Charles's reign. Afterwards he served under one whom he might call a personal friend, Bro. Augustus Smith, and he could recall many happy days spent with him at Truro. Of the present Provincial Grand Master it was difficult to speak, he being present, but his kind and courteous manner and the forbearance which his Lordship had always shown, made him respected by them all. It was a feeling of pride, pleasure, and thankfulness that he from the bottom of his heart, cordially accepted this salver. He should value it exceedingly, and he hoped one of his own name would cherish it for many years to come. He was also sure Mrs. Carlyon would accept with pleasure the bracelet, and think the better of Freemasonry for the future. It was with a feeling of deep regret that he retired from office, but in Bro. Anderton he had a good successor who would give satisfaction. The Officers for the Cornwall Annuity and Benevolent Fund were next elected as follow:—W. Bros. W. Tweedy Treasurer, Thomas Chirgwin Secretary, J. C. R. Crewes Assistant Secretary, W. D. Rogers Falmouth, and J. H. Sampson Truro, Auditors.

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THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 6th September 1882 :—

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th June for confirmation—except so far as relates to the balance of the Grant of £75 to a Brother of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, London, which has lapsed in consequence of the death of that Brother on the 7th July last, he having been paid £50 on account of such recommended grant, pursuant to the Constitutions, Art. 16, page 104.

2. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz. :—

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3. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

Grand Lodge having at its last Quarterly Communication accepted the draft of the proposed revision of the Book of Constitutions, as prepared by the Board, and having approved of its suggestion that the same be considered at a Special Grand Lodge, and that in the meantime copies be circulated amongst the Provinces for the information of the Craft, which has accordingly been done, the Board now beg to recommend that Brethren desiring to propose any amendments or additions to the said Revision of the Constitutions should be required to transmit the same to the Grand Secretary on or before the 25th September next, in order that they may be considered and reported on by the Board before the meeting of the Special Grand Lodge, which it is believed will be held about the middle of October next.

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To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 11th day of August last, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £4,245 4s 5d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £100.

N.B.—Copies of the proposed Revision of the Constitutions, referred to in the foregoing Report, are lying in the Grand Secretary's Office, and open for inspection daily during office hours.

4. NOTICES OF MOTION.

(1) By Brother EDWIN T. BUDDEN P.M. No. 622 :—

"That the minute of the last Grand Lodge (7th June 1882), containing the Resolution proposed by Brother Raynham Stewart to raise the Grand Lodge subscription to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution from £800 a year (its present amount) to £1,600 a year be not confirmed; but that instead thereof the following Resolutions be adopted, viz. :—

(I.) "That the Grand Lodge contribution to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution be raised from £800 a year to £1,000 a year; £500 a year to the Male Fund, and £500 a year to the Female Fund. The £200 a year now added to be paid from the Fund of General Purposes."

(II.) "That the Grand Lodge contributions to the Royal Masonic Schools be raised from £150 a year to each School (the present amount) to £500 a year to the Girls' School, and £500 a year to the Boys' School, to be paid from the Fund of General Purposes."

(III.) "That a Committee be appointed" :—

(a) "To consider the condition, resources, and claims of the Fund of Benevolence," and

(b) "To revise the Scale of Fees payable by Lodges to Grand Lodge, and report to Grand Lodge, so that the revised Scale of Fees, if adopted, may be incorporated in the revised Constitutions, now under the consideration of Grand Lodge."

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List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge :—

No. 1971.—The Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge, Aldershot, Hants.
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1973.—The Saye and Sele Lodge, Belvedere, Kent.
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The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1883 will be published early in November next. Secretaries of Lodges willing to subscribe for copies of the Calendar are requested to notify to the Grand Secretary the number they will respectively require.

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.

The meetings of the Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471, will be resumed on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at Seven p.m., at the Crown and Cushion Tavern, London Wall, under the direction of Bro. J. L. Mather, P.P.G.D.C. Herts. The attendance of brethren is requested.

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A new Lodge, the Aldershot Army and Navy, No. 1971, was consecrated, at Aldershot, on 21st ult. The ceremony was performed by the R.W. Prov. G. Master of Hants and Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., who was assisted by the Prov. G. Officers and a large number of Craftsmen. The Officers appointed were Bros. F. J. G. Cook W.M., H. Grier S.W., E. H. Sartorius J.W., R. Crosdall Treasurer, C. Bailey S.D., M. Turner J.D.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Colonel Creaton Grand Treasurer in the chair. There were also present Bros. Colonel James Peters, Frederick Adlard, H. A. Dubois, A. E. Gladwell, H. Massey, Frank Richardson, R. Grey, F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. The business of the meeting was purely formal. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques, and one petition was received for placing a London candidate on the list for next April election.

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"The air is full of farewells to the dying
And mournings for the dead.
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"If thou dost bid thy friend farewell,
But for one night though that farewell may be,
Press thou his hand in thine.
How canst thou tell how far from thee
Fate or caprice may lead his steps
Ere that to-morrow comes?"

The angel of death has repeated his visits oftentimes among us during the past Masonic year, calling hence no less than six Past Grand Officers of this jurisdiction—one of them at the head of the Royal Craft in the great republic, and the "first among his equals" in all good words and kindly deeds; and another aged pilgrim whose trials began during the long, dark crusade inaugurated in the Morgan times, which tried men's souls in that day of sore trial; beside many of lesser note, as useful and deserving in their humbler spheres of life.

The nation, too, and the world, has been called to weep, with our sister jurisdictions, the loss of their "illustrious dead," "falling at their post of duty."

It is seldom we are called upon to pen so sad a page as this must be in our records of the year.

"The year
Has gone. * * *
* * * "In its swift course,
It waved its sceptre o'er the beautiful,
And they are not. It laid its pallid hand
Upon the strong man, and the noble form
Is fallen."

Yet in all this the wise may read a lesson, as in an open book ever in sight, for our instruction. Let the living profit by the noble examples set us in the lives of the departed. They were Christian men, followers of Him who "spake as never man spake," and heeded His words. With them Masonry was a living reality, and they comprehended its mission to make men better in this life, bind them more closely together in the Brotherhood of man, and afford them the means and opportunities for greater usefulness among men. Now that they have

"Gone across the dark river,
And into the land of shadows,"

May we so treasure the memory of their good deeds that they may not have lived in vain.

Of those of our own jurisdiction, all save one, the patriarch Gillis, were our *associate* Officers in the past, going in and out with us before the brethren whom we served. All were our friends, and we prized and valued the friendship of such men; but

"One there was above all others,
Well deserved to be our friend."

The brethren of this jurisdiction, and of all jurisdictions, have long known the friendship which existed between Brother Bower and ourself, and the love that bound us together as brothers. That we may not be thought to mould our words in the form of over-wrought friendship, we quote the language of another, who says: "Brother Bower was faithful in the discharge of every Masonic duty. Nothing was too great for him to undertake, and yet he undertook it with such apparent gentleness, and carried it out with such precision and poise—with such smoothness—that hardly any one realised the overmuch he was attempting and the overwork he was doing. But suddenly the long-strained chord has snapped like brittle glass, and as noble a human life as ever possessed a human body was released from its sufferings. He is gone, but has left us his example of a faithful worker, a good citizen, and an upright Mason."

In his closing address to his brethren, on retiring from office in the Grand Chapter, Brother Bower remarked, "I never like to say farewell, but with a gentle pressure of the hand glide silently away." His prayer was granted, for so he passed away, speaking no farewell word. God took him, and he is not. But his "example of strict integrity, honesty of purpose, and purity of intention through life is worthy of imitation by all of us" who survive him. He has "fallen with his armour on," and gone to receive his reward.

"Ne'er to the mansions where the virtuous rest,
Since their foundation, came a worthier guest;
Nor to the bowers of bliss was e'er conveyed
A nobler spirit or a gentler shade."

Brother Judge James L. Gillis, after a long and eventful life, died at the house of his son, who had been a short period before shot down in his own home by an unknown assassin. This so worked upon the mind of the aged and bereft father that he soon followed the son. He had lived seventy years a just and upright Mason, and eighty-eight as a useful and honoured citizen. A man of remarkable energy, intelligence, and perseverance, he made a good and permanent record in his public and private walk in life. He was a man of dignified and commanding appearance, which prepossessed strangers in his favour, and led them to seek a more intimate acquaintance with him. We met him last at the Grand Conclave in Chicago, in the summer of 1880, he being drawn thither in his old age to meet some whom he had met in his younger years. We remember his interest in the great gathering, and the courtesy shown him by the Sir Knights favoured in meeting him. The attempt upon the life of the President plunged him into the deepest anxiety, without the thought that the taking off of a well-beloved son would be so soon and in the same way.

He had forgotten the world of care and the battle of life which had furrowed his earlier years, and drawn closely around the hearth of his children and grandchildren, and in their loved presence awaited the hour when he should be summoned to meet his beloved partner in the mansions of rest. That hour came suddenly and unheralded. But he had so lived, and was so prepared for the reaper, that we need not ask,

"Can it be truth,
That there is no eloquence in death,
No voice beyond the passing breath,
For thoughtful man?"

Joseph Curtis Knapp, an old, useful, and prominent citizen, died 27th April 1882. He was made a Master Mason during the Annual Communication at Keosauqua, where he lived (almost thirty years, and died) in the year 1855, and was Grand Orator at Iowa City in 1857. He was a leader among leaders at the bar and in politics, a worker in good works, in his town, county, and state, leaving an honourable record for manly devotion to the public interest, a Christian's faith in his Master's service, and devotion to the Fraternity whose welfare he sought to promote. When such men die, the Fraternity, the church, and the world are the losers.

"Shall the clos'd eyes,
Once filled with light, and the pale lips
That spake for oth'rs good and friendship's
Gold'n tie, ne'er wake?"

Brothers Watson Emery Webster Senior Grand Warden in 1878, Norman Chipman Junior Grand Warden in 1853, Horace Tuttle Junior Grand Warden in 1856, and Thomas Mercer Grand Treasurer in 1865, were all past elective Grand Officers and permanent members in the Grand Lodge. But their true merit and worth was not obtained by election, nor did it follow—it preceded; and their election to those high offices was only the public recognition of that merit which recommended them as Office-bearers in the courts of the Temple. Brother Webster, at the time of his death, 8th January 1883, was a member of the General Assembly in session, and died in office, with his "honours thickly blushing on him." He was a devoted Christian, superintendent of his Sabbath School, and an active Mason, conscientiously performing his duty in whatever sphere called to labour. The purity of his private life well qualified him for the discharge of his public duties, and his services as an experienced legislator were properly testified to by the body of which he was a member in the memorial service it held in honour of his memory.

"His work is done—
The fleeting sands of life are spent:
A beautiful smile from heaven sent
Plays o'er his brow."

Brother Norman Chipman—Father Chipman, as the boys were accustomed to call him—belonged to a generation of Masons of whom but few are left to recount his services and his worth. We knew him long and well, and a most deserving man he was. In his younger years active and devoted to the cause, he laboured to advance it among men, and in his declining years ever fondly remembered his "first love." Living and dying, in official and private life he set before his brethren an example worthy of imitation. The record of a long and useful life he left as a legacy to his brethren who kindly ministered at his bedside in his last hours of earth. He has

"Gone to the land of peace;
Gone where the tempest has no longer sway,
The shadow passeth from the soul away;
The sounds of weeping cease."

Brother Horace Tuttle, immigrating to Iowa at an early day, and lending his services to start and build up Masonic bodies of various grades in Iowa City, then Muscatine, and finally Dubuque, usefully and actively engaged as a citizen and Mason, he raised a family, and leaving a son to carry on his work, he in his declining years returned to the place of his nativity to spend his later years and be gathered home among his kindred in an eastern state (Connecticut). We knew him well as a plain, humble, and unassuming, yet most active and useful, man among men and with his brethren. The memory of his many virtues—we never knew that he had any vices—are treasured in the faithful breasts of his early associates, who always speak of Horace Tuttle as one of nature's noblemen.

"Whoever, amidst the sons
Of reason, valour, liberty, and virtue,
Displays distinguished merit, is a noble
Of Nature's own creating."

Brother Thomas Mercer, coming to Iowa many years ago, took an active part in County affairs, and made himself very useful in the Lodge and Grand Lodge as a ritualist of a superior order. His activity in the Grand Lodge of 1865, at Marshalltown, where he then resided, in his efforts to maintain in its purity from the touch of unholy hands the work he taught, will long be remembered by those present on that occasion. Honest in the discharge of every duty, he was a useful man, in whatever field he laboured. Removing to California, he withdrew his membership from Iowa, and there struggled with faith and hope against fate, and only lately came the tidings of his decease far away, borne on the breeze from the Pacific shore. Few of to-day knew him, but we who did remember him the more kindly, and now that he is gone, exclaim:

"Brother, we mourn for thee
We call upon thee to answer us.
Dost thou hear the call?
Our brother answereth not our call.
Angels ever bright and fair,
Take, O take him to your care."

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In Europe, Prince Frederick of the Netherlands, Grand Master of Masons in Holland, died at the age of sixty-five, having served the Craft long and well. He was styled "the Nestor of the House of Orange," whose history and liberty-loving ancestry have become household words through the brilliant pages of Motley, one of our own most celebrated historians. The great ancestor of his house, William the Silent, fell in the midst of his great career by the hand of an assassin, and in this becomes the more endeared to the American people.

Brother and President James Abram Garfield. When the pens of historians, orators, and poets have become silent in praise, how shall we essay to write of this great and national bereavement? The sentiment to the "memory of the dead" is ever drunk in silence. If we speak, then, let us

> "Mournfully, chant mournfully, the requiem for the dead:
> Mourn for our brother fallen, his lofty spirit fled;
> Yet let it not be hopelessly, for the pathway that he trod
> While in life —Our faith is strong—hath led him up to God."

Doctor James M. Austin and Tracy P. Cheever, Grand Secretaries respectively of the Grand Lodges of New York and Massachusetts, died in office, 'mid their active duties and with honours thickly clustering about them. The one had long served the Craft in its most useful field of labour, bringing to his aid a well-trained mind, methodical habits, and a love for his work. These, added to his long experience and service of more than a quarter of a century, made him a prominent figure in the nation as well as in the body of which he was the central object. He was also the Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near that of his own. The other, while but recently called to his post, was a man of ripened experience, great culture, and superior usefulness in whatever line of duty he laboured. A Mason of prominence at home, he was fast becoming known throughout all jurisdictions as a leader among men. Both have been called to labour on high, removed from the cares and petty vexations ever attending the Secretariat, in which they were bright and shining lights.

Doctor George Stodard Blackie, of Tennessee, a Past Grand Officer and a Mason of great learning and varied attainments. He made his mark as a reporter on correspondence by his learning and zeal, and by his able and courteous discussions of the numerous subjects ever coming in review. He was an educator of men and of youth, in which latter vocation he devoted his active life. Coming from old Scotia's land to young America, he blended in his personal character the good qualities of both people, and lived a useful life and died regretted by the Masonic world of letters.

R. H. Thomas, Librarian of the Grand Lodge of New York, died during the Annual Communication of his Grand Lodge, which called off to attend and conduct the ceremonies of his funeral—an honour well merited. Brother Thomas was one of the most genial men and most interesting correspondents we ever found. He was a very useful and liberal contributor to our stock of Masonic literature. As Master of Kane Lodge, he founded and built up the largest and best Lodge library in the land. As Librarian of the Grand Lodge of New York, he systematised its collections, infused new life into its enterprise, and was about publishing its catalogue, which he had prepared, when death interposed and stopped the work. Brother Thomas was widely known over the land as a collector more liberal and generous in giving than in receiving, and had made a host of warm friends, drawn to him by the chords of love which so thoroughly dwelt in his noble heart. How have the good, as well as the mighty, fallen during the past year, leaving green memories behind on which we may dwell.

Others, too, have departed, of whom we would like to speak, but we must not prolong this list.

Albert Gallatin Mackey, M.D., the Masonic writer *par excellence* of this and of all ages. The great light among a thousand lesser lights, his character and labours shone forth, and his great and valued services were read and known of all men. Thirty years have passed since first we met our genial Brother (now no more) and Dr. Austin, and then began the warm friendships closed only when death closed them from our sight for ever. They were friends, as well as brothers and co-labourers, and the record they have left behind in good deeds and worthy examples the living will do well to follow. Brother Mackey's labours have been dispersed wherever Masonry is known, and his reputation as a master workman is world-wide. Honoured as a ruler, revered as a teacher, he was beloved as a man. Good, kind, and true in his friendships, his removal leaves an "aching void" in every heart beating to impulses of truthfulness and love.

> "We who survive, and knew him most and best,
> Can truly say, how deeply dear was he
> Whom now we sadly mourn."

Though the hand become weary, the heart saddened, and life become dreary, let us all so live and wait

> * * * "Till the angels
> Open wide the mystic gate.
> Let us listen for their footsteps,
> And their voices far away;
> When they call us, we are waiting,
> Only waiting to obey."

The Companions of the North London Chapter of Improvement met on the 31st ult., at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Marys-road, N. Comp. Higgins filled the chair of Z., Speedy H., Pearcy J., John Evans Sheffield S.E., Osborn S.N., Fraser P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, after which the Chapter was closed and adjourned until Thurday evening, the 7th instant.

THE EXETER ALBERT MEMORIAL MUSEUM.

WEDNESDAY was quite a gala day at Exeter on the occasion of laying the foundation-stone of a wing in connection with the Albert Memorial Museum. Those interested in taking part in the ceremony met at noon, at the Guildhall, and marched in procession to the site. Among those present were—The Mayor of Exeter (Mr. T. Andrew), the Sheriff of Exeter (Dr. Henderson), the Mayor of Plymouth (Mr. C. F. Burnard), the Mayor of Devonport (Mr. G. Rolston), the Mayor of Barnstaple (Dr. Harper), the High Sheriff of Devon (Mr. W. H. Halliday), the Right Hon. Earl Devon, the Right Hon. Lord Coleridge, Sir John Phear, Mr. J. Dixon, Mr. S. Bencroft (Town Clerk of Barnstaple, &c.) The Freemasons were represented by Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Devon W. G. Rogers P.M. 39, and a large gathering of members of various Masonic Lodges. Mr. D. Urban, Hon. Sec. of the Extension Committee, explained the object for which they were assembled. He said, although they had not yet sufficient for the completion of the whole undertaking, the necessity of securing the legacy of the late Mr. Kendall, left on condition that the buildings should be erected within five years of his decease, had prompted the Committee to make a commencement with the one wing, which was intended to comprise a library, reading-room, and art gallery, and two other large rooms for the museum, the whole covering an area of the present building. The Rev. P. Williams, the Provincial Grand Chaplain offered up a prayer suitable for the occasion, after which the Mayor of Exeter laid the foundation stone, observing that he did so in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe. He remarked how pleased he was to see such a large and influential gathering, and said that the courtesy of that day would, he was sure, not be the last in the city of Exeter. They would regard the occasion lastingly, and thankfully remember the presence of those distinguished persons who had favoured them with their presence and support. He was also impressed by the large number of his Masonic brethren, who were there to do them honour.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED AS UNDER:—

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., on Monday, 11th September, at 7 p.m. precisely. Bros. R. Larchin P.M. 1541 W.M., W. Martin J.D. 879 S.W., F. W. Sillis 1744 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. G. W. Knight, Richard Knight, W. Dennison, E. Abell, C. J. Fox, H. G. Gush, W. C. Smith. Second Lecture—Bros. F. W. Silils, J. Hemming, R. P. Tate, Walter Martin, J. C. Smith. Third Lecture—Bros. W. J. Burgess, Edwin Storr, G. Emblin. W. M. Stiles W.M. 1507 P.M. 1732 Preceptor, Edwin Storr J.D. 167 Hon. Secretary.

On Saturday afternoon the memorial stone of a new place of worship for the Beith Free Church congregation was laid with Masonic honours by Mr. Cochran-Patrick, M.P. A large representation of Freemasons of Ayrshire took part. The Masons having paraded the principal streets, proceeded to the church, where a large concourse of ladies and gentlemen had assembled to witness the proceedings. Mr. Cochran-Patrick having laid the stone, delivered an interesting address on the history of Freemasonry, and, in conclusion, said: "That largeness of heart which belonged to our original founder has given to Masonry a proud position which is not claimed or is not conceded to any other organisation. We recognise no social distinction or position. We equally welcome within the Order the peer and the peasant, so long as he performs in the state of society in which he has been placed by Providence the duties which are understood to belong to it. We recognise no political distinction. We welcome every man who holds before him the good of his common country, no matter how we may differ as to the means by which that good faith is to be attained; and while we acknowledge one common God, we look to one common futurity, and we know that in that futurity to which we are all bending, for that last Grand Lodge in which all must stand, there will be no room for many of the distinctions which we hope we can see on earth below."—*Evening News.*

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TESTIMONIALS.—Head Quarter Staff, Cabul, May 31st, 1880. Mr. R. Freeman, Dear Sir,—It is with much pleasure I am able to state that your Chlorodyne has been of special service to me in alleviating the wearisome spasms of Asthma, which is here existent in an aggravated form. Many of my patients now come and beg me to give them that medicine which always relieves them, and which I need hardly say is your Chlorodyne. Yours faithfully, CHARLES W. OWEN, L.R.C.P. Lon., M.R.C.S. Eng., the Divisional Head Quarter Staff and Civil Surgeon, Cabul.

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 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, 2nd SEPTEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (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)
Royal Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1488—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

MONDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
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—Trodegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1685—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1788—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
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
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
632—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
833—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
837—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Portypridd, 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

TUESDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
840—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)
1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
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.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
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—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.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
403—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
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.)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
R.A. 208—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. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
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)
863—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
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)
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)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
337—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
504—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
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.
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.)
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.
1454—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1556—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. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
18—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)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
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)
1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
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)
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
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.)
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. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
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.
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—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.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
975—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1384—Equity, Alfords Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Welpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
R.A. 725—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER.

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.)

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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)
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-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
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1299—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

SATURDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER.

188—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1688—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—Held its meeting on Monday, 28th ult., at the Chequers, Uxbridge. Bros. Rowles W.M., Brooks S.W., Taplin J.W., Andrews P.M. S.D., Cotton J.D., Duffin I.G. and Tyler, Tucker Preceptor. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother C. Andrews P.M. being the candidate. Lodge was closed and adjourned until Monday, the 4th September, on which occasion (it being the first meeting of the new session) Bro. C. Andrews will rehearse the ceremony of installation, Bro. Tucker, Preceptor of the Lodge, as the W.M. elect. The principal Officers for the above night are Bros. Brooks W.M., Tucker S.W., and Taplin J.W. It is anticipated a large number of brethren will be present.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—At a meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Friday, 25th ult., there were present, amongst others, Bros. F. Thurston W.M., H. M. Williams S.W., C. N. Phillips J.W., R. Poore S.D., J. N. Bate J.D., E. A. Francis I.G., J. Stevens P.M. Preceptor, W. H. Chase, W. J. Newland, H. Bigg, W. J. Richardson, S. Hubbard, P. S. Finch, &c. Lodge having been opened, and minutes read, was passed to F.C., and Bro. Newland, as candidate, gave proofs and was entrusted. The M.M. degree was efficiently rehearsed, and Lodge closed down. In the customary interval "entry drill" was practised. On resumption of labour, Bro. Williams was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and after some ordinary business Lodge was closed. The sections of the first lecture are to be worked in this Lodge on Friday evening, the 1st inst.

St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 1636.—This class Lodge, of which Bro. Kuhe P.G. Org. was one of the founders and the first Master, includes many members of the musical profession in Brighton. Its working has been a pattern to the county. A meeting was held on Tuesday. Bros. E. Broadbridge W.M., J. Eborall P.M. as S.W., W. R. Wood J.W., H. Payne Treasurer, G. Cole Secretary, Gates S.D., S. D. Smithers J.D., Lelen as I.G., Rowe Organist; P.M.'s Eborall P.P.G.P., H. M. Levy as I.P.M.; Bros. Jeffrey, Hatherley, Bootel, Reynolds. Visitors—J. B. Hannay S.D. 1121, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Jeffrey having answered the necessary questions satisfactorily, was duly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The working of the W.M. was a pattern of excellence. Every officer performed his allotted duties satisfactorily. Appropriate music was played throughout. A special musical service has been composed by Brother Broadbridge, the Worshipful Master, for the opening and closing, and for the three ceremonies; it can be obtained at 2s 6d each copy, the profits being devoted to the Masonic Charities. The Worshipful Master gave the Traditional History and the charge, to the satisfaction of the brethren and visitors. A letter was read from Bro. Gibson S.W., who was unable to attend through indisposition. The W.M. and brethren wished him a speedy recovery. The W.M. informed the brethren that Bro. Hawkes P.M. had just lost his son, and it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to him on his sad bereavement.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular monthly meeting of the above Lodge was held on Monday, 21st ult., the W.M. Bro. G. Simpson in the chair, supported by Bros. J. T. Seller I.P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. S. Cumberland P.M., J. S. Rymer W.M. 236, J. Kay S.W., M. Millington J.W., and many other officers, brethren, and visitors. The business consisted in the raising of Bro. Waters to the third degree. Notice having been given to Bro. Cumberland of some proposed alterations in the Bye-laws, Bro. Whytehead presented, on behalf of Bro. Stead, of the Lodge, No. 236, a handsomely framed chromo-lithograph of the City of York, lately published by that brother. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Stead, and the Secretary was ordered to convey the same by letter. Bro. Cumberland presented a framed copy of Bro. Stevens's Masonic Map of England, and a large framed photograph of a rare engraving of York City. Bro. Pearson Tyler presented an old mezzotint engraving of Bro. Francis Drake, the author and reviver of the ancient G. Lodge in York, in usually good condition. The W.M. read an extended series of notes made by him during a residence in Scotland for some weeks, and relating to Masonry in that country. The notes were of great interest and were intended to describe the difference in the working of the Scotch and English Lodges. The W.M. commented, also, upon the ridiculously low fees and subscriptions, as tending to the introduction of a class of men who were likely to be a burden rather than a strength to the Order. After the close of the Lodge the members assembled at the festive board, when some capital speeches were made, and a most harmonious evening was spent.

Atlingworth Lodge, No. 1821.—The members of the above excellent working Lodge met on the 25th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Royal Pavilion, Brighton. Bros. G. S. Godfree W.M., Newsome S.W., S. Peters J.W., B. Burfield Secretary, J. B. Hannay S.D., Berry D.C., Anscombe I.G., W. A. Tooth Chaplain, J. Woodhead Organist; also Bros. Chargirs, Fielders, Deane, Hart, Metherette, Williams, and Woodhead. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. By the courtesy of the W.M. Bro. V. P. Freeman P.G. Secretary Sussex passed Bro. W. H. Dean to the second degree in a very impressive manner, and also initiated Mr. W. C. Newsome into the Order. Bro. Eborall P.M. P.P.G.P. Sussex gave the charge in the first degree to the candidate very perfectly. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. W. Newsome S.W. was unanimously chosen. Bro. G. Smith P.M. was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. Hughes jun. Tyler. The initiation fee was raised from the sum of seven to ten guineas. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Daniel's, the Pavilion Hotel, where mine host provided one of those good and substantial suppers for which he is so celebrated. The brethren spent an agreeable hour. The visitors were Bros. V. P. Freeman P.G. Sec. Sussex, G. Smith P.M. 732, E. Broadbridge W.M. 1636, Eborall P.M. 315.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—On Tuesday, evening, the 29th ult., at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton. Bro. Phillips W.M. was supported by a fair attendance of brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was most efficiently rehearsed by the W.M. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Two new members were elected, and other formal business transacted, Bro. Knight being appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. After hearty good wishes, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned in perfect harmony.

Brighton has ever been considered "the Queen of watering places, and will be, in spite of the rumours that the drainage is imperfect. But, as regards this latter statement, the report of Sir John Bazalgette has clearly proved the contrary, as likewise has the Registrar General's report. There are ample facilities for those who favour the train service, while the road, as of yore, to many offers special attractions. The notice boards "Apartments to be Let" are conspicuous by their absence, while smiling faces of old habitues meet one at every turn.

The Brighton Pier is crowded nightly. The Aquarium is under the supervision of Bro. Alderman Cox, the Chairman, whose efforts are ably seconded by the manager, Mr. Wilkinson. Constant changes and novelties are kept up, and an excellent band plays. A truthful and gigantic map of Egypt is here exhibited, and forms a great attraction. Mrs. Nye Chart's charming little theatre commands good houses, Mr. Charles Kelly's company, with "Far from the Madding Crowd," being the attraction. Hamilton's Panorama, and the Oxford also put forth their claims. In short every kind of attraction is available for the townsfolk and visitors.

A meeting was held at Fasola's, on Tuesday evening, by the Russo-Jewish Committee, for the purpose of making a presentation to Bro. Councillor Wood P.P.G.D. Sussex, Assistant Grand Pursuivant Grand Lodge of England, and Bro. J. R. Taylor, his nephew. Mr. Henriques presided; he called on Bro. J. H. Cohen to present Bro. Wood with a very elegant and artistical address on vellum (the work of Mr. Leggatt). In the course of some eloquent remarks, Bro. Cohen said this movement was promoted and carried out solely by members of the Hebrew faith, notwithstanding the eagerness of the Christian brethren, who wished to co-operate. Bro. Wood, in an eloquent and characteristic speech, acknowledged the handsome testimonial. Bro. Cohen then presented Bro. Taylor with a very elegant silver cigar case, with appropriate inscription, which was also suitably acknowledged. Amongst other speakers were the Rev. A. Jacobs and J. Szapira. An elegant repast followed, over which Bro. J. H. Cohen presided. Several loyal and complimentary toasts were given and responded to. A very agreeable evening was passed.

A Birthday Club is held at Bro. G. Smith's well-known hotel, the Star and Garter. On 29th ult., Bro. Godfree celebrated his natal day. Many of his friends, men eminent in the Craft, were present to wish him, his wife and children long life, health, and prosperity. Among those present were many Past and Present Provincial Officers, P.M.'s, and brethren of the Brunswick, York, St. Cecilia, Southdown, and other Lodges.

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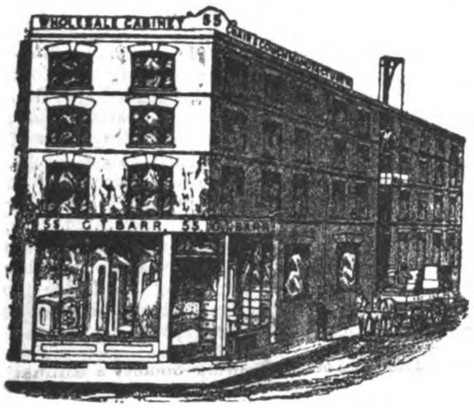

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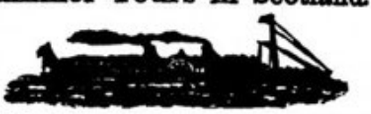

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IS FREEMASONRY REALLY FLOURISHING?

TO this question, recently asked in our columns, several esteemed correspondents have ventured their opinions, many of which have elicited, as they deserved, a considerable amount of thoughtful respect and attention. Other sections of the Press, too, have, we are glad to observe, caught the spirit of the remarks contained in our first article, and have added to the stock of information adduced upon the point. It is agreeable to find other Masonic writers coinciding with us in many of the points we ventured to put forward on a subject of vital interest to all who are solicitous for the good and welfare of the Order; and our hope is that in the session now rapidly approaching the matter may be made to occupy the place of much of the stereotyped pabulum which serves to engage the attention of the brethren, in Lodge and at the banquet table. The chief points brought out by the correspondence that has appeared in our columns tend, in the first place, to prove that the rapidity with which Masonry had advanced of recent years was of value only as to numerical strength, which, as regards the Craft, is not "an unmixed good." Undoubtedly, if we compare our own with many other "Orders," such as are dubbed "spurious" in ordinary parlance, the cases stand very widely different. To the Oddfellows, the Foresters, and the many other friendly societies which exercise their influence for good in various ways, strength in numbers means to them the unity and stability of their very existence. But in Freemasonry this is not so. In the various friendly benefit societies to which allusion has been made, the larger the roll of financial members the better, because the greater the number who pay into the common fund for the relief of sick and needy members the higher becomes the standard of those "mutual" principles for which they were constituted. Comparisons, according to the old saw, are odious, and in referring to the many benefit and other clubs which have sprung into existence within the last half a century, we do not for a moment speak of them in terms of disparagement; on the contrary, all must admit the vast amount of good they have accomplished in ameliorating the condition of the necessitous and the sick, throughout the length and breadth of the land, in times when they most required the succour of some friendly hand. But what we wished to point out was that the motives which impelled men to join the other societies, and to seek a participation with Freemasonry, were totally and widely distinct. The one enters his club on a mutual principle of self-help, and with the direct and avowed prospect of obtaining for himself and family some assistance in the hour of need, or, as they are fond of putting it, when the "rainy day" comes. In this he comes as an independent claimant for the benefits for which he has directly paid, and which he demands as a right, scorning the very mention of the word "charity." On the other hand, he who seeks to join the Masonic ranks is justified by no principle to anticipate ulterior benefit—as a claim; he is actuated by a desire to make himself more extensively useful to his fellow-creatures. True, he is enjoined by one of the fundamental principles of the Craft, and which is impressed upon his mind in the earliest stages of his Masonic career, that charity is the "distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart," and that he is bound not to disregard his responsibilities in repect of a brother whom he may find in distress. But there is no fund to which he is entitled to come as a right, and to demand the fruits of his "prudence and forethought." What he receives in the period of distress is the free-gift of his brethren, and is to all intents and purposes charity. We think we have said quiet enough on the distinction to be drawn between the only Order we recognise and those others which exert their influence for good in other spheres around us; and, as the various writers have also pointed out, the mere numerical increase of Masonic Lodges is not a matter of supreme moment to those who would see Freemasonry really flourish.

Another phase of the question was the unweildiness of Lodges, which resulted in the lapse of many good men and true, who "did run well," in consequence of so many competitors for the few prizes to be gained, and the overflowing of the surplus membership into "offshoot" Lodges, the motives prompting the formation of which were not always of the purest. There was an expression employed by one of our correspondents last week, of which we have no doubt the experience might be multiplied, when he says:—"There is a case I could mention of a warrant being applied for and obtained by a coterie, who saw no hope of attaining to honours in their own Lodges, and who were assisted by Past Masters who either sought after a second reign, or some Provincial honours." True, as he is careful to observe, "this was prior to the year you mention, when a curb was placed upon the granting of 'indiscriminate' warrants;" but nevertheless that does not take away from the fact that the circumstances attending the affair were, to say the least, "not very meritorious." Several "brethren were invited by one most anxious to achieve distinction (as is only natural where one has occupied a Warden's chair, but has been passed over by an incoming Master who disbelieves in the strict order by rotation method of advancement) to meet at his private residence, when the 'grievances' of those who had hoped for, but did not receive, collars, found full vent in sympathetic company. The 'leader of the opposition' lost no opportunity of expatiating upon the 'slight' they had received, and urged upon each and all to strive their utmost to obtain a new Lodge. Of course, the leader was to be first Wor. Master, and those who supported him were to be his chosen Officers for the year. On that they all agreed, with wonderful unanimity, and it was furthermore made a condition that promotion should go by strict rotation, that is to say, each Officer should move one 'peg' up at the close of each successive year, until he had passed the chair." We believe many of our readers will make a shrewd guess at the Lodge for which the warrant alluded to was obtained, nor need the *modus operandi*, of which our correspondent is ignorant, be inquired into. When these little exploits are planned they are usually so conceived and carried out that it would be impossible to arrive at the actual moving and propelling power, and it would be equally difficult for Grand Lodge to see the animus locally astir. But in such cases—for the example quoted by a "Young Mason" is not a solitary one—the result is uniformly the same. The writer observes:—"The Lodge was founded, and in order to make a 'good start,' several persons were more than persuaded to become members, with the obvious view of obtaining funds, by means of the initiation fees. The result has been that at least a dozen of the first initiates have since lapsed, proving that they could not afford, if they

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had been candid enough to admit it, to pay their initiation fees; and if they are not actually a burden on the Craft, many have long since found it impossible to keep up their payments, or discharge their responsibilities to the Lodge. As an almost inevitable consequence of the secret conclave shadowed forth, the 'plot' leaked out very shortly after the Lodge was founded, and most unpleasant recriminations ensued." As a rule, Lodges so formed contrive, after a time, to "sail from turbulent waters into a substantial calm;" but it only goes to show that Lodges become unwieldy by the too promiscuous admission of candidates into the Order, that they may become a source, not only of anxiety, but a positive disadvantage in every sense, and lead to the formation of offshoots under circumstances "not very meritorious."

To carry on the thread of the argument, there can be no doubt that the expression of another correspondent, "Aliquid," contains great force, when, after pointing out that "a society which annually raises over £40,000, in order to provide for the maintenance and education of orphan girls and boys, and to make comfortable the declining years of its aged, indigent members and their widows, is not likely to be at a loss for eulogists," points out the danger that, "in addition to the eulogists and the imitators, it also has a large number of admirers, who, being as it were, a kind of beasts of prey, have no other thought in seeking admission to its ranks than to make profit out of its benevolent propensities." This very fact supports us in the opinion we have all along expressed, that the large accession of mere numerical strength during the past few years has brought with it a very considerable accession of weakness. Sufficient allusion has, perhaps, been made to the numbers of men who are persuaded to become Masons, but who, either through mental incapacity or failing means, lose heart and ultimately find themselves bound to apply for aid to the charitable funds of the Craft. This is proved by the number of candidates at the elections to our respective Institutions, although, for the matter of that, there is scarcely a Charity election of any kind in the country from which deserving candidates are not reluctantly sent empty away. On the other hand, it can hardly be gainsaid that if brethren were more discriminate in the admission of candidates, the secretaries and governors of our Charities, and the dispensers of our Benevolent Fund, would have considerably less anxiety and disappointment than they every year experience in this respect.

Whilst, therefore, we could have desired a larger number of contributions of opinion on the question, we can come to no other conclusion than that Freemasonry is really flourishing, in spite of the many contingencies that have been alluded to. The vast influence for good which the Order exerts is admitted, on all hands, by those even who do not come within our ranks; and that it will continue to do so is a matter beyond all question. The judicious restriction within the last two or three years in the granting of new warrants has, we believe, infused into most Lodges a wholesome respect for the trust they are privileged to hold, and a greater care in the admission of candidates for the mysteries. The exposure, also, of some of the systems of trading upon Masonry, which were fast growing into a serious evil, has had the effect of curbing the recklessness and effrontery of many who were succeeding in making capital out of the Craft; and the comments which have from time to time appeared on the mendacious operations of a section of those "drones" who would live upon the benevolence of the unwisely large-hearted, has brought that problem within measurable distance of solution. It is by the free and dispassionate discussion of these subjects that the status of the Craft will be improved and strengthened, some of its objectionable features obliterated, and the real prosperity of our glorious Institution safeguarded and enlarged in future years.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

ALTHOUGH there was not a very large attendance at Grand Lodge on Wednesday (as is usually the case at this season of the year), yet the proceedings were diversified by several questions which will be studied attentively by the Craft. In the first place, Bro. James Stevens, who, it will be recollected, advocated at the June meeting the subdivision of the London District into a number of District Grand Lodges, rose immediately after the confirmation of the minutes, for the purpose of raising a question of order and privilege, consequent upon his notice being refused a place upon the agenda paper. It was, however, soon made clear by the Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, Bro. General Brownrigg, who occupied the Throne, that the whole matter had been made perfectly clear, and he substantiated the ruling of the Earl of Carnarvon that the motion would be an interference with, and encroachment upon, the undoubted prerogative of the Grand Master, and therefore that no further discussion upon it was advisable. It is perfectly evident that the Grand Master is supremely competent to take his own course, without receiving suggestions from any one, or any interference with his prerogative. Bro. Stevens at once gracefully accepted this decision, and we are very pleased he did so, for though sometimes impetuous he may be, we are certain he has no desire other than for the good of Grand Lodge, least of all to militate against its interests, or encroach upon the prerogative of the Grand Master. With respect to Bro. Perceval's question, as to giving more time to the revision of the Book of Constitutions, it was evident that it was a matter that the Craft at large did not feel they were in a position to take upon themselves. There will be, of course, those who are always ready to advocate alterations in the form of our constitutional laws, but whose suggestions are not of much practical utility, or such as would be readily accepted. Moreover, it should be borne in mind that a competent Board has been appointed to carry out what was stated in the report to be a "laborious work," and it is only natural that that body should have an opportunity of completing their arduous task, with which they have already made substantial progress. Upon this point Bro. Thomas Fenn answered, as we think, most sensibly, that the Board had no desire to hurry the matter, although it had been a long time before them. The only reason he could assign for their proceeding so rapidly as they had done was about the best that could be given, namely, that the old edition had "run out." The whole matter would be thoroughly thrashed out in debate, and a special meeting of Grand Lodge would be convened to consider it. Apropos of this matter, we may refer our readers to some cogent remarks that fell from Bro. Lord Tenterden at the Prov. Grand Lodge of Essex (vide pp 99 of our current Volume), in which he said, with respect to the proposed amendment in the Constitutions of the Order, "on the principle that too many cooks would spoil the broth," he had suggested to Bro. Philbrick, who is a member of the Revision Committee, that he should prepare a *résumé* of the proposed alterations. His Lordship paid a tribute of deserved praise to Bro. Philbrick for his compliance with this request, for the guidance and information of the brethren. Bro. Philbrick set forth that the whole of the laws had been collated and re-arranged, giving the rules under their proper heads, and in consecutive order. The discrepancies in the wording of Laws dealing with the same subject had been altered, so as to make one uniform language run through the whole book. The alterations, other than those merely verbal or necessary for the sake of clearness, had been studiously kept to the smallest number, and were classified thus:—Expansions of the existing Laws where the present wording wanted explanation to make the meaning clearer; or the statement of the Laws, which have long obtained practice are universally acted on, it being deemed desirable to express plainly on the face of the Book of Constitutions the construction and interpretation which have been accepted for years. It was thus pointed out that no new law or rule, and no alteration of substance, was involved, and the introduction of new rules had been avoided, as far as could be. Bro. Philbrick added:—"The principal new matter will be found in the regulations as to the official conduct of the records of private Lodges and their returns to Grand Lodge; in the increased fees for Warrants for new Lodges, which the present position of the Craft, as contrasted with 1813, when the table now in force was adopted, is thought to justify; in bettering the status of serving brethren in certain cases; in extending the powers of the appeal to all cases; and in making due provision for the business to be brought before the Grand Lodge." In conclusion he said it was believed that the rules as now framed were of a clear nature, explaining themselves, and such as the Craft were fully enabled to form its judgment upon, when attention had been directed to them. Great

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pains had been taken to adhere to the frame and substance of Masonry as contained in the ancient landmarks of the Order. All this was so far satisfactory, and really when a man of Bro. Philbrick's position goes out of his way to give his experienced opinion, and that opinion is not gainsaid by any one else, the remarks of Lord Tenterden as to the superabundance of "cooks" was not without justice or significance. No member of the Craft has yet, to our knowledge, put forward anything different to what has been decided by the Board, and it can hardly be said that the brethren had not been able to consider the alterations fully, as they could only be seen at Freemasons' Hall, or in the hands of the Provincial Grand Secretaries. At all events, copies can be inspected at any time at Freemasons' Hall and the Prov. G. Secretary's offices, and there every facility is given for inspection by those who desire to make themselves acquainted with the matter. Bro. Fenn was justified in pointing out that the new edition should be produced as soon as possible; and, seeing that the old edition is exhausted, and that the brethren may suffer serious inconvenience by not being able to obtain copies, it would not be a great deal for so wealthy a body as Grand Lodge to produce sufficient copies of the old edition, pending the revision, which will not be ready until the next year. Bro. Perceval's amendment was carried in the following terms:—"That the consideration of the revision of the Book of Constitutions be postponed until February next, or until such time as the Most Worshipful Grand Master may appoint, and that amendments and additions be required to be delivered to the Grand Secretary on or before 28th January 1883; that a copy be sent to each Lodge, and that every member be enabled to purchase a copy, if he so desires it, at a price not exceeding two shillings, notice being given within six weeks from the present time." An amusing incident in the meeting was when Bro. Edwin Budden found he was too late in proposing the motion of which he had given notice—the Grand Lodge's contributions to the Institutions. The purport of these resolutions has been given in our columns, and will come on for consideration at some future time. No doubt his intention in the matter was genuine and well meant, and there is much to be said in their favour; but, from some unaccountable reason, Bro. Budden was not possessed of his accustomed promptness in bringing them forward. The question may be briefly summed up thus. It has been shown by the last Quarterly Report that the income of Grand Lodge is in excess over the expenditure by about £4,000 a year; and feeling that the Benevolent Institution should not derive the whole of the benefit of the additional £800, according to the motion of Bro. Raynham Stewart at the June meeting, he desired that the Grand Lodge contribution to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution should be raised from £800 a year to £1,000 a year—£500 a year to the Male Fund, and £500 a year to the Female Fund; the £200 a year now added to be paid from the Fund of General Purposes; and that the Grand Lodge contributions to the Royal Masonic Schools be raised from £150 a year to each School (the present amount) to £500 a year to the Girls' School, and £500 the Boys' School, to be paid from the Fund of General Purposes. This could be successfully done by presenting, say £1,000 or £2,000 to the Preparatory School, the establishment of which is now exercising the minds of the Craft. We would urge it as a matter of imperative necessity that consideration should be given to this subject, because of the drain upon the parent fund—whether the efforts now being made to raise the sum of money required for the Preparatory School will not entrench upon the actual capital of the Boys' School proper. The Committee of the Institution have already invested a lump sum of money, about £1,000, from the special fund that has been contributed towards the Preparatory School. But suppose that out of the £12,000 realised by the Festival this year, and, consequent upon the special advantages offered, the subscribers desire to apportion £3,000 for the Preparatory School Building Fund, would this not so seriously affect the efforts of the executive that they might find a difficulty in providing funds for the Boys' School proper? We only advance this as a note of warning; it is no use killing the mother to save the life of the infant. There have been special privileges accorded to donors to the Preparatory School, which might, however, become a sort of monster, and after it has been created, may sap the life blood of the older Institution. Bro. Budden's only intent was that the Benevolent Institution should not get all the money, and he must have been "very young" indeed not to have been ready at the opportune moment to propose the resolution of which he had given notice.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday, 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall. The brethren present were Bros. Alfred Williams (in the chair), J. Mason, John L. Mather, Wm. M. Dewar, C. F. Matier, Frederick Adlard, H. Massey, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D., Head Master, W. Paas, John M. Stedwell, Edgar Bowyer, Raynham W. Stewart and W. H. Saunders. The names of two boys were removed from the October list, one by the wish of his friends, whose circumstances have improved, and one other by reason of the boy's death. One candidate was added to the list for April, and one was approved for admission by presentation of the Marquess of Ripon, subject to the production of some further papers. Bro. C. F. Matier, who acted for Bro. Binckes, stated that Bro. Binckes's health was improved, and that his medical adviser gave it as his opinion that he would be able to be out in a fortnight. The Committee ordered a minute to be recorded expressing their gratification at the intelligence, and then adjourned.

REVIEWS.

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The History of Freemasonry; its Antiquities, Symbols, Constitutions, Customs, &c. By Robert Freke Gould, Barrister-at-Law, P.G.S.D. of England. London: Thomas C. Jack, 45 Ludgate Hill.

We have just received the First Volume of what it is evident will prove a most *recherche* and valuable addition to our Masonic literature, inasmuch as it departs from the ordinary style of similar works in the beauty of its elaboration and embellishment, in addition to the vast amount of information contained in the letter-press, which will be of interest to the general reader as well as those who are most intimately concerned in the subjects treated. Time precludes us this week from giving more than an outline of the work, embracing as it does an investigation of the records or organisations of the Fraternity in England, Scotland, Ireland, the British Colonies, France, Germany, and the United States; but we shall have the pleasant duty of entering more fully into the merits of this comprehensive work at an early date, when we shall have had time to consider a little more fully the character of the beautiful volume which our zealous Brother Gould has just introduced to the Masonic world. For the present let it suffice if we say that as a work of art it is one of the most superbly got up we have seen of recent years, and reflects the highest credit upon the publisher, who newly figures in that *role* so far as Craft literatur. is concerned. We scarcely understand why the old Masonic publishers did not deem it worth their while to undertake the task; but, at all events, it speaks vastly to the credit of the firm by whom his History has been produced, and who cannot be too highly complimented upon their spirited enterprise, and the admirable manner in which they have carried it out. The illustrations, if we except the first, which in the copy we have received is blocked with a little too much colour, are very fairly executed, and will secure to the possessors of the series the most faithful portraits they can obtain of the rulers of the Craft. In spite of the trifling fault we name, the likeness of our Most Worshipful Grand Master is faithful to the life, and amongst the others are the Dukes of Connaught and Albany, the Earls of Carnarvon, Lathom, Ferrers, and Mar and Kellie (M.W. Grand Master Mason of Scotland), and Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland. Treated in exhaustive and masterly style are chapters on the ancient mysteries, dealing with the Essenes, the Roman Collegia, and the Culdees; the old charges of British Freemasons; the Stonemasons (Steinmetzen) of Germany; the Craft Guilds (corps d'Etat) of France; and the Companionage, or *Les Compagnons du Tour de France*. It will thus readily be seen that even in his inaugural volume the author has traversed a very wide area of archæological research, and the chief recommendation of his work is that it is trammeled with no secondary opinions or crotchets respecting Masonic history, but all his matter, written in the most scholarly and brilliant diction, bears the impress of originality of thought and depth of research. We purpose dealing more fully, at an early date, with the literary merits of a work which is certain to command the earnest and keen attention of Masons everywhere, as well as of those who do not number in our ranks; and here we shall content ourselves with saying that if the succeeding volumes keep pace in point of beauty of compilation and excellence of their contents—which no one who knows Bro. Gould will for a moment doubt—the series will form not only a splendid ornament to the library, but a mine of untold wealth to those who do not merely follow the beaten track of our old traditions, but who are ever striving to illumine them, and to render them more sublime, by the light derived from a deeper study of the hidden recesses of nature and science.

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OUR HOLIDAY JAUNT.

FROM THE MASONIC MONTHLY.

THAT it will do us all good to have a holiday is an undoubted fact; but whether we shall all get one is quite another question. Let us hope that we all may, and that, as the poet sings, it may do us all good, and send us back to work and duty strong, cheery, and contented.

From meadows dappled o'er with daisies,
Or sweet with scent of new-mown hay,
From woods amid whose tangled mazes
The laughing sunbeams dart and play,
From rippling brooks and river reaches,
From haunts of heather and of fern,
From giant cliffs and pebbly beaches,
Glad-hearted wanderers return.

The Summer holiday is over—
The few short weeks, or days, or hours—
And homeward goes each happy rover
Beside the sea, or 'mid the flowers.
Once more for all the path of duty;
But hand and brain are now made strong;
And, steeped unconsciously in beauty,
The heart retains its Summer song.

Thus richly blessed, have we no pity
For those whose lives are sad with care,
Who herd in valleys in the city,
And cry aloud for God's pure air?
Surely the Summer days will darken,
Earth will not be one-half so fair,
Unless with willing hearts we hearken,
And of our pleasures yield a share.

Still there seems to be one or two warnings for us all, which it may do us some little good to remember and to realise. If our holiday jaunt has led us abroad among the "parlez-vous" or "ansgezeichnets," as some one has said, let us hope that we have not been ashamed to speak a foreign language. There are many John Bulls who seem to dislike conversing in what they term "outlandish lingo." But how foolish, and worse than foolish, is such a feeling, such a prejudice. The acquisition of a foreign language increases not only the possibility of extending our own knowledge of things, men, bodies and countries, but raises us in the scale of ruminating, thinking, and conversable beings. Formerly far too little attention was paid in our schools and colleges to the study of foreign languages; now, let us trust, we are bent on removing this serious defect, and strengthening this patent week point in our general system of national education. But let none of us suppose that we can travel in foreign parts and rely on dictionaries, vocabularies, railway guides and books of conversations. All who do so sooner or later inevitably break down, and sometimes when it is most inconvenient for them to do so. And as we may always be taught, even as the schoolmen say, "ex converso," we lighted the other day on a good little story of a German's confidence in a dictionary which brought him to great grief, and which many of us, all who talk to foreigners from books and vade mecums, may well keep in memory and apply to our practice.

A German, whose English education had been somewhat neglected, obtained an interview with an English lady, who, having recently lost her husband, must (as he in his single German condition took for granted) be open to new offers, and accordingly opened his business thus:

"High-born madame, since your husband have *kicked de bucket*—"

"Sir," said the lady, astonished and displeased.

"Oh, pardon, madam—nine, ten thousand pardons! Now I make new beginning—quite oder beginning. Madame, since your husband have *cut his stick*—"

It may be supposed that this did not mend matters, and, reading so much in the lady's countenance, the German drew out an octavo dictionary, and, perspiring with shame at having a second time missed fire:

"Madam, since your husband have *gone to kingdom come*—"

This he said beseechingly; but the lady was past propitiation this time, and rapidly moved towards the door. Things had now reached a crisis, and, if something were not done quickly the game was up. Now, therefore, taking a last hurried look at his dictionary, the German flew after the lady, crying out, in a voice of despair:

"Madam, since your husband—your most respected husband—your never-enoff-to-be-worshipped husband—have *hopped de twig*,—"

This was his sheet anchor, and as this also came home, of course the poor man was totally wrecked. It turned out that the dictionary he had used, a work of one hundred and fifty years back, had, from mere German ignorance, given slang translations from Tom Brown, L'Estrange, and other jocular writers—has put down the verb *sterben* (*to die*) with the following worshipful series of equivalents: 1. to kick the bucket; 2. To cut one's stick; 3. To go to kingdom come; 4. To hop the twig—to drop off the perch into Davy's locker. This was the only equivalent he had not been able to introduce.

Neither when we are on our holdiday jaunt should we forget the needful rules of caution and common sense. Many a pleasant journey has been a painful experience, and has left unwelcome memories, because we forget our habitual care in the selection of friends and acquaintances. Some of us will recall Bro. Anthony Trollope's amusing stories of a "Ride through Palestine," and of "The Man who kept his money in a Box," and will fully grasp the point of the following amusing little bit of pleasant American satire:—

A short time ago a Detroiter seated his dear wife in a car on the Michigan Central to make the journey to Chicago alone; he took a look around him, and said to her:

"Now, my love, if you should want the window raised, here are a dozen gentlemen who will break their necks to accommodate you."

"Yes, my dear," she said.

"If you feel lonesome, and want some one to talk to you about affairs in Egypt, Noah's Ark, or the ice period, don't hesitate to call upon any of these gentlemen."

"I understand you, my dear."

"You won't know enough to leave the car at noon and get your dinner, and you had better ask some of them to accompany you. If they offer to pay for your meal, don't be squeamish about it."

"Of course not, my dear."

"You may want to read to pass away the time. If so, any of these gentlemen will be only too happy to purchase you a half bushel of the latest books and magazines. Be careful to save 'em for me to read when you get home. They can pay for them."

"I'll be certain, love, to attend to what you say."

"And you can say to them that we have been married four years; we do not live happily together; I am a domestic tyrant; you have strong thoughts of procuring a divorce; you feel that you could love the right sort of a husband; you like oranges and peanuts; you are innocent and confiding; you have never travelled; you are afraid of getting lost in Chicago, and you will be ever so much obliged to any one who will get you a hack, see to your trunk, and pay all expenses. Good-bye, love."

"Good-bye, my darling."

And wasn't it strange that not one single man in that car even spoke to that lady in a ride of three hundred miles?

A few rules of common sense, a kindly and considerate temper, a good-humoured determination to put up with small inconveniences, and an avoidance of grumbling, querulous and fidgetty temperament will do much and go far to make our holiday jaunt pleasant and ourselves agreeable to the company we meet, and the fellow-travellers we stumble upon. The writer of this little paper has travelled as much as most people, and he has always found this, that, except in very rare cases indeed, the troubles and worries travellers suffer are more or less imaginary, and can easily be borne or even avoided by pleasant and unfailing courtesy. Some good folks seem to revel in difficulties and vexations; to be always unfortunate, ill-treated, and oppressed. In nine cases out of ten such disturbances of the situation spring from our great insular weakness, a forgetfulness that other people have ideas, tastes, and customs of their own, and that though English normal life and views are very good for England, they do not always suit France or Belgium, Switzerland or Germany, Holland or Italy; and that we must always be on our guard against that vulgar tendency to depreciate or ridicule everything foreign, all that does not exactly tally with our home ways and habits, our insular tastes and notions. We have to be "citizens of the world" if we wish to enjoy our holiday jaunt, especially abroad; and if nothing will satisfy us but English food and English hours, if we are unsociable and miserable because the dinners we eat, the language we hear, the life we lead, because all these things, I say, are *different* from our own at home in our "tight little island," then, in the name of all that is sensible and reasonable, let us put by Baedeker and the Continental Bradshaw, our Murray and our travelling maps, and let us make no further or longer expedition than that which will land us at Herne Bay or Richmond, Erith or Broadstairs, the Isle of Thanet, or the Isle of Dogs!

MASONIC WELCOME TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

ON Monday evening, 28th August, a special assembly of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton, for the purpose of tendering the right hand of fellowship from the Province to the Masonic members of the British Association, and, as will be seen below, was attended by brethren from all parts of the kingdom, as well as by some beyond its borders. The chair was taken by Wor. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the Provincial Grand Master, who was supported on his right by W. Bro. W. Hickman, his Deputy, and the attendance of members of Prov. Grand Lodge and visitors included Bros. J. Druitt jun. P.M. 195 P.G.S.W., A. Miller P.M. 394 P.G.J.W., J. E. Le Feuvre P.M. 130 P.G. Sec., J. R. Hayman W.M. 309 P.G. Reg., H. W. Townsend P.M. 1903 P.G.S.D., C. W. A. Jellicoe P.M. 130 P.G.J.D., W. Gamon 76 and 1883 P.G. Steward, Rev. H. Adair-Pickard P.G. Chaplain England, A. Tate P.P.G.S.W. P.P.G.S. Antrim, P. Braham P. Provincial Grand Organist Somerset, J. L. Knowles, B.A., Oxford, J. Westrope 951, H. Unwin P.M. 699, J. Rhodes P.M. 925, J. Cole P.M. 130, E. Waters D.C. 1461, Hyde Clarke M.W.G.M. Columbia 10, R. Capper J.W. 1323, T. Kingston P.M. 862, 1612, E. C. Patchett J.W. 47, G. Davies W.M. 130, J. Broster W.M. 785, E. F. Bamber 1615, J. Clark P.M. 359, T. P. Payne P.M. 130 and 394, A. Paris W.M. 394, Henry Lashmore S.W. 494, J. D. Barford (Sheriff of Southampton) P.M. 359 J.W. 394, E. T. Howell P.M. Sec. 394, A. L'Argent Bell Chaplain 394, W. Boebuck P.P.G.S.W. Middlesex, W. Brunnin S.W. 903, G. B. Irons J.W. 903, J. S. Pearce P.M. 1780, R. Beale W.M. 437, T. Page 1906, Silas Dore 889, W. Baird S.D. 130, Hamilton Storey 10, G. Grant S.W. 1780, J. Adams P.M. Sec. 359, I. Harle P.M. 1780, C. Marshall J.W. 130, C. A. Dyer P.M. 359, J. O'Connor P.M. 257, W. J. Hickman P.M. 130, E. F. Vansittart I.G. 115, C. W. Bemister I.G. 130, G. T. Tilling P.M. 130 146 P.P.G. Supt. Works, R. Glasspool S.W. 723, C. J. Phillips P.M. 130 P.P.G.S.D., W. H. Chapman, C. R. Scanlan, W. Berry W.M. 1780, W. Terrill 1573, H. Rance P.M. 366, Kyshe Mauritius, H. C. Davis 73, H. A. Williams J.D. 950, C. Cox P.M. 394, S. Mayer Immediate Past Master 130, Rev. H. H. Pereira, G. Dymott Past Master 394 Past Provincial Grand Registrar, H. R. Arthur W.M. 359, J. E. Aldis J.D. 359, James Bissie St. Anthony Inversarie, A. Barfield P.M. 35 P.P.G.D., W. Bone P.M. 394, J. Stevens Treasurer 1780, E. T. Budden P.M. 195, T. P. Futcher P.M. 686 and 1112 P.P.G.D.C. and P.G.D. Wilts, T. Mackenzie 130,

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A. Elgar Sec. 1788, M. F. Curtis 1461, J. Patstone S.W. 359, H. Webb 359, W. T. Grinyer W.M. 319, R. Brannon 394, J. Puntis P.M. 694 P.P.G.D.C., T. Buckney 1823, Horton J.W. 389, G. Lungley P.P.S.G.D., J. Wilson I.G. 359, J. R. Weston P.M. 130 and 359 P.P.G.R., R. Sharpe P.M. 130 P.P.G.S.D., H. W. Charrington 386 777 P.P.G.S.D. Dorset and Surrey, J. G. Burbage 319, J. H. Martin 133, J. Ricketts 897, G. M. Passenger jun. P.M. 894, J. Hart J.D. 130, James Lemon P.M. 394 P.P. Supt. Works, Saul Blewgen 1780, Rev. S. Scott 394, W. A. Traill 33 and 431, F. Maxwell Lyte P.M. 206 P.P.G. Supt. Works Cambridgeshire, J. Stead 150, and J. H. Biggs 130, C. Harrington 1780, and J. Exell 481 Grand Tylers.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the Prov. Grand Master said he assembled the brethren that evening for the purpose of giving a welcome to those distinguished brethren who were visiting Southampton in connection with the visit of the British Association to that town, and he was very glad to have the opportunity of welcoming them. It was a fortunate thing that in Freemasonry they were able to bring men together who could not perhaps meet in any other way. The British Association met last year at York, the ancient capital of the north of England, and now they met at Southampton, a distinguished seaport of the south. Coming as they did from so many parts of the world, they were led to reflect on the universality of Freemasonry. He was told that two years hence the members of the British Association were to assemble in a distant colony, and as he visited that colony himself he could assure them they would receive a Masonic welcome there, as they had always done in their own country. In the name of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, which did not number so many Lodges as the provinces of the north, but yielded to none in zeal for Masonry and a desire to promote its principles, he tendered to the visitors present a hearty and fraternal welcome, accompanied with a hope that they would be gratified with their visit to Southampton.

Bro. Hyde Clarke expressed, on behalf of the Masonic members of the British Association, their thanks, and said that while the P.G.M. had said that wherever they went they would be sure of a hearty welcome, he had not represented the whole relations between the British Association and Masonry. Yesterday, at St. Mary's Church, the members of the Association and its President were welcomed, he might say almost as warmly welcomed, as they had now been in Grand Lodge; but he could remember, as could many other members, when the Association was very different, and when, instead of being thus welcomed, they were made marks to be preached at. That was never the case in Masonic Lodges, whose attitude towards the Association was of more importance than they would at first perceive. Some would remember that within the British Association itself there was prevalent a vein of thought that was exceedingly unfavourable to Masonry, and those members of the Association who adhered to the Craft consequently felt themselves much strengthened when they had been within the walls of the Lodge. One principle which Masonry had always upheld was that of devotion to the G.A.O.T.U. As regarded the welcome afforded that night, he said, and others would confirm it, that it had been as remarkable as any they had received in the various Masonic centres they had visited. He spoke of the remarkable structures and collections of Masonic works which they had had the opportunity of seeing, adding that last year, at York, the muniments of the old Royal York Lodge were exhibited to them, and said it had seldom been allowed them to come into a hall in which were so well preserved the traditions of those who had been rulers of the Craft, and which in so striking a manner showed the continuity of Masonry and the good feeling that prevailed among the members. After dwelling on the principles of Freemasonry in reference to the work of the Association, saying that having exercised the functions of the Grand Master in three quarters of the globe, including the region where dwelt King Solomon himself, and holding rank likewise in a fourth, he could accept the Provincial Grand Master's statements as to the universality of Masonry, and said he was sure the members of the Association who belonged to the Craft would highly appreciate the welcome they had received in so distinguished a Masonic centre as Southampton.

W. and Rev. Bro. Pickard, Bros. Roebuck (Middlesex), Tate (Ireland), Kyshe (Mauritius)—who said he returned from the Mauritius only a few weeks since, and he should ever remember that the right hand of fellowship was extended to him for the first time since his arrival in England by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight—and others also spoke, "hearty good wishes" being afterwards tendered from the Dublin University, and the Province of Somerset. Bro. Bamber, No. 3. bis, an ancient Scotch Lodge, speaking as Secretary to Dr. Siemens, said he was sure the President of the British Association would be glad to hear of the hearty welcome the Masonic members of the Association had received from the Province.

W. Bro. Hickman D.P.G.M. assured the brethren that the action of the Provincial Grand Master, in calling the Grand Lodge together for this purpose, was heartily appreciated by all the Lodges in Southampton. The members viewed with great interest the visits of the British Association, nearly forty years having elapsed since it came to the town. Among the members of the Southampton Lodges were many who had taken a great interest in the arrangements for the reception of the Association in Southampton; he believed those arrangements had been eminently successful, and he saw before him some holding office in Provincial Grand Lodge, as well as Officers in the Craft generally, who had taken a leading part in them, and had devoted much time and attention to the making them as perfect as possible. Their whole desire had been to promote the comfort and convenience of the Association; he hoped it would be said they had been successful, and that the members would leave Southampton with many pleasing recollections of their visit.

Bro. Hyde Clarke said he always found where the Association went that those who took a leading part in the arrangements were Freemasons.

Bro. Barford (Sheriff of Southampton) expressed on behalf of the municipal authorities, a few words of welcome to those coming from a distance, and said he trusted the efforts of the local Committee had succeeded to an extent which the importance of the British Association deserved.

The Provincial Grand Master said it had been interesting to him to hear the expressions of fraternal regard which had fallen from brethren coming from distant parts. They had had a Brother who had represented the Grand Master in various parts of the world; a Brother from Middlesex, another from Somerset, another from Scotland, and another from Ireland. The expressions from these Provinces were especially gratifying, as he had been more or less associated with them. In the Province of Somerset it was his privilege a good many years ago to instal the present Grand Master before he had the honour of being a Grand Master himself, while from Oxford there came his old friend Bro. Pickard, with whom he had been associated more years than he cared to remember, and with whom he had up to now been on terms of intimate Masonic friendship.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ancient form. Light refreshments were afterwards served in the ante-room.

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IS MASONRY REALLY FLOURISHING?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Statistics as a rule are dry and uninteresting, but I hope in this communication to make them as little so as possible; if not, on the contrary, interesting and satisfactory, as well to your correspondents on this subject as to your Masonic readers in general. For this purpose I have gone back seven years and more, and have therefrom compiled a table, which I trust will explain itself; it has been taken chiefly from the "Freemason's Calendar and Pocket Book." At the same time, I beg to acknowledge the courteous treatment I have received from the officials in the Grand Secretary's office.

ENGLISH CONSTITUTION.

Year	Month	Lodges	Increase	Metropolitan District	Provinces	Foreign	
1875	Sept.	1574	—				
1876	"	1648	74				
1877	"	1725	77				
1878	"	1785	60	89	164	148	An average increase of 57¼ per annum.
1879	"	1848	63				
1880	"	1876	28		401		
1881	"	1946	70				
1882	"	1975	29				
	Total	...	401				

So much for the large increase during that short period, but to prove that Freemasonry is really flourishing, though there are 132 Lodges of the total 1975 which have ceased to exist, not one in the foregoing list but has held its own, and the numbers are complete from No. 1528 to No. 1975, I therefore argue that if Freemasonry was not on a sound basis, such would not be the case; again, it is now some twenty years since the Lodges were renumbered, and the fact that only 132 out of nearly 2,000 should—through having been formed into District Grand Lodges, amalgamations, pecuniary difficulties, or other causes—have been struck off the roll, speaks well for the genuine success of Freemasonry; another argument in its favour is the very large increase in the monies received for the three different Institutions, and the extra number of applicants we admit at each of the Elections, as well as the larger pensions we are enabled to give to the annuitants of both sexes. The particulars of my second argument I will give in a future letter, as I desire to be very exact in my statements.

I have referred to the renumbering of the Lodges some twenty years ago. I think it would be very desirable if it were done again. At present we are sailing under false colours, and our strength, which appears to be nearly 2,000, is really but 1,843. I am of opinion that no better opportunity could be afforded than the time when the Book of Constitutions is undergoing its long-needed revision.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

If a list of the defunct Lodges would be acceptable to your readers, so that they might know what alteration it would make, I shall be happy to supply you with a copy, for the general information of your readers.

1 Cecil-street, Strand, 6th September 1882.

The famous Royal American midgets are now to be seen and heard every afternoon and evening at the Piccadilly Hall, the establishment they appeared at when they first came to London. General Mite and Miss Millie Edwards are amusing little folks, and well worthy a visit. In short, they fully justify the interest they have excited.

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THE MORALS OF THE HUMAN EAR.

MOUTH to ear is an impressive attitude in Masonry, whose mystic significance is well known to the brethren. He who has not the attentive ear is but a mutilated member of our Order; since for him the instructive tongue speaks in vain, and the repository of the faithful breast remains empty of those precious secrets in which all the beautiful uses and hidden wealth of our ancient Craft are garnered.

The ear is the sentinel of the soul. Unlike the eye it has no power to close itself and shut out the reports addressed to it. It is more universal and automatic, less individual and volitional, than the eye. There are creatures who have ears but are not yet developed far enough to have the supplement of eyes. Before the inhabitants of the light arose, the spawning earth teemed with life, and ears were evolved in the darkness. And, thus older and deeper than our visual orbs, they still continue to have this advantage, that they act as well in the night as in the day. Sleeplessly open at their post, which connects the circumference of the garrison of life with its centre, they can neither exclude from their own perception the tidings revealed by vibratory bodies, nor withhold their signals of guidance and of warning from the mind enthroned within.

The ear is the deepest inlet of sympathy and antipathy, through the revelations made to it by the voice, alike in the words articulated and in the tones and inflections employed. The ear is the door, while the eye is only the window, of the soul. Deafness is well known to shut its subject up within a wall, hardening the egotism, and, unless neutralised by an extraordinary native sweetness and generosity, filling it with suspicions, dislikes and resentments. What an immense significance there is, therefore, in the words of the Master, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

By hearing we learn directly a prodigious proportion of all that we learn. By hearing we receive indirectly a vast part of the influences which control us, change us, and make us what we become. By hearing we enter most profoundly into communion with our fellow-beings, to give and take good and evil. By hearing we are brought most effectually into that weird realm of spiritual suggestion, whose bodiless entities claim kindred with our spirits, and touch us with wondrous intimations of immortality; for, when we hearken to sounds so fine that nothing lives between them and stillness, the ear leads the soul forth upon the outermost confines of materiality, where, in mystic listening it feels that *silence itself is the infinite language of God*. In short, wherever we look with apprehensive thought on our nature and position, we shall discern that the ear plays a most momentous part in our training, in our experience, and in our fate.

He that hath ears to hear, then let him hear. It is well, it is well often to hush every wish and sound of our own, and go forth and listen to things which are not ourselves nor belong to our poor evanescence. Sometimes to steal away from the cares and noise of the city's bustling traffic into the still and holy recesses of nature, and there recline in the great mother's lap, surrendering the soul to a religious mood of rapt and happy listening, where the thick moss of ages covers the rock, and no profane step intrudes, where a glimpse of the distant ocean peeps through the foliage of the waving woods, and a sound of the mighty murmur of its surge faintly reaches, while the harsh scream of the hawk sailing overhead contrasts with the sweet chirp of the ground sparrow that hops by your foot! Sometimes to pause amidst the thronging multitudes of the city itself, and listen to the dread or joyous tramp of events, and gather up the deep lessons they drop as they pass! Sometimes to retire into the lonely chamber, and, shutting out all the earth, listen to the solemn talk of the heart, hear what the soul says, and in prayer and aspiration be closeted with God, to catch the mystic councils His presence gives, whilst the spirit and the bride say, Come! Sometimes, at evening's russet hour, or midnight's solitary vigil, in a hush of reverent meditation and love, to send out our yearning sympathies over the wide world, and brood in hallowed and listening imagination on the innumerable sounds that mingle in the eternal babel of life, and think of ONE who high over the jewelled firmament, with mercy to prompt and omnipotence to dispose, distinguishes every tone, from the sigh of the penitent sinner whose heart is breaking within him, to the shock of embattled nations, from the widow's cottage lullaby, sung where evening shoots its parting radiance across the peaceful village, to the oath of the pirate, shrieked as he besmites his victim to the slippery deck when tempests are hiding the moon and rending the sea! Sometimes, in thought's chastened mood, to lean over the dizzy verge of death and listen to the mysterious roar that rises from the unfathomable gulf where time falls into eternity, and attempt to wrest from the supernatural obscurity some secret of the crisis at the end of earth, some clue to the unforeshadowed destinies beyond! To such things as these it is useful for us to listen. He who listens well to their varied tones will perforce grow wiser and better.

Take heed how ye hear! This exhortation is so impressively enforced by one incident in the career of the Master, that I will conclude my utterance by narrating it, and then leave you to listen to the worthier voices ever speaking to sensitive souls in silence and solitude.

On the brow of a hill in the outskirts of Nazareth sat the great Teacher at the close of the day. A throng of hearers, astonished at his celestial doctrine, and entranced by the divinity of his air, stood around. "Blessed are they who do the will of my Father, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven," says the voice whose tones must for ever haunt those who have once heard them. Two thieves at this moment approach and catch the words. One of them is of a milder mien and younger than the other, whose rugged and brutal face seems to mark a long career of crime. The former listens intently, and is strangely moved and melted. The latter, indifferent to all, rudely jeers at him. The Teacher rises to depart, and as He passes the robbers, bends a pitying look upon them and says, "We shall meet again." Months roll on. A dense crowd sways around Calvary, on whose summit the crucified Jesus is dying. And lo, lifted up in execution one on each side of him, the two thieves who were his auditors aforetime! The one who had listened and understood, turns up his face, streaming with penitent and trustful tears, and exclaims, "Lord Jesus, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom!" The other, who hearing, had heard not, defiantly taunts the Saviour, saying to that bleeding piece of divinity, "If thou be the Christ save thyself and us!" The circling hours had not closed the day when the spirit of one who was walking with his Lord in Paradise and the spirit of the other—had entered its doom. *Take heed how ye hear.*—*Liberal Freemason.*

THE PRESTON GUILD.

THE great Lancashire town has been the scene of high carnival during the present week, in connection with the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the proposed Harris Free Library, which was performed with Masonic honours by R.W. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England, in the presence of the Duke of Cambridge and a numerous and distinguished company. It was, indeed, one of the largest and most important assemblages of Freemasons that have ever been witnessed in the North of England, and thus becomes of interest, not only locally, but to the Craft generally. Shortly before noon the Craft Masons formed their procession, walking four a-breast, the junior Lodges coming first. They all wore their aprons, collars, and gauntlets, many of them having in addition various decorations. They were preceded by the band of the 5th Lancashire Artillery Volunteers, and the procession, which extended the whole length of Fishgate, was watched by a large concourse of spectators. When the procession arrived at the site for the intended building, the brethren divided right and left, and faced inwards, forming an avenue through which the members of Grand Lodge passed. The Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Grand Officers of England, and the Prov. G. Officers followed in succession from the rear, so as to invert the order of the procession. The arrival of the Earl of Lathom at the site was announced by a flourish of trumpets, and the procession entered the marquee. The officiating brethren took positions assigned to them by the Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies and his assistants, and deposited the silver vessels borne in the procession on pedestals placed for their reception. The Mayor and some distinguished guests had previously arrived, and the latter took up their position on a dais on the north-west corner. The Guild Mayor, who had returned to the Town Hall, made his appearance directly, accompanied by his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge and many other noblemen and titled ladies. Cheer after cheer rent the air when all the illustrious personages had entered the large marquee containing the grand stand, and in which the interesting ceremony was to take place. The scene was truly imposing, and all those who were so fortunate as to have a good view of the brilliant spectacle will not soon forget it. On the eastern side of the market place, where were also assembled the Duke of Cambridge, the Earl of Sefton, Lord Lathom, the Earl of Derby, Lord Winmarleigh, the High Sheriff of the county, the Mayor and Corporation of Preston, and various Provincial Mayors. After the preliminary Masonic ceremonial, Mr. C. R. Jacson, one of the trustees of the late Mr. Harris, out of whose estate the library and museum are being founded, delivered a short address, and presented a silver trowel to Lord Lathom, who laid the foundation stone in accordance with Masonic rites. In doing so, Bro. the Earl of Lathom R.W.P.G.M. said—Men and brethren here assembled to behold this ceremony,—Be it known unto you that we be the lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and engaged by solemn obligations to erect handsome buildings to be serviceable to the brethren, and to fear God, the great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered; but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted in peace and honour to Masons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honourable, we should not have lasted so many centuries, nor should we have had so many illustrious brothers in our Order, ready to promote our laws and further our interests. We are associated here to-day in the name of Him who is the Wisdom and the Light, to lay the foundation stone of a building, the primary object of which is to impart knowledge and sound instruction to our fellow men, which we pray God may prosper as it seems good to Him; and as the first duty of Masons in any undertaking is to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe on their work, I call upon you to unite with our Prov. Grand Chaplain in an address to the throne of grace. The G. Chaplain (Bro. Rev. T. B. Spencer) recited an eloquent prayer, and after a hymn had been sung, the architect, Mr. J. Hibbert, of Preston, presented a design of the edifice to Lord Lathom, who expressed his approval of it, and expressed a hope that the work of erection would be duly proceeded with. A procession to the Town Hall followed. At three o'clock in the afternoon there was a grand banquet given by the Guild and Mayor, in the new public hall at the Corn Exchange. Between 600 and 700 ladies and gentlemen were present. Amongst those at the banquet were the Duke of Cambridge, the Lord-Lieutenant of the county, the Bishops of Manchester and Carlisle, Lord Lathom, Lord Derby, Lord Winmarleigh, Sir R. Cross, and a number of provincial mayors. In the course of the after proceedings, the health of the Duke of Cambridge was duly honoured.

The Duke of Cambridge, in responding to the toast of his health, regretted the absence of the Duke and Duchess of Albany, and said he was himself present in response to a wish of the Queen, who had telegraphed to him from Balmoral on the subject. He came amongst them as a soldier, and he had asked himself whether a

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soldier had anything to do with such a municipal gathering as the Guild, and he ventured to think that the soldiers were as much citizens as any of the persons sitting before him. With the stability and peace, and prosperity of this great Empire our soldiers were intimately connected. He appeared before them under peculiar and difficult circumstances. His duties really called him to head-quarters, but though there was disquietude abroad there was peace at home. Preston and all the rest of the Empire was in a state of profound peace. There were complaints as to the costliness of the institutions and the general government of this country, but when they remembered the advantages they enjoyed, he thought they would consider them an equivalent of an ample kind, He contended that the high position occupied by this country was due to the brave and indomitable spirit she had manifested, and he was perfectly convinced that this spirit remained unchanged so far as the navy and the army were concerned. In both the army and navy they might have perfect confidence: the same spirit which imbued their ancestors, the spirit which had made this country great, still existed, and would, if occasion needed, be available to the fullest extent now. It had been said in respect to the war in Egypt that it was a great mistake to send out the Household Cavalry. He could not see this. He did not believe that the men who had served her Majesty at home should not go out when needed, and that they could do their duty when called out had been proved by their achievements thus far in Egypt —in spite of the greatest difficulties which, of course, must attend an army when landing on such an inhospitable shore as that of Ismailia. The troops in question had shown that they were made of the same stuff as the rest of the army, and he hoped they would never hear any more after this as to their troops being simply kept up for the honour of her Majesty, and to ride about in St. James's Park. After further alluding to the bravery and reliability of the army and navy, the Duke concluded amid applause. The Health of the Guild Mayor was then given and duly responded to. At about six o'clock a move was made to Avenham Park, on the eastern side of which an oak tree was planted, by the Duke of Cambridge on behalf of the Duchess of Albany. During the ceremony a silver spade, beautifully carved and bejewelled, was presented by Mr. Alderman Benson, the Chairman of the Parks Committee. The spade was accepted by the Duke on behalf of the Duchess. Mr. Benson delivered a short address to the Duke of Cambridge, and the latter was "thoued" by the former, who is an old member of the Society of Friends. The "thouing" to a Royal Duke caused some surprise and amusement. During the ceremony the adult scholars of the Church of England Sunday Schools sang the National Anthem. The proceedings were very short, but very interesting, and during their enactment the ground was kept by the depot of the Royal North Lancashire Regiment.

Various other festivities have followed during the week, bringing into the town an enormous influx of visitors from all parts of the surrounding counties.

At the North London Chapter of Improvement, on Thursday, at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's-road, N., Comp. Hunter occupied the chair of Z., Gregory H., Sheffield J., Edmonds Preceptor, Bird P.S., Hookey S.N. During the evening the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed.

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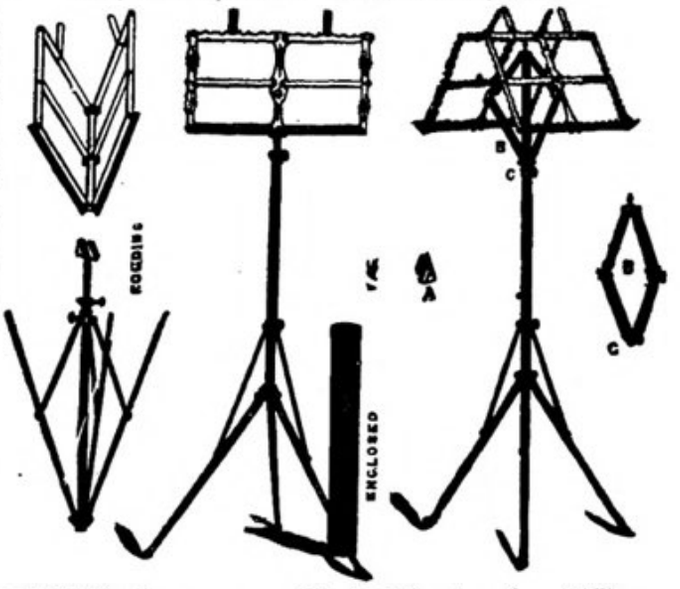

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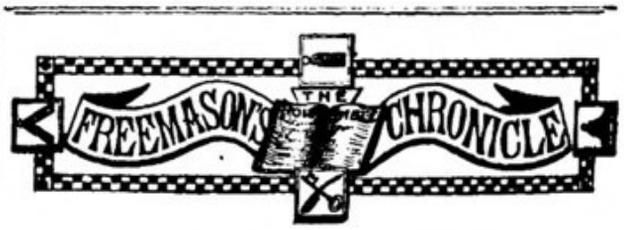

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, General Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, presiding. Brother Samuel Rawson, P.D.G.M. China, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and the Hon. Bro. Justice Prinsep, D.G.M. Bengal, as Past Grand Master. The minutes of the June meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. James Stevens stated that he rose with very considerable diffidence to raise a question of order and privilege. On the last occasion it was declared by the Pro Grand Master ——. General Brownrigg said that as Brother Stevens was about to refer to something which occurred at last meeting, he might state that the Pro Grand Master had written a memorandum to the effect that Bro. Stevens's notice of motion, which had been laid before him, had been considered very carefully, and he was clearly of opinion that it was one which could not be placed on the agenda paper of Grand Lodge, inasmuch as it might lead to an interference with, and an encroachment upon the undoubted prerogative of the Grand Master and his freedom of action in matters appertaining to his high office, as set forth in the Constitutions of the Order. Under these circumstances, he was afraid he could not do otherwise than stop any further discussion on the subject. This announcement was received with cheers. The Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter was read, and the recommendations therein contained were confirmed. Bro. Thomas Fenn P.G.D., in the absence of Sir John B. Monckton, brought up the Report of the Board of General Purposes, which stated that—

Grand Lodge having at its last Quarterly Communication accepted the draft of the proposed revision of the Book of Constitutions, as prepared by the Board, and having approved of its suggestion that the same be considered at a Special Grand Lodge, and that in the meantime copies be circulated amongst the Provinces for the

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information of the Craft, which has accordingly been done, the Board now beg to recommend that Brethren desiring to propose any amendments or additions to the said Revision of the Constitutions should be required to transmit the same to the Grand Secretary on or before the 25th September next, in order that they may be considered and reported on by the Board before the meeting of the Special Grand Lodge, which it is believed will be held about the middle of October next.

Bro. C. J. Perceval P.M. 1607 objected that, in a matter of such importance to the Craft, more time should not be given for the due consideration of the alterations. He thought every Lodge should be presented with a copy, and that every brother who desired to purchase one should be enabled to do so at an expense of two shillings. Moreover, by the 25th September many of the Provincial Grand Lodges would not have met, or been able to decide on the new Constitutions, he therefore moved an amendment embodying these views. Bro. Arthur E. Gladwell P.M. 172 seconded the amendment, which was supported by the Hon. Bro. Justice Prinsep, who said he had visited a country Lodge a few days ago, where he heard the matter considered, but he had not had an opportunity himself of considering the amended Constitutions. Bro. T. Fenn said the Board had no desire to hurry the matter, although it had been a long time before them. The only reason for getting on quickly was that the old edition had run out. The debate would take a long time, and could not be held in one of the regular meetings of Grand Lodge. A Special Grand Lodge would have to be summoned to consider it. After a short discussion Bro. Perceval's amendment was carried in the following form:—

> "That the consideration of the Revision of the Book of Constitutions be postponed until next February, or until such time as the Most Worshipful Grand Master may appoint; and that amendments and additions be required to be delivered to the Grand Secretary on or before the 28th of January; and that a copy be sent to each Lodge, and every member be enabled to purchase a copy if he so desires it, at a price not exceeding two shillings, notice being given within six weeks of the present time."

Bro. Budden next rose, he wished to bring on the following motion:—

> "That the minute of the last Grand Lodge (7th June 1882), containing the Resolution proposed by Brother Raynham Stewart to raise the Grand Lodge subscription to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution from £800 a year (its present amount) to £1,600 a year be not confirmed; but that instead thereof the following Resolutions be adopted, viz.:—
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> (I.) "That the Grand Lodge contribution to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution be raised from £800 a year to £1,000 a year; £500 a year to the Male Fund, and £500 a year to the Female Fund. The £200 a year now added to be paid from the Fund of General Purposes."
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> (II.) "That the Grand Lodge contributions to the Royal Masonic Schools be raised from £150 a year to each School (the present amount) to £500 a year to the Girls' School, and £500 a year to the Boys' School, to be paid from the Fund of General Purposes."

General Brownrigg said this motion ought to have been brought on before the minutes were confirmed, as it was set down as an amendment to the minutes. Bro. Budden said he thought the Grand Master put the minutes for confirmation rather too sharp. General Brownrigg, with reference to this observation remarked, that he had presided several times in Grand Lodge, and never in his life had he made so long a pause as he had made that evening when putting the minutes for confirmation. He expected Bro. Budden to get up, but he could not keep Grand Lodge waiting. His ruling of Bro. Budden as out of order did not however refer to his motion—

> "That a Committee be appointed":—
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> (a) "To consider the condition, resources, and claims of the Fund of Benevolence," and
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> (b) "To revise the Scale of Fees payable by Lodges to Grand Lodge, and report to Grand Lodge, so that the revised Scale of Fees, if adopted, may be incorporated in the revised Constitutions, now under the consideration of Grand Lodge."

Bro. Budden said he should postpone this motion.

Grand Lodge was then formally closed.

J. E. Shand & Co., Wine Merchant (Experts and Valuers). Well fermented old Wines and matured Spirits. 2 Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, London, S.W.

LET THERE BE LIGHT.

By Bro. J. Caven.

1. In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth.

2. And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3. And God said, Let there be Light, and there was Light.—Gen. i.

"Let there be Light," Jehovah said,
Creation's vaulted dome resplendent shone.
Old Chaos all affrighted fled
From off his dark and gloomy throne;
The waters rolled away, the earth was born,
And smiling, glowed beneath creation's morn.

"Let there be Light!" The Sun began
Its mighty march across the bended sky;
And then it seemed to wondering man
A glance from God's all-seeing eye,
As thus it flung its blazing beams abroad,
And whelmed in light the universe of God.

"Let there be Light!" The Moon arose,
And hung on high its sheen of dazzling light,
And myriad gleams of glory threw
Across the darksome brow of night;
And clouds that through the sky in blackness rolled,
Are robed in white and crowned with gold.

"Let there be Light!" The Stars that throng
The sky in constellations bright and grand
Burst forth in one undying song,
That trembling swept o'er sea and land.
Their mighty anthem still shall grandly pour
Till time shall cease, shall cease to be no more.

The morning stars together sang,
Encircling wide the great all-central throne,
And Earth and Heaven together rang
With that triumphant music tone,
As echoing through the gloomy shades of night
That choral strain sublime, "Let there be Light!"

"Let there be Light!" Huge comets came,
And forth upon their mighty mission went,
With forms of fire and wings of flame
To Heaven's remotest battlement,
The realms of deepest, darkest, furthest night
They bore that great command, "Let there be Light

"Let there be Light!" Fierce lightning flashed
With bolts of flame that awful gloom was rent,
And peal on peal the thunder crashed
Across the blackened firmament,
As though Omnipotence in anger spoke,
And thus primeval night and silence broke.

But silent now that thunder-tone,
And, lo! in beauty o'er the sky unfurled
That grandly stretched from zone to zone,
An arch of promise to the world;
Glowing midst the clouds so pure and hoary,
Is traced the rainbow's path of glory.

All glowing from the sacred page,
Whose beams divine the human soul illume,
That burn undimmed from age to age,
Dispelling fast earth's moral gloom,
Behold a greater light than all is given,
Whose radiance lights the path that leads to heaven.

When comes the Horse and Rider pale,
And death's dark film shall close this mortal sight,
When past the dark and shadowy vale,
All shall be brought to further light
Within that dome that's builded on the sky
And lighted by our God's all-seeing eye.

Omniscient truth shall light the soul,
When lost the Sun, and Moon, and every Star;
And whilst eternal ages roll,
In mighty cycles sweeping far,
No sorrow-cloud shall dim that Lodge above—
'Tis lighted by our Master's smile of love.

Masonic Advocate.

ROYAL ARCH.

Elliott Chapter, No. 1205.—The Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, at the Metham Masonic Hall, Stonehouse. There was a good attendance, and after the exaltation of a brother, a Board of Installed Principals was formed, and Ex. Comp. Thomas Gibbons was installed as Z., S. Annis as H., and W. H. Hunt as J. The ceremony was well performed by Ex. Comp. J. Gidley P.Z., assisted by Ex. Comps. Daniel Cross P.Z. 1205, Samuel Jew P.Z. 105 P.P.G.T., E. Aitkin Davies P.Z. P.P.G.R., J. B. Gover P.Z. 70 P.P.G.P.S., J. R. Lord Z. 70, J. R. H. Harris Z. 230, T. Searle J. 230, E. J. Knight P.Z. P.P.G.S.B., J. W. Cornish P.Z. 223, S. Brizzi P.Z. 3. After the ceremony the following were invested as the Officers for the year:—E. Comp. Hugh Cameron P.Z., George Perkins S.E., Richard Dickson S.N., D. Cross Treasurer, J. Heyward P.S., W. N. Foreman 1st A.S., L. Martin 2nd A.S., Thomas Gidley J. Simple refreshment, under the presidency of E. Comp. Gibbons, in the refectory, followed.

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Obituary.

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THE LATE BRO. JOHN WEEDON, P.M. 382.

This brother carried on the business of a house painter for many years in Uxbridge. He was initiated on the 1st April 1831, in the Royal Union Lodge, was W.M. of the Lodge in 1836, and during his year of office he initiated, passed, and raised his father, rather an uncommon experience in Freemasonry. Bro. Weedon again filled the chair for two years, in 1840 and 1841, and for many years after this he undertook the duties of Secretary. Some years back he had misfortune to fracture one of his legs, and soon afterwards had a fall and broke the cap of the other; these accidents rendered him totally unfit for business, and for the last ten years he has been annuitant on the Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund. He passed quietly away early on the 1st August. We understand the expenses of the funeral will be defrayed by the Lodge of which he was for over 50 years a member.

DEATH.

MASSEY—On the 5th instant, at 29 Lowden Road, Herne Hill, EDWARD, the dearly loved youngest child of HENRY and SARAH MASSEY, aged fourteen months.

FASHIONS IN MASONRY.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

THERE *should* be no fashions in Masonry, but that there *are*, few experienced Masons will deny. Shakespeare justly called fashion a deformed thief, that giddily turns about all the hot bloods between fourteen and five-and-thirty! It is a tyrant, and the parent of folly; it favours the science of appearances. All the new fashions are old, and yet, while every generation laughs at the old fashions, it religiously adopts the new. We clothe even our minds as we do our bodies, after the latest educational style. An old clergyman, who had an old tailor for his beadle, once said to him pensively, "Thomas, I cannot tell why it is that *our* church should be getting thinner and thinner, for I am sure I preach as well as ever I did, and have far more experience than I had at first." "Indeed," replied the worldly-wise Thomas, "old ministers now-a-days are just like old tailors, for I am sure that I sew as well as I ever did, and the cloth is the same; but it's the *cut*, sir, the *new* cut." That's it, the world over—it is the new cut that many people want.

Shall we have a new cut in Masonry? Shall we admit that the ancient and honourable Fraternity of which we are members has a "glass of fashion?" Shall we allow Masonic man-milliners and dressmakers to set up their shops among us? Shall we offer a premium for ritual-mongers, or, frown them down when they presume to arise and proclaim, "presto, change?" We think there is but one answer to all these interrogations—legitimately there are NO fashions in Masonry. If we find traces of them in the past, they were frauds upon the Craft, it may have been legalised frauds, but frauds, nevertheless.

What is the theory of Masonry? It is a system of morality? Do morals change? Is it wrong to steal, to commit adultery, to kill to-day, and right to-morrow? But, it may be said, you *may change* the allegories that veil the truth of F. eemasonry, and the symbology that illustrates it. May you, can you change these without imperiling the truth of Masonry itself? We trow not.

We speak, familiarly, of the Lodge below and the Lodge above, the earthly Lodge and the heavenly Lodge, intimating thereby, that he who practises out of the Lodge the sublime principles of religion and morality he is taught within it, will, when he passes through the gate of death and knocks at the portal of heaven, be received and welcomed to a place therein by the Great Architect of the Universe. But the First Great Light in Masonry expressly says, that "the fashion of this world passeth away," and we are inclined to think that those who are fashionables in Masonry will pass away with it. If we would preserve the kernel of truth, we must preserve the shell that originally covered it, for to change it is to imperil everything.

Our distinguished Brother, Sir Christopher Wren, the greatest architect of the seventeenth or eighteenth centuries, once said of his art, "Building ought to have the attribute of the eternal, and be incapable of new fashions." So ought Freemasonry. It is the art of building. It was originated by operative builders; it is now perpetuated by speculative builders. We raise edifices, spiritual edifices; we build arches, royal arches. We should be ABLE master-builders, wise Master Masons. In its essence Freemasonry antagonises the spirit of the age and the world; it says, Raise your voice to God, extend your hand to your Brother. All things else radically change, Freemasonry should stand fast, immovable from its Ancient Landmarks.

But what are some of the facts that stare us in the face. Some brethren—the few, not the many, those who are ambitious to remodel the Craft, and leave upon it the impress of their own little individuality, seek to change the usages and customs of Freemasonry. They aim to "improve" its work; sometimes they even do this under the pretence of "restoring" it. We know the opinion of "restorers" that prevails amongst sages in the world of art—they are generally regarded as peddlers in disguise, who seek to vend their own wares under fraudulent names. Out upon them! Let us have no change, for every change must be for the worse. Freemasonry is not a kaleidoscope, it is not a play-house. Let all things else change, but Freemasonry never.

Let us state an example of an ephemeral fashion or novelty in Freemasonry. Not only anciently, but modernly, it has been the custom of the Craft, from the very nature of that Craft, to perform its work in secret. This work includes the opening and closing of the Lodge, the election and installation of its Officers, and the initiation, passing and raising of candidates. *All* of this work, according to the genius, the law and custom of the Craft, *must be in secret*, with no profane present. And yet, in our day there are those who boldly assert, and among them Past Grand Masters, that Lodges may instal their Officers in *public*, may *make a show* of a purely Masonic Lodge ceremonial. Mark you, this is not a ceremonial that from the circumstances of the case *must* be performed in public. It is not a funeral, nor a corner-stone laying, that *must* take place outside of the Lodge, but it is a pure Lodge ceremony, including an official covenant. With it the public have nothing to do, and whoever makes a "Jumbo" of it, belittles the Craft and himself. The *whole* of it cannot, *dare not*, be performed in public. The installation ceremony must be emasculated before it can be so profaned. We have a "Manual" before us that favours public installation—Morris's edition of "Webb's Freemason's Monitor," and what does it say? "Installation is performed in an open Lodge, opened in either degree, OR AFTER A SLIGHT PREPARATION, it may be done in public." It is then stated to consist of five particulars, and it is added, "All these, EXCEPT THE THIRD SPECIFICATION, may be performed in public." We assert, without fear of successful contradiction, that whoever mutilates the Lodge ceremonies of the Craft, or dismembers its offices so that they may be performed in public, is a fashionable Freemason, that every lover of genuine Freemasonry should pity and avoid. And yet we hear one Brother, and another Brother, asserting, "I *originated* public installations." Freemasonry cannot now be originated, and could not have been originated at any period in this nineteenth century. It is not a science of to-day, or yesterday. It has no fashions, nor fashion-mongers, and if there be any claiming the designation, let them quickly say:

"O you mortal engines, whose rude throats
The immortal Jove's dread clamours counterfeit,
Farewell! Othello's occupation 's gone!"

A Mason's wife, half in fun, half in earnest, writes as follows to Past Grand Master Simons, of the N.Y. *Dispatch*:—

"I see at the head of your Masonic column, after your name, the letters P.G.M. If this means Past Grand Master, I sincerely pity your wife, if you have one. Pray, sir, when you were Grand Master, did you ever go to bed? Where you ever at home? When the year had passed, I hoped I would be released and relieved, but my husband explained that it was customary in his Lodge, if a Master had faithfully served for a year, and had done his duty, to compliment him with a re-election. So he was re-elected; then he became a High Priest, an Eminent Commander, an Illustrious Somebody of the Council. And so year after year this kept on, and the funerals he had to attend to; I thought the Masons were dreadfully fast dying, and it takes so long to bury them. I have known my husband to come home late at night, returning from a brother's funeral, and with all the widows that had to be seen and looked after, he had no time to look after his own wife and family. Now, my husband is Past Master, Past High Priest, past everything, past all hope. But the measure of my trouble was not full until now. He had gone and joined the Veterans. This is the worst of them all. In Lodge, Chapter, and Commandery I did sometimes have some fun. They had balls, pastics, excursions, and other social gatherings; but these horrid old Veterans have banquets and good times, but 'No Ladies Need Apply.' The old fellows keep all the good things to themselves. I have now become resigned to my lot as "A MASON'S WIFE."

THE THEATRES, &c.

COVENT GARDEN.—PROMENADE CONCERTS.

DRURY LANE.—At 7.15, FOGGED. At 8, PLUCK.

ADELPHI.—At 7.15, FAMILIES SUPPLIED. At 7.45, DRINK.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7.30, A PHOTOGRAPHIC FRIGHT. At 8, THE ROMANY RYE.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 8, MONEY.

OLYMPIC.—At 8, FUN ON THE BRISTOL.

CRITERION.—At 8, CUPID IN CAMP. At 8.45, LITTLE MISS MUFFET.

LYCEUM.—At 7.45, ROMEO AND JULIET.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES. At 8.30, PATIENCE. This day (Saturday), at 2.30, also.

AVENUE.—At 7.30, SIMPSON AND DELILAH. At 8.15, MANTEAUX NOIRS.

GAIETY.—At 7.40, HIS ONLY COAT. At 8.15, ALADDIN.

GLOBE.—At 8, CRAZED. At 9, THE VICAR OF BRAY.

TOOLE'S.—At 8, DIANE.

ALHAMBRA.—At 7.45, BABIL AND BIJOU.

SURREY.—At 7.30, INJURED INNOCENCE. At 8.15, REAL LIFE.

STANDARD.—At 7.30, UNCLE TOM'S CABIN.

MOHAWK MINSTRELS, Agricultural Hall.—Every evening, at 8.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—This day, CONCERT. Play, LOST IN LONDON. BICYCLE RACES. PANORAMA. FRUIT AND DAHLIA SHOW. Dr. LYNN, the ELECTRIFYING CONJUROR. 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 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, 9th SEPTEMBER.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

MONDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1257—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
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, 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)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1927—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham
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
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)
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
731—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
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
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
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, 12th SEPTEMBER.

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)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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)
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)
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)

131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Inst.)
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
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
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
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
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. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness

WEDNESDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
229—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)
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.)
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.

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)
796—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
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.
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER.

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)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
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)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
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.)
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.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—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.
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
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
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.
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. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.

FRIDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER.

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.)
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (Instruction)
804—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)
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.)

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153—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
455—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
1383—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
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
K.T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (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, at 7 (Instruction)
1634—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—On Tuesday, 29th August, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Bros. Mann W.M., Posener S.W., Oxley J.W., Clements Sec., Daniel S.D., Saint I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Daniel and Webb; Bros. Moss (Preceptor), Marshall, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Marshall candidate. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising was most ably rehearsed by Bro. Preceptor Moss, Bro. Marshall again acting as candidate. Lodge resumed to first degree, when it was announced that Bro. P.M. Webb would, on Tuesday evening, the 19th inst., at seven o'clock, rehearse the ceremony of installation. Brethren are cordially invited, as a pleasant and instructive evening will undoubtedly be spent. Those brethren who are more particularly interested in the working of ceremonies will do well to visit this Lodge of Instruction, which meets every Tuesday evening, at seven o'clock.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—A very successful beginning was made with the new session of the above Lodge, on 4th inst., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, when there were present—two members, four hon. members, and five visitors, the special feature of the evening being the rehearsal of the ceremony of installation by Bro. C. Andrews P.M., an honorary member of this Lodge of Instruction. The following were the Officers for the evening:—Bros. Lonsdale W.M. 382 W.M., C. E. Botley 780 S.W., Farenbach P.M. Treas. 382, J. W., Cotton 382 S.D., S.D., Nicholson S.W. 382 J.D., Taplin 382 I.G. and Tyler, Brooks Sec., Tucker S.W. 1612 Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read, confirmed and signed. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Lonsdale W.M., vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. Andrews P.M., the Installing Master for the present occasion. The W.M. elect was presented by Bro. F. Botley. The ancient charges and regulations were read by the Secretary. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. C. Andrews P.M., Bro. Lonsdale W.M. 382 being duly placed in the chair, after which he appointed and invested his Officers. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Tucker, seconded by Bro. Rowles, and carried unanimously, to Bro. C. Andrews. This was very appropriately acknowledged. After the appointment of a Committee to audit the accounts, Lodge was closed, and adjourned until the 11th September.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—The usual weekly meeting, held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, 1st inst., was attended by Bros. H. M. Williams W.M., C. H. Phillips S.W., R. Poore J.W., J. N. Bate S.D., F. Thurston J.D., W. B. Briscoe I.G., James Stevens P.M. Preceptor, John S. Terry P.M. Secretary, J. B. Sarjeant, G. W. Wright, G. Hubbard, and others. The working was entirely in the first degree, and comprised ceremony and Charge, both of which were ably rehearsed, the former by the W.M. and the latter by Bro. Serjeant. The lecture of the degree, by Bro. Stevens, was listened to with great attention, the explanations of the tracing board being given in full. Lodge was called off for "entry drill," and called on for ordinary business of election of members and W.M. for the ensuing week, Bro. Phillips being unanimously elected. Lodge was then closed in harmony.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday last, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Tucker Treasurer W.M., Gomm P.M. S.W., F. Botley J.W., Gunner S.D., C. E. Botley Sec. J.D., Sperrin I.G., P.M.'s Bros. Goss, Roe and Blasby; Bros. Franckel, Maton, &c. Lodge was opened in first degree, and the minutes were read, confirmed and signed. Lodge opened in second and third degrees, and resumed to first. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Roe candidate. Bro. Goss answered questions leading to second degree, and was entrusted. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed. Bro. Andrews, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the second section of the first lecture. Bro. Andrews proposed, and Bro. F. Botley seconded, that Bro. Gomm be elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and adjourned till Friday, at 8 p.m.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 29th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. F. Carr (Secretary) W.M., Marsh S.W., Robinson J.W., T. Clark S.D., Christian J.D., Smyth I.G.; P.M. Wallington Preceptor. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Baker candidate. The questions leading to the third degree were answered by Bro. A. J. Clark, and the ceremony of raising was in due course rehearsed by the W.M. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Marsh was appointed to preside on Tuesday, the 5th of September.

On Tuesday last there were present Bros. Marsh W.M., T. Clark S.W., Christian J.W., Smyth S.D., A. J. Clark J.D., Baker I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Brasted candidate. In accordance with promise, Bro. W. W. Morgan Secretary 211 delivered one of his interesting lectures, his discourse being founded on the Masonic Institutions, which was well received, and kept the brethren in rapt attention for a good half-hour. At the close of his lecture a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Morgan for his address, together with an earnest request that he would attend again at his earliest convenience. Bro. T. Clark was elected as W.M. for the meeting on Tuesday evening next.

Our readers will be gratified to know that His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany Provincial Grand Master Oxfordshire is recovering from the effeers of his recent illness. On Wednesday the Duke and Duchess left Osborne House about one p.m. to take a cruise in the Admiralty yacht Lively, the tender of Rear Admiral the Duke of Edinburgh. Their Royal Highnesses drove to Trinity Wharf, East Cowes, to embark in the Royal yacht Alberta, which conveyed them to the Lively, which laid at anchor in the roadstead. At the Trinity Wharf a deputation from the inhabitants of East Cowes met their Royal Highnesses, and presented an address of welcome and congratulation to the Duke and Duchess. The Duke accepted the address, and gave a written reply, as follows:—

Mr. Robertson, Mr. Burnaby, Ladies and gentlemen,—I beg to thank you most cordially, both on the Duchess of Albany's and on my own behalf, for the kind and hearty welcome you have extended to us on our arrival at East Cowes, and for the good wishes which you express for our future happiness. The reception which the inhabitants of East Cowes have given us will serve to strengthen the interest I have always felt in a neighbourhood in which I have spent so many years of my past life, and which we hope we may frequently revisit in future."

It is believed that the destination of the Lively is the Scotch Coast, and our Royal brother with the Duchess will afterwards visit Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen at Balmoral. In reference to Prince Leopold's illness the *Lancet* says:—

"The Prince is known to suffer from constitutional weakness, with liability to hæmorrhage—hæmatophilia. Of this malady he has recently had an attack. Hæmatophilia ten years ago had no place in the College of Physicians' 'Nomenclature of Diseases.' The malady is interesting for several features other than the tendency to spontaneous hæmorrhage, or to bleeding from slight traumatic causes; such, for example, as the great proclivity to painful swellings of the joints, dependent or not upon injury, the fact of the morbid condition being in many cases congenital, and its hereditary transmission to males especially. It may be hoped that the present indisposition of the Duke of Albany is not of a serious character, and that His Royal Highness will make a good recovery; but it is abundantly evident that the avoidance of any considerable exertion must be continued for some time to come, and the Duke will need regard himself as an invalid. Since his marriage His Royal Highness has made a laudable and highly appreciated effort to assume a full share of those toils of State which in England have for many years devolved on the younger members of the Royal Family. The state of His Royal Highness's health clearly necessitates more than ordinary caution in the expenditure of strength. The care which the Duke of Albany is receiving from those about him is likely to carry him safely through the present trouble, and such self-restraint as he must be enjoined to practice rigorously in the future will, it is hoped, be successful in preserving a life which, like that of every other member of the reigning family, is dear to the heart of a loyal people."

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WHAT IS THE REMEDY.

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GREAT stress is justly laid upon the secrecy and inviolability of the ballot as used in passing upon the applications of candidates. It is a well understood law of Masonry that every member of a Lodge possesses the right to interpose an effectual bar against the entrance of an unworthy applicant, and that he is not to be questioned for his exercise of this right through the secret ballot. Great care is needed in the selection of new material, and the safeguards and tests which have been provided are, perhaps, none too many or severe. When a Brother casts an adverse ballot it is quite possible that he is performing a most important service to his Lodge and to the Craft. Brethren who have the courage of their convictions, so that they do not hesitate to bring about the rejection of unworthy applicants, are entitled to special honour. May the number of these watchful and conscientious brethren never grow less.

The fact, however, is nevertheless evident, that the secret ballot is liable to abuse, and sometimes occasions a good deal of trouble. In this country, where the rule of strict unanimity prevails in passing upon the names of petitioners for the degrees, a vast power is entrusted to the individual member, who, if ruled by a narrow, selfish, or malignant spirit, may wield this power in ways that are as base as their results are sad and disastrous. For some insufficient reason, influenced, perhaps, by some improper motive, a Mason bars the way of a deserving applicant, thus causing injury to his feelings if not to his reputation, while very likely the course taken introduces an element of confusion into the Lodge and tends to bring reproach upon the Institution.

Who does not know how ungenerously and offensively the ballot is sometimes used? A brother becomes aggrieved with his Lodge for something done or left undone, and straightway he resolves that the Body shall do no more work until the wrong is righted. Perhaps a friend of his has been rejected for good cause, other members of the Lodge must now have their friends rejected, cause or no cause. Perhaps the trouble is a personal difficulty with the Master, or some of the officers or members, and the casting of a negative ballot on every application is the method of retaliation adopted by a mean and cowardly nature. Perhaps the opposing Brother has failed to carry some measure on which his heart was set, and the failure has moved him to antagonise the Lodge by making his power felt through the exercise of the secret ballot. We have been cognisant of several instances where the best of material was rejected, evidently not on account of any personal feeling against or objection to the candidates, but rather because there was a desire to block the wheels of the Lodge and prevent all work until something was conceded or changed. Other motives may govern—those equally unjust and unmasonic—all tending to sad and disastrous results. Surely nothing can be more pitiable and vexatious than to have the harmony of a Lodge disturbed and its good reputation affected by the practices of a single obstructionist, perhaps, who seems determined that no work shall be done. Such an abuse of the ballot not only inflicts an injury upon the feelings and characters of good men outside the Fraternity, but it cuts deeper, and grievously wounds the Institution itself.

What is the remedy? In what way can the improper use of the ballot be checked? How can the wilful obstructionist be restrained in his purposes of evil? To attempt to answer these questions brings us face to face with several difficulties. Whatever is done, there must be no infringement upon the right of the ballot—no attempt to remove the secrecy which ought always to attend the exercise of this right. If therefore a member of a Lodge shall persist in casting a negative ballot whenever the names of candidates are proposed, having no sufficient reasons for such a course, but acting from caprice, resentment, or some other unworthy personal feeling, we do not see how such an obstructionist can be restrained in his use of the ballot, or disciplined, so long as he keeps his lips closed and plants himself upon the ground that the absolute freedom and secrecy of the ballot are assured to every Mason. It may be a defect of the system that Masonry cannot deal with an undeserving member holding this position, but it is to be remembered that only in exceptional cases is any gross abuse of the privilege of the ballot manifested—that the governing law in this matter works well in the great majority of instances where it is applied.

It will often happen, however, in a condition of things such as we have indicated, that the Brother casting an adverse ballot will voluntarily avow his act, and very likely boast of what he has done, or of what he proposes to do in making his power felt. If he thus lifts the veil of secrecy in which it is his prerogative to remain hidden, the Lodge acquires the right of passing upon his cause,—of inquiring into the motives by which he is evidently acting, and of administering a severe discipline should it be found that he has been making use of the ballot to gratify personal animosity or to secure some selfish benefit. The Lodge should not hesitate to proceed against any obstructionist when the proof is available that he acted from so base a spirit. Expulsion is the proper penalty to be imposed upon a Craftsman who is proved to have persisted in systematic and indiscriminate blackballing. Brethren have been excluded from the rights and benefits of Masonry for exercising the right of the ballot in an unjust and offensive manner, and few will be found to deny that they were treated according to their deserv-ings. Make examples of those who persistently abuse the ballot, and boast of what they are doing—those who avow their intention of preventing all work in the Lodge or other organisation—and in a little time the evil complained of will be abated, whilst Masonry will stand more firmly for having resolutely applied so stern a remedy.

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RETURNING TO WORK.

DULL days and raw chilly evenings are bringing back our friends and neighbours from the country and the seaside, and London is beginning to assume once more its normal aspect of busy industry. The respite has been too brief to many, for mind and body alike require needful rest; a tonic which shall sweep away the cobwebs left by hard and continuous exertion; an oil which shall ease the cogwheels and bolts of a machinery that will go all the more swiftly and effectually after its "closing for renovation and repairs;" and an impulse gained to its motive power by the life-giving influences of health-invigorating exercise. As in other spheres of life, so it is with Masonic action; and, much as many would decry a cessation of work for ever so brief a recess, we are of opinion that an "interregnum," so far from militating against the interests of a Lodge, or proving a drag upon its movements, is to all intents and purposes a fillip which must end ultimately in adding sinew and strength to the means by which good work is to be achieved. It is a wise impulse, therefore, which prompts most of our Lodges, especially in the metropolis, to cease from labour during the summer months; for, although this season has certainly been marked by an absence of anything like the continuously brilliant weather that might have been expected, yet there are abundant reasons why the regular working of Lodges should be suspended for a time, when all who can spare the time and money are out of town, in the enjoyment of fresh scenes and "pastures new," and the companionship of friends as happy as themselves, all "on pleasure bent." He would be a bold man indeed who would assert that a Masonic gathering is all that could be desired when the evenings are bright, and the sunshine invites him away to outdoor pleasures that are so attractive, and must be taken advantage of ere the opportunity is lost. There is a certain degree of secrecy in Masonry which requires the exclusion of all exterior light; and the ventilation of many of the homes of our professional avocation is often defective, so that for a number of brethren to meet in the oppressive atmosphere of a Lodge frequently becomes irksome. The inevitable consequence is that the attendances at those Lodges which persistently pursue an unbroken session becomes sparse, and the proceedings uninteresting; and there can be no doubt these circumstances tend to form a habit of non-attendance on the part of members, from which Lodges must of necessity suffer. This should not be the case, but unfortunately it is so. If one attends a church, and experiences the sense of comparative indifference and sees the empty benches, the mind is imbued with a feeling of heaviness, which if strained, might develop into profound laxity, and ultimately into apathy. And so it is in a Masonic Lodge. If by the tenacious and obstinate whim of the rulers there is no rest allowed to the members, they become recalcitrant, in spite of their good intentions and motives; and the consequence is, that the work flags, and the interest of the "faithful few" who make a point of upholding the Master in all he does, is necessarily blunted. We must, therefore, commend the plan adopted by most London Lodges—and many in the country, too, so far as that goes—of making it an understood thing that during the heated term of summer there shall be no labour to be performed, but that, like all other classes and interests, we shall have a holiday, by which to recruit both the physical and the mental faculties, and thus fortify ourselves for the work to which we must ere long return. If this is an understood maxim, that all the business shall be suspended during a month or two at this season of the year, all will gladly hail the respite, and none can be disappointed. As boys at boarding-school whose parents or guardians will not be "bothered" with them during the vacation ply themselves half-heartedly to the lessons they are compelled to learn, whilst their buoyant and happy-hearted fellows are away on the wings of holiday-keeping, so our brethren who are not happy any longer than they are hard at work, have their Lodges of Instruction, at which they can figure in the most prominent positions congenial to their thoughts, and make progress which may do them good suit and service in after days. It remains to be seen how these plodders progress in after years; but to our mind there is nothing like a span of leisure now and then to invigorate the faculties and brace the man to any amount of hard work which may be required of him. Thus it is that our zealous brethren who have been basking in the sunshine of the moors, indulging in a sturdy tramp across the stubbles where has been heard "the frequent gun," skimming over dancing waves on sea and river, or toiling up the mountain side, come home with the keenest and most pleasant anticipations of a resumption of labour, strengthened to it by the consciousness that nothing has been required of them during the vacation, and that they will start afresh in a line with all the rest of their brethren.

We are just now at the commencement of another session, and already the welcome summonses are reaching us of Lodges meeting for the first time after the recess. Already the gavel has sounded in one or two of them, and we have assisted at gatherings wherein brethren have reassembled, with visages bronzed by a sunnier clime than we have enjoyed in London, and listened to their accounts of pleasant "accidents" by road, river, and rail. Presently our Lodges will be in full vigour of work, and the anticipation, "happy may we meet again," will have been realised to the full. There will be the officers posting themselves to the work of campaign, a spirit of healthy emulation inspiring them to renewed assiduity in the interests of the Craft, and the discussion of important questions blended with the amenities of fraternal life such as are only found within the precincts of our Masonic Lodges. We commend to them much that has been said and written at various times, and especially during the recess, as to the judicious application of funds, the secret of the prosperity of Freemasonry, and the various subjects to which attention has been directed in these columns. It must be remembered that Masons are, in every sense of the term, gentlemen, and form a society which has within it no actual kind of opposition, even in the sense in which it applies in a Parliamentary signification, although in many phases it approaches it in the consideration of certain matters. For instance, a Lodge which is swayed entirely by one section is not unfrequently found to drift into discord and difficulties, and the parties who have had it all their own way for a lengthened period receive a check, when changes occur in the rulers of a Lodge. There is in many Lodges a rivalry, not always of a hostile nature, between the "old blood and the new," and it will be well if the former do not forget that they themselves were young at one time, and had their own views and ideas as to progress. We are continually hear-

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ing our Past Masters and others advocating the infusion of this "new blood," and it is but fair that they should bear in mind that as intelligence is imported into any society it is bound to rise, Saul-like and shoulder high, above some of the rest, and assert its power. They must not therefore be surprised that when new members grasp the enthusiasm and love which are engendered by a close study of our mysteries, they should desire to push into the leading ranks, even to the discomfiture of some who had hitherto been shining lights and unapproachable by those by whom they were surrounded. We know of Past Masters who, because they have performed the installation ceremony for ten or twenty years in succession, feel personally injured by the very suggestion to take the responsibility off their hands, if but for a single occasion. It is on the principle "Once an alderman, always an alderman." But this is a principle which has long since exploded, so far as Masonry is concerned; and the wish expressed now-a-days at almost every Lodge that lays claim to excellence of work is, that each Master on his retirement shall have gained sufficient confidence and culture to instal his successor. Such a practice should become universal, and would, if striven after in all cases, be productive of an infinity of good. We sincerely trust that the remarks that have fallen from our correspondents, and on which we have commented during the last few weeks, may be taken to heart in connection with the work which is about to be undertaken in the various Lodges, both in London and the provinces. We are aware that all the sentiments which have been uttered are but the outcome of those previously advanced, over and over again, and we do not care always to be harping on the same string. But now that the opening of the session is fairly upon us, it may not be inopportune to direct the attention of Masters and Officers once more to the various suggestions which have been thrown out relative to those points to be observed for the benefit of the Craft and the advantage of their respective Lodges, and trust they may derive at least some advantage from the remarks that have appeared in our columns. A consideration of the questions lately raised upon the various points connected with our system, the correction of irregularities, and the means to be adopted by which to safeguard and protect the interests of the Order, may well supply food for meditative thought and friendly debate amongst the happy gatherings of Masons in which we hope ere long to be in full participation.

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"ON entering upon the study of our art, the Masonic student will find it indispensably necessary to read the current Masonic literature of the day," says a model secretary of one of our southern jurisdictions in one of his annual reports.

While reading the report from which the above extract is taken, this question presented itself: How many Masons are there who enter upon the examination of our art as a study? For Masonry is an art when taken in its true character and bearings. Yes, it is an art peculiar to itself, not only embracing the various forms of literature, but the arts and sciences, which are symbolised by "Geometry, which is the basis of our art."

Unfortunately for the Institution of Freemasonry, there are Masons who, although they are within the portals of our Temple, yet are not of us, only as far as numbers are concerned. We may well call them pleasure-day Masons, who, enjoying as they do all the pleasures of the Craft, and reaping all of its benefits, are unwilling to perform any of its labours, or endure any of those privations which befal us.

While in attendance at our Grand Lodge at its last Communication, a brother sitting at my side listlessly turning over the pages of the printed transactions of that body at its previous Communication, turned to me and remarked, "What does all this amount to?" In reply I took the book from his hand, opened it at the foreign correspondence report, and requested him to read a little in that part, and see if he could find anything interesting. He did so, and became so interested that he did not hear his name read at the roll-call of Lodge, and lost his vote. After the session I found him again, and asked if he found anything interesting in that book, and if it amounted to anything? His reply was to the point, to say the least, and was: "What a fool I have been! I had no idea there was anything in it except dry correspondence, interesting only to parties concerned. You won't catch me making any such foolish statements again," and when I saw him the next day trying to beg from our Grand Secretary a few copies of our Grand Lodge Proceedings of previous years, I made up my mind that I never should. Now that brother is not the only one who has had, or still has, the erroneous idea that Grand Lodge proceedings are worthless, or that Masonic literature is senseless stuff; either from the fact of never having read it, or being incapable of appreciating it.

The brother referred to is a splendid ritual worker. There is not a position in the Lodge which he cannot fill with skill, and as a ritualist he is as near perfection as it is possible for any man to be, yet in the one thing needful, a knowledge of Masonic literature, he is an ignoramus; but, if appearances are not deceitful, in one year from now that cannot be said of him.

The reports on foreign correspondence of those Grand Lodges which issue them, and fortunately the most of them do, are gotten up with a great deal of care, and involve a vast amount of hard work. In fact they are the cream of all the transactions of all other Grand Bodies condensed. The arguments and ideas presented embrace all there is of any importance, and in fact some things that are not. If one wishes to soar into the heavens of rhetorical effect—gush—some call it, he finds it somewhere in them. If he wants sound logic, substantial facts, wit, sarcasm, explanations on any of the mooted questions of the day, and diversity of opinions on various subjects pertaining to the welfare of Masonry, they give it to him. In fact, it is but seldom that one finds such a variety of reading in any one book, as is found within the covers of a report on foreign correspondence, yet, how many of them are read? Perhaps, not one in ten. Now, who is to blame? Certainly not the authors, for they do their level best, nor the Grand Bodies themselves, for they issue them for the purpose of having them read. Then, it must be in the brethren themselves; and why is it so? Because those who have never taken the pains to read them think they are void of interest, but let me assure that class, if they will read only one of them they will be anxious enough for others, provided that they are inclined to sound reading, not trash.

Now, there are some brethren who call themselves Masons, who make want of time an excuse for Masonic ignorance. I suppose street Arabs have the same excuse for their ignorance. That class, though, find plenty of time to read every silly, love-sick story that comes in their way, where blood and thunder are the predominating feature, but they have no time to devote to the perusal of the literature of an Institution that stands without a peer, except the church of the Deity.

Such a state of affairs is deplorable in the extreme. It is a burning shame, as well as a lasting disgrace, that there are so few of the Masons in America who take interest in Masonic literature. Every little while we hear of some Masonic periodical succumbing to the pressure of want of patronage. N w Jersey, for instance, with her 11,772 Masons, failed to give adequate support to even one Masonic journal;

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and she is not the only jurisdiction having a large membership that fails to do her duty towards extending Masonic knowledge. The New England States, for instance, with a membership of 78,170, support, if I am not mistaken, only four Masonic periodicals. What a showing that is for the intellectuality of New England Masons! Yet it is no worse for them than for those of the rest of the country, and, to use a Yankee phrase, "guess not quite so bad." It galls, yet it is an undeniable fact.

We have seen many brethren who could prefix "Sir" to their names, who were as ignorant as new born babes as to the real origin of Masonry, aside from the traditions and allegorical illustrations of the degrees through which they had passed, and who expressed the utmost surprise, and, I may say, indignation, when told that "Masonry is a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols;" also, that there are many excellent periodicals published, devoted to the interests of Masonry. Their views of Masonry seemed to be concentrated in the one idea of work, *work*, WORK, WORK. I almost tire of the sound of the name, as if the whole aim, intent and purpose of Masonry were in conferring degrees, increasing membership, and attending feasts, parades and G. Lodge Communications. I tell you, my brethren, the bare ritualistic work of Masonry is but one of the least of its fundamental parts. Its principles are subjects of endless thought. Its symbols are well worth the serious contemplation of the brightest talent. Its history, from its formation through the dark ages, to its transformation from Operative to Speculative Masonry in 1717, is yet mere guess work, with twelve distinct theories to guess upon. Perhaps the word "guess" may be a strong one to use, but what is not proven must be guess work. Were it not for such authors as Mackey, Morris, Hooper, Hughan, Moore, Fort, and others equally talented, who realise the vast importance of Masonic literature, we might well say that we are in perfect darkness, and have no choice but that of accepting the ritualistic work of Preston, Webb, Cross, and their disciples, as literal facts. Are they literal facts? Can they be proven as such? If so, when, where, and by whom? But, bear in mind that every act of Freemasonry's esoteric and exoteric work presents to the mind truths and principles which are the very acme of perfection, and which are best impressed upon our minds by the numerous traditions of its degrees.

Mackey's Encyclopædia of Freemasonry is a library of itself. Procure it, and you will be well repaid for the money invested in it. Bro. Fort, too, in his "Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry," throws light upon many subjects, and last, but by no means least, the reports on foreign correspondence of our various Grand Bodies are replete with good things that make an intellectual feast worth thousands in comparison to the flash literature that is so prevalent.

When such brethren as Drummond, Parvin, Wheeler, Singleton and others with equal ability, let fly their trenchant pens, then we who are less informed stand aside and profit by their experience and learning. Were it not for that class of brethren who realise the vast importance of their work, we should remain in ignorance and lose many a dainty morsel of intellectual food. For ourselves, we read all that we can get hold of, and then form our own conclusions. We read Masonic literature because we crave for more light. We comment upon the literary productions of others, because we find that it puts a fresh impetus into our sluggish brain. We try to profit by our readings, and we think we do, whether others think so or not. We find time, too, although we have to scratch to find bread and butter for the mouths dependent upon us. "Where there is a will there is a way;" and having a will we are bound to have the way. We read all the Proceedings of our Grand Bodies that we are able to beg, borrow and —; well, we sometimes forget who we borrow of. We read them because we would not be ignorant of what is going on in other jurisdictions to promote the best interests of our Institution. Although we find many things said and written that we wish were not; many resolutions and bye-laws passed that do not coincide with our views, and which in our opinion do not follow out the ideas of brotherly love and unity, yet they present other men's ideas, and many of them show the Yankee cuteness of their framers to carry out their points.

In reading the reports on foreign correspondence we find many good points for or against important questions that have sprung up. We find too, a vast diversity of opinions, and are enabled to form our own with a greater degree of correctness than we otherwise could. Now, if the brethren would only think as we do, there would not be many copies of the Grand Lodge Proceedings unused and unstudied, but unfortunately for themselves many of them do not. Again, we have many periodicals published in the interests of Masonry, which are "good to have in the house." They not only give us Masonic news before it is stale, but contain many choice bits of Masonic literature, history, facts, and the doings of our brethren in other places. We have many times heard brethren say that they could not afford it, or had not time to read them. "Can't afford it!" Stop a moment and let us see whether you can or not. Now, the expense is from nine to twenty-five cents a month, not quite a cent a day, for a first-class periodical, which will give more sound, substantial reading than two-thirds of the trash that you do take, and that is published at a greater price. "Can't afford it!" What a flimsy argument! To illustrate. A short time since we asked a prominent brother Mason how many Masonic publications he was taking, and met the hackneyed answer, "None; can't afford it." Now for the sequel, and we pointed it out to him afterwards too. Before he passed out of our sight his cigar bill would have paid for a good Masonic monthly for one year. He could afford to "stand treat," but could not afford the same amount of money invested in something that would have been of lasting benefit to him. "Standing treat" gratified his appetite and diminished his pocket book, while good, sound Masonic literature would have been the means of enlightening his befogged brain, and have furnished him with an intellectual treat. One passed off in smoke and nothing was left but the ashes, while the other would have brought to his mind new ideas and facts that he had never before even dreamt of. Now, which kind of treating is the best? Surely there can be but one answer.

We reminded him afterwards that that "can't afford it" nonsense was "played out." He admitted it, and to-day has several Masonic periodicals on his table. We have not the means at hand of knowing just how many publications there are devoted to Masonry; but this much we do know, that any one of them is well worth double the amount of money asked for it.

Now, the brethren who say they cannot afford the price asked for any one of the Masonic publications, in the majority of instances, can, or at least do afford as much, if not more, for flash literature, which is devoid of either fact or principle. Yes, they can afford that, but cannot afford to take a Masonic paper which has in it good, sound, substantial brain food on topics in which every Mason has the most vital interest. That class can afford to stand treat now and then, and to have a jolly good time with the boys, but are too awfully poor to subscribe for a Masonic journal. Fie upon such Masons; they do not know what Masonry is. They never go further than the outside shuck—never penetrate beyond the mere surface.

Nine-tenths of the questions our Grand Masters are called upon to answer come from that class who would, if they could, appear to be learned Masons; yet they are too poor, or too lazy, to read even the constitution and bye-laws of their own jurisdiction.

Then that nonsensical plea comes in "haven't time." Plenty of time to do anything your inclinations desire, but no time to read of Masonry; plenty of time to retail choice bits of gossip, and to have a good time, but no time for the perusal of Masonic subjects; plenty of time to air your profound(?) learning in the Lodge-room, but no time to back up your theories with facts or history; plenty of time to devote to any other recreation that presents itself, but no time to improve the mind and store it with knowledge.

Although much has been said and done within the past twenty years to bring the Craft to a higher state of intellectual culture, there is plenty of room yet for improvement. One way to bring about that improvement is to patronise our Masonic publications to a greater extent than we do, and thus gladden the hearts of publishers by larger subscription lists, and consequently secure even a better class of Masonic publications. We are quite that Masonic editors have not the faculty of living without money, and must have cash as well as others. I trust the readers of the "Voice of Masonry" will not think I am writing in the interest of any particular publication, for I am not. It is for all of them if they wish it.

If any of the "can't afford it," or "haven't time" class should, through some mysterious dispensation, happen to read this, we are quite certain they will be as "mad as March hares." Now, that is just what we want. If we can only get them mad they will give the subject some thought. Then we shall have gained a point, and as one point gained leaves the field open for more, perhaps in the end this continual cant of "can't afford it" and "haven't time" will cease.

A word, now to you, editors. Keep on in your good work. Give us who do crave for more intellectual light that for which we crave. Give us good, sound, substantial Masonic literature. Do not get discouraged because your subscription lists do not increase in the proportion that you wish, but "keep a stiff upper lip." Remember that all Masons are not drones. There are many who receive benefit from your publications and look forward to their coming with pleasure. Advocate those principles of our Institution that stand without peers. Uphold the right, and frown down the wrong, whether it be inside or outside of our mystic circle. All that the Craft want is to be woke up. Wake them up. Keep on in your work until the happy end is accomplished, and then, and not until then, can you rest upon your laurels.

ROYAL ARCH.

Prosperity Chapter, No. No. 65.—A convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was only a small attendance. In the absence of the M.E.Z. Comp. Chicken, who is on a visit to America, Comp. Brown P.Z. officiated, with Comp. Daniel as H., and Comp. Hawkins as J. There was very little work before the Chapter, and the Companions adjourned early to an excellent banquet, served in an adjoining room.

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LODGE HISTORIES.

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ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE, No. 37, BOLTON.

IT is always a source of profit, as well as of pleasure and gratification, to the members of any society when, as a result either of individual or collective industry and research, they are placed in possession of the earliest records concerning its origin, or the salient points of interest which have marked the career of the institution from the period of its birth. The antiquarian and the archæologist find their chief delight in raking out from among dusty and hidden archives some gem of folk-lore, some long-forgotten occurrence, some allusion to, or doings of, those who took the initiatory stages in the body, and whose names are revered by surviving members, as the personages they represent are seen only through the dim vista of remote years. They say a country is happy that has no history, but it is different with the institutions which so many of us hold dear, and whose traditions, as they are revived, scrap by scrap, are treasured amongst their most cherished heirlooms. It is for this reason that we are always pleased to receive the histories of our Masonic Lodges, for they form the most reliable data we can possess for the comparison of dates, for identifying individualities, and shedding new light upon thoughts and opinions expressed in modern times upon the antiquity of the Craft, and the changes that have marked its progress down to our own time. We have therefore perused with a considerable degree of pleasure the history, which has been furnished us, of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, of Bolton, now standing No. 37 on the United Grand Lodge of England, which has been compiled by Bro. George Parker Brockbank, Secretary of the Lodge, and P. Prov. S.G. Deacon East Lancashire, and Bro. James Newton P.M. in 37, and also a Past Prov. S.G. Deacon of East Lancashire. This is not the first time that Bro. Brockbank has entered into the arena of Masonic research, and we have much to thank him and his coadjutors for in placing within our reach another valuable addition to Craft literature. This history has been written in commemoration of the Sesqui Centennial of the Lodge, which will be attained on the 23rd of next month, and it will be read with peculiar interest, not merely by the brethren of the Lodge itself, but by many others also who desire to add to their stock of Masonic knowledge by a study of those links which bind the present with the past, and who find relaxation in comparing the manners and customs of "ye olden time" with those of more modern date. A glance at the little volume under consideration reveals a vast amount of careful and painstaking research, seeing that the old records have become so scanty, through a variety of accidental causes, that it must have involved considerable labour and sagacity on the part of the compilers to have framed the materials at their command into so reliable and comprehensive a whole. The records from the year 1836 to the present time are all complete; but prior to that date the doings of the brethren of the Anchor and Hope are enshrouded in comparative mystery. We are informed that according to an inventory taken in 1843, there were then existing, in adddition to the records prior to 1836, possessed by the Lodge, books of records from 1786 to 1792, from 1799 to 1825, from 1825 to 1836; and a cash book from 1786 to 1843. We are told that about 22 years ago, these latter books were negligently or culpably destroyed by fire by a clerk of the then Secretary, possibly under the impression that they were so much waste paper; and the oldest record book of the Lodge (the old minute and cash book of 1765 to 1776) was only saved from a like ruthless fate by the timely intervention of Bro. Brockbank, who accidentally entered the room and prevented its destruction. It is obvious that had the whole of these records been preserved, as they should have been, the compilers would have been spared much anxious search among contemporary records, and been able to write a much fuller account of the career of the Lodge since 1765. They seem to have, however, had the benefit of the minutes, &c., of the Royal Arch Chapter of Concord, attached to the Lodge, which are extant from its commencement, in 1785, an account of which was given by Bro. Newton in the fourth volume of the *Masonic Magazine*; and also those of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 146, from 1786, which were also sketched by Bro. Newton in the Christmas number of the same periodical, in 1878. Moreover, they had the benefit of the records of the St. John's Lodge, No. 221, dating from the year 1797, some very interesting facts concerning which were recently published by Bro. Brockbank. From these a vast amount of valuable and interesting information has been obtained, and many missing links have been supplied, though not to the extent desired, or may possibly be subsequently obtained. In their introduction, the compilers feel bound to make these explanations, and express the modest hope, in thus submitting the result of their united labours, "that any imperfections therein may be attributed to their lack of information," over which they could have no possible control, "rather than to any desire to shirk their self-imposed duty." All who know the zeal and unwearied assiduity of those who appeal for the indulgence of their readers will at once acquit them of any approach to the last-named imputation, and be the first to applaud the vast amount of labour and the judicious care which have evidently been lavished upon this "labour of love." The writers acknowledge, with especial thanks, the invaluable assistance and information on many points afforded by Bro. W. J. Hughan Past Grand Deacon, and Bro. H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, the former of whom has "kindly read and revised the whole of these pages," while the latter "has been at considerable pains in tracing a complete list of members from 1765," which list is appended to the history just published. They also acknowledge their indebtedness to Bro. Hughan's "Masonic Memorials," and "Masonic Register," and Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges," and "The Atholl Lodges," which they designate as *mines of wealth* to diligent Masonic students.

Having thus briefly referred to the difficulties experienced by Bros. Brockbank and Newton, and the help they have received in the production of their history, we turn to the work itself, and endeavour to give a bird's-eye outline of its very entertaining contents. After referring to the secession of numerous brethren, about 1788, from the parent Grand Lodge of English Masonry, which they averred had adopted new, and departed from the old, landmarks, resulting in the distinctive epithets of "Ancient" and "Modern" Masons, we are brought to the successful union of these two rival bodies in 1813, when His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex was elected Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge. The warrant for the Anchor and Hope Lodge was granted on 23rd October 1735, by Lord Viscount Montacute, Grand Master of the "Moderns" Grand Lodge, a copy of which is given, signed by Thos. Batson D.G.M., Geo. Rook S.G.W., and J. M. Smythe J.G.W. From this document it appears that "our Rt. Worshipful and well-beloved Brother, Mr. Edward Entwisle," is impowered and authorised to convene "our brethren at Bolton-le-Moors," who had signed the petition, and to constitute them into a Regular Lodge in due form. Mr. Entwisle was to take special care to admit none but those who had been regularly made Masons, and the Lodge was to be constituted "with like privileges as all other duly constituted Lodges," and that those admitted "be required to conform themselves to all and every the rules and regulations in the printed Book of Constitutions, and observe such other rules and regulations as shall from time to time be transmitted to them, by us or Thomas Batson Deputy Grand Master, or the Grand Master or his Deputy for the time being. And shall forward to his Deputy a list of the members of their Lodge, together with a copy of the regulations to be observed, to the end they may be entered in the Grand Lodge, and upon the due execution of this our said Dispensation the said Mr. Edward Entwisle is hereby required to transmit to us or our said Deputy a certificate under his hand at the time and place of such constitution, in order that it may be entered in the Book of the Roll of Lodges." At this date there were two other Lodges in Lancashire, at Salford and Leigh, both of which were subsequently erased by Grand Lodge, since which time (probably about 1700) the Anchor and Hope has held the distinguished position of being the premier Lodge in Lancashire, although another Lodge, "Unity," then No. 32, warranted in 1732, met at Wernth, near Oldham, and continued there about twenty years, when it became extinct. It is claimed also for the Hope and Anchor that it has at the present time the especial distinction of being the oldest of the Lodges originally warranted in a Province and remaining on the roll from its constitution till now. This is a matter referred to with pardonable pride by the compilers, seeing that the Lodge has remained on the roll from 1742 to the present day, "being thus the Premier Provincial Lodge, having preserved its continuity as such from its constitution in 1733 to 1882, a period of one hundred and fifty years, never having been removed from the town for which it was first of all granted, and never having lapsed or apparently been liable to erasure from any cause whatever throughout that long period." The Mr. Edward Entwisle named in the Warrant appears to have been a mercer at Bolton, and died unmarried in June 1744, his remains being interred in Bolton parish churchyard. In the earliest records found, the Lodge, which was originally numbered 105, was called to meet in a private room in Bolton-le-Moors, in Lancashire, "on the next Wednesday to every full moon," though the locality of this room cannot now with certainty be given. However, on the authority of Mrs. Fielding, into whose hands some of the relics left by Mr. Entwisle fell, it is stated that it was "in Churchgate, opposite to the "Man and Scythe" Inn, graphically adding that "the brethren assembled in white gloves, with long cuffs or gauntlets, and white leather aprons, and at the making of a Mason the brethren would strike their aprons with their hands three times, which was to make a loud report, the Tyler parading an adjoining room with a drawn sword to keep guard." This description is characteristic of the feminine curiosity in a gathering then quite novel, and to her, as a matter of course, inexplicably interesting, and therefore indelibly fixed upon her attention; and the record is sufficiently significant to fix the early trysting place of the Bolton Masons. Bro. Entwisle, the first W.M. of the Lodge, was also the first Prov. Grand Master of Lancashire (1734), receiving a patent from the Earl of Crauford, the Grand Master, and was succeeded by five other Prov. Grand Masters, whose names and armorial bearings, together with the dates of their appointments, are elaborately painted on an old banner in the possession of the Lodge, "which is treasured by its members as one of its greatest curiosities." From the extract we have quoted, and others forming the context, it may be safely assumed, in spite of the loss of the records prior to 1765, that the Lodge continued to meet in a private room for the first thirty-three years of its existence.

(To be continued.)

There will be a regular meeting of the City of London Lodge, No. 201, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, on Monday evening next, and as there are some rather important questions on the agenda, in addition to working in the three degrees, a goodly attendance of the brethren may be anticipated.

Bro. Fenner, W.M. of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, P.M. Upton Lodge, No. 1227, will rehearse the ceremony of installation, at the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, on Wednesday next, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Lodge will be opened at 8·30.

Bro. W. Wright, Organist of the Citadel Lodge, 1897; Finsbury Park, 1288; United Strength, 228; Sir Hugh Myddelton, 1602; has been appointed Organist and Choir Master to St. John the Baptist Church, Hoxton.

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REVIEWS.

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The Story of the Preservation of Epping Forest. By John T. Bedford. London: W. H. and L. Collingridge, *City Press* Office, Aldersgate-street, E.C.

In a neat little *brochure* Mr. John T. Bedford, who is well known as a prominent member of the Corporation of London, presents to us a lecture delivered by him to the members of one of the City clubs, beyond whose precincts it is well so admirable and interesting a treatise should find readers. Since the date on which this discourse was listened to with pleasurable attention in Fleet-street, where it was uttered, it is well known that Epping Forest has been secured to the public for ever as a place for recreation and enjoyment, the ceremony having been most graciously presided over by our beloved Sovereign, amidst a scene of royal splendour but rarely witnessed in modern times. There is a special interest in this event to us as Freemasons, inasmuch as it was commemorated by the Queen's conferring the distinction of a baronetcy upon Bro. John Whittaker Ellis, the present Lord Mayor of London, and Grand Junior Warden of England. In his chatty and admirable discourse, Mr. Bedford tells the story of the means adopted by the City to secure for its inhabitants the possession of the magnificent Forest as the "people's playground" for ever; and it is hardly necessary for us to recount the praises which have been showered upon the Corporation of London for their patriotic zeal in persevering, against stupendous odds, in claiming this priceless boon for so many millions of all classes of society to whom the opportunities for healthful recreation and pleasure are so few and far between. The writer begins by relating how the resolution of Mr. Cowper Temple in the House of Commons—"That it is the duty of the Government to preserve Epping Forest for the recreation and enjoyment of the people," was opposed by Mr. Robert Lowe (now Viscount Sherbrook), the then Chancellor of the Exchequer (1871), who said that "Epping Forest belonged to the lords of the manors, and was vested in them to do as they liked with," and who afterwards, although the resolution was carried by a majority of nearly one hundred, informed the people of Glasgow that "It was treated by the Government with stupendous indifference!" This seems to have aroused Mr. Bedford's eager attention to the subject, impelled to the task of "mastering all the facts of the case" by Mr. Cowper Temple's allusion, in his speech in support of the people of the metropolis. He then goes on to state how that originally all Essex was a forest, the pleasures of which were mainly reserved to royal hunters after venison, and how, under that prescient King, Edward I., the boundaries of the Forest were perambulated, and its boundaries settled for some centuries. Following the chronological events which occurred from that period up to 1871, the writer reminds us that he proposed in the Court of Common Council the following resolution:—"That a committee be appointed to seek a conference with her Majesty's Ministers to ascertain on what terms and conditions the Corporation can secure to the people, for purposes of public health and recreation, those parts of Epping Forest which have not been enclosed with the assent of the Crown or by legal authority." That motion was seconded by Mr. Pedler, whose name is never mentioned without respect in the important ward of Farringdon Without—at that time Chief Commoner of the Corporation; was warmly supported by Mr. Deputy Fry, to whom we owe the Holborn Viaduct, the grandest City improvement of modern times; and was carried unanimously.

Mr. Bedford then calls to mind the Chancery suits, the details of which are ever green in the memories of the citizens of London, and the "red-handed" injunctions which were obtained to plough up some of the most glorious spots in the Forest; the depredations of the London roughs in cutting down the holly bushes; and the costs imposed upon the Corporation by a "shabby Government" in the prosecution of the suit; and imparts considerable humour into his narrative by relating how that at one time half-a-dozen Common Councillors were "nearly starved to death," whilst engaged in perambulating the Forest in company with the Epping Forest Commissioners. We will not spoil the readers' interest by anticipating the succeeding chapters in which Mr. Bedford describes the troubles through which the Corporation passed, the result of which is now so generally known, and will be remembered so long as Epping Forest lasts. It is sufficient here to state that the battles waged so long and so unweariedly ultimately resulted in complete success for the people; and we are told who were the leaders who took prominent part in the various legal battles fought on behalf of the City. Mr. Bedford, with commendable modesty, conceals the part which he himself took in those memorable campaigns, but his deeds are nevertheless none the less known and recognised, for they appear in letters of gold whenever the subject of Epping Forest is mentioned. In rhapsody, however, he exclaims:—"During the many years that have elapsed since the memorable 25th of May 1871, seldom has a fortnight passed, except in the depth of winter, without my visiting Epping Forest. It is fairyland to me—always fresh, always beautiful, always interesting. I gaze upon its many lovely spots with a kind of mental rapture difficult to explain. I constitute myself a willing guide to the wanderers I meet there; and on great occasions, such as Bank Holidays, I have my abiding reward in witnessing the enjoyment of tens of thousands of those who, but for Epping Forest, would scarcely know how beautiful God made the world." This is a very pardonable piece of modest exultation and pleasure, after all the writer has done to help forward the great work which has been accomplished; and the thanks due to him on that account are only intensified by his placing before the world this brief but thoroughly comprehensive record of the means by which the Forest has been secured to the people. The work is got up in the most approved style of the typographic art, as all may expect who are acquainted with the very eminent firm from which it emanates.

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REVISION OF THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read your remarks on the discussion which took place on the above subject at the last meeting of G.L., and, in reply, will quote an extract from the Constitutions of Freemasonry, for which I am indebted to my excellent friend and Brother, John Newton, F.R.A.S., P.M. 174, 1607.

MEMO.

At a Grand Lodge assembled on the 27th December 1813, it was resolved:—"That the Laws and Regulations which existed in the two Societies (York and London) previous to the reunion, should be referred to the Board of General Purposes, with directions for them to form one system for the future government of the United Craft."

The Board having attentively considered all the laws then existing, as well as those of most of the other Grand Lodges in Europe, prepared a code of Laws, which was submitted to the consideration of a Special Grand Lodge on the 1st of February 1815, whereupon it was ordered that copies should be made and left at two convenient places for the perusal of all the members of G.L. for one month. During this month the Board of General Purposes met weekly, to receive and discuss any alterations or amendments which might be suggested. The Laws thus approved were *again* read and discussed at a Special G.L. on the 31st May, and were then ordered to lie open for another month for the perusal of the brethren. At a Special G.L., held on 23rd August, these Laws were a THIRD time read, discussed, and unanimously approved, and it was resolved that they should be in force for three years from 1st of November 1815, and then be subject for revision. In order to make these Laws as perfect as possible, and to enable the G.L. to avail itself of the best experience, it was further resolved that any Brother who can suggest any useful alterations or amendments be requested to transmit his opinion to the G. Secretaries, and when the Laws are revised such suggestions will receive due consideration.

W. WILLIAMS P.G.M. Dorset.

By the foregoing, you will perceive that so far back as 1813, or nearly seventy years ago, it took the Board of General Purposes from 27th Dec. 1813 to 1st Feb. 1815 to revise the Laws. Another month was allowed for any members of G.L. to suggest alterations; and it was another two months before they were again submitted to a Special G.L., and it was only in August, or yet another three months, before they were unanimously approved, and then another two months before they were to be in force,—even then only for three years,—at the end of which time they were to undergo a final revision. So that from the time when the question was first mooted, in December 1813, till the time when they were finally adopted, was a matter of five years, during which period any member of G.L., of the Craft, or any Brother, had a right to a voice in the framing of the Laws, and yet now objection is taken because a desire is expressed to grant time for allowing Provincial Grand Lodges—to say nothing of private Lodges or individuals—time to consider this long-wanted revision of our Book of Constitutions. In the paragraph in your article p 179, lines 7 to 12, "No member of the Craft has yet, to our knowledge, put forward anything different to what has been decided by the Board, and it can hardly be said that the brethren had not been able to consider the alterations fully as they could '*easily*'* be seen at Freemasons' Hall, or in the hands of the Prov. G. Secretaries." Now, Sir, brethren cannot easily inspect the new alterations, not from any opposition by the officials, for they are always most courteous and obliging, but because the brethren are for the most part men of business, and they cannot afford to spend the most valuable part of two or three days on the matter, and no cursory glance would suffice for an opinion worth having. Whereas, by discussing the matter in a regular Lodge or a Lodge of Emergency, or, better still, purchasing and taking a copy home for perusal of an evening, any member could easily make himself acquainted with the whole matter, by comparing it with the book now in use, and so, when the Special Grand Lodge was held, he would be in a position to speak, and that with weight and authority. I do not attach much weight to Bro. Fenn's objection, "because the old copies have run out," as that can be remedied at a very small cost, by having 1000 or more struck off, with the present slips and alterations—as in page 104, section 16—inserted in their proper places. This will have to be done I feel certain before the new laws have been definitely decided upon. When I have had the opportunity of ascertaining the status of Freemasonry in 1813, as compared with what it is now, you will most probably hear again from,

Yours fraternally,

C. J. PERCEVAL.

1 Cecil-street, Strand, 9th September 1882.

P.S. If any zealous Mason, whether a member of Grand Lodge or not, has waded through my letter, this is to remind him to make an application to the Grand Secretary's office for a copy of the proposed revised laws, and every W.M. should see that his Lodge is supplied with one.

PPS.—Since writing the above I have made inquiries at the Grand Secretary's office, and find that so far from the edition of 1873 of the

* By an error this word was printed "only" in our last.

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Book of Constitutions having run out, there are at least 2000 copies on hand. Still, as the annual sale is about 6000, I suppose Bro. Fenn considered 2000 as a mere nothing, or he was unaware of the fact.

IS MASONRY REALLY FLOURISHING?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—According to promise I send you a tabular statement which I think will prove satisfactory to your readers, and show that Freemasonry is really flourishing. Before doing so, however, let me express my thanks for the assistance I received from the Secretaries and staff at the offices of the three Institutions. I have carefully gone through the official reports for the last seven years. Had the financial statements of the Boys' and Girls' been ready for this year, the result would have been still better, but as it is, I think the success of Freemasonry is marvellous; indeed, I believe it is a long way better off than any similar society. If we take into consideration the average receipts the three Institutions have received we find the enormous income of nearly £47,000 per annum. The Girls head the list, as under:—

Year	Amount received £	s	d		Pupils
1875	13,360	7	1		152
1876	13,705	2	10		161
1877	17,636	10	1		189
1878	20,202	17	1		200
1879	13,911	0	1		204
1880	19,433	16	11		228
1881	14,388	3	3		231
Total for 7 years	112,637	17	4	Increase of pupils	79
Average per year	16,091	2	4¼		

The Boys next:—

Year	Amount received £	s	d		Pupils
1875	13,246	9	0		181
1876	16,990	6	6		186
1877	16,782	0	1		211
1878	15,292	14	5		215
1879	14,480	14	6		217
1880	17,016	14	6		218
1881	14,235	5	7		218
Total for 7 years	107,995	4	7	Increase of pupils	37
Average per year	15,427	17	9¼		

Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons:—

Year	Amount received £	s	d		Annuitants	Annuities Male £	Annuities Female £
1875	10,099	0	1		208	36	28
1876	11,907	6	9		240	40	32
1877	14,328	6	8		270	40	32
1878	15,143	8	2		280	40	32
1879	15,290	4	9		290	40	32
1880	20,202	6	2		305	40	32
1881	20,135	16	8		315	40	32
Total for 7 years	107,106	9	3	Increase of Annuitants	107	—	—
Average per year	15,300	18	5¼				

The financial year of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution ends in March of each year. I could have shown a very much larger average, as the handsome receipt for this year was £18,336 8s 5d, but as the two other Institutions make their annual statements up to the end of the year, it would not have been a fair estimate, but the above Tables show that not only are the finances in a most healthy state, but that during the seven years the annuitants have increased by 107, the Girls by 79, and the Boys by 37, making a total increase of 223, so that we are now supporting 764 as against 541 in 1875; in addition to the large staff necessary for carrying on the work. I have now materially strengthened the argument in my former letter. Long may this noble work continue, and may its shadow never grow less. If what I have written should prove interesting to your readers, and beneficial to the Order in general, I shall be amply repaid for any trouble I have taken in collating the figures and facts. I had nearly forgotten to call attention to the fact that not only have the number of the annuitants increased, but their annuities also, and the brethren have likewise been enabled to evince their sense of the untiring assiduity and zeal the respective Secretaries and their assistants have displayed in furthering the interests of these Institutions by substantial acknowledgments.

I remain, yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

THE PROPOSED PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Although as you pointed out in your leading article last week, on the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Bro. Budden's proposition in reference to the Grand Lodge's contributions to the Scholastic Institutions fell through, it is well that the subject should not entirely be lost sight of. As you observe, the Committee have already invested a lump sum of £1,000 from the Special Fund which has been contributed towards the Boys' Preparatory School; and in all probability sufficient means will, in course of time, be forthcoming to erect the building, the advantage and utility of which is universally admitted. We are all aware the scheme has not been entered upon hastily. But the question arises whether, if sufficient funds are raised to build the School where are we to find the additional £3,000 per annum which will be required to manage the Institution?

According to the prospectus, any present Life Governor of the General Fund, or any donor who may qualify up to the 31st December 1883, will receive 2 votes, instead of one, for life, for every five guineas contributed to the Special Fund; and that Lodges, Chapters, &c., similarly qualified may secure two votes, instead of one, for every ten guineas to the same Fund. In that case will not men say they will go in for the Preparatory School instead of the parent Institution, because they will thus double the number of their votes? They might say, "I can give a hundred guineas now to the Boys' School proper, but with the special privileges offered I shall transfer my contribution to the new School." In such a case will not the parent Institution suffer, and the funds which should naturally flow to it be diverted into the channel for the support of the new Preparatory School? If this be done to any extent, would it not drain and weaken the parent Institution, and tend to bring it into a state of collapse?

I do not wish to be an alarmist, but it is desirable that all the circumstances should be fully considered before the matter is carried any further. If I recollect rightly, Grand Lodge made a grant towards the building of the present Boys' School, though I do not for the moment recollect the amount, but considering the state of their funds at the present time, it might be well considered whether they would not be doing good service by contributing largely, even up to the full amount of the £2,000 mentioned by you last week, in promoting the interests of the new scheme, when no doubt the action would be seconded and supported by the Craft generally, with that liberality which always characterises it. It would also strengthen the hands of the executive, and enable them to make an energetic start without any apprehension as to their future position.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

AN OLD BOY.

17th September 1882.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. (in the chair), Charles John Perceval, C. A. Cottebrune, John Sampson Peirce, Frederick Adlard, James Brett, Robert P. Tate, Edgar Bowyer, A. H. Tattersall, J. M. Case, H. Massey, Thomas Cubitt, G. L. Moore, J. E. Gordon Robbins, and James Terry (Secretary). The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Terry reported that, at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge the grant of £800 a year to this Institution was confirmed, and he had hoped he should have received before the meeting of the Committee a cheque for the first quarter's instalment of the grant. Bro. Terry next reported that five of the annuitants had died. The Committee granted to the representatives of some deceased annuitants the current quarter's annuity, where the annuitants had died a day or so before the quarter's annuity was payable. The Committee also voted half their late husbands' annuities to the widows of two deceased brethren. Authority was given to transfer to the current account £500, part of £2,500 at interest on deposit at the London and Westminster Bank. Two petitions were received and examined, and the petitioners placed on the list for election next May, and it was afterwards resolved to paint the Institution and central hall, at Croydon, at a cost not exceeding £250, next spring. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

A considerable amount of sympathy will be felt towards Bro. Montem Smith and Mrs. Smith, who within the last few weeks have lost two children, the younger, who was but eleven months old, dying on the 4th instant, and the elder, who was little more than two years of age, on the 6th instant. Bro. and Mrs. Smith have our sincere condolence in their very painful affliction.

Bro. Sims Reeves is still in North Wales, and has recently been on a visit to Canon Tarver, at Chester.

Bro. Major Terry, correspondent of the *Army and Navy Gazette*, in Egypt, had his horse shot under him last week.

Bro. Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., Lord Mayor, and Junior Grand Warden of England, has been invited by the Mayor of Liverpool to a banquet in that town. His lordship, however, owing to his numerous engagements, has been unable to accept the invitation.

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LODGE OF LOYALTY, No. 1607.

THE installation meeting was held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Saturday, 9th instant, on which occasion there were present Bros. Beedell W.M., T. Jones S.W. and W.M. elect, Carr J.W., F. Brown Treas., J. Newton Sec., Roberts S.D., Giller J.D., Gaylen acting I.G.; J. Terry (Hon.) P.P.G.J.W. Norths and Hunts, C. G. Hill (Hon.) Visitors—Bros. E. Bowyer P.P.G.S.W. Herts, Escott, Puck, Bourne, T. Maidwell, &c., besides several other members. The Lodge was opened in form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then raised Bro. T. V. Jones to the sublime degree, after which he installed his successor, Bro. T. Jones. Certainly the manner in which the ceremonies were performed reflected great credit on the outgoing Master for his ability in the execution of his work, and to the Lodge to which he belongs, for it was as near perfection as possible. During the installation, Bro. Bowyer kindly took the S.W.'s chair, and Maidwell the J.W.'s, while Bro. J. Terry fulfilled the duties of M.C. in his usual efficient manner; he was assisted by Bro. C. H. Webb, one of the P.M.'s of No. 1607. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in usual form, when the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, and partook of the good things of this life which had been provided for them by the well known caterers of the London Tavern. After the cloth was removed, the usual loyal and other toasts were given and duly responded to. These were interspersed with some very excellent singing by Bros. C. Stevens, Tinney, Thompson, &c. It is invidious to make distinction, but the gem of the evening was the ably rendered "Meeting of the Waters," which was rapturously encored, and "Flow, Flow," substituted. Great praise may be given the W.M. for the manner in which he invested his Officers.

Clarendon Lodge, No. 1769.—The annual audit meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, under the presidency of Brother Charles Thompson W.M., who was supported by Bros. H. W. Mayes S.W., Soaper J.W., and other brethren. After the transaction of business, which was purely of a formal and routine character, the brethren partook of an excellent repast.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—The usual meeting was held on Tuesday last, the 12th inst., at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, where there was a good attendance of members, including Bros. Richard Poore, W.M., Moss S.W., H. Baldwin J.W., E. A. Francis Preceptor, C. H. Phillips Treas., Johnstone S.D., Knight J.D., H. Stokes I.G.; E. Bye, Meade 1321, H. Goodwin, and others. The Lodge was opened to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M. in a most efficient manner, Bro. Bye as candidate. Bro. Moss was appointed W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was closed with the usual formalities, and adjourned till Tuesday next, the 19th inst.

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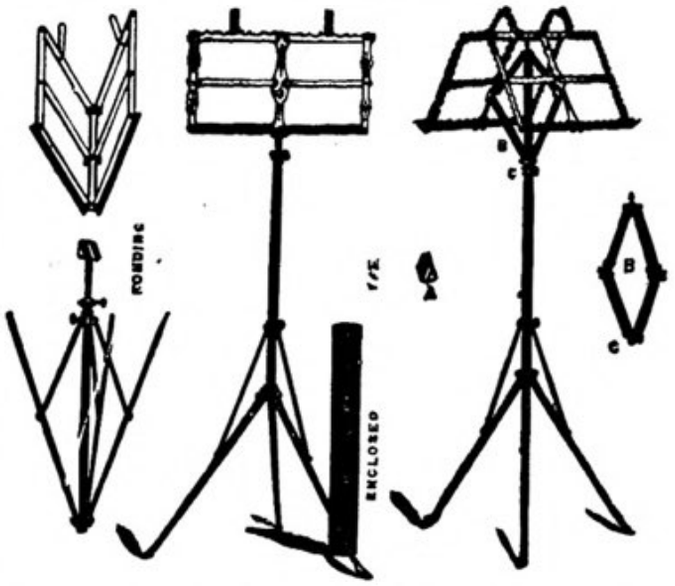

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TOOLE'S.—At 8, DIANE.

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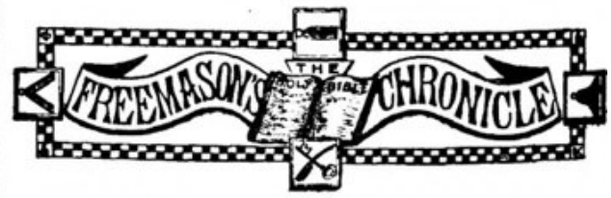

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MASSACHUSETTS AND THE RITE OF MEMPHIS.

AT the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, held on 14th June, in the Masonic Temple, Boston, the following resolutions were almost unanimously adopted:

Add to Part Fifth Miscellaneous Regulations—the following:

Sect. 24.—Whereas, this Grand Lodge recognises no degrees in Masonry except those conferred under the regulations of the Grand Lodges of the various States and Territories of the United States, and the Governments throughout the world, and whereas, it admits the following named organisations to be regular and duly constituted Masonic Bodies, namely:

The General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of the several States and Territories of the United States, and the Royal Arch Chapters and other Bodies under their jurisdiction, the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters of the several States and Territories of the

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United States, and the Councils under their jurisdiction, the Grand Encampment of the United States, the Grand Commanderies of the several States and Territories of the United States, and the Commanderies under their jurisdiction, the Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the United States, of which Henry L. Palmer and Albert Pike are M.P. Sov. Grand Commanders, respectively, and the various bodies under their jurisdiction;

Now, therefore, it is hereby declared that any Mason who is hereafter admitted in this jurisdiction, into any other Orders, as Masonic, whether called the Rite of Memphis or by any other name, is acting un-Masonically; and for such conduct shall be liable to be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, and shall be ineligible to membership or office in this Grand Lodge.

Sect. 25.—Any Mason in this jurisdiction who shall hawk and sell any of the degrees, so-called, hereinbefore forbidden, calling them degrees in Masonry, may be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Prior to taking the vote, remarks were made by a number of eminent brethren, and the following letters were read from distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions.

These letters are interesting in themselves, and contain information worthy of permanently being placed on record:—

Letter of Brother E. T. Carson.

I thank you for calling my attention to the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in relation to spurious Masonic systems, grades, &c. Your Grand Master puts the case in most elegant and forcible style, and I hope you may succeed in adopting the proposed rule, though I anticipate that you will encounter stubborn opposition.

Our Grand Lodge adopted a resolution, more than thirty years ago, against the conferring of side degrees in Ohio, and that resolution has kept out of Ohio all those Masonic charlatans who peddle the "Eastern Star," "Heroine of Jericho," "Master Mason's Daughter," &c. &c.

Then our Grand Commandery has substantially such a law as the one proposed, and it has done us a "power of good." It is the duty of the Grand Bodies to protect the less-informed brethren from being preyed upon by those Masonic buzzards, who are continually on the alert to turn an "*honest penny*" by selling so-called Masonic degrees.

If Massachusetts adopts this rule it will give the idea a start, and a standing that will ultimately result in much good to genuine, honest Masonry.

Truly and fraternally yours,

E. T. Carson.

Letter from J. P. C. Cottrill, Past Grand Master of Wisconsin.

The first difficulty we had in Wisconsin concerning these outside Bodies, claiming to be Masonic and yet out of the pale, was in 1870. Then certain Knights Templar concluded to unite with the Rite of Memphis. It is, of course, a perfectly spurious concern, not Masonic or known to Masonry. I was offered their rituals free several years ago by Harry J. Seymour, of New York, he understanding that I was a 32° Mason. I declined his offer. The action of our Grand Commandery about it is found on page 46, Proceedings of 1870. Further action was had.' See Grand Commandery Proceedings, 1872, pages 53 and 56; 1873, page 12. This squelched the Rite of Memphis business.

In 1875 the Eastern Star business broke out here while I was Grand Master. I effectually broke that up. See my Address to the Grand Lodge, in its Proceedings for 1875, page 11. You will observe that I reported that your Grand Lodge, in 1871, took similar action, and my decision was based in part upon that action. I hope you will suppress all these spurious concerns, and that your constitutional amendment may be adopted. A Masonic Grand Lodge has in my opinion, the clear right to prevent, by discipline, if necessary the uniting by Masons with spurious Masonic Bodies, or Bodies calling themselves Masonic without authority, and to declare and determine just what are, and just what are not regularly constituted Masonic Bodies.

Yours fraternally,

J. P. C. Cottrill.

Letter from Bro. R. F. G Gould, author of "The Four Old Lodges."

Here in England, we, *i.e.*, the Grand Lodge, affect not to know anything about degrees outside the Royal Arch. No Mason can wear any insignia in Lodge or Chapter beyond that of Royal Arch.

Of late years the influence of "high degree" Brethren has increased, owing chiefly no doubt to the Prince of Wales being one of that class, but although our Craft rulers are nearly all (*i.e.*, in the leading positions) members of what is termed the A. and A. Rite, the avoidance of public displays, processions, &c., in this country results in no clashing occurring.

For my own part, though opposed very strongly on principle to any extension of the Masonic system, I must admit that our leading 33° men are most earnest and devoted Masons.

D. Murray Lyon gives some facts respecting the introduction of the "high degrees" into Scotland. See his invaluable "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1."

In Ireland I believe, the Grand Master is always the head of all kinds of degrees.

For my own part I have been ever of opinion that if we can *adopt* Masonic children, so equally can we *adopt* Masonic ancestors, and if the thirty-third degree by any process of reasoning can be termed Masonic, so in similar fashion can the Ancient Mysteries.

According to my view the so-called "high degrees" are pernicious. Still, many people think otherwise, and ours like yours is a free country!

In great haste,

Yours truly and fraternally,

R. F. Gould.

Letter from Brother J. G. Findel, author of the "History of Freemasonry."

Your friendly communications and the amendments to your Grand Lodge Constitutions I have received, and was very much rejoiced. It is a step in the right way. Under the present circumstances I must also approve the moderate, prudent and careful mode in which the Grand Lodge is moving.

Relating to your questions, I can inform you that there is no Grand Lodge in Germany, except the Grand Country Lodge of Germany (Swedish Rite), at Berlin, which has *as such* any control over higher degrees. The Grand Lodge of the Sun at Bayreuth (Bavaria), that of Concord at Darmstadt, the Eclectic Union of Frankfort, that of Saxony, of Hamburg and Royal York at Berlin, *i.e.*, six Grand Lodges of Germany, do not acknowledge at all any higher degree or practice any. They are *only* Symbolic Grand Lodges, and their subordinate Lodges work only in the three blue, or ancient degrees, in which, to our conviction, Masonry is contained and finished. There is no step higher than to be a Master Mason.

The Grand Lodge of the three Globes at Berlin, has, besides the Grand Lodge, a Scottish Directory, with some so-called Scottish degrees. But these higher degrees, separated from Grand Lodge, have not the significance of higher degrees, but serve only as a mode of information and instruction. Many subordinate Lodges of the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes do not cultivate these Scottish degrees.

The essence of the Swedish Rite (Grand Country Lodge of Germany), with nine degrees, you may find described in my "History of Freemasonry." Till now it was the only Rite practised in Sweden, Denmark, and Berlin, but at present there is a movement going on in Norway to put it aside, and to come back to pure ancient Masonry, with its three degrees. The Grand Lodge of the three Globes, which has some instructing Scottish degrees, has, nevertheless, concerning the so-called Grand Constitutions of the Scottish Rite of thirty-three degrees, declared that they are "the grand lie of the Fraternity."

I suppose you have in your Library the English edition of my "History of Freemasonry." There you may find all you want. No higher degree of any name can prove its usefulness, or any legitimate historical source from which it has sprung. All higher degrees are a pious fraud and humbug. Your Grand Lodge will do a great service to the Craft when it stops the movement for higher degrees.

The Grand Lodge of Switzerland, "Alpina," has also none of these degrees, and works only in the three degrees, also the Grand Lodge of Hungary.

Hoping that these notes may be in some way useful to you, I send you, for your Grand Lodge, the best wishes, and I am,

Most fraternally yours,

J. G. Findel.

Letter from Bro. William James Hughan, Past Senior G. Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England.

I see that your Grand Lodge is to consider the question of the "higher degrees," as they are sometimes called, on the 14th prox.; so I send you a brief account of the laws and customs in relation thereto, prevalent in England, Ireland, and Scotland.

1. The Grand Lodge of England, established in 1717, recognised no degrees beyond the "Master Mason" until December 1813, when, for the sake of harmony and union, it agreed to adopt the "Royal Arch," as the concluding part of the *third* degree (not as a fourth), which was so warmly adopted by the *seceders* or "Ancients," from their origin, about 1750, and, as you know, united them with the latter Body. Thereafter we have had but the one Grand Lodge in this country, the York Grand Lodge, and its offshoot in London, having previously expired.

The "Articles of Union" provided: "II. It is declared and pronounced that pure Ancient Masonry consists of three degrees, and no more, namely, those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch. But this article is not intended to prevent any Lodge or Chapter from holding a meeting in any of the degrees of the Orders of Chivalry, according to the Constitutions of the said Orders." (Hughan's Masonic Register 1878, p 15).

The first part of this declaration is to be found in the present "Book of Constitutions" (1873), as introductory to the first of the Rules. The *second* portion it is not easy now exactly to understand, and I must say it is rather feebly explained to mean *all* the degrees termed Masonic, other than the first *three* and the Royal Arch, which were working in A.D. 1813.

Taking the example set by our chief brethren, or at least very many of them, there are virtually *four* Masonic organisations *quasi* recognised by the Grand Lodge, *but not actually so*, and nothing is allowed to be worn in the Grand Lodge, or any subordinate Lodge which appertains to degrees, other than those allowed by the Grand Lodge, viz., the three degrees, including the Royal Arch. I much lament the puerile rage after useless *pseudo*-Masonic decorations.

(*a*) Grand Lodge Mark Master Masons,* of whom the Lord Henniker is the Grand Master, and of its Past Grand Masters may be named the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M. of England, the Earl of Lathom Dep. G.M. of England, and several Provincial Grand Masters, the

* The Mark is not adopted by the Royal Arch in England, which is the only country that drops the degree, and so is the only country that has a Mark *Grand Lodge*.

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present Grand Secretary of England being a Past Grand Mark Warden, and just lately H.R.H. Prince Leopold has been enrolled as a Past Grand Mark Master.

Other degrees are included in a "Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees," under the wing of the Mark Grand Lodge, such as the Royal and Select Masters, and other still more modern arrangements.

(*b*) The Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite, 33° &c. Of this Body the Grand Master of England (H.R.H. the Prince of Wales) is a Grand Patron, and his two Royal and Masonic Brothers are Honorary Members. The Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master is a Past Grand Commander, the present chief being the Dep. G.M. the Earl of Lathom, and I believe all the members of the Supreme Council are Past or Present Officers of the Grand Lodge.

(*c*) The United Orders of the Temple and Malta. H.R.H. the Grand Master of England is the Grand Master of this Body for England, Ireland and Canada. The subordinate Bodies, as you are aware, are called "Great Priories," that for England having the Earl of Lathom for its Great Prior, and Grand Secretary the next in rank as Great Sub-Prior. Many Grand Lodge Officers (Colonel S. H. Clerke is one of its Provincial Priors) are connected officially with it, as in *a* and *b*.

(*d*) Grand Imperial Council of the Knights of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine. This Society has Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. of Middlesex and Past G. Warden of England, as its Grand Sovereign, and the Earl of Lathom Dep. G.M., and other Provincial G. Masters, are among its members and Officers.

2. Scotland.—The Grand Lodge does not recognise any degrees but the three *first* and the *Mark*, though many of its chief members are connected with Bodies similar to the foregoing. Past Grand Master Sir M. R. Shaw-Stewart is First G. Principal of the R.A, and the Grand Master the Earl of Mar is Second G. Principal. Past Grand Master J. Whyte Melville is Grand Commander of the Supreme Council 33°, Governor of the Royal Order, and Grand Master of the Temple; the Earl of Kintore a Provincial Grand Master, being at the head of the Red Cross.

The recognition of the Mark degree is a late affair, but chiefly owing to so many old Craft Lodges working the ceremony.

3. Ireland.—This Grand Lodge differs from the other two, in actually recognising the Royal Arch, the Temple, the Rose Croix (which is a separate Body) and the Supreme Council 33°, and allows of *no other organisation* save its own.

"28. The Grand Lodge strictly prohibits, as unlawful, all assemblies of Freemasons in Ireland, under any title whatever, purporting to be Masonic, not held by virtue of a warrant or constitution from the Grand Lodge, or from one of the other Masonic Grand Bodies recognised by and acting in Masonic union with it."—*Laws* 1875, page 11.

It also provides that any Brother under its jurisdiction who shall take part in such illegal assemblies "*shall be liable to suspension, or such other penalty as Grand Lodge may think fit.*

Although it thus admits the legality, so to speak, of the R.A., K.T. and A. and A. Rite, it enacts that "no member of the Grand Lodge, or visitor thereto, shall be permitted to wear any jewel, medal, or device, belonging to any Order or Degree beyond that of Master Mason, in which, however, the jewel of a Past Master is considered to be included" (page 6), just as, I may say, it is in England and Scotland.

Now surely these Bodies are enough, and in fact *too much* in many respects, as the Supreme Council 33° might fairly be worked to include them all. As to the "Swedenborgian Rite," the "Rite of Memphis," and the ancient and Primitive Rite," and other absurd and pernicious organisations, I wish they were all *decently buried*.

Yours fraternally,

Wm. J. Hughan.

—*From the Keystone.*

We understand that Bro. Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., Lord Mayor, and Grand Junior Warden of England, has consented to preside at the festival of Ye Rahere Almoners, to be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the 20th October, on which occasion it is expected his lordship will be accompanisd by the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson, and Sir W. A. Ogg. A very attractive programme is being arranged, and a large attendance is anticipated.

It is gratifying to note that a testimonial of esteem and regard has been presented to Bro. Inspector Foulger by officers and men of the First, or Moor-lane Division of Police, with whom he has been connected for upwards of forty years. This expression of kindly feeling on the part of his comrades in the force will be heartily reciprocated by many members of the Craft, to which Bro. Foulger has lent so much valuable instruction and assistance. He was the first W.M. of the Cripplegate Lodge, which is known as one of the most successful in the metropolis, and to which Bro. Foulger contributed substantial aid as Preceptor and in other ways. We trust he may be spared many years to retain the love and confidence of the brethren, and all who have appreciated his true worth and sterling character.

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, 16th SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (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, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

MONDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.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, 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)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
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
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
822—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
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. 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, 19th SEPTEMBER.

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)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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)
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
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)
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
452—Frederick of Unity, Freemason's Hall, 105 High Street, Croydon
851—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
867—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.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
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.

WEDNESDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
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)
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)

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1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 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
1638—Brownrigg, Swan Hotel, Kingston on Thames
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. 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—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
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Barsiem
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
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
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
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 891—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth

THURSDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (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)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1321—Emblematic, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
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.)
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, 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, Barsiem
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle.

FRIDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER.

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.)
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, 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)
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)
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
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
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, 23rd SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1445.

THE annual installation meeting of this very energetic and popular Lodge was held on the evening of Thursday in last week, at the Mitford Hotel, Sandringham-road, Dalston, when there was a very gratifying attendance of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. N. D. Partridge, the retiring Worshipful Master. The members had held an emergency meeting on the preceding Monday evening, when, after all the preliminaries had been observed, the report of the Audit Committee was submitted, and was found to be of a most satisfactory character. On Thursday the brethren assembled at four o'clock, when Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, and the minutes of the last regular meeting and Lodge of emergency were confirmed, as also was the report of the Audit Committee above referred to. At the conclusion of some other routine business, Bro. S. Lewis, who had received the reward of his assiduous performance of his duties in the Senior Warden's chair during the preceding twelve months, and who had been unanimously elected as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, was presented for installation, and having assented to the responsibilities of the position, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Lewis was formally installed into the chair with the usual ceremonial. On the re-admission of the brethren who had temporarily retired, he was saluted in the three degrees in a manner which fully testified to the respect and esteem in which he is held by the brethren. Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. of the Lodge, of whose ability as Master of Ritual we have had frequent occasion to speak in past years, officiated as Installing Officer, and the manner in which he discharged the functions of his responsible office elicited, as indeed is invariably the case, the genuine encomiums of both brethren and visitors—of whom there was a large muster present. Bro. George Edward Walter P.M., the excellent and indefatigable Secretary of the Lodge, acted as Master of Ceremonies, and the proceedings went off in a way that left nothing to be desired. The addresses were most impressively delivered by Bro. Myers, who seemed to be in his happiest vein, and the manner in which the ceremony was performed afforded the utmost profit and pleasure to all present. The newly-installed Master, after having received the salutations of the brethren, invested his Officers for the ensuing year, the collars being thus bestowed:—Bros. N. D. Partridge I.P.M., W. McDonald S.W., James Robson J.W., W. H. Myers P.M. Treasurer, George Edward Walters P.M. Secretary, J. MacGregor S.D., F. Kimbell J.D., G. S. Young Organist, H. Seymour-Clarke D.C., T. Marsh Tyler. In the course of the proceedings a handsome Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the whole of the members of the Lodge, was presented to Bro. N. D. Partridge, the retiring W.M., as a token of esteem, and in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge during his term of office. Bro. Lewis in making the presentation, made allusion to those services in most felicitous terms, and expressed his sense of the judicious care and attention which Bro. Partridge had bestowed upon the affairs of the Lodge, and his solicitude for its future welfare and prosperity. Bro. Partridge had studiously endeavoured to do his duty in the position in which he had been placed by the unanimous desire of the brethren, and it would be his (the speaker's) duty and pleasure to emulate the excellent example which had been set him by his predecessor. In fastening the jewel to Bro. Partridge's breast he could only express a hope that he might long be spared in health and strength to wear it, and to enjoy the respect, confidence and esteem of the brethren, which he now enjoyed to so full an extent, having won it by his assiduous attention to duty, and his uniformly urbane and generous conduct towards all with whom he was associated. Bro. Partridge, in a few happily-chosen sentences, acknowledged the high compliment which had been paid him, and observed that although he now passed into the ranks of the Past Masters, his interest in the prosperity of the Prince Leopold Lodge would continue unabated, and he should in the future, as he had done in the past, exert his utmost to sustain its prestige and assist in its truest advancement. He need hardly say, that if in any way he could assist, either by counsel or otherwise, his successor, whom he was glad to see attaining to the highest honour the Lodge could confer upon him, he should only be too happy to do so; and he felt sure his brother Past Masters were all actuated by the same desire. He should value the magnificent jewel with which he had been presented for its intrinsic value, but far more for the generous motives which had prompted it, and he hoped, if he had deserved any of the affection and regard it reflected, during his term of office, he might equally succeed in retaining the good opinion of all by whom he was surrounded, and with whom he hoped long to labour in furthering the

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real interests of the Lodge. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned to a récherché banquet, where they were joined by several distinguished visitors, including Bros. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary England, and Bro. W. T. Howe, Past Grand Pursuivant, &c. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the health of the newly installed W.M. being most enthusiastically received, and responded to in suitable terms by Brother Lewis. Interspersed with some excellent vocal and instrumental music, the proceedings were of a thoroughly agreeable and harmonious description.

BURRELL LODGE, No. 1829.

ON the afternoon of the 7th instant, a meeting of the brethren o the above Lodge took place at the Royal George Hotel, Shoreham. Among those present were Bros. T. Packham W.M., J. Harrison S.W., E. Bridges J.W., G. Rose Johnson Chaplain, H. Cheal Secretary, T. Hardy S.D., R. W. Higham J.D., T. Holloway I.G., K. Smith Organist, W. T. Giles and W. Swales Stewards, J. Harman Tyler, A. J. Carpenter, H. Packham, G. Courtney, J. Parnell, W. Gill, W. Bodle, A. Brazier, R. G. Webb, W. Horne, G. Fieldus, E. New; while the visiting brethren included Bros. J. Balwinkle S.D. 1421, E. Broadbridge W.M. 1636, W. Anderson S.D. 315, W, Smithers J.D. 1636, J. Curtis P.M. 315 and 1797, S. M. Lelen W.M. 1821, A. Greenyer 80, A. Burrowes 186, J. C. Buckwell 1797 and 1821, F. Wiseman P.M. Trinity 1734 and 180, and H. Anscombe I.G. 1821. The chief business of the meeting consisted of the initiation of a new member, and the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, the choice of the latter falling unanimously upon Bro. J. Harrison. The Lodge being closed, those present sat down to a complimentary banquet given by the brethren of the Lodge, in honour of Bro. T. Packham W.M. and P.M. 315. The newly-elected W.M. occupied the chair, the vice chairs being filled by Bros. E. Bridges and T. Hardy. Ample justice having been done to the spread supplied by Bro. Gates, the Chairman opened the toast list by proposing H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past, each of which was well received. He then gave the R.W. Sir W. W. Burrell Prov. G.M. of Sussex, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past. He regretted the absence of Sir W. W. Burrell nd the Provincial Officers, who were unable to be present. Bro. J. Curtis, in responding, remarked that if rumour were correct, the Burrell Lodge would soon be honoured by the appointment of their W.M., Bro. T. Packham, as one of the Provincial Grand Stewards. The election would, he felt, be well deserved. The Chairman proposed the W.M. Bro. Packham P.M. 315, and bore testimony to his sterling qualities, his zeal on behalf of Masonry, and the excellent manner in which he carried out the duties of the various offices entrusted to him; the longer they knew him the better they liked him, They would all hope with him (Bro. Harrison) that their worthy guest that evening would rise even higher in the Craft. Bro. Packham, in responding, said he never anticipated such on occasion as that on which they were gathered together. If he had been successful as their W.M., it must be remembered that he had had excellent Officers to assist him, and each had carried out his duties faithfully. To his Secretary (Bro. Cheal) he was especially indebted, and he took the opportunity of referring to the blame that had been attached to one of their secretaries on a previous occasion, and of stating that that Officer was not to blame, the neglect really being on the part of his senior Officer, whose duty it was to see that he had been in receipt of the return papers, over which the neglect had occurred. He (Bro. Packham) referred in feeling terms to the losses during his year of office of their late Bros. Captain Sinclair and Mitchell. He was proud that the brethren had been enabled to assist the widow of their late Bro. Mitchell, and those outside the pale of the Craft might be reminded that Masonic Charity had no bounds but prudence. Concluding his remarks, Bro. Packham said he should never forget that day's meeting, and he should always remember with feelings of gratitude, respect, and love all those present with him. He then proposed the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Harrison--a Mason who had worked assiduously in the Craft, and had on many occasions rendered him valuable assistance. He trusted he would experience a happy year of office, for he regarded him as one of the most energetic Masons he had ever met. Bro. J. Harrison, in responding, said the brethren might deem him an inveterate "beggar," but he should continue his utmost in aid of the Masonic Charities. The Chairman proposed the Entered Apprentice. Bro. Horne responded. The toast of the Visitors, given from the chair, was acknowledged by Bros. Broadbridge and Wiseman. The Tyler's toast brought the pleasant gathering to a close. During the evening some excellent songs and recitations were given by several of the brethren present.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—On Tuesday, 12th inst., at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, there were present Bros. Roberts W.M., Shadler S.W., G. H. Stephens J.W., Clements S.D. and Sec., Oxley I.G., Moss Preceptor; also Bro. Mallett. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Mallett acting as candidate. Bro. Mallett answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted; Lodge advanced, and Bro. Mallett passed to the degree of F.C. For the purpose of practice Lodge opened in the third degree, and closed to the first, when it was proposed by Bro. Moss Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. G. H. Stephens, that Bro. Mallett, of the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365, be elected a member. Bro. Shadler was elected to fill the chair for next Tuesday evening, 19th inst., when the Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock, and on this occasion Bro. Webb P.M. has kindly consented to rehearse the ceremony of installation; brethren who attend will undoubtedly be rewarded by spending an instructive evening. We may add that this Lodge has almost entirely devoted itself to the rehearsal of ceremonies, therefore those brethren who are more anxious for this working will do well to place themselves under the able Preceptor, Bro. D. Moss. Lodge closed and adjourned.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—It is seldom our pleasurable duty to record such steady progress and so eminently satisfactory a result in connection with a Lodge of Instruction as it becomes our duty, after visiting the Joppa Lodge, which was held on Tuesday evening last, at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street. Although established scarcely two years, this Lodge has attracted to itself a goodly circle of thorough working members, whose heart is in the cause, and whose Masonic zeal finds tangible and frequent expression. As one proof of the thoroughly good work done, and the right direction given to the efforts of the members, it is only necessary to mention that within the very short period of its existence, and with only the nominal fees common to most Lodges of Instruction, this Lodge has already created two life subscribers to the Masonic Charities—one to the Royal Benevolent Institution, and another to the Boys' School; and on Tuesday evening it was announced that the funds in hand were sufficient to admit of a ballot for the third life subscriber at the next alternate meeting. This is a state of things reflecting the highest credit upon so young a Lodge of Instruction, and is deserving of being extensively copied. Another feature of this little conclave at the Champion is the excellence of the work that is being carried on, under the guidance of Bro. A. G. Dodson P.M. as Preceptor, and the no less admirable arrangements which have been made by Bro. R. Chillingworth P.M., the esteemed proprietor of the hotel, for the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren. The Lodge room is fitted up in cosy, and even luxurious, fashion, with every possible convenience, whilst the urbanity of Bro. Chillingworth, his readiness to take any position in the Lodge when required, and to render good service in the working, in which he is so proficient, as well as for his general arrangements for promoting the welfare of the Lodge and the happiness of its members, add greatly to the pleasure of a visit here. On Tuesday evening last, the chair was occupied by Bro. J. Hughes, who acquitted himself most creditably as Worshipful Master, supported by Bros. Thomas Agutter S.W., H. L. Phillips J.W., Samuel Pardoe S.D., Isaac Botibol I.G., A. G. Dodson P.M. Preceptor, R. J. Chillingworth P.M., J. Hicks Secretary, F. Deering, Nightingale, A. R. Green, G. H. Cobb, C. J. Dunlop, E. Davy, E. H. Tyrrell, J. Pigé, W. Gardner, and others. Lodge having been opened in due form, the questions for passing were put to Bros. Deering and Cobb, both of whom answered satisfactorily, and were entrusted. Bro. Deering then retired, being the initiate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, with Bro. Cobb as candidate, Bro. Pardoe as S.D. The questions before raising having been put to Bro. Cobb, Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Hughes then vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. A. G. Dodson P.M., who rehearsed the ceremony of raising. The impressive and accurate manner in which the Preceptor delivered the charges was decidedly an intellectual treat, and afforded the utmost gratification, as well as edification, to the brethren and visitors who were fortunate enough to be present. At the close of the ceremony Brother Hughes resumed his position, and Lodge was closed in form, after two members had been accepted, and other matters of business transacted. Bro. Thomas Agutter was unanimously elected as W.M. for the next meeting. We may add that these enjoyable gatherings for instruction are held every Tuesday evening at the Champion Hotel, at half past seven o'clock, and that visitors are always most cordially welcomed.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—At the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on Monday, 11th inst., Bros. Taplin W.M., Rowles S.W., Cotton J.W., Nicholson S.D., Taylor J.D., Fleming I.G. and Tyler, Brooks Secretary, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge was opened and closed in the second. The evening was occupied with the following official business. The committee reported the result of their audit of the accounts; and also made an inventory of Lodge furniture. Bro. Brooks Sec. read the Bye-laws, also the following short summary of the work of the past session. A retrospect of the whole course of meetings of this Lodge of Instruction is exceedingly interesting and satisfactory to all concerned; it can boast of having been visited by the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Province, Brother Sir Francis Burdett, Bart. The Lodge has received valuable presents, from Bros. H. E. Tucker Preceptor, and Nicholson, of a volume of the Sacred Laws from the former, and a velvet cushion from the latter. The Lodge consists of sixteen subscribing, and nine honorary members. The meetings commenced on the 31st October 1881, and closed on 28th August 1882, so that thirty-nine meetings have been held. The number of attendances for the whole course, including visitors, has been 377, an average of nearly ten per meeting; the largest attendance was on the occasion of the presentations being made by Bros. Tucker and Nicholson, on the 9th January 1882, when 41 were present; the smallest number during the summer has been five, when the brethren found other enjoyment than that of a Lodge indoors. The ceremonies have been rehearsed as follow:—Initiation 29, Passing 15, Raising 6; total 50. The brethren have only met twice without rehearsing a ceremony, and have never assembled without a sufficienf number to open the Lodge. In addition to the ceremonies mentioned above, Bro. C. Andrews P.M., honorary member, has worked one or more sections of the first lecture at four meetings, and given a lecture on the first tracing board twice. The Lodge is also indebted to Bro. W. W. Morgan honorary member, for twice delivering Lectures during the course. The following list gives the names of those who have filled the chair, and also the number of times each has filled it:—Bros. C. Andrews P.M. honorary member 1, E. H. Sugg P.M. honorary member 1, C. E. Botley honorary

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member 1, F. Botley honorary member 1, Gray 1, H. E. Tucker Preceptor 2, Rowles 4, Nicholson 5, Brooks 7, Taplin 8, Cotton 8; total 39. This short report of the first course of meetings will be sufficient to prove the necessity for the Lodge, and we hope the work of the future may be even more satisfactory than that of the past. Bro. Cotton Treasurer reported upon the financial position as follows: Receipts £6 12s 10d, Expenses £3 16s 6d, balance in hand £2 16s 4d. The consideration of the disposal of the balance was adjourned for a fortnight; the Secretary and Treasurer were reappointed. Bro. Rowles S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Bro. Cotton S.W. intimated his intention of presenting the Lodge with a new set of collars. This brought a long evening's work to a close, and the Lodge was closed with the usual formalities, and adjourned until Monday, the 18th September.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—The meeting on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, was presided over by Bro. C. H. Phillips W.M., who was supported by Bros. R. Poore S.W., J. N. Bate J.W., J. Hill S.D., W. J. Newland J.D., H. Stokes I.G., James Stevens P.M. Preceptor, E. A. Francis, S. C. Hill, H. S. Biggs, &c. Lodge was opened and minutes confirmed. Bro. Biggs, as candidate, was proved and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The F.C. charge was given by Bro. Bate. The explanation of the tracing board was rendered by the Preceptor, Bro. James Stevens, who was assisted by Bros. Francis and J. Hill. Lodge was closed down, and called off. "Entry drill" was practised, and the Lodge called on. Bro. R. Poore was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and then Lodge closed in perfect harmony.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 8th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bros. F. Botley W.M., Gunner S.W., C. E. Botley J.W., Goss P.M. S.D., Blasby P.M. J.D., E. Monson I.G.; Bros. Dorey, Hewlings, Sperring, Maton, Turner. Lodge opened in the first degree, and the minutes of meeting held on 25th August were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Sperring candidate. Lodge closed in third and second degrees. Bro. Gunner was elected W.M. for 29th September. Bro. Sidney Turner, of the Lodge of Agriculture, 1199, was elected a member. Lodge was then closed and adjourned until 15th September (Officers' night).

Star in the East Lodge, No. 650.—At the monthly meeting of this Lodge, held at Harwich, Essex, on Tuesday evening, 12th inst., the election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, when the choice of the brethren unanimously fell upon Brother Richard Clowes, a most hardworking member of the Lodge, who has filled the chair of S.W. during the past year with great credit to himself and benefit to the Lodge.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. T. Clark W.M., Christian S.W., Smyth J.W., F. Carr Secretary, A. J. Clark S.D., Glass J.D., Bunker I.G. P.M. Bro. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Brasted, Steel, Baker, Edwards, Marsh, Forss, Darnell. Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Edwards offered himself as a candidate for passing and was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was called off, and on resuming its Masonic duties Bro. Christian gave the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Forss worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was opened in the third degree and regularly closed to the first. Bro. Forss worked the fourth section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No 1471.—On Monday, at the Crown and Cushion Tavern, London Wall, Bro. D. P. Holness W.M. of the mother Lodge presided; he was supported by Bros. Cuthbertson S.W., Thompson J.W., Medwin S.D., Hawksley J.D., Conchman I.G., Hunter Acting Preceptor, Sparrow Secretary. Lodge was opened in due form, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Petley candidate. Bro. Bedington answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge opened in second degree. Bro. Wall answered questions leading to the third. Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Wall candidate. On resuming the Lodge to the first degree, Bro. O'Brien, of Perseverance, No. 1748, was elected a member. Bro. Cuthbertson was appointed W.M. for the ensuing meeting. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Holness for attending to preside on this occasion, and special reference was made to the interest he had taken in this Lodge of Instruction.

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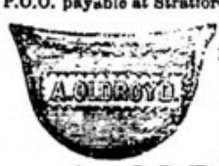

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THE OCTOBER ELECTION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE Ballot Paper for the coming Election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls presents an appearance which we are almost afraid to hope will be repeated for many years to come, even if ever it is during the lifetime of the present generation. Each of the candidates particulars of whose claims are recorded on it now seek election for the first time. This fact is not, in itself, anything very extraordinary, but it calls forcibly to our mind the great benefit which the School was able to afford to those whose position necessitated an appeal for its charity, by admitting, in April last, all the candidates then approved. We need not say more on the present occasion, on this subject, than to hope that the children who were then elected, by reason of the special resolution which authorised the necessary extra "vacancies," are one and all progressing, and that by attention to their studies they are shewing their appreciation of the benefits conferred on them.

There are twenty candidates on the list for this coming October election, of whom but seven can be admitted. As is usual, the selection of the seven most deserving would be a task almost of impossibility; we assume that all are deserving, and could only hope that it were again possible to take them all on. There is but one last application case, No. 14, B. A. Cookes, daughter of—so says the official particulars—the W.M. of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 284 (Warwickshire), who has his wife and five other children to provide for. We feel sure that the Province of which this brother is a member will not allow a really deserving candidate to be neglected, so we may safely leave the case in their hands; but we cannot help remarking that this is another instance showing the lack of information to be desired from the published particulars of the several candidates. We think, in this case, some further information would be acceptable to the general body of subscribers, many of whom are unable to attend the meetings at which the petitions are discussed. No. 20, E. C. Hippey, is one of four children left parentless, and on that account has, we think, the next claim on the benefits of the Institution. We can only hope she may be successful in securing them. Her father's Province—Oxfordshire—ought to be able to get together a sufficient number of votes to carry her in, and we trust that, considering the destitute condition in which the four children who comprise the family are placed, they will make an extra effort to do so, and that, too, at this coming election. There are seven children dependent on the mother of No. 10, B. E. Knott, the father of whom died in July 1880. This is the only case from Worcestershire, and if taken up by the Province with anything like spirit, should be among the successful on the 14th proximo. There are three candidates whose widowed mothers each have six children dependent on them—No. 8, M. Dobby, daughter of an old member of the Great Northern Lodge, London; No. 13, N. Besly, daughter of a late W.M. of the Caveac Lodge, London, who died in March of the present year; and No. 17, M. Woodward, daughter of another W.M., of the Inhabitants Lodge, Gibraltar. The particulars we have already given as to these candidates—that they are all fatherless, and each a member of a family of six—are all that are supplied, but we imagine these are sufficient to cause a tear of sympathy to flow from each member of the Craft under whose notice their respective cases may come. The mother of No. 7, K. Stokes, is not, perhaps, quite so badly off; we read that one of her six children is partly provided for, but really unless the provision is of a substantial nature—and we presume it is not, or it would not be described as partial—this poor widow is hardly less to be sympathised with than the three last referred to. Her late husband is described as W.M. of the Finsbury Lodge, No. 861, London; he also died in March of the current year. There are no less than five candidates who are members of families of five children "dependent." Of these, No. 4, E. Hayes, has lost her mother, while the others, No. 3, K. Wortley, No. 6, F. Mason, No. 11, A. E. Lord, No. 15, M. E. Hammond, have severally lost their father. The father of No. 3, who, strange to say, is returned as another W.M. (of Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, Durham), stands first in point of number of years subscribed, dues having been paid to Grand Lodge in his name for a total of twenty-four years, and as the date of his initiation dates back as far as December 1854, while his death occurred in December 1879, we may assume he was a member for the whole of that time. No. 4 is one of two cases accredited to the Province of Hants and Isle of Wight, this child's father having joined Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 359, in that district. She is the candidate already referred to as having a father alive, but no mother; let us hope the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will fulfil that office for her, at least so far as it is possible. No. 9 is a Cheshire case, and as such, thanks to the systematic working of the Cheshire brethren, is all but sure of election. In saying this we do not wish to draw away any outside help which might be given to the case; on the contrary, we think that those who take pains to secure the election of their candidates should be supported in preference to a Province where no organisation or self-help is brought to bear. The same may almost be said of No. 11, an East Lancashire case. The father of the child died while serving as W.M. of the Affability Lodge, No. 317, Manchester, at the end of last year, after a subscribing membership of eleven years. No. 15 is a Suffolk lass; let us hope she may secure the help of the entire Province of which her father was a member. The name of its Deputy Prov. G. Master is too well known in connection with the Charities of the Order to leave much doubt in our minds but that this child will have some good supporters if the case deserve it, and knowing what we do of the Suffolk brethren, we hardly think they would allow a candidate to be put forward unless she were deserving. We shall expect to see Mary Ethel Hammond among the "successful" at an early date. Four children dependent is the number accredited in the case of No. 9, F. M. Beavon, daughter of the late Senior Deacon of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 500, Madras. We trust that sufficient support will be forthcoming to relieve this widowed "sister" of the burden of supporting one of her orphan children. No. 2, E. A. Hill, is one of a family of three now dependent on their mother, whose husband, a member of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, London, died in January 1881. Five of the remaining six candidates are each members of families of two dependent children. In one case—that of No. 12, F. M. G. Willcox,—the father is the surviving parent; in the other, the mother. Bro. Willcox is returned as a member of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Somerset, and has a good Province at his back if he can get it to take his case in hand. No. 5, F. A. Prebble is daughter of an old member of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208, Kent, a

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Lodge we remember visiting at a time when a case of great distress was brought before its members. What we saw on that occasion leaves no doubt on our mind but that the widow of their late member will receive such assistance as it is possible for her late husband's brethren to afford. No. 16, I. McLeod, is the other Hampshire case; her father having also been a member of Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 359. The brethren of that Lodge, and of the Province generally, will have enough to do with their two cases, but doubtless the best that is possible will be achieved on behalf of each. No. 18, E. J. Matthews comes to us from Tasmania, her father having been a member of the Tasmanian Union Lodge, No. 536, up to the time of his death, which took place in September 1880. The brethren of Middlesex are called upon to help the family of one of their most respected past members—Bro. Keily, who ranked as P.G. Treasurer of the Province. During his lifetime he was not unmindful of the Institutions, from one of which his family now seek aid, he having acted as Steward, and qualified as a Life Governor to each of the three. Doubtless, he little thought, when urging the claims of the Institutions on others that a member of his family would one day become a candidate, yet such is the case; his daughter, M. P. Keily, stands No. 19 on the list. Let those who are able, assist her, and thus acknowledge the work done by her father. The last case to which we have to devote attention is the first on the list, M. H. Hirst. She is the only child dependent on a widowed mother, and is accredited to the Province of West Yorks. This is another of those fortunate cases where organisation and systematic utilisation of votes renders its candidate all but certain of securing a place, provided the Province takes the matter up; we hope that will be so in this instance, provided the child is as deserving of sympathy as are some of the others whose claims we have directed attention to in the earlier part of these remarks.

We are asked to point out that an omission—of a serious nature to the two more particularly concerned—has been made in the particulars given on the ballot papers for the October election of the Boys' School. It appears that Nos. 21, T. M. Nicholas, and No. 30 C. P. O'Doherty, will both be ineligible — on account of age — unless they are elected on the next occasion. Through some oversight, the special reference usual in such cases has been omitted, but we trust the error will not materially affect the chances of these candidates. Two other candidates, viz. No. 10, R. A. L. Hill, and No. 43, W. R. Worthington, have been withdrawn.

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

THE Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska convened and assembled in its twenty-fifth Annual Communication in the Masonic Hall, Lincoln, Nebraska, on Tuesday, 20th June, at three o'clock in the afternoon, there being present:—

M.W. James C. Cain	Grand Master
R.W. Edwin F. Warrin	Deputy Grand Master
Samuel W. Hayes	Grand Senior Warden
John J. Wimple	Grand Junior Warden
Christian Hartman	Grand Treasurer
William R. Bowen	Grand Secretary
V.W. George Scott	Grand Chaplain
W. James S. Gilham	Grand Orator
R.W. Lee P. Gillette (P.D.G.M) ...	Grand Lecturer
W. Alfred L. Palmer	Grand Marshal
Francis E. White	Grand Senior Deacon
Frank E. Bullard	Grand Junior Deacon
Bro. Oliver W. Littler as	Grand Tyler

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, when it was ascertained that seventy-three out of the seventy-nine chartered Lodges were represented.

In the course of his address the Grand Master stated that the brethren were assembled in this their twenty-fifth Annual Communication to consider, and, so far as may be, adopt such measures as will preserve and promote the best interests and pure principles of our ancient and honourable Fraternity, and to that end it is earnestly hoped that the same careful scrutiny and thorough investigation of the several matters presented for consideration should be observed that had characterised their deliberations heretofore. He congratulated the brethren, and particularly the founders, upon their past fair record, and the promise of a bright future before their Grand Lodge. It may have been with fear and trembling that they laid the foundation stones of Nebraska Masonry, but they can now rejoice as one who returns and brings his sheaves with him; for the Institution has kept time and pace with their young and vigorous state in the rapid development of her material resources, and, side by side with the other co-ordinate departments of all her social system, has ever been found the Institution of Freemasonry; foremost in every good word and work that tends to the best moral, social, and intellectual interests of Society. The year that had just past had in many ways been a fruitful one. The earth had yielded her increase abundantly, and the labours of the husbandman had been richly rewarded. Sturdy yeomen from foreign lands, cringing under the yoke of despotism, and the more favoured sons of free America, from the less remote eastern and middle States, have in numbers without stint sought homes, happiness and prosperity within these borders. Capital seeking permanent and profitable investment had been lavishly employed in the development of valuable resources. The artizan and mechanic had found abundant employment for their skill and cunning, and on every hand the busy hum and bustle of industry had been heard. Thrift and prosperity were everywhere seen. The barren plains have been made to bud and blossom, and the onward march of civilisation had turned the great wilderness into a fruitful field. For these and kindred blessings it was but meet and proper that we should return our grateful acknowledgments to Him who is the giver of every good and perfect gift, and to whom alone we are indebted for our prosperity as a people and as a nation. After referring to the losses sustained by the Craft at large, through the hand of Death, and congratulating the brethren of his jurisdiction upon the immunity they had enjoyed, the Grand Master stated that to each of the bereaved Grand Lodges he had referred to, he had extended the fraternal sympathy of this M.W. Grand Lodge, and he recommended that suitable mention be made, and action taken by this Grand Body to commemorate the virtues of these fraternal dead.

The installation meeting of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, took place on Wednesday, at the Approach Tavern, Approach Road, Victoria Park. We had been invited, and certainly it was our intention to be present, but on our arriving at the headquarters of the Lodge, on Thursday evening, to our disappointement we found that the event had occurred the day previously. Bro. Jones, we were informed, was installed in due form by the retiring Master, Bro. J. L. Sturtevant, who performed the ceremony to the satisfaction of a goodly muster of the members and visitors, and we only regret that the alteration of the date, if accidental, should not have been communicated to us. We mention this matter, so that it may not appear discourteous, after the pressing invitation we received, not to give a more comprehensive report of the proceedings.

YE ANTIENTE FRATERNITIE OF YE RAHERE ALMONERS.—We notified in our last the consent of Bro. John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., Lord Mayor of London, to preside over the forthcoming Anniversary Festival Banquet of the above Society, to be held at Cannon-street Hotel, on the 20th October. Since that announcement a strong working Committee has been formed to assist the Grand Council in securing a reception for his Lordship, the present Sheriffs, Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson and Sir W. A. Ogg, and the Sheriffs elect Bros. Alderman De Keyser and Alderman Savory, who are also expected to be present, as shall fully justify the already acknowledged reputation of the "Rahere Almoners" for attractive public gatherings. We have had an opportunity of looking over the report of the past year's operations of the Fraternity, and can endorse the Lord Mayor's remark that "the Society is doing good and useful work." Many a poor heart in the parish with which it is connected (St. Bartholomew) was cheered and supported by the "Almoners'" timely gift during the past winter; and no charitable person can do otherwise than congratulate the Society on the patronage it has secured, and wish it GOD SPEED!

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LODGE HISTORIES.

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ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE, No. 37, BOLTON.

(Continued from page 196).

In our last issue, we gave an outline account of the history of this old Lodge, from information which has been compiled by Bros. George Parker Brockbank and James Newton, and which will have been perused with deep interest by all under whose notice the little volume has fallen. Prior to 1765 there is little doubt that the Anchor and Hope assembled in the private room in Churchgate, before it assumed the wider dimensions in which it now appears. There are some curious items in this old history which will strike Masons of the present day with more than ordinary interest. It is pretty evident, moreover, that our brethren of a century and a-half ago were equally particular with ourselves in observing the amenities of society, for in the oldest volume of the existing records, which seems to have answered the double purpose of minute book and cash account, there is a singular entry of 6s 6d paid for "liquor" on 20th April 1765. Four items of a similar character occur between that date and 4th May, when it appears that the brethren found themselves in somewhat of a quandary, inasmuch as they had to pay Mr. Brown the enormous sum of half a sovereign before they could take away their "old box" which contained their utensils, "such as candlesticks, &c.!" The account runs as follows:—"Paid for candlesticks, cleaning, &c., 2s; a Mallett and Square, 6d; Copying the Bye-laws, 1s 6d; ten yards of Ferritting, at 2d per yard, 1s 8d; a Level, Square, and Plumb Rule, 2s; Two Brothers in distress, 2s;" also payments for "liquor" at T. Rothwell's and J. Lomax's! It is an inference drawn by the authors of this unique history that previous to the year from which their records date, Lodges used no distinctive names, but were known only by their members and the "signs" of the houses in which they assembled. Thus it transpires that the Anchor and Hope varied in different years as to its cognomen. The first mention to be traced of the name of the place of meeting is in the minute book of the Royal Arch Chapter of Concord attached to the Lodge. On 5th December 1787, in the Chapter bye-laws it is stated as the Hope. In subsequent entries, in the same minute book, it is variously stated as the "Hope," "Hope and Anchor," and "Anchor and Hope." This leads up to a reference in a local gazetter of an inn called the "Hope," and another called the "Anchor;" but it would seem that no record is extant as to a meeting place bearing any of these titles now existing in Bolton, though there is some historical connection between those names and the "Rope and Anchor," in Deansgate, which appears almost a paradoxical sign to give to a hostelry in an inland centre. Regular Lodges appear to have been held monthly, during the period mentioned in the "oldest volume," as well as occasional meetings of emergency, the Master and Principal Officers being elected half-yearly, and installed on the Festivals of St. Johns' the Baptist and Evangelist. A curious custom was the payment to the Secretary of a fee of one shilling for each initiation, while the enormous sum of 6d was paid for a twenty-four inch gauge, and a similarly extravagant amount of 1s 2d for a Junior Deacon's jewel! We quite concur with the writer's comment, that "the prices paid for these and other implements, previously noted, prove that the members were content with ordinary operative tools." On the contrary, and supposing the number of members to have been not very extensive, it is atrocious that 14s was paid on 23rd October 1766 for 3½ gross of pipes. Similar entries abound in the history, as the auctioneers say, "too numerous to mention." Another feature of the compendium is the conference of two degrees on a brother at the same meeting, though the qualification is appended that "we presume the term 'Enter'd' as applied to these brethren means that they were admitted as joining members." As an instance of the frugality of the members, it is noted that on the Festival on St. John's Day, 24th June 1769:—Paid for Liquor £1 1s 9d; 18 dinners 18s 0d; tobacco 6½d; maid 5s 3d; total £2 5s 6½d, or only about 2s 6½d each, towards which, on each occasion, the members present contributed half a crown each. The compilers point out, with some degree of force, that "this is in striking contrast to the costly banquets of the present day, although in one respect they are somewhat similar, the payments for *fluids* being in excess of those for *solids* then as now on many occasions." The charitable actions of the brethren of this old Lodge were significant in comparison with the expenses incurred personally, and it is most interesting to read of "blind and distressed brother" being relieved from the funds of the Lodge, which in those days can scarcely compare with modern affluence, whilst foreign brethren seem to have been treated with even more liberality than those at home. One little extract as to Masonic customs of over a century ago may be quoted:—

"A curious custom which prevailed in the Lodge at this period is marked by an entry of 2/6, paid 21 May 1772, by Bro. Nathl. Howarth as 'Beverage for a good wife.' The explanation of this entry must be taken to be that the worthy Brother had taken to himself a wife, and paid the sum named in order that his Brethren might toast the healths of the newly married couple at the expense of the bridegroom. Three similar entries subsequently occur in the book, the 'Beverage Money' being the same 2/6 in each case; and in another case 1/- is paid on the birth of a son. This custom continued to be practised in Lodges at the earlier portion of Bro. Brockbanck's Masonic career, now some 36 years ago."

And another, amongst the notes of the brethren of "ye olden time," states:—

"At a Lodge of Emergency held 10 March 1774, it was agreed 'That We subscribe 21/- towards building the Hall.' This would be the Freemasons' Hall, London. The subscription appears to have been duly paid, along with the annual subscription to the 'General Fund of Charity.'"

Following on from the early records up to 1836, it appears the information gained is of but a fragmentary character, consisting mainly of a book of bye laws dated 1st July 1790, and a roll book, commencing December 1798, containing lists of members, with their payments of subscriptions. This bears out what the compilers informed us in their introduction as to the negligent or accidental destruction of many of the records, which, had they been preserved, would have spared a vast amount of time and pains in research. The roll of members, however, gives evidence of the vitality of the Lodge, inasmuch as in the 22 years between 1776 to December 1798, there were no fewer than seventy-six initiations, the names and dates of the brethren being furnished by Bro. Buss, the Assistant Grand Secretary, from the Grand Lodge books. Passing over the records of the Royal Arch Chapter attached to the Lodge in 1785, all of which are extant, we come upon an interesting entry, which informs us that in January 1786:—

"A Lodge was opened in Bolton, at the Crown Inn, Deansgate, under the 'Ancients' Grand Lodge, viz.:—The Lodge of Antiquity, No. 196, its present number being 146. This Lodge was originally established at the Fox Inn, Leigh, by warrant of 24 June 1776. Notwithstanding the prohibitory orders of their respective Grand Lodges, the members of the 'Anchor & Hope' and the 'Antiquity' Lodges seem, for a time at least, to have been in the habit of frequently interchanging visits as testified by the records of the Antiquity Lodge, and other entries therein otherwise refer to the Anchor and Hope Lodge."

Regular processions occurred at stated periods, such as sermons on St. John's Days, the funerals of deceased brethren, &c. and visits to sister Lodges were regulated by the fiat of the Worshipful Masters, under conditions which appear strangely interesting in the light of modern Masonry. A local newspaper recently published the first mention that can be found of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lancashire, from which, however, the particular day and month are absent. It seems there was a "General Provincial Convocation of the Masonic Societies at Manchester, at the particular request of the Grand Lodge in London," under the patronage of John Allen, Esq., the Provincial Grand Master for the county, who attended for the purpose." The brethren were all habited with the insignia of office, and the Colonel of the first Regiment of Dragoon Guards, having "politely" ordered a party of military to parade on the occasion, they proceeded to St. John's Church, preceded by the officers of the town, "who kindly tendered their services." Then follows in tabular form a description of the procession, which must have been a gorgeous affair, and at the service, where a large congregation assembled, an anthem and some hymns were selected, and an eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. Bro. Ratcliffe from the 13th Chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, "Let brotherly love continue." The procession then returned in the order in which they came, and when the brethren came opposite to the Bull's Head they formed in a line whilst the Grand Master passed, saluting them to the front. They then went in, where a very elegant dinner was awaiting them. Fourteen Lodges were represented, comprising the whole of the Lodges then existing in Lancashire under the "Moderns" Grand Lodge. To show the increase of the Craft in this stronghold of true Masonry, it may be mentioned that at the present time there are no fewer than 173 Lodges in the East and West Provinces of Lancashire. We may conclude our notice this week by referring to a curious extract, showing that to be a Chaplain in these good old times did not necessarily imply that he should be duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order.

(To be continued.)

At the North London Chapter of Improvement on Thursday, Comp. Edmonds occupied the chair of Z., and was supported by Comps. Hunter and Sparrow, who fulfilled the duties of Haggai and Joshua. An instructive evening was spent. We recommend Companions to visit this Chapter of Improvement, which is held every Thursday evening, at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's Road, Islington, N.

Next Tuesday evening the members of the Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188, will ballot, under their bye laws, for a third life subscribership to the Masonic Charities. A large attendance is expected.

THE RETAIL DRAPERY TRADE.—The *Warehousemen and Drapers Trade Journal* of Saturday last publishes reports of the retail drapery trade throughout the kingdom. From these it is concluded that the spring and autumn returns have been fairly good, although the summer has not proved so favourable for business as had been anticipated. In agricultural districts trade is still suffering from depression caused by the bad harvests of recent years, and the prospects for the coming season depend greatly upon the results of the harvest now in progress, which it is too early yet to estimate accurately. Grouping the metropolitan reports according to postal districts, those from the western division are perhaps the best. The east-end returns are not quite so encouraging. In some cases an improved trade is reported, but in most the average appears scarcely to have been sustained. In North London trade appears to have been slightly better, certainly up to an average, though complaints are made in this, as in other districts, of the severity of competition and the smallness of profits. In the south of London (S.W. and S.E.) an average trade has been done. In the central districts also business has been generally up to the average. The Irish reports as to trade are decidedly favourable, more so than had been anticipated, and taken in connection with indications of an improved state of feeling, are encouraging.

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BULLS AND MANIFESTOS—BATTLE OF THE RITES.

THE season for "bulls" or manifestos has opened, all of them being imaginary death-blows at some part of our Institution.

The first bull was issued by a representative of the Pope, residing in some obscure place in Quebec, who, in order to achieve notoriety attacked Freemasonry, and threatened all sorts of penalties, in this and the next world, upon any Roman Catholics who would enter our ranks. We never like to speak lightly of clergymen, no matter what creed they belong to, but if the one here referred to practised what the Great Master called the second commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," with as much earnestness as Freemasons, he would not endeavour to make himself the keeper of other men's consciences.

The second bull emanated from a like source, being promulgated by the "Tribune," a weekly Catholic paper, which many of our readers doubtless never heard of, although it is published in Toronto. This was a rare article, the chief characteristic being the unlimited supply of adjectives used, which proclaimed the writer to have once been press agent for a circus or a puffer-up of some patent medicine. We fancy Freemasonry will outlive these dreadful onslaughts.

The next bull or manifesto was issued by the acting G.C. of the Supreme Council of the Sovereign Inspectors General of the 33° of the A. and A.S.R. of Canada, warning its members of the invasion of its territory by another Supreme Council, and directing to "have no conversation or other connection with any members of these spurious concerns." Other Masonic bodies are appealed to, and requested not to countenance the invading Supreme Council, which is "without the least semblance of legitimacy." This document is couched in very forcible language, but beyond that, nothing in it proves its legitimacy."

Then comes the manifesto from the S.G. Council of the Sov. Grand Inspectors General, A. and A.S.R., for British North America, which was established in June 1882, with head-quarters in Toronto. This manifesto deals in dates, figures and perhaps facts, which are more convincing than mere statements. It says that the territory of B.N.A. being vacant, so far as the A. and A.S.R. was concerned, a Supreme Grand Council of the Cerneau Rite was established here, but acknowledges that there "was and is an association of Masons, practising the degrees of the Rite, but they, judged in the most lenient light, can never by their own laws be esteemed a Grand Council." This bull not only hits at the Supreme Council of Canada, but also deals a blow at Peckham, who recently instituted his branch of the Cerneau Rite in Canada, and Folger, the Masonic historian, is freely quoted to maintain the stand taken by the writer, who is Bro. Geo. C. Longley S.G.C., residing in Maitland, and who is no mean authority on matters of Masonic history.

Following this we have a manifesto from A. B. Mott, Most Ill. G.M. General in and for the Continent of America, who claims that Longley and two others received their 33° from him, and he pertly asks:—"who gave them authority to make a sufficient number of 33° members to constitute a Sovereign Sanctuary, and where is their charter?

And last, but not least, we have Bro. Dr. Ramsay's views in the "Tablet." His statement is tersely written and put together in not only a readable but convincing form. Strangely enough he also quotes from Folger to substantiate his statements. The "Tablet" says:—Recently we believe some of the former members of the Cerneau body, who deserted and took the oath of fealty to the Northern Jurisdiction, have deserted again, and under Hopkins Thompson have pretended to re-organise a Cerneau Supreme Council, but their claims are so manifestly absurd that no argument is needed to convince any reasonable mind that they are clearly illegitimate.

In all seriousness, we ask the brethren running these various Rites what all the fuss is about? If there are more than enough to keep afloat try and bury a couple, but a complete burial—without the possibility of a resurrection—would be a great blessing to Freemasonry. If these high grades are instituted for the sole purpose of giving the "guns" an opportunity of throwing mud at each other, then they are very successful; but if they have any higher aim they will never achieve it by the present course. We have for some time felt that these high grades had a little too much humbug about them, and now that they are adopting the cut-each-other-throat policy we are fully convinced that our estimate was not far astray.—*Canadian Freemason.*

From the Directors' Report of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company we gather that the general working of the Company during the half-year has been satisfactory. The Reports of the official Gas Examiners continue to be favourable, and in view of the completion of the new Gas Holder, which will give the Company an additional storage of 1,600,000 cubic feet of gas, the price of gas will, from and after the present Michaelmas quarter, be reduced to 3s 3d per 1000 cubic feet. The Directors recommend the declaration of a dividend for the half year ending 30th June last at the following rates per annum, viz.—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—all less Income Tax; this will amount to £11,593 12s 4d, and the sum of £6,100 16s 3d will be carried forward to the profit of the succeeding half-year.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn occupied the seat of President, Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice President, occupied the Senior Vice President's chair, and Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C. held the chair of Junior Vice President. There was a good attendance of brethren, considering the season of the year. The brethren confirmed the recommendations made at last meeting, amounting to £285. The new list contained the names of twenty-one petitioners. The brethren sat three hours, and granted a total sum of £570, which was composed of one £100, three £50, two £40, two £30, three £25, three £20, one £15, and three £10. Three cases were adjourned.

By Command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the Right Wor. Brother William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R.S.S., the Annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Leicester, Northampton, and Derbyshire, will be holden at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, the 28th day of September, under the banner of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19, for the transaction of the general business of the Province, when all Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Acting Wardens, and Overseers of the several Lodges in the Province, are hereby summoned to attend, and, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons are invited to be present. A banquet will afterwards be provided at the Freemasons' Hall, at half-past five o'clock. Tickets, including dinner and dessert, 5s 6d each; but it is absolutely necessary that brethren intending to be present should signify their intention on or before Monday, the 25th of September.

The future meetings of the Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612, will be held on Tuesday evenings, at the Institute, Ealing.

The Southgate Lodge of Instruction will meet again after the summer adjournment on the first Tuesday in October, and every Tuesday after, at the Railway Hotel. Bro. Sadler P.M., Grand Tyler, is the Instructor.

The duties of the Crusaders' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677, which meets at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, were resumed on Thursday, 21st inst., at nine p.m., when the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. F. S. Rothschild W.M. 1677 P.M. 1288.

The St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211, will re-open for the winter months, at the "Moorgate," Finsbury-pavement, on Thursday, 28th September.

The ceremony of installation of W.M. will be worked by Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. Preceptor, in the United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday evening, the 29th inst., at 7.30.

The West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, will in future meet at the Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, at 8 o'clock every Monday evening.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Panmure Lodge of Instruction, No. 720, Balham Hotel, Balham, S.W., by Bro. T. Poore P.M. P.Z., &c., on Wednesday, 27th inst., at 7 p.m. Brethren are invited to attend.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Autumn is proverbially the season of sickness: then the blood requires purification, the digestion demands thorough and attentive regulation, and all the secretions call for correction. Holloway's remedies supply all the necessaries for securing health; the one overcomes cutaneous diseases, sores, ulcerations, abscesses, carbuncles, and all visible imperfections; the other acts most potently in cleansing the circulation, strengthening the stomach, governing the liver, regulating the bowels, and reducing the entire system to order. Thus these twin medicaments furnish the most efficient medicine chest available for family use. It is easier, through Holloway's discovery, to point out the remedy than to describe the disease: into the former no fallacy can intrude; into the latter prejudice may unwittingly creep.

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THE CARE OF LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In conversation with some brethren a few days ago on the above subject, a friendly discussion arose as to whether or not it would be beneficial to Lodges if their funds were vested in the case of Grand Lodge, *i.e.* if the latter would consent to act as bankers, and thus relieve the anxiety and responsibilities of private Treasurers. Of course, there is much to be said on both sides of the question; but inasmuch as your influential journal is specially designed to open up various matters connected with Freemasonry, it occurred to me that you might be glad to hear the views expressed during the conversation to which I allude, so that others may be induced to give their opinions upon it, if so disposed. In the first place then it was pointed out that in a great many Lodges the office of Treasurer is a sinecure, inasmuch as the whole of the business is virtually transacted by the Secretary, that really the Treasurer has no control over the actions of the latter, and if that officer is lax in the discharge of his duty in keeping the accounts "close up," the Lodge suffers, and the Treasurer, who is merely an ornamental personage, is brought to book for laches over which he has no control. On the other hand, it was contended that if the funds of private Lodges were placed in the hands of Grand Lodge there would be a stimulating influence exercised over them, because the officers of private Lodges would be most unwilling to appear in a weak-kneed position before the Grand Lodge, in whose favourable opinion they are always most anxious to stand.

Then, again, it was argued, with some degree of force, that such an investment of the funds would betray a sense of weakness on the part of individual Lodges, admitting that they were either incapable of managing their financial affairs, or that they did not care to be bothered with the responsibility. Further than that, it would have a tendency to "centralisation"—that word so hateful to every class of persons who are connected with self-government in any form. Moreover, it was urged that to deprive a private Lodge of its own Treasurer, and to ask Grand Lodge to be the bursar of its funds, would go far to shear it of much of its dignity and importance, and to destroy that *esprit de corps*—that sense of "our own-ness," to coin a word—which members of every Lodge like to feel respecting the affairs which immediately concern themselves. There is a kind of repugnance against too much interference on the part of the powers that be: and amongst the arguments expressed this was one—that Grand Lodge, if once entrusted with Lodge funds generally, might exercise too strict a parental authority, and such as would not be meekly borne by the brethren. For instance, they might find a Lodge which, in their opinion, is too lavish in the fourth degree, and not up to their standard as regards Charity, whereupon there might be—I do not say there would immediately—first a gentle hint, then a sharp reminder, and ultimately a peremptory command for "retrenchment and reform." Such discipline might be good for the Lodge to which it was administered, but there is room for doubt whether the members would submit thus to be dictated to by the ruling power. In my view, if the machinery of a Lodge is running too freely, and the funds are not held so well in hand as should be, then the Officers themselves should set to work, and quietly replace bolts and screws that have become loose, and altogether to amend the course of procedure. To abolish the office of Treasurer in our Lodges, and to make Grand Lodge the common bank for all the funds would, I think, be a great mistake, inasmuch as it would tend to destroy the individuality of Lodges, and do away with much of that principle of self-government which is so highly prized amongst Masons. That a great many Treasurers of Lodges have been known to go wrong, there can be no disputing; and that some Lodges are in a miserable financial plight, none who are aware of the facts will gainsay; but whether the system of investing the funds in the hands of Grand Lodge, allowing them a certain moral and disciplinarian influence over private members, would work well, is a matter upon which I can hardly venture to give an opinion. I rather think not; but should be glad to hear what some of your other correspondents have to say upon the point.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

13th September 1882. ARGUS.

IS MASONRY REALLY FLOURISHING?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read your remarks on the above question, and the comments upon them by various correspondents, but have waited in vain for any argument to show decadence in the importance, usefulness, or progress of the Craft. All the statements, so far as I am able to judge, go to support the positive view of the question, and to strengthen the conviction which all true Masons must entertain, that Masonry, so far from showing any signs of falling away, is really in as good, if not a better, position than ever it was. One valuable feature of the consideration of the subject in your columns has been to elicit sundry hints as to the admission of unworthy members, the exercise of discretion in the issue of new warrants, the placing of a wholesome check upon "Masonic mendicancy," and those other little evils which have crept into the Order, and to which, as you justly point out, all societies are liable. A careful guard against those irregularities which, it may be, have increased with the growth of Masonry, should be made a matter of thought, as it doubtless will be now that they have been so pointedly alluded to; but so far as the crucial point is concerned, I can see nothing in the correspondence which has lately taken place to show that the prosperity of the Craft has one whit abated. This is all the more satisfactory, since you have challenged an interchange of opinion on all sides of the question; and that all the ideas expressed are uniformly a reply in the affirmative to the interrogatory which heads this letter, it may be fairly assumed that nobody has anything to say to the contrary. For my own part, I am assured that both in London and the Provinces the brethren are as eager as ever to maintain the prestige of the Craft, to uphold its dignity and the probity of its members, and to do all they can possibly for the true interests of our Ancient and Honourable Institution. There are several points not touched upon in the correspondence, but which perhaps it were better not to debate in the columns even of a Masonic print, and which can be more effectually dealt with in Lodge. In this I think your correspondents have exercised a wise discretion, acting on the motto which warns us against washing our dirty linen in public. But it is no use disguising the fact that in all institutions of an extensive and cosmopolitan character there must exist circumstances which will bear reform; and if in our own midst there are *laches* which require careful and judicious treatment with a view to their eradication, it is no more than one naturally expects to find amongst every body of men assembled together for the promotion of any cause. But even in this respect I venture to assert that Freemasonry will bear favourable comparison with any other combination of individuals engaged in the prosecution of a beneficent work, whilst the vast and increasing amount of good it is effecting, both palpably and in a quiet, unostentatious manner, claims for the Craft a pre-eminence above all other institutions in the world. Therefore, if for no other reason than that it has succeeded in proving nothing to the contrary, I am glad the subject has been mooted, and am now more than ever convinced that Freemasonry *is* really flourishing.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

IMMEDIATE PAST MASTER.

GRATUITIES TO WAITERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I scarcely know whether or not this subject is one which comes within the range of public discussion, but at all events it forms a matter of comment amongst many members of the Craft, and I would merely throw out a hint respecting it. I refer to the importunities of waiters at many of our hotels, both at the banquet and afterwards. It is not necessary to inquire whether those useful servants who minister to our wants on such occasions are adequately paid for their services, but the inference is that at our best hotels they are remunerated for their time and labour, and that such a practice as touting for gratuities, as is so often complained of, is unjustifiable. Yet how invariable is the practice, when dessert is coming on, for waiters who may not have been over attentive during dinner to thrust a toothpick towards the guests, with palm so adroitly extended as to now and then suggest the coveted and expected fee. Not only so; if a response is not promptly and liberally made, the obsequious servitor will whisper very audibly in your ear, "Have to retire now, sir," "Hope you have been well attended to, sir?" and sometimes even "Waiter, sir!" as though one was dining at a cook-shop. I am perfectly certain the proprietors of hotels are not aware the extent to which this system of cadging—for there is no other name for it—is carried on, and it is just as well they should receive the hint as for the frequenters of their hotels to pay and grumble. It is not merely in Masonic gatherings we find this practice exercised, though, inasmuch as good prices are usually paid for Masonic banquets, the annoyance is all the more inexcusable. I do not make these remarks because I am more stingy, perhaps, than the rest of my brethren, but it becomes a bore when one is pestered, after an enjoyable dinner, by servants who ought to be sufficiently well paid to be relieved of the necessity—if it be a necessity—of eking out their wages by soliciting "tips" from guests around the table, and sometimes with a persistency bordering very closely on impertinence. Either let it be understood that the waiter's fees be included in the bill of fare, or follow the custom prevailing at the Odd Fellows' and other club dinners of "passing round the plate for the waiters." In either case I and the other brethren would most willingly contribute our quota, but to be compelled by sinister politeness and gentle reminders—followed by more significant hints—of your duty to "shell out" to these gentlemen is nothing more than an offensive nuisance and should be checked as far as possible. I invariably propose in the companies I join to fee the waiter at the beginning of dinner, not because I think the custom is a judicious one in a well-conducted hotel, but in order that we may be spared the infliction afterwards. But I never would, at any rate, respond to the unwarrantable importunity, such as I refer to, and which, I am sorry to say, prevails at many of our most frequented establishments, under the very noses of proprietors, who I am sure would discountenance it, only that they are ignorant of its taking place. Having said this much, I subscribe myself, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

GRUMBLER.

[Our correspondent is perfectly justified in making his complaint, which is one we have heard ourselves. We have had some thought of giving to hotel proprietors the hints contained in the above letter.—ED. F.C.]

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Northwich, on 6th inst. About 300 members of the Masonic fraternity, representing the 39 Lodges of the Province, assembled, and the day being exceedingly fine the entire programme was fulfilled in a manner that left nothing to be desired. The responsibility of entertaining the Provincial Grand Lodge rested with the local Lodge of Sincerity, 428, of which Brother T. E. Skidmore is the W.M., and the excellent arrangements perfected by the various committees were carried out with the utmost order and regularity, the visiting brethren being highly pleased with the cordiality of their reception. The Market Hall was the scene of the gathering, this being the only place in the town which afforded adequate accommodation. The interior of the spacious building underwent complete transformation, and the brethren of Lodge 428 are to be congratulated upon having adapted it so admirably for the purposes for which it was hired. A strong wooden petition was erected on either side of the passage through the centre of the building, the Apple Market-street end being constituted the Grand Lodge-room, while the other half served the purposes of a banqueting room. The hall was splendidly decorated for the occasion, this work having been entrusted to Mr. Chadwick, of Market-street, who executed his commission in a way that elicited universal praise. The Lodge-room presented an extremely attractive appearance. The throne was fixed on a carpeted dais at one end, chairs for the use of the P.G. officers being provided on each side. The temporary "walls," and the gallery front and pillars were embellished with the Tabley and Tatton arms, a number of Masonic watchwords, emblems, and monograms, and festoons of evergreens. Great skill and taste were displayed in the adornment of the banqueting room, and an exceedingly brilliant effect was produced. Surmounting the chair in the centre of the dais, reserved for P.G. Officers, was a handsome trophy of flags, set off with the Tabley arms and Prince of Wales Feathers. On the right appeared the words, "Lodge Sincerity, 428," and "The Three Grand Masters;" while on the left were read, "Lodge Fidelity, 242," and "The Three Great Lights in Masonry." Other parts of the room were beautifully decorated with trophies of flags, illuminated shields and monograms, the titles and numbers of various Lodges of the Province, and such mottoes as "Friendship, Love, and Truth," "Peace, Plenty, and Unanimity," "Faith, Hope, and Charity," "Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty," "Brotherly Love," "Relief and Truth," &c. A number of magnificent palms and table plants from Mr. Owen's Greenbank Nurseries added to the elegance of the display. The galleries were carefully screened off all round with canvas, and portions were formed into cloak and clothing rooms, and lavatories. There were also provided a daintily-furnished room for the Provincial Grand Master, and a larger one for the use of the P.G. Officers.

The Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, was prevented, by indisposition, from attending the meeting, and the circumstance was greatly regretted by all. His duties were efficiently discharged by Bro. G. W. Latham P.P.G.S.W.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the P.G.S. (Bro. Griffiths) read letters of apology from several brethren for non-attendance. The Acting Deputy Grand Master thought it right to deliver to them the message which the P.G.M. of Cheshire had entrusted him with, as they were probably aware it had pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to inflict upon him an access of illness. He trusted that would soon pass away, and would not prove to be so serious as at one time they anticipated it might be, and he was sure it would be the prayer of every member of the Provincial Grand Lodge that such might be the case. He had the pleasure of seeing their Provincial Grand Master that morning before starting, and he commissioned him to give his love to the brethren who were assembled, and to assure them how distressed he was at not being able to keep the engagement he had made, and how he hoped all would pass off successfully even in his absence. Having appealed for their sympathy and indulgence in the trying circumstances in which he was placed, he asked their prayers as a body and as individuals for the restoration of the Provincial Grand Master.

The minutes of the Grand Lodge at Macclesfield, and of two special meetings, were read by the Provincial Grand Secretary.

The Acting Deputy Grand Master said that he thought every one would agree that the present year had been one full of business in the Province of Cheshire. They had two special Grand Lodges, one to congratulate Her Majesty upon her escape from the hands of the assassin. It was a curious coincidence that a very few days before that attempt had been made, their Provincial Grand Master had alluded to a similar attempt which had been made upon the Chief Magistrate on the other side of the Atlantic. The other Grand Lodge had been for a purpose particularly agreeable to the feelings of all Masons—it was the laying of the foundation-stone of a hospital for little children. He could conceive no object nearer to the hearts of all Masons than that the sufferings of those innocent little children—suffering caused perhaps by the vice or poverty of their parents, but not inflicted upon them by their own sort—should be relieved or alleviated by the most extensive and successful measures. If their Grand Lodge had done no other work than that during the past year; if it had only been the helper on of a charity like that, he thought they would all agree that they had done a good work. But their work as Masons did not end with the two occasions of congratulation to their Sovereign and the work of charity. During that time they were called upon, not as a body but as individual Masons, to perform the pleasant office of presenting their Prov. Grand Master with a portrait of himself. Those who were present then knew how touching the ceremony was, how their Prov. Grand Master acknowledged in a few broken sentences the gift, and how they who gave it felt that all the trouble they had taken was amply repaid by the pleasure it had afforded them. That gift was to show their lavish love and affection for their Grand Master. They met again, not perhaps as a Provincial Grand Lodge, but on a most interesting occasion, when a new sister was added to the roll of Lodges of Cheshire. That Lodge was started under brilliant auspices, and accompanied by the presence of more Past Masters than he ever remembered to have met on one occasion. He hoped it might flourish, and become a source of strength to the Province. He rejoiced to see when a new Lodge was added that every solid principle was worked out, that charity, love, and virtue would be properly inculcated, and from which they would furnish a worthy number of brethren to come forward and do the work of the Province. Having alluded to the revision of the Book of Constitutions by the Grand Lodge of England, he said that it was rather a codifying of the old laws than re-enacting new ones, and that it was making matters clear where the expression before was doubtful. There was another point to which the Prov. G. Master particularly desired that attention should be drawn. There had during this year in his province been 80 resignations of membership, 35 exclusions, and 44 defaulters for non-payment of fees. He could not but believe that if proper care had been exercised in the admission of gentlemen when they were first proposed, a great many of these cases of exclusion and default would never have taken place. Of course it was perfectly impossible for him or any one else to put his fingers on this case or that, and say they were in too great a hurry in initiating this brother or that; but he did feel that if some little more care had been taken in inquiring into the circumstances and habits of gentlemen proposed, a very great deal of trouble might be saved afterwards, and a great deal of the disgrace which was brought on the Order thereby. He only mentioned that in order to urge that increased care should be exercised. He knew that care was taken at present that no person should be initiated who was not only a good fellow in himself, but who would be a credit to their Lodge and support the Order, and not, when the first flush of trouble came considered the Order should support him instead of him supporting the Order. He now turned to a subject on which he was allowed to speak with unalloyed satisfaction, that was their present position so far as regarded the Charities. They had at the present time 400 votes for Boys, 300 votes for Girls, 420 for the Old Men, and 250 for the Widows. In April they elected one Cheshire boy, and they could afford, notwithstanding, to allow a certain number for another boy. In May they elected a worthy old man, Bro. Worthington, and next October—and they must remember they had to do it—they had to elect a boy named Sykes for the Boys' School, and a girl named Mason for the Girls' School. He put that before them as their plain duty, and it must be done. To do it they must not be niggardly, they must not be remiss. He took it it was the duty of every Lodge to be liberal to these Charities. Turning to the Cheshire Educational Institution, they were educating fifty-two in 1881; now they were educating fifty-seven. He congratulated Brother Platt upon his zeal in the cause of the Charities, and his success in not only being generous himself, but of being the cause of generosity in others. He had to thank them for their large attendance that day. He had to thank them for the fact that not one single Lodge in the Province was unrepresented. Some, of course, by position and locality were more numerously represented than others, but not one Lodge was there but what was represented, and that showed that every Lodge was doing work, and was prepared to do its duty. He hoped the proceedings which had begun so auspiciously might be successful; and although their day might be clouded somewhat with the feeling that he who should have been with them was on a bed of sickness, yet his heart was with them, and he awaited anxiously the report of their proceedings, which would be taken to him after they were over. At their gathering in church, let them offer one silent prayer for the speedy restoration of their Provicial Grand Master.

Bro. F. Jackson P.G.T. submitted his report of the finances, and his re-election was proposed by the Acting Deputy Grand Master.

This was seconded and agreed to unanimously.

The Acting Deputy Grand Master next presented Bro. Eustace George Parker with a jewel for his services to Masonry, and the great efforts he had made in behalf of the Charities. Jewels were also presented to Bros. Platt, Marwood, Milner, Chesters, and Dutton. He also invested the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. Colonel Fernley G.S.W., William Marquis G.J.W., Rev. E. Rawson P.G.C., Ferdinando Jackson P.G.T., E. H. Griffiths P.G.S., Francis Bolton G.S.D., Robert N. Banks G.J.D., Walter Milner G.Supt. Works, Herbert Finch G.D.C., Edmund Johnson Asst. G.D.C., Thomas E. Skidmore P.G.S.B., Henry Collier P.G.O., Eustace George Parker Grand Pursuivant, Finnie P.G. Tyler, Thomas Moore, J. E. Fletcher, J. H. Edwards, T. Ward, J. Newell, and G. T. Joynson, P.G. Stewards.

Other business having been transacted, the Acting Deputy Grand Master announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held next year at Staleybridge. A vote of thanks to the Rev. J. E. Blencowe, vicar of Walton, for the use of the parish church, was unanimously passed.

On the conclusion of the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the brethren, attired in full Masonic clothing, attended divine service at Witton Church, marching from the hall by way of Apple Market-street, High-street, Witton-street, and Church-road, the music being supplied by the Hartford Volunteer Band, under the direction of Mr. C. Lambert.

The Lewises who carried the volume of the Sacred Law were—Thomas Moore, son of Bro. T. Moore; William Hardie, son of Bro. W. Hardie; Reginald Holland, son of Bro. James Holland; and Gerald Joynson, son of Bro. G. T. Joynson. They were attired in Eton suits, with white straw hats, and each wore a silver jewel suspended from a purple collar. The procession presented a very imposing sight, and as it marched to and from the church the streets were thickly lined with spectators. On arriving at the door of the church the procession halted, and the brethren opened out to the right and left, facing inwards, while the acting P.G. Master, preceded by his Standard and Sword Bearers, passed up the centre; the P.G. Officers and brethren then followed in succession from the rear, thus inverting the order of procession. The seats in the centre of the

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body of the edifice were reserved for the brethren; the other parts were filled with persons who had been admitted by ticket. The prayers were read by the Rev. C. E. Graham Jones P.P.G. Chaplain, of Hyde, and the lesson by the Rev. J. W. N. Tanner P.P.G. Chaplain, Antrobus. After the singing of the Anthem, "The Lord is my light" (Dr. Hiles), the Rev. E. Rawson, of Marston, the newly-appointed Provincial Grand Chaplain, ascended the pulpit and preached a sermon from the text, "Mark the perfect man, for the end of that man is peace" (Psalm xxxvii. 37). In the course of a brief but practical and forcible discourse, the preacher remarked that the outside world might taunt and doubt the Order of Freemasons, and make light of its ritual; but those who were Masons, and understood the virtues upon which the Order was founded, knew well that the operations of the Craft were carried on in order to do as much good as possible to those who were unable to help themselves, and that it was the aim of every true Freemason so to speak and act that he might become a more perfect man. After the sermon a collection was made on behalf of the Provincial Fund of Benevolence, the amount realised being £16 9s. The musical portion of the service was under the direction of Bro. Henry Collier P.G.O., assisted by Mrs. Knowles, and Bros. Stafford, Gaskill, Edmondson, Wilkinson, Booth, and Balfe. Bro. Collier played the National Anthem as the congregation were leaving the church.

The brethren returned in procession to the Market Hall, where about one hundred and thirty sat down to a banquet provided by Mr. Johnson, of Manchester.

Bro. G. W. Latham presided, and he was supported by most of the Provincial Grand Officers.

The Acting Prov. G.M. gave the toast of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, which was enthusiastically received. He afterwards proposed The M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester, Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. This toast was also drunk with the utmost cordiality.

Bro. the Rev. E. Rawson proposed The Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, past and present. Brother Bulley responded.

The Acting Prov. Grand Master next gave The Right Hon. Lord de Tabley Prov. G.M. He referred to his lordship's continuous and indefatigable exertions in the interests of Freemasonry in his Province, and expressed a hope that the Provincial Officers, as well as the members of private Lodges, would in future do their utmost to make his labours as light as possible. He trusted that their beloved P.G.M. would be spared to preside over them for many years to come.

The toast was drunk with Masonic honours.

Bro. J. B. Deakin proposed the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., D.P.G.M. and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Past and Present.

Bro. Colonel Fernley responded.

Bro. Bulley gave the health of Bro. G. W. Latham, and thanked him for the way in which he had conducted the business of the Lodge. Everything had prospered. Lord de Tabley could not have had a better representative than Bro. Latham.

Bro. G. W. Latham acknowledged the compliment, and proposed the Visitors, to which Bro. Matier, a member of the Committee of the Boys' School, London, replied.

In proposing The Lodge of Sincerity, 428, the Acting Prov. Grand Master referred to the hospitable reception which had been given to Provincial Grand Lodge at Northwich. The brethren of Lodge Sincerity had, at enormous trouble and large cost, prepared a place where they had been able to meet with thorough comfort. Their business was done in a room large enough for them, and their banquet was held in a room that had provided sufficient accommodation. Nothing had been forgotten which would add to the comfort of the brethren. Labour and trouble unthought of had been expended in preparing for their reception, and for that he wished, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire, to return to Lodge Sincerity their most heartfelt thanks. He also took occasion to thank the Stewards for the able and self-denying manner in which they had fulfilled their duties. He was told that it was 21 years since the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Northwich. He could only say that from the welcome they had given the Lodge that day, from the power of organisation they had shown, and the hospitality they had displayed, they should come to Northwich again after a very much shorter interval. He proposed Lodge Sincerity, coupled with the name of Bro. Skidmore W.M., and the Stewards, coupled with the name of Bro. T. Moore, the senior Steward.

Bros. Skidmore and Moore responded.

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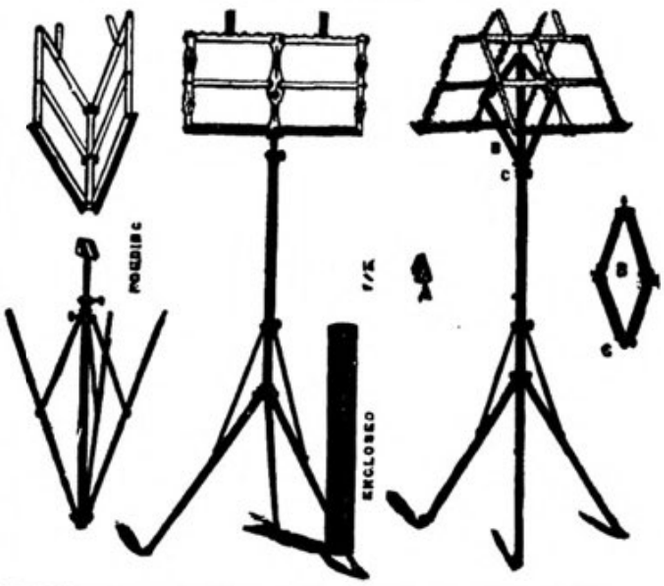

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CONSECRATION OF THE HADRIAN LODGE, No. 1970, SOUTH SHIELDS.

ON Friday, 15th instant, the interesting ceremony of consecrating the Hadrian Lodge, took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields, in the presence of a very numerous and influential gathering of the Craft, nearly the whole of the Lodges of the two Northern Provinces being represented. The Masonic Hall had been recently cleaned and re-decorated by Mr. Lusher, of South Shields, and when set out with the new furniture of the Hadrian Lodge, presented a striking and tasteful appearance. The Hadrian Lodge is only the second formed in the borough, and was called into existence owing to the large member roll of the old Lodge of St. Hilda, No. 240. For the purposes of the Consecration a Provincial Grand Lodge was held, and the Lodge was opened and raised by Bro. E. D. Davis P.P.S.G.W. Durham and P.G.D.C. Northumberland, Acting Deputy Grand Master for the Province of Durham, who was assisted by the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. J. W. Cameron P.G.S.W., J. McCulloch P.G.J.W., Rev. J. J. Brown P.G. Chaplain, R. Hudson P.G. Secretary, Thomas Bradley Asst. P.G.

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It may be mentioned that most of the furniture, and the whole of the working tools, &c., for the new Lodge were presented by the Officers and members, as under:—

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General Brownrigg, addressing the brethren, said: I have to-day been commanded by Lord Henniker, the Grand Mark Master Mason of England, to act on his behalf in installing the first Provincial Grand Mark Master of this county. I am sure that the Grand Master, in honouring me with this duty, knew how I, more than any other Mark Mason, would appreciate it. It would not be becoming for me to say much about your Provincial Grand Master, but I am sure that you will believe, without my telling you, that it will be his earnest endeavour to promote the interests of Mark Masonry in the Province. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C. was then presented to the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. T. Taylor, and was duly installed Provincial Grand Mark Master of Buckinghamshire. The Provincial Grand Master, in acknowledging the high compliment paid him, said: Brethren, In the first place I have to thank you for the honour which has been done me to-day. I can never forget that this patent is the result of a unanimous petition from the Mark Master Masons of Buckinghamshire to the Grand Mark Master Mason. I am proud to say that you conspired together to obtain for me what I did not seek, what I am conscious I did not deserve. To the best of my power I will endeavour to promote the welfare of this and every other legitimate branch of the Craft in this county. But to pass from a personal to a more general consideration of the matter. I am sure that Bro. Dewar will bear me out when I say that in whatever county the Craft is flourishing, there also from the parent stem is thrown out a vigorous and healthy shoot of Mark Masonry. It is almost a necessary consequence. As soon as men begin to value and appreciate the beauties of our Order, they wish to advance to a more perfect knowledge of it, and the result is that they form a close union with their old Lodge, a Lodge of Mark Master Masons. We are happy to live in days when this is possible without even the suspicion of disloyalty to the chief Masonic power of this country. The distinguished brother, whom I have to thank on your behalf for being to-day the Installing Master, can tell you how, in days when he first sat as a Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England, there was a bitter feud between the two G. Lodges. In no measured terms did the one denounce the other. Time is the great softener of all things, and the same voices which once spoke in discordant antagonism are now blended together in perfect unison. Every shadow of ill-feeling is gone for ever, and, as I have said, a prosperous Mark Lodge is sooner or later the natural outcome of every good Craft Lodge. But more than this. I hope that in this particular county Mark Masonry is not merely following the lead of the Craft Province. I think that we are in one important particular taking the lead. It has been argued that poor little Buckinghamshire cannot stand alone, that we want the help and guidance of an elder sister. Brethren, the assemblage to-day is, I think, an answer. If three Mark Lodges, all in North Bucks, can bring together such a meeting as this, surely eleven Craft Lodges can do as much. There is a French proverb "*Tout vient a celle oni qui sent attendre*"—"Every thing comes to the man who knows how to wait." But waiting does not mean sitting with our hands before us, it does mean taking every legitimate step to prove the vitality and energy of our Buckinghamshire Masons. We have taken such a step to-day, let us make a few more like it, and in good time we shall be allowed our independence, and the elder sister will be proud to see us walk alone, while we shall not be forgetful of the days when she bore with our infantine insubordination. As regards the Mark, we start to-day young, and perhaps foolish. We have all the dangers of infancy before us, we have not yet even got through the discomfort of teething, we shall come to that directly, when we discuss the Bye-laws; but we come of healthy parents, and we do not mind a little hard work. I hope none of us are afraid of the future. We mean to do our best. I am saying this for every Mark Mason in the Province, and I shall myself be glad to be the servant whenever there is any help wanted of every Lodge in the Province. I do not wish to sit on the right hand of the W.M. if an Inner Guard is wanted. The Provincial Grand Master appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. B. Fountaine Prov. S.G.W., McCubbin Prov. J.G.W., W. H. Ball Prov. G.M.O., W. Fitch Prov. G.S.O., Mickley Prov. G.J.O., Revs. C. F. L. West and F. W. Harnett Prov. G. Chaplains, H. Poynter Prov. G. Registrar of Marks, J. Williams Prov. G. Treasurer, J. R. Wilmer Prov. G. Secretary, J. Cuthbert Prov. G.S.D., McDowall Prov. G.J.D., R. King Prov. Inspector of Works, T. 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It was, therefore, at such times that they and all her subjects should sympathise with her, and he was convinced that he was reiterating the feelings of all present when he said that he wished her a speedy and happy termination of the anxiety in which she is now placed. Other Masonic and complimentary toasts were given.—*Newport Pagnell Weekly Standard.*

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The Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will be held, under the presidency of the R.W. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.—P.G.S.W. of England, Representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, Prov. G.M.—at the Assembly Rooms, Teddington, on Saturday, 30th September, at 2.30 p.m. precisely.

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THOMAS M. LAMB.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

WHOEVER, by virtuous effort, is able to establish, make known and felt, his identity among mankind, deserves to be remembered; and when I seek for a striking example of that kind, I cannot afford to leave unnoticed the qualities exhibited in the life and character of our late friend and brother, Thomas M. Lamb.

Thomas M. Lamb was born at Worcester, Massachusetts, 26th June 1830. He inherited from his mother a delicate constitution and a keen intellect; from his father stability of purpose and sound judgment. His early education was acquired at the district school, and completed in the city high school.

Before his school life closed he expressed a desire to follow the occupation of a watchmaker and jeweller, and in due time was permitted by his parents to enter the store of S. P. Champney for the purpose of learning the trade. While engaged in this employment his recreation consisted in a series of well-directed efforts towards self-improvement and culture. About this time the Young Men's Rhetorical Society was organised for the mental and moral improvement of its members. Mr. Lamb was one of the first to distinguish himself as a clear and logical debater. He conducted a paper published by the society, wherein he first displayed his talent as a writer; and many of his productions of that early day clearly indicated a comprehensive knowledge of English composition.

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His Masonic life was made up of the generous impulses of an unselfish nature. He was made a Master Mason in Morning Star Lodge, at Worcester, 1st November 1859, and was Secretary of the Lodge for several years.

He was exalted to the august and sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Worcester Chapter, 8th April 1864; and on the 27th October of the same year he received the Cryptic degrees in Hiram Council of Royal and Select Masters. He was created and dubbed a Knight Templar in Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templars, at Worcester, 21st April 1865.

31st October 1867, he received the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, from the 4° to the 14°, in Worcester Lodge of Perfection. He received the degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star from Past Grand Patron, Daniel Seagrave, in September 1869, and affiliated with Stella Chapter, No. 3, at Worcester, where the said Chapter was organised in 1871. He was elected Worthy Patron, 13th December 1876, and continued in office four years. He was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star for Massachusetts, at its organisation, 11th December 1876, and held the office till 13th May 1879. He was elected Grand Patron 13th May 1879, and continued in office two years. He was elected Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter of the Order, 10th May 1878, and held the office till 20th August 1880. He was chairman of the committee appointed to arrange and publish the Ritual of the Order, and that document shows how well his labours were performed. He was appointed committee on foreign correspondence by the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts for the year 1879, and re-appointed 10th May 1881. He was elected a life member of Stella Chapter 26th January 1880.

It will be seen by the above record that the Masonic career of Brother Lamb has been alike honourable to himself and to the Fraternity. His death occurred at Worcester, 29th December, 1881, after an illness of only five days. The community was shocked at the announcement of his death—so sudden and unexpected—and the large assembly gathered at the church on the day of his funeral bore unmistakable testimony to his worth as a man and a Mason.

He was one of the few men who never assumed a false position for gain; nor could he be persuaded by sophistry or logic, or compelled by any human authority, to forget or surrender the title Nature gave him to the highest type of manhood.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321, held at the Goat and Star, Swallow-street, Regent-street, W., on Wednesday, 27th inst, at 9 p.m. precisely. Bros. W. C. Smith I.G. 1563 W.M., E. Farwig P.M. 180 S.W., J. B. Docker P.M. 1687 J.W. First Lecture:—Bros. R. A. Kirkaldy, W. B. Fendick, H. Esling, E. F. A. Busch, J. B. Docker, E. Farwig, J. C. Smith. Second Lecture:—Bros. G. Festa, J. Cox, J. Hemming, J. W. Elvin, J. Hurdell. Third Lecture:—Bros. G. Willson, W. H. Richardson, G. F. Swan. P. T. Brearey P.M. P.G.S. 1321 Treasurer, G. F. Swan P.M. 1321 Secretary.

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, 23rd SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst

MONDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
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, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-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)
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.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 6.30. (Instruction)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
61—Probity, Freemason's 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
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER.

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)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
840—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
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.
1448—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.)
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Ball Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
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
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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, 27th SEPTEMBER.

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)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
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)

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862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.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 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.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
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
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
330—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
973—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
1065—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1319—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
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
M.M. Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (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)
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Aire Street, W.
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 9 (Inst.)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
360—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
440—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
968—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
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
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER.

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.)
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.)
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

SATURDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
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Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

Prov. Grand Lodge Middlesex, Assembly Rooms, Teddington
140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1463—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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SPHINX LODGE, 1329.

ON Saturday afternoon the brethren of the above popular Lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, for the purpose of transacting some important business in connection with Masonry in general, and their Lodge in particular. Precisely at the time for which the Lodge had been convened, the W.M., Brother J. R. Richards, opened the proceedings. He was supported by the following Officers, namely, Bros. J. S. Mansell S.W., A. Middlemass J.W., J. Hernaman Sec., J. J. Brinton J.D., G. W. Marsden jun. I.G., Forbes Steward, B. R. Bryant I.P.M., P.M.'s Bros. G. T. Bickerton and H. Bickerstaff; also Bros. J. C. Bradly, R. Irvine, C. Gooding, C. Wilson, A. Parnacott, C. Lye, S. H. Goldschmidt, R. J. Voisey, C. F. Cockle, Dr. C. Gross, H. S. Bigg, T. E. Webb, W. Andrews, T. E. Heller, J. Turney, A. W. Hall, T. H. Woodward, J. E. Knox, G. P. Britten, C. J. Tyrrell, Brooks, G. T. Allen, D. D. Mercer, and F. G. Lewin. The visitors present were Bros. J. Howes J.D. West Smithfield 1623, R. J. Vincent S.W. and V. F. Murche Crichton Lodge 1641, John Hodges E.A. Duke of Albany Lodge 1963, and A. Clark Wickham Lodge 1924. The Lodge being opened in the first degree, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Permewan, Heller, and Mercer were unanimously appointed an Audit Committee. They will meet for the despatch of business on the first Saturday in November. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with in the usual manner. On the voting papers being examined, the W.M. announced that the choice of the Lodge had fallen on Bro. S. Mansell, but the voting had not been unanimous, inasmuch as several brethren had recorded their votes in favour of Bros. Middlemass, Heller, Bryant, and Nairne. However, the W.M. declared Bro. Mansell duly elected. Bro. J. C. Reynolds sen., who was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, was unfortunately absent. Bro. Harrison was chosen as Tyler. At this stage of the afternoon's proceedings a most interesting incident ensued. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Voisey, W.M. of the Duke of Albany 1963, who passed to the second degree Bro. T. Hodges an E.A. of that Lodge. During this solemn and impressive ceremony the chair of S.W. was occupied by Brother R. T. Vincent, and the J.W.'s chair by Bro. C. Wilson; Bro. V. T. Murche—also of the above Lodge—in conjunction with Bro. J. J. Brinton of the Sphinx, acting as Deacons. We should be omitting a duty if we failed to notice the efficient manner in which the brethren visitors conducted the ceremony. At the close of the passing, the Officers of the Sphinx Lodge resumed their respective positions, and the business appertaining to the Lodge proper was continued. Later on Bro. Britten P.M. proposed that a jewel and collar be presented to Bro. J. R. Richards, in recognition of his services as W.M. This was seconded by Brother B. R. Bryant I.P.M., and carried unanimously. The W.M., in some well chosen remarks, acknowledged the appreciation of his services. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room, where, under the direction of Brother H. Forbes, the esteemed and indefatigable Steward, Brother Slawson, of 736 Old Kent-road, had in readiness a most substantial repast, which, as usual, elicited the unqualified approbation of the brethren. On removal of the cloth, the loyal and patriotic toast was given from the chair, and was followed by that of the M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales, the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, R.W. Bro. the Earl of Lathom Deputy G.M., and the Officers of Grand Lodge. Bro. I.P.M. Bryant then proposed the health of the W.M., remarking that Bro. Richards' year of office had been far from a propitious one to him personally, owing to his ill health; nevertheless, under such untoward circumstances, he had maintained the *prestige* of the Lodge; and, as far as possible, had most carefully attended to the important duties associated with his office. It had been a source of comfort to them that evening to have him once more among them, and, in addition, to witness the able manner he had filled the chair. He (Bro. Bryant) was pleased to know that—with one exception—their respected W.M. had been supported by willing and efficient Officers, who knew their duties and had well performed them, even under great personal inconvenience. There was much comfort afforded to a Master of a Lodge when he knew that he was surrounded by those in whom he could place reliance, and whose co-operation could be depended upon when unforeseen circumstances arose. There had been a vast amount of work done in the Lodge during the past year—most important work—inasmuch as the number of brethren initiated had rapidly increased. That work had been gone through most admirably. Moreover, this could not fail to afford satisfaction to their W.M., whose term of office was at that moment expiring,

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owing to effluxion of time. Although on previous occasions their W.M. had been, from dire necessity, compelled to delegate the duties of his office to others, on that occasion he was himself again. With his wonted ability he had taken his place in their midst, and he (the speaker) felt assured that all who heard him would endorse the hope that his health would be restored to him, and that as a P.M. he may be spared to occupy a position among them for many a long year to come. The W.M. thanked the brethren for their kindness and sympathy. During his year of office, as had been remarked, most untoward circumstances had arisen, in consequence of his health having been affected; but he had been supported under his trials by knowing that he had efficient Officers, who possessed the knowledge and the ability to conduct the business of the Lodge. He might ask himself what he had done to merit their approbation and recognition? but could not elicit a satisfactory reply. Therefore, he felt the more grateful to them for the considerate kindness and fraternal sympathy which had been so unreservedly manifested by all the brethren. The Past Masters, likewise, had rendered him invaluable aid, and he should cherish the associations of his year of office—so far at least as the Lodge was concerned—with infinite pleasure and thankfulness. The W.M. then proposed the health of the W.M. elect, in some exceedingly appropriate remarks, and Bro. Mansell acknowledged the compliment, assuring the brethren that he would emulate the actions of his predecessors. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Visitors, and expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to witness the passing of a Brother by the brethren of the Albany Lodge. Bro. Vincent, in responding to the compliment, passed a warm eulogium on the members of the Sphinx Lodge for allowing the ceremony to take place. He had, on former occasions, been a guest there, and had experienced considerate kindness at the hands of the brethren of the Lodge, for which, on behalf of himself and those who had taken part in the passing, he heartily thanked them. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge, to which I.P.M. Bryant responded. The Worshipful Master having alluded to the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. J. Hernaman and J. C. Reynolds, proposed their health in complimentary terms. Bro. Hernaman, in a most eloquent speech, replied thereto. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge, stated that no Master could have better Officers than he had had during his term. He was proud of them, and so also was the Lodge. Bro. Middlemass J.W. responded, in a speech of great force and appropriate allusion and expression. The W.M. said that they were all indebted to Bro. Forbes, their Steward, who ministered to their creature comforts with unceasing care and attention. It was self-evident that Bro. Forbes did not consider himself; he took all possible pains to make them comfortable. He seemed to anticipate the taste of each one among them, and so long as he had been their Steward he had been unremitting in discharging his onerous duties. Bro. Forbes assured the W.M. and brethren that he would render true service, without lack of energy. So long as he was Steward his best services were at their command. He had not anticipated so many brethren being present that evening. Had he been aware that so many would have been in attendance, he would have provided a different *menu* for them. At that season of the year, as a rule, but few brethren attended. They should have told him of their intention of being present; fortunately, however, there had been enough and to spare. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. Bros. Vincent, Gooding, Murche and Hernaman, by their excellent vocalisation and recitations, contributed to the enjoyment of the evening.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 16th inst. Present—Bros. Darnell W.M., Gribbell S.W., A. A. Marks J.W., R. Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., I. P. Cohen S.D., Catling J.D., Wolf I.G.; also Bros. Richardson, Weeden, Carr, C. Lorkin (Treas.), Woodman, and others. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Richardson answered the questions leading to the degree of M.M. and was duly entrusted. Lodge being advanced, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Richardson being the candidate. Bro. Cohen worked the third section of the lecture. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Gribbell was duly appointed to preside at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded the W.M., this being the first time of his presiding in this Lodge of Instruction. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382. — At the meeting held at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on Monday, 18th inst., Bros. Rowles W.M., Cotton S.W., J. H. Taylor W.M. 1767 J.W., Taplin S.D., Bailey J.D., Taylor I.G., Duffin Tyler, Brooks Secretary. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brooks candidate. Lodge was opened and closed in the second degree. Bro. Cotton S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Bro. Cotton, in a very felicitous speech, presented, for the future use of the Lodge, a set of six collars, for which he received a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be recorded on the minutes. After this compliment had been acknowledged, Lodge was closed and adjourned until the 25th September. Bro. Cotton's gift is the third one made to the Lodge during the short time it has been in working order.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—The usual weekly meeting, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, the 15th inst., was well attended. Bro. Richard Poore was the W.M. on this occasion, and there were present, amongst others, Bros. J. N. Bate S.W., J. B. Sarjeant J.W., W. J. Newland S.D., R. W. Pooler J.D., H. Stokes I.G., James Stevens P.M. Preceptor, John S. Terry P.M. Secretary, G. W. Knight, Richards, R. Alison, &c. Lodge was opened in the first and second degrees, and Bro. Alison, as candidate, was proved and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the M.M. degree, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed, the traditional history being given by the W.M. Bro. Bate effectively recited the M.M. Charge, and Lodge was closed down in due form and called off. "Entry drill" was practised during the interval, and Lodge was called on. The Preceptor having charge of the Lodge for the ensuing week, announced his intention to work the sections of the first lecture, on the 22nd: and the 29th, was appointed for the working of the ceremony of installation, Bro. Stevens officiating as Installing Master. Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, and the meeting adjourned.

Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 19th September, at Freemasons' Hall, Brecon. Bros. John Morgan W.M., T. L. Lewis P.G.O. S.W., W. Webb J.W., T. H. Price Treasurer, E. H. Teale Sec., H. C. Rich jun. S.D., T. H. Price J.D., A. Orlopp M.C., R. Owen Steward, E. T. Edwards I.G., John Evans Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. H. C. Rich sen. P.G.S.W., J. A. Whittle P.G.J.D., R. Webb P.P.G.J.W. Visitor—Bros. G. J. Davies P.M. 364. The business consisted of the raising of Bros. Meredith and Tudor. After labour, the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for refreshment, and a pleasant evening was spent. Bros. Lewis, Edwards, and Heins treated the brethren to some of their choicest songs.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 15th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bros. C. E. Botley Hon. Sec. W.M., Goss P.M. S.W., Gomm P.M. J.W., Maton S.D., Kent J.D., E. Monson jun. I.G.; Bros. Andrews P.M., and Taylor. After due observance of ceremonial, Bro. Taylor offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree, when Bro. Gomm P.M. was appointed to preside at the meeting on the 29th inst.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Christian W.M., Smyth S.W., A. J. Clark J.W., F. Carr Sec., Corble S.D., Glass J.D., Brasted. P.M. Bro. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Wardell, T. Clark, Jones, Baker, Steele, Collins, A. Jones, Darnell, Catling. After preliminaries, Bro. Catling offered himself as candidate for raising, and was interrogated; the Lodge was opened in the third degree and the ceremony was rehearsed, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Bro. Brasted worked the first, and the W.M. the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree, when Bro. Smyth was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

St. John's Lodge, No. 795, Maidenhead.—The brethren assembled on Wednesday, and after enjoying a delightful trip to Henley and back, during which they partook of a substantial luncheon on board, they adjourned to the Ray Mead Hotel, where Bro. W. Stollard, the W.M., occupied the chair. Bros. T. B. Linscott S.W., Jeffries J.W., H. H. Hodges P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks Sec., J. Innes S.D., W. Deacon I.G., E. W. Allen P.M. 178 as I.P.M. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. Jeffries was unanimously chosen. Bro. Finch P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and C. Nowell Tyler. A jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring W.M., Bro. W. Stollard, for his services. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Deacon, that gave great satisfaction. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. That of the R.W. Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M., was responded to by Bro. H. H. Hodges, and Bro. Lucas responded for the Visitors. Bro. Jeffries W.M. elect contributed to the harmony of the evening by two excellent songs, one of which created roars of laughter. The brethren then returned to town in a special saloon carriage.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1613, Ealing.—This flourishing Lodge has recently been compelled, in consequence of illness in the family of Bro. Stephens, to seek other quarters; and a Committee was duly appointed to consider the matter, and decide on the permanent arrangements to be made for the future. After carefully looking into the various proposals submitted to them, it was formed that there was a preliminary difficulty in selecting a place, owing to the Thursday nights being otherwise engaged; and, although with some reluctance, the Committee decided that there was no alternative but to recommend that the Lodge should meet at the Ealing Institute, on Tuesday evenings, at 7.30, in the same rooms as are now used by the mother Lodge, and the first meeting under the new arrangement was held on Tuesday, 19th September, when, considering the inclemency of the weather, there was a very good attendance of the brethren, and much satisfaction was expressed at the completeness of the arrangements made by the Committee. Indeed, when all is in working order, there is no doubt that the new arrangement will be a perfect success. Brother C. Andrews P.M., who has taken a great deal of interest in the change, had been selected to preside, but to the regret of the brethren, he was unable to attend, on account of illness, and in his absence the chair was taken by Bro. H. E. Tucker Preceptor and W.M. elect of the mother Lodge. Bro. Tucker was supported by the following Officers: Bros. G. Coop S.W., T. A. Smith J.W., J. R. Fence S.D., C. W. Cunningham J.D., J. Green I.G., J. Wells Sec.; and amongst the other brethren present were noticed the following:—A. J. Burr P.M., J. J. Clarke, E. C. Porter, H. Danby, Vassey, and Sherman.

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Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—The usual meeting was held on Tuesday evening, 19th instant, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, when the following brethren assembled:—Shadler W.M., Roberts S.W., Posener J.W., Marshall S.D., Mann J.D., Walker I.G., Clements Secretary, Moss Preceptor; also Bros. Webb, Daniels, Maidwell, Wooding, Oxley, W. Fraser, J. S. Fraser, Job, Haslip, Arons. Lodge opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in second and third degrees, and resumed to second, when Bro. P.M. Webb, according to promise, rehearsed the ceremony of installation, in a very efficient and praiseworthy manner, Bro. Roberts, W.M. of the mother Lodge, serving as W.M. elect. This brother subsequently appointed and invested the Officers. Bro. Shadler resumed the chair, and Bro. Haslip answered the questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted. Lodge resumed to second degree, and Bro. Haslip passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge resumed, and Bro. Haslip, W.M. New Concord Lodge 813, was elected a member. Bro. Posener was appointed to fulfil the duties of W.M. for next Tuesday evening, when it is hoped there will be a good attendance, the efficiency of the working of the W.M. elect being known to many of the brethren. Lodge closed and adjourned. We are requested to state that the Prosperity Chapter of Instruction will shortly open at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1612.—The regular monthly meeting was held on Monday, the 11th inst. Bro. G. Simpson W.M. was in the chair, and there were also present Bros. J. T. Seller I.P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. S. Cumberland P.M., E. Balmford P.M., P. H. Rowland P.M., C. G. Padel P.M. (who acted as S.W.), B. Millington J.W., with the rest of the Officers and many brethren and visitors. A ballot was taken for a candidate; it proved successful. Bro. J. S. Cumberland moved a resolution standing in his name, relating to the Lodge bye-laws, and ultimately it was referred to a committee to report at the next meeting. Two Auditors were appointed for the annual examination of Lodge accounts. A circular from the Prov. Grand Secretary at Hull was read, asking for the opinion of the Lodge on the proposed increase of fifty per cent. on the Lodge quarterages, and an unanimous resolution was passed condemning the proposal, several members expressing an opinion that the sums granted in relief by the Board of Benevolence were often much too large. Bro. T. B. Whytehead then explained to the brethren the alterations that had been made by the committee appointed last year at Hull in the Provincial regulations, a draft of which would be submitted to the Prov. Grand Lodge at Northallerton on the 5th October, and a general opinion was expressed that the amended rules would be in many ways advantageous. Bro. Whytehead also gave a summarised account of the proposed alterations in the Grand Lodge Constitutions, pointing out the superiority of the new code. Bro. Cumberland expressed a hope that the question of the position of Past Masters would be finally and thoroughly settled, in which opinion all on the dais heartily concurred. There being no other business, the W.M. invited the J.W., Bro. Millington, to essay the work of the first degree. Bro. Millington having taken a seat on the dais, then appointed Bro. Turner to act as J.W., and rehearsed the initiation ceremony with excellent effect, and was afterwards congratulated by the Past Masters on his success. The Lodge work being resumed, Bro. Whytehead presented to the library several books, reports, &c. Two names of candidates for Freemasonry were proposed, and the Lodge was closed.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—On Tuesday evening last, the 19th inst., at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Brixton. In the absence of the W.M. for the week, Bro. Phillips, the esteemed Treasurer of the Lodge, was called to the chair. Lodge being opened in due form, and the minutes of the two previous meetings read and confirmed, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremonies of initiation and passing. On the motion of Bro. Francis Preceptor, it was resolved that the Lodge should pay a fraternal visit, on the 18th October next, to the Panmure Lodge of Instruction, Balham; and it was also resolved that the Lodge should visit the Loughboro' Lodge of Instruction on the 9th October next. One new member having been elected, and routine business transacted, Lodge was closed in due form.

The return home of Bro. Captain Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., was expected to take place either yesterday or to-day (Saturday).

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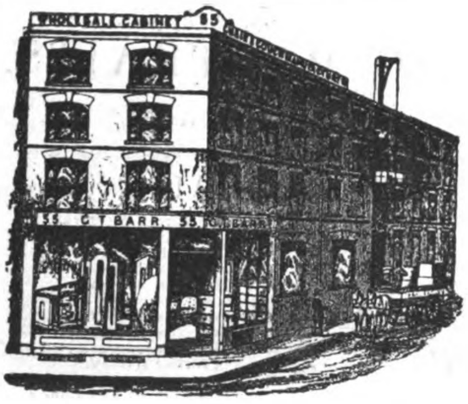

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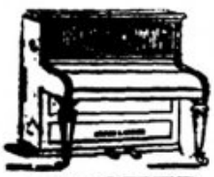

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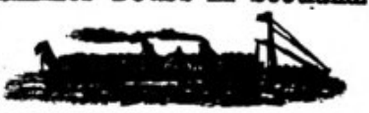

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THE OCTOBER ELECTION OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

AS usual, the ballot paper for the Boys' School Election presents a very different appearance to that of the sister Institution. While in the case of the Girls' School the number of applicants is twenty, and the vacancies to be filled seven, the numbers as exhibited by the return issued from the Boys' School are far more out of proportion, there being as many as sixty-two applicants, of whom but twelve are to be admitted. As stated in our last issue, there have been two withdrawals since the return was sent out from the office, namely, No. 10, R. A. L. Hill, who brought forward three votes from four previous elections; and No. 43, W. R. Worthington, who had 240 to his credit from the last election. We understand that in the former case the circumstances of the family have so much improved as to enable them to withdraw their application, and so make room for some one else. We think that a few more names might be removed from the list of candidates for a similar reason; there are more than one or two there whose friends are far better able to provide for their maintenance than are the majority of the men who are asked to subscribe to our Institutions. It is a somewhat difficult matter to know which of the remaining sixty are most worthy of consideration; but there are a few who, in the eyes of many, need it more than others. We allude to the last application cases, doubtless this is the position least admitting of delay; with them it is a question of now or never, and accordingly we will devote attention to them first, at the same time we are far from believing they are of necessity the most deserving. There may occasionally be among the "last applications" children whose friends might, without much extra struggling, very well afford to provide the necessaries of life for their charges, while, on the other hand, children with four or five opportunities before them may die of want before their chance of special reference as a "last application" may arrive.

There are seven cases to which the time limit rule will apply, and these, unless they are elected on the present occasion, will be removed from the list of applicants. Of them, three at least appear to have some chance of securing admission, namely—No. 2, H. A. Ecclestone, who starts with 1603 votes to his credit; No. 1, W. V. B. Jones, who has 1182; and No. 20, G. S. Jones, who has polled 1134. The two former have already stood five ballots each, and the latter three; so that although they severally have something substantial to start with, they have not obtained it without persistent efforts. We suppose it is hardly necessary to urge on the friends of these candidates the necessity of working hard, if they desire to be successful. The voting at the last election is the best lesson we can point to—on that occasion there were fifteen vacancies, the polling for which ranged from 3002 to 2050. According to that, something considerably over 2000 must be polled at the next election to stand a chance. No. 2 appears to be an only child dependent on a widowed mother; the case is accredited to Hong Kong, the father having been initiated in 1876; dying about twelve months later. No. 1 hails from N. and E. Yorkshire, and is one of a family of three, who also have to depend on their mother; their father, a late member of the York Lodge, died in July 1879. No. 20 is one of seven similarly circumstanced; his father, a late member of the Province of South Wales West Division, having died in October 1880. Of the other "last" cases, No. 30, C. P. O'Doherty, who has stood two previous elections, has 631 votes to the good; he is one of three children for whom a widowed mother has to provide; his father was a member of the United Strength Lodge, London. No. 21, T. M. Nicholas, who now makes his third application, is one of a family of six dependent children; the father is alive, but that fact should prove an additional claim on the benevolence of the Craft, as he is paralysed. He hails from the Royal Lebanon Lodge, Gloucestershire, and will, we hope, get sufficient support from that quarter to relieve him of the charge of the child now seeking election; doubtless many will wish, as we do, that it were possible to take on all such cases without the trouble of election. No. 37, R. E. Searle, has made but one previous application, and as the result thereof starts with 45 votes to his credit. These will not be of much use, we admit, but let us hope that ere long they will be increased by fifty times that number. Kent, to which the case is accredited, has been able to do that before, and can do it again, if, in the eyes of its representatives, the case appears the most deserving of those submitted to them. In this instance the father is dead, and there are seven children for the mother to provide for. No. 22—G. Potter—has but 40 votes from his two previous attempts. His also is a Kentish case, so that the brethren of that district will have their work to do; he is one of a family of five, all dependent on a widowed mother.

"Neither parent living," is the condition in which four of the remaining candidates are placed, and these we think are really the cases which have the heaviest claim on us. In the case of No. 61, T. E. Pawsey, there are four children in the family, besides the candidate, who are dependent on the benevolence of friends. The case is accredited to Somersetshire, of which Province, the father, as a member of Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, belonged. The lad is young, but let us hope he may ere long secure a home in the Institution at Wood Green. No. 24—A. W. Wyatt—another of the parentless candidates, is one of a family of whom there are still four dependent. The friends have been successful in securing the election of a sister into the Girls' School, and we trust they will have similar fortune with the lad now under notice; they bring forward 242 votes from two previous elections. There are also four parentless children in the family of which No. 59, H. E. Hippey, is a member; the present is the first application. We hope that the brethren of Oxfordshire, to which district the case is accredited, will be enabled to secure sufficient votes to obtain for the lad a place in the School at no distant date. The other parentless canditate is No. 35, R. A. Sykes, who contested a first election in April last, on which occasion 316 votes were polled for him. He appears to be the only child dependent, and no doubt West Lancashire, the Province of which his father was a member, will take good care of him, provided, of course, they find him deserving.

Most of the other candidates have lost their father, no less than forty-five of the remaining forty-nine being so circumstanced. Of these, No. 6, C. P. Liversidge, is a member of a family of nine now dependent on a widowed mother, the lad brings forward 574 votes, having stood four elections. His father was a member of the Sir Watkin Lodge, No. 1477 (North Wales and Salop), and died in 1877. No. 16, F. F. Skelton, who has a sister in the Girls' School, is one of seven remaining dependent children, he has 740 votes to his credit, having already taken

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part in three elections; his father was a member of Lodge No. 147, London, and is one of the few of those whose children now seek election against whom something in the way of support to the Charities in the past can be recorded. No. 53, W. B. Townsend, now appears for the first time—he likewise has a sister in the Girls' School, and he also is a member of a family of seven dependent children. His father was S.W. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 959, London. No. 56, F. F. Coleman, first application, is one of a family of seven dependent on a widowed mother. His father was a member of the Province of Oxfordshire (Cherwell Lodge, No. 599), the brethren of which, it will thus be seen, have more than one important case on hand. There are five instances in which families of six are still dependent on widowed mothers. No. 5, G. W. K. Hill, who comes forward for the sixth time, has 1426 votes to his credit, with a good chance of receiving enough more to secure a place in the School, that is if the Lodge of which the father was a member—the New Concord, No. 813,—takes the election in hand. No. 27, J. H. Hurden, a Warwickshire lad, has 22 votes forward from two previous attempts; we may safely leave his case in the hands of his father's Province. No. 29, A. J. Tettenborn, has also stood two elections, his total now being 205. This is accredited as a Norfolk case, but we think it will be better known as a London one, the father having joined the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507. The lad has many friends, who will doubtless use every effort to secure his early return. We confidently anticipate he will be successful sooner or later. The next case in this section is No. 48, T. Woodward, who comes forward, for the second time, with 132 votes polled on his behalf. His father was once W.M. of the Inhabitants Lodge at Gibraltar, and assisted as a founder of the Meridian Lodge, No. 743. No. 62, H. A. High, the last on the present list, appears now for the first time. His father was connected with three Lodges, and has a good amount of work for the Charities accredited to him. Let us hope, now that they are in need of it, his family may receive assistance from the Institutions their father supported in his lifetime. No. 8, T. W. Crabb, one of a family of five fatherless children, has 1721 votes to his credit, from four previous elections; his case is accredited to Staffordshire, the father having held the rank of S.W. in the St. John's Lodge, No. 1039, there. No. 13, C. E. Stewart, a London candidate, brings forward 1112 votes from three previous elections in which he has taken part, his father was a member of No. 45—The Strong Man Lodge—London. If the brethren work in the matter we think his family will have reason to be thankful he joined this Lodge. There are many energetic Masons belonging to it, who will, doubtless, take care that the son of one of their old members is not overlooked. No. 23, E. H. Simpson, has a brother in Christ's Hospital, but there are still five children of the family dependent on the widowed mother. This is a Hampshire case, and the candidate has already stood two elections, from which he brings forward 249 votes. No. 34, R. W. Delafons (London), has a sister in the Girls' School; he has received 183 votes at the one election he has already taken part in. No. 40, H. M. Hare, has also a sister in the Girls' School, while 657 votes were recorded in his favour at the April election of the Boys'. He is accredited to Hertfordshire, some of the most prominent members of which Province are energetically working to secure his election. No. 47, F. C. V. Basham, from Essex, made a fair start in April last, on which occasion 213 votes were recorded on his behalf. His father was a member of Star in the East Lodge, No. 650, for many years, and occupied various offices of trust, both in connection with his own Lodge and the Province. No. 52, G. H. Sutcliffe, Middlesex; No. 55, A. Chiesman, East Lancashire; and No. 60, R. A. L. Mitchell, Devon, are the remaining cases in which families of five dependent children remain; each now appears for the first time, so that there is little that can be said as to their chance of ultimate success. There are eight cases in which the candidates are respectively members of families of four dependent on their widowed mother. No. 15, J. B. Windross, son of a late member of the Sun, Square and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, Cumberland and Westmoreland, has already stood three elections, but only brings forward 42 votes. No. 26, W. J. Pringle, can only boast of 9, after two attempts; but we think that result is not so much owing to want of support as it is evidence of organisation in the Province to which the case is accredited, viz.—Warwick. There is little fear of the lad being neglected if it comes within the power of the Warwickshire brethren to help him. No. 31, F. W. Bell, from South Wales East Division, first appeared on the ballot sheet for April last, and on that occasion received three votes; we hope his total will soon present a more cheerful appearance. No. 45, L. C. Hooper, is put down to London, he has 329 votes in hand from April last, and being fairly circumstanced as regards age, may ultimately find a place among "Our Boys." No. 46, H. H. Tustin, has about as good a prospect as any one on the list. He has only tried once—in April last—and was then enabled to score 1151 votes. His father was a member of the Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627, in which, at the time of his death, he occupied the position of S.W. and W.M. elect. The support accorded to his child gives strong evidence that the respect shown him in his lifetime, by electing him to the chair of his Lodge, is continued now that he is dead. No. 54, J. E. Walters, first application, from the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, London, has a sister in the Girls' School; the present is his first appearance on the list, and we venture to predict that when his name disappears from it, it will be to appear among the "successful." No. 57, A. K. Bowes, son of a most energetic brother, well known in the Northern counties, comes next in order, he is accredited to the Western Division of Lancashire, a county in which his father was too well known to leave much doubt that his child will be warmly supported. No. 58, W. J. Hodge, closes this section of the list, his father was a P.M. of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, No. 291, Somersetshire, and at one time filled the office of Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

It may perhaps be considered somewhat unjust to pass over the remaining candidates without special reference to each, but really the list is such a long one that it becomes a matter of difficulty to find words of encouragement for all. Doubtless there are many among the candidates remaining unnoticed who are as meritorious as those we have already pointed out, but we have adopted our present plan in the hope of referring to some of the most deserving; taking first the last application cases, next those in which neither parent is living, and then those in which the largest families remain to be provided for, and in doing so think we have done the best we can with the small statement of particulars at our disposal. Among those remaining are some with good scores already in hand, notably No. 14, G. W. Taylor, a Middlesex lad, member of a family of three who have lost their father. He has 1842 votes forward, from three previous elections. No. 7, W. B. Stanford, brings 1468 votes forward, from four previous attempts; he also is one of three left fatherless, and is accredited to Norfolk. No. 18, C. J. Crow, of Lincolnshire, has a sister in the Girls' School. There is one other child dependent on the mother, in addition to the candidate now on the list, for whom, by the bye, 1326 votes have been polled, at the last three elections. No. 12, C. J. Sanderson, an only dependent child, from the Province of Kent, has 1198 votes to his credit, the result of three previous attempts. No. 28, A. H. Botting, and No. 17, G. C. Willett, follow pretty close so far as totals are concerned, the former having 1185 votes in hand and the latter 1183; the former has, however, only tried twice before, whilst the latter has already contested three times.

Of the cases outside the heads under which we have subdivided them on this occasion, there are four. No. 19, C. B. Cummings is one of six children who have lost their mother; the lad for whom the benefits of the School are sought has 94 votes in hand, from three elections. In cases of this nature—where the father is living—we think the general body of subscribers should demand some particulars of the case, showing why the application has been approved. Both parents are alive in the case of No. 25, J. P. Templeman, and there are two children now dependent on them. The candidate before us has secured 1564 votes, at two elections. We will assume this is a fit and proper case for the Institution; but why is not some reason given to show that the parents are unable to undertake the education and maintenance of their two children? The same may, in a great measure be said of No. 39, A. Pratt, who has a sister in the Girls' School, and were it not that we personally know something of the case, we should call for more particulars. Here, however, we can see that Bro. Pratt has been in good standing, as his record of services on behalf of the Institutions show, while the fact of his petitions to both the Boys' and the Girls' Schools having been accepted testify he is not in that position now.

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We hope to see his son amongst the successful at no distant date. He has already had 309 votes recorded in his favour. No. 51, R. Beaumont, is a new case. The parents are both living, and so are ten children who are dependent on them. The father was initiated in the Faithful Lodge, No. 85, Norfolk, and is returned as W.M. thereof. Further than this we know nothing, but would suggest to the petitioner that it would be to his benefit if some reason were assigned for his being compelled to appeal to his brethren, and perhaps if he pointed the matter out doubtless the authorities at the Institution would find a means of supplying the desired information, not only in his case but in that of others.

We cannot close this article without expressing our determination to persevere in our effort to induce the authorities to supply information from which it might be possible for all to judge the merits of the several candidates. If this were done fully we think a large number of undeserving cases could be picked out. On the other hand, others might be discovered in which assistance would be a blessing, and lead up to exercise of the truest charity.

In our review, last week, of the Girls' School Ballot Paper, when speaking of No. 14, B. A. Cookes, we said that some further information in reference to the case would be acceptable to the general body of subscribers; we did so because the father, who is still living, is returned as W.M. of his Lodge, and we could hardly imagine a W.M. during his year of office seeking the aid of one of our Schools It seems, however, that in this case, as in most others where the rank is given as W.M., a mistake has been made in the preparation of the ballot papers, the fact really being that the brethren *have been* W.M. of their Lodge. The Masonic rank should be recorded as P.M. We believe the same error occurs in the case of the Boys' School List.

MIXED BLOOD IN LOUISIANA.

IN New Orleans a trace of negro blood is never forgotten—the record is preserved for centuries. Some twenty years ago a member of one of our first families was elected to the City Council. His opponent objected to his being sworn in, on the ground that he had negro blood in his veins and was ineligible to office. To test the question, the gentleman against whom this charge was made brought a suit for damages, declining in the meanwhile to take his seat in the Council until the matter was determined. The records of the old parish church of St. Louis, now the cathedral, were investigated, and the ancestry of the plaintiff traced back until it was found that one of his ancestors, at the beginning of the last century, had been an "esclave"—a slave. He acknowledged this, but replied that this slave was not a negress, but an Indian squaw.

In the colonial days of Louisiana the French reduced the Choctaws and Horemas to slavery, and at one time New Orleans boasted of as many redskin slaves as Guinea negroes. These Indians have long since melted away into the African race, like the bead and basket Indian of Niagara, and are represented to-day by a race of mestizoes, mixing the blood of all three races, the white, black, and red. It is a common boast of many New Orleans coloured people that they are of Indian rather than of negro descent. The white people laugh at this negro vanity, but it is more half than true, as is proven by the aquiline noses and straight stiff hair to be seen on some of the very blackest negroes. Then the damage suit rested on the question whether this slave ancestor was Choctaw or Congo. This, of course, could only be determined by oral testimony. The oldest inhabitant was called in for testimony. An incident occurred in this case probably without parallel since the days of Methuselah. An ancient creole dame, who had been called on to testify as to the race of this Marie, recalled the fact that she (Marie) had kept a shop on Chartres-street, before the big fire that burned that portion of the city. Nobody remembered this fire, and Marten's "History of Louisiana" had to be brought into court to find the date of the conflagration. It was then discovered that it had occurred just a century before. This testimony of the witness could scarcely be credited, and she was carefully cross-examined. She never wavered for a second, but proved conclusively that she could relate from personal knowledge and observation, facts occurring more than a century previous. The old lady claimed to be 120, perhaps an exaggeration of ten years or so, but the most thorough cross-examination left the fact legally established that her memory covered the space of more than a century. The decision in the case was in favour of the plaintiff.

Not so lucky was the plaintiff in a similar suit just after the war, when things had changed somewhat. This gentleman was a candidate for a high, or rather for a lucrative, office worth over 50,000 dollars a year. An opposition newspaper overhauled his record, and charged him with being a traitor to the Confederate cause, having deserted the Confederate army in the field; and, furthermore, with being of negro blood. These two charges, by-the-bye, elected him to office, for the negro and Union elements happened to be in a majority just then; but, far from pleased with his good fortune, he brought a suit for libel and damages against the offending journal. He was promptly ruled out of court. The Republican judge held that "negro" was not an approbrious or libellous term, and it was no insult to call a man a negro, and that certainly no action could lie for showing that he preferred the Union to the rebel cause.

About this time mixed blood was at a premium, because of its immense benefit in politics, and men who in their colour and features did not betray the slightest trace of negro ancestry actually boasted of it. A curious case was that of a Republican ward leader. He was a native New Orleanean of Spanish descent. His mother, a fine old creole, come from one of the West Indies, and clung patriotically to the dress of her native isle, a style unfortunately very familiar to that worn by the creole darkies. Her son lived in a negro ward, and required negro votes to elect him. Being hard pressed in a race for the Legislature, he hit on the novel and brilliant idea of passing himself off as a quadroon, which, thanks to the dark complexion of his Spanish blood, he was very well able to do. He took a number of his coloured constituents around to his house, pointed to his mother and her coloured head kerchief, and claimed to be of African lineage, and thus the old lady, possessed of all the bitter race prejudice of the West Indian against mixed blood, was made a most effective electoral card, until one day her whole history was shown up, and Charlie, being discovered to be a white man and a fraud, was relegated to private life.

This head kerchief, by-the-bye, is a fatal emblem in Louisiana, and one of her sons, prominent in the councils of the State and nation, has had the charge of negro blood brought publicly against him, on no other foundation than the fact that his grandmother wore this kind of headgear.

Outside of politics, however, the old prejudice continued as strong as ever. A Westerner came down here just after the war to get out a directory of the city. He unfortunately determined to distinguish between whites and blacks, and instead of simply giving "John Smith, carpenter, 530 Adole-street," made it "John Smith, coloured." The book had been printed and bound, and was just about being delivered, when the discovery was made that the fatal word "coloured" was placed against the name of one of our most prominent white merchants, and, unfortunately, one of swarthy complexion. There was only one way of escaping a libel suit, a duel, or perhaps something worse—to out out the offending word. The directory man did so, but it cost him several hundred dollars, and left his book badly mutilated. The accident had its lesson, for the word "coloured" was then finally and for ever dropped from our directories, which now refuse to recognise any difference of race, colour, or previous condition.

There is a family living in New Orleans completely white, but whose negro blood is indisputable and undenied. Unfortunately for the younger members, the old grandmother, through whom the African blood comes, survives, and instead of getting rid of this troublesome death's head, this ancient female, an octoroon, still resides with them. She being one-eighth negro, the present generation of girls is, consequently, one-thirty-second part coloured. This would seem to make them white, but public opinion in Louisiana, like Congress in the Vallandigham-Campbell contest, holds that one drop of blood in 100 of white contaminates. The girls are ideal blondes. Being handsome and personally attractive, they entertain many male visitors, and generally wind up their career by marrying well—and white men, of course. A young man of very good family was married to one of the girls some years ago. The fruit of their union is a child which is, of course, just one sixty-fourth part coloured, By one of those curious freaks common, however, in cases of heredity, this child shows, in an exaggerated form, all the features of its negro ancestors. It is perfectly white, but a white negro, at least in feature. Its hair is woolly, its mouth protrudes, its nose is flat, and its lips are large and sensual. After several generations the original African type is produced. It is accidents such as this, only too frequent, that frighten susceptible young men from miscegenation, more surely than the stories frequently told and implicitly believed before the war that the mulatto race became sterile at the fourth or fifth generation, and that the descendants were subject to a most horrible disease resembling leprosy that spotted the skin and caused the teeth to drop out.

Before the war the two races were mixing with such extraordinary rapidity that it was a mere question of time when the last pure-blooded African would disappear. Freedom has stopped miscegenation. The quadroon and octoroon girls, who were without prospect in the old days, now marry the leading coloured men who have worked their way up to prominence and a comfortable fortune, if not wealth. Thus the negroes of Louisiana are growing darker yearly instead of lighter. There is a perceptible decrease in the families of mixed descent, and a continued increase in those of pure negro blood.

[The above article, which appeared in a New York paper of recent date, proves that the statements made from time to time by Bro. Jacob Norton as to the prejudice against negroes are not in the least exaggerated. The prevailing antipathy of New Orleans of to-day is a fair representation of the New York of half a century ago.—ED. F.C.]

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—During the autumn months, when the atmospheric changes are alike sudden and extreme, it is a subject for grave and serious consideration how the health can be best preserved. An occasional alterative, like these Pills, will be the surest preventive of disease, because it overcomes all derangements of the system, purifies and regulates the circulation, and gives that needful energy to the nervous structures which carries the frame triumphantly through trials to which the weak and sickly would succumb. Neuralgic pains and rheumatic agonies derive present and permanent relief from diligent friction with Holloway's Ointment, which, acting as a derivative, releases the gorged and irritated blood vessels from their congestion, and the nerves from pressure.

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A. AND A. RITE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

IN my recent letter on the newly discovered R.A. Ritual, printed 24th June, I quoted from Marconnay's introduction as follows:—

"This copy was made by the undersigned [Marconnay] at New York in 1833, from a copy of Count De Saint Laurent," &c.

The name of Marconnay and his doings I remembered very well, but the Count's name slipped my memory. On perusing, however, a Scotch Rite pamphlet recently issued by Bro. E. T. Carson, of Cincinnati, I came across the name of Count de St. Laurent, thus proving that the said Count de St. Laurent was in New York during the latter part of 1832, and doubtless remained there until 1833. I must, however, here premise that since the first decade of this century, our American Scotch Riters were divided into hostile factions, and the champions of each faction invariably denounced all the other factions as spurious, illegitimate, clandestine, &c., but maintained that his own faction was the only *Simon Pure* thing alive. My esteemed Bro. Carson is not an exception to the rule, as the following introduction of the Count will show. Bro. Carson says:—

"The Hicks' Supreme Council was a spurious Masonic Scotch Rite body. It was organised in 1827, at New York, as the Supreme Council of the United States of America, their territories, and dependencies, and disbanded in November 1832. On the same day Hicks, in conjunction with a Masonic adventurer, a Frenchman, with the title of Count St. Laurent, a *coloured gentleman*, opened another spurious Supreme Council under the following stunning title:—'The United Supreme Council for the Western Hemisphere (legally and solemnly formed of the Old Supreme Councils of New Spain, of Terra Firma, and South America, from one sea to the other, Canary Islands, &c. &c., and of the Old Supreme Council of the United States of North America, sitting at the E. of New York.'" (To which Bro. Carson adds), "This celebrated Treaty of Masonic Union, &c., purports to be signed by legally authorised representatives of the New York, or Hicks' Supreme Council, the Supreme Council of France, and the Supreme Council of Brasil sitting at the East of Rio de Janeiro."

It seems to me that whenever an advocate brings in the religion or race of an opponent, simply because that religion or race happens to be unpopular, that that itself is a *prima facie* evidence of his consciousness of the weakness of his cause, and such was the case with Bro. Carson's specially informing us that the Count was a "*coloured gentleman*." Ragon, who evidently despised the *high grades*, with all their aiders and abettors, including Count St. Laurent, did not seem to know about his negro extraction, nor does Dr. Folger, who was a Mason in New York about or very near 1833. For these and other reasons I propose to take issue with Bro. Carson upon that question, thus:

I settled in Boston in 1842. About seven years before my arrival, a Boston mob would have murdered Mr. W. L. Garrison, the abolitionist, if the militia had not been called out to quell the riot. The great moralist, Dr. W. E. Channing, shirked (out of fear) the slavery question. In white men's churches, as well as the theatres, the negro had to sit in the negro's gallery, and it was a prison offence for clergymen to unite in marriage a black and white person. In 1842, the Boston anti-slavery party numbered about a dozen persons. In spite of the then prevailing prejudices, they kept up their annual meetings, and these meetings were invariably disturbed by rowdies at the instigation of Boston respectabilities. Mr. Wendel Phillips was the only anti-slavery speaker who could curb the mob, and make them sit quiet while he was speaking, in spite of prejudices, and in spite of the respectabilities. In those days, no hotel or boarding house kept by a white man would have allowed a coloured person to enter the house save and except as a servant (and this prejudice has not entirely ceased up to this day), and, of course, coloured children had to attend *coloured schools only*. Such was the case in Boston. In New York it was even worse; there a coloured person could not ride in the same car or omnibus wherein white persons rode, and I have no reason to believe that the New Yorkers were a whit more tolerant to negro company in 1832 than they were in 1842. If therefore the said Count de St. Laurent had had the slightest tinge of African blood in his veins, neither a decent nor indecent white man would have associated with him for five minutes in New York upon anything like a footing of equality. Bro. Carson's statement is, therefore, not only in the highest degree improbable, but it actually verges on the impossible.

Bro. Carson's authorities for his statement are, 1st, "Letters in the Archives of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions;" and, 2nd, "The Proceedings of Northern Jurisdiction of 1864." This phrase "Archives of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions" is very deceptive, for it leads one to suppose that the said Jurisdictions are in possession of very old archives. But the truth is, the Northern Jurisdiction dates, as I shall hereafter show, from 1848, and the Southern Jurisdiction, which is the *great grandmother* of the A. and A. Rite, does not possess a record older than 1860, so I was assured by a New York brother, who is a 33°. 2nd, On referring to the proceedings of 1864, I found an article or report by Bro. W. S. G. Gardner, who makes the same statement about "coloured gentlemen," and who also referred to "Letters" in the two forenamed Jurisdictions. As Bro. Gardner does not state that he had ever seen those letters it is probable that no such letters are in existence, and that he got his information from some unscrupulous A. and A. informant, of whom plenty abounded in those days among the A. and A. factions. The truth is, the active high graders in America, in 1864, were in an extraordinary state of delirium; many falsehoods were fearlessly asserted to depreciate their opponents by some, while others, like Bro. Gardner, who would not have stooped to invent a lie, would unhesitatingly repeat another man's lie without previous examination or criticism, and in order to explain the whys and wherefores of that state of feeling I shall proceed to furnish a brief historical sketch of the high grades in North America, thus:—

In 1762, Stephen Morin, a French *Israelite* (so Ragon says), brought to the West Indies 25 Masonic degrees from France, with power to scatter them in the Western Hemisphere. In Jamaica Morin met Moses M. Hays, of Rhode Island, also an Israelite, to whom he communicated these degrees, giving him power to establish them in America, as the atmosphere of New England was then deemed too cold for that French exotic. Hays communicated them to some Jews and Christian Masons in Charleston, South Carolina. Some of these degrees were doubtless designed to be *Christian to the backbone*, and the question has often been asked, what could have induced Jews to become zealous propagators of Christian rites? It seems, however, that those degrees were differently explained according to circumstances, or, in other words, they had a Christian ritual and a cosmopolitan one. Whether Morin brought with him from France the cosmopolitan ritual, whether he manufactured it, or whether the Charlestonian Hebrews tinkered it, I know not. It is, however, not impossible that in the second half of the eighteenth century, when the doctrines of Voltaire and others were making headway in France, and infecting largely all classes of society, that the ritual of those original Christian degrees may have been modified and changed by the French authorities of those degrees, and that Morin may have brought with him the modified ritual. That the Charlestonian Hebrews did not promulgate Christian rites may be seen in a document issued in New York in 1813, by De la Motta, a Charleston Hebrew, *high cockalorum* of the A. and A. Rite.

"Admitting," said he, "that Mr. Cerneau and his society should be in possession of the high degrees, I call upon them to produce, if they can, one single instance, in any one degree of Masonry, which disfranchises a Hebrew from enjoying every privilege granted to any other sect. Were I at liberty fully to explain myself, it being impossible to say into whose hands this may fall, I would lead them through each degree, particularly the *Rose Croix* and the *Royal Secret*, and point out whether a Hebrew is not as much entitled as a Christian brother, or any other of whatever persuasion, to the Royal Arch, the Perfection, the Chief of the Tabernacle, the Prince of Mercy, the Knight of the Brazen Serpent, and many more both under and above." In the United States they have now also two rituals:—thus, in Boston, in the ceremony of the Rose Croix a picture of the Crucifixion is displayed; but in the Southern Jurisdiction, as well as in New York, instead of the picture of the Crucifixion a picture or model of the Paschal Lamb is exhibited. This is capable of a double interpretation, and hence at its exhibition both Jewish and Christian high cockalorums can shake their wise heads *very reverently, devoutly* and *approvingly*. And as to the crosses, &c. it is well known that these were used as symbols by Pagans and philosophers long before Christianity was born, hence these symbols are made to refer to anything and everything but the Christian religion.

French Masonry did not, however, take root in Charleston very fast, nor were any permanent institutions established anywhere else before this century. It seems, however, to have reached the ears of Charleston Masons that the high grade gentry, though but a handful, boasted of having *a right to rule the Grand Lodge*. Upon being questioned by the Grand Lodge, after some hesitation they replied that they had such a right, but for the present they would waive that right. As these gentry had occupied high positions in the Grand Lodge, no further inquiry was made; but this dogma of having a right to rule Grand Lodges, the high graders have never abandoned.

In 1786, the Charlestonians pretended to have received a charter from Frederick the Great, which Kloss stigmatises as "the greatest lie of the Order." Up to 1801, they called their rite "the Rite of Perfection," but in 1801 they increased the degrees from 25 to 33, and assumed the name of "Ancient and Accepted Rite." About that time Count de Grasse, a St. Domingo refugee, arrived in Charleston, he was made a 33°, and was furnished with powers to establish the new Rite in France. On his return to Paris, he presented his claims, by virtue of the Charleston powers given to him, to rule the French high graders, but as the French cockalorums had never heard about Frederick the Great's connection with high degrees, they of course rejected the Count's claim, but A. and A. Riters have a law unto themselves, viz., when a 33rd finds that the work of a high degree concern does not come up to his ideal, he may take any man, Mason or no Mason, and confer upon him all the degrees, from an Entered Apprentice to the 33rd. These two then make another 33. When nine are so made, he forms them into a Supreme Council. Our A. and A. jurists, however, maintain that by nine Frederick meant to limit the Council to nine members; that is, it must consist of no more than nine, but it may consist of less than nine, nay, if even only one is left, he can exercise all the authority of a Supreme Council, that is, granting charters, &c., &c. Count de Grasse seems to have acted in accordance with Frederick's law, and as the old institution conferred only twenty-five degrees, while he conferred thirty-three, and, may be, he charged less than the others did, he therefore got a good rush of customers, while the old shop was deserted. At last the old concern had to go down upon its knees, and swear that Frederick the Great was an A. and A. Riter, and his Constitution shall thenceforth be their *A. and A. gospel*.

After the establishment of the new rite, the Charlestonians sent emissaries to the West Indies and other places; they appointed a Commander for Pennsylvania, and another for Rhode Island. Bro. Abraham Jacobs met one of the said emissaries in the West Indies, who conferred upon him (Jacobs) the A. and A. degrees, with the necessary powers to confer them upon others. Jacobs came to New York in 1804, opened there a Hebrew School, and when occasion offered, he conferred his degrees alike upon Christians and Jews. In 1808, he organised seventeen of his initiates into a Council of Princes of Jerusalem, which comprises the first fourteen degrees of the Rite. This was done in the presence, and with the approbation of the Charleston emissaries of Pennsylvania, and of Rhode Island; but subject to a charter from the Council at Charleston. He next gave warning in a daily paper that New York was his territory, so that no other

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A. and A. emissary should encroach upon his domain. On the same day, when the advertisement appeared, Bro. Mulligan, in company with a Frenchman by the name of Cerneau, visited Bro. Jacobs at his school, and invited him to attend to some high degree Consistory (or something of the kind) in New York. Jacobs replied that no one but himself had a right to call such meeting in New York, and referred them to the advertisement.

As already said, Jacobs admitted Christians and Jews alike into his organisation: there were, however, in New York high-toned Christian Masons (amongst whom were De Witte Clinton, the Governor of the State, who was also the G.M. of the State); these could not very well stomach the idea of having a Jewish *Boss* in Masonry. But it luckily happened that Cerneau arrived in New York in 1806, who claimed to have received in the West Indies from Stephen Morin 33 degrees, with the necessary powers to establish the A. and A. Rite in New York. Now, be it remembered, that in 1762 Stephen Morin brought from France to the West Indies twenty-five degrees *only*, with powers to establish those degrees only. What became of Morin afterwards no one knows, save and except, according to Ragon, Morin was deprived, in 1766, by the French authorities of the Rite, of the powers given to him in 1761 or 62. Where Morin obtained the eight degrees manufactured in Charleston, and who gave him the power to confer the 33 degrees, never troubled our New York Christian Masons. Cerneau, who could not speak English, was put as a figure head for Sovereign Great Commander; but, in reality, Clinton was the real Commander—this took place in October 1807. Unfortunately, there appears to have been no records kept by the Cerneauites. Dr. Folger, who is a partizan of the Cerneauites, admits that there is great confusion about the origin of the Cerneau *concern*; and he also admits that Cerneau did not perfect his organisation till a year later; nor is there any claim made that the Cerneauites gave warning of their new Institution in the newspapers. However, from that time to the present, the American A. and A. Riters continued fighting like wild cats, and no one knows when this fighting will terminate. What finally became of Jacobs' *concern* I know not, for it evidently could not long maintain itself when opposed by high Christian respectabilities and audacity. 1st, the Cerneauites in 1808 petitioned the two A. and A. concerns in France for recognition. 2nd, it invaded Rhode Island, where Charleston had long before established a concern. These invasions brought De La Motta from Charleston to New York in 1813. The Charleston "*Thrice Illustrious*" challenged Cerneau to prove himself a 33 degreer. Cerneau would not, and most probably could not. Thereupon the Charlestonian denounced Cerneau as an impostor, &c. De La Motta then created John James Joseph Gourgas, also a Frenchman, as Sovereign of the Northern Jurisdiction. This Gourgas concern was also a failure—it melted away in a few years. But Gourgas tenaciously clings to his titles and pretensions; and, for many years, he *alone* formed the Supreme Council of his claimed Jurisdiction. 3rd, in 1814, the Cerneauites established a concern in New Orleans (right in the heart of the Southern jurisdiction). This concern is still flourishing, and some years ago it established in Louisiana a G.L. of its own, and Louisiana has had two Grand Lodges ever since; and 4th, in 1816, the Cerneauites established a Consistory in Charleston itself, and for the next ten years there was plenty of Masonic fighting in Charleston.

In 1825, General Lafayette, the American revolutionary hero, visited the United States, and was everywhere received with deserved acclamation. The Charlestonians invited the General to visit their city, and the invitation was accepted. Thereupon, the *Grand Mother* Supreme Council decided, upon the arrival of the distinguished visitor, to invite him into their sanctum, and confer upon him the thirty-three degrees. This being decided, we can naturally imagine that they went to work, brushed up their old uniforms, polished up their swords, renovated their ribbons, trinkets, tinsel, feathers, &c., and probably obtained a new banner, or cleaned up the old one. Well, the General at last arrived; a committee was sent to invite the General. But, horror of horrors! At the twelfth hour, the Grand Mother Council received information that the Cerneauites had got the General into their sanctum, and had already conferred upon him the thirty-three degrees. Was not this enough to make an angel swear?

As already stated by Bro. Carson (only there is no if or but about it): In 1832, the Cerneauites made a treaty of alliance, &c., with several Supreme Councils, which was effected through the agency of Count de St. Laurent.* In 1837, Henry C. Attwood, keeper of a small public house in Division-street, New York, was the Sovereign Grand Commander. Atwood got into a muddle with the Grand Lodge of New York, and was expelled from Masonry. Thereupon, by virtue of his high powers as Sovereign, &c., he established a Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, &c., of his own; his expulsion caused a split among the Cerneauites, and for about a dozen years, the State of New York had two Masonic Sovereigns and also two Masonic Grand Masters.

* Folger says that Lafayette was appointed by the Cerneauites as their representative at the Supreme Council of France, and held that position until his death in 1834, when he was succeeded by Count de la St. Laurent."

[To be continued.]

CARE OF LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I wonder what sapient member of the Fraternity conceived the idea of every Lodge handing over its funds to Grand Lodge, as if the members of such Lodges were children, not to be trusted out of leading strings, and that G.L. should ever continue to be a nursing father or mother to them? If the Lodges have not sufficient respect for themselves to stand well in the eyes of the Craft, I do not think they hold Grand Lodge in sufficient awe to induce them to do so. As to the Treasurer being only an ornamental personage, it is his own fault, and much to his discredit if he permits himself to be made a dummy, or his office a sinecure. Decidedly, Secretary and Treasurer should work together, the one to be a check upon the other; but certainly the praise and blame as to how the Lodge accounts stand should bear with equal weight upon both; the W.M. also should make himself acquainted with the state of his Lodge Funds, from time to time, and not content himself by merely attending the annual audit. The following is a question I should like to have answered; viz., the Treasurer of Lodge 1527 (which does not exist) at very short notice leaves the country, just after the last meeting of the Session, proposing to return in a month or so. Time passes on, and at the commencement of the ensuing Session, his absence may be prolonged indefinitely, "Is it not within the power, and should it not be the duty, of the W.M., for the time being, to appoint a deputy Treasurer until the next period of election within the Lodge?"—No resignation having been sent in by the absent member.—Or "Is it necessary to ballot for the new Treasurer *pro tem?*" My own opinion is, that it is in his power; but I should like to hear an expression of views from more experienced Craftsmen.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

25th September 1882.

The annual installation meeting of the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, which was consecrated in July, last year, is fixed to take place on Wednesday, the 11th of next month, at the Inns of Court Hotel, when a large and distinguished attendance is anticipated. As we have had occasion to point out heretofore, the brethren of this Lodge, which is named after Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., the Provincial Grand Master of Dorset, were fortunate in securing the interest of many influential supporters, and Bro. W. H. Dean, also a Dorsetshire man, expressed, as its first Wor. Master, that the circumstances under which the Lodge had been consecrated were so auspicious that he looked confidently forward to much good work being accomplished in it. In this hope he has been more than justified by the results, which have proved that good sound Masonic work has been accomplished, to which, as a Lodge in the first year of its existence, it may refer with pride. Bro. Dean has proved himself a most efficient and zealous Master, and has gained the high and sincere respect of his officers and all the brethren for his assiduity and tact in controlling and directing the affairs of the Lodge. He will retire at the end of his term with "all his blushing honours thick upon him," not only for the excellence of his working, but also his zeal on behalf of the interests of his Lodge and the Craft generally. As a proof of the thorough earnestness of his Lodge it may be mentioned that at the recent Festival, at Brighton, Bro. George P. Festa, the Worshipful Master elect, and who officiated as a special Steward to receive the Lord Mayor, took up the very respectable sum of £182 18s 11d, which (with the exception of five guineas given by Bro. Dean himself) was all his own list. Such exertion and liberality on the part of a Lodge as yet in its swaddling clothes is most commendable, and needs no further comment. It is not at all likely that under Bro. Festa's reign the welfare of the Lodge will suffer in the least, for all who know that brother's robust activity and earnestness in the cause will readily believe that the best interests of the Lodge will be conserved and consolidated, and that he will prove a worthy successor to the first Master, who has done so much to establish the reputation and influence of the Lodge over which he has so ably presided during the past year.

It may be interesting to many of our readers to know that the Ancient Order of Freemasons have a Lodge, under the Grand Lodge of England, at Cairo (No. 1,105), and many Freemasons who are now serving with our army in the Egyptian capital have been able to assemble in Lodge in the surrendered city. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught well represents the English Order in Egypt, and the name of his illustrious brother, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, is honoured in all parts of the world where Freemasonry exists. The 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, who are now quartered in the Citadel at Cairo, will hold their Masonic gatherings whilst on service as regular as if at home. No better regiment exists than the 4th Dragoons, and the Masonic feeling amongst all ranks which has existed for many years has caused the crime of insubordination to be unknown in the corps. The squadrons of the Household Cavalry in Egypt boast of many Craftsmen. Amongst the many regiments who have regimental Masonic Lodges the most prominent are the 12th Prince of Wales's Royal Lancers, 17th Duke of Cambridge's Own Lancers, the 12th Suffolk Regiment, the 14th Prince of Wales's Own West Yorkshire Regiment, the 26th Cameronians, the Lancashire Fusileers (the old 20th), the 29th Worcestershire Regiment, the 39th Dorsetshire Regiment, the Royal Fusiliers, the Royal Military Lodge, Cavalry Depot, Canterbury, and the Brownrigg Lodge (Royal Engineers), Chatham.—*Portsmouth Times.*

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LODGE HISTORIES.

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ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE, No. 37, BOLTON.

(Continued from page 211).

Following up the interesting account of this old Lancashire branch of the Fraternity, of which two notices have already appeared in these columns, and which, coming from the combined efforts of Bros. George Parker Brockbank and James Newton, are entitled to the respectful consideration of Masons everywhere, we note the curious difference shown between the old bye-laws of the Anchor and Hope Lodge of 1790 to those at present in use. There are some eighteen or twenty in all, and being too voluminous for extract, we will content ourselves with a sufficient outline of them. In the first place, after fixing the dates of meeting, "where the Master and the majority of the members shall think proper," the rules go on to stipulate that the election of Master, Wardens, Deacons, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Lodge shall be by a majority of its members on a ballot, to be taken on a regular Lodge night, held next before the Festivals of St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist, and that "each new-elected Master shall be install'd and take the chair on the aforesaid Festival days." Then comes a singular bye-law, reminding us now-a-days of our Lodges of Instruction, viz., that "every Lodge night every member shall pay 6 pence, out of which (when paid) 3 pence shall be spent." It does not say in what manner, but presumably it would be on the creature comforts of the members, who, as we have before pointed out, were judiciously frugal in their habits. But it appears that then, as now, members were not always instant in the fulfilment of their responsibilities; if so, why the proviso contained in the parenthesis quoted? Then, members were fined twopence for half an hour's absence after the specified time for assembling; and threepence if absent a whole night," except in case of emergency." For speaking, after the Master had commanded silence, or sitting in the Lodge "uncloathed," or with his hat on, or interrupting the Master, or leaving the room without the consent of the Master, for each of these offences a penalty of twopence was imposed. It looks like an imputation upon the character of the members admitted to have been under the necessity of providing that any one "coming to the Lodge drunk, swearing, or using other profane and obscene language, or giving a brother the 'lye' in the Lodge shall forfeit one shilling for each offence;" whilst any member striking a brother in the Lodge shall forfeit five shillings, and be excluded three months. We trust these safeguards against the destruction of brotherly love were not often put to the test; indeed, we find no record in the history of such an untoward event. Members being four months in arrears, on any account, after they had been demanded of him, promoting the breaking up of the Lodge, or cheating or defrauding the same, were amenable to exclusion; whilst any one disturbing the proceedings of the Lodge was suspended for three months for the first offence, and "for the second offence, for ever." A Master refusing to serve after election was fined 2s 6d; the Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary 1s; and the Deacons 6d each. This is obviously a provision rarely needed in the present constitution of the Order, all our Officers being only too happy to receive the distinction conferred upon them by the brethren. Any Officer leaving his place without the consent of the Master, or who should be absent with his *key* half an-hour after the time specified, was expected to forfeit sixpence, the natural inference being that each of those Officers possessed a box or drawer in which he kept his insignia. The Master was under the penalty of half-a-crown unless he gave a lecture, or caused it to be done, on every Lodge night; and, as with the instances already named, these fines were all to be "spent." On a proposal for initiation the nominator was called upon to vouch for the good behaviour and character of the candidate, and deposit 5s "as his approbation money," which, however, was returned if the candidate was disproved of. The applicant was initiated if there was "no black ball against him," instead of three as at the present time; but if he failed to attend for that purpose within three nights after the acceptance, his approbation money was forfeited to the fund. On his initiation, he was called upon to pay £1 17s for the first step (and 2s 6d for each of the next two, also 1s when installed), out of which 7s 6d was to be spent; while the Secretary and Tyler were paid 1s each and the registering fees. A remarkable feature of the fourth degree in those days was that the members were asked to dine or sup together on the Festivals of St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist, "agreeable to ancient custom," towards the expenses of which every member paid 3s 6d. This is also in strange and interesting contrast with the banquets of the present age, when the hotel bills are usually paid out of the Lodge funds, and Visitors are regarded as guests in the strictest application of the term. Half-a-crown was the fee of a joining member, and the Master of the house where the Lodge was, or might be, held was bound to subscribe his name to an inventory of the furniture, &c. belonging to the Lodge which was "vested in and to be the property of the brethren for the time being," acknowledging the same to be in his possession, and to sign a bond to deliver them up when demanded by the Master and Wardens for the time being. The Tyler was paid 1s a month over and above his fee at initiations—an arrangement which would hardly suit some of our useful aides in the present day! No liquor was admitted during Lodge; no E.A. was passed before he was perfect in his O.B., nor raised till he was perfect in the lecture on the first step. Amongst the offences was that of attending "in any handkerchief except a white one," for which a forfeit of threepence was exacted. There are 91 signatures appended to the bye-laws, the last being that of a brother initiated in 1815. The Lodges of Instruction were held at the house of Bro. Henry Horrocks, of the Masons Arms, in Windy Bank (now known as Bank-street) on the Sunday following the regular Lodge night, and every Sunday evening after, "to compleat themselves in the sacred mysteries of Masonry, and to receive regular lectures thereon." The fine for non-attendance at these Lodges of Instruction was 3d; no "liquor" was allowed during the working, but at the close of it every brother was expected to spend fourpence at least. It is surmised that the Lodge continued to meet at the "Hope" until the year 1800, when, as the Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. Buss, supposes, it removed to the "Legs of Man," emigrating for three years to the "Four Horse Shoes," and back again in 1804 to the "Legs of Man." There are various records of processions, in reference to which the occasion is often omitted, but one was on the fiftieth anniversary of the reign of King George III., on the 15th of July 1812, the return of the Bolton militia from garrison duty in 1814, the laying of certain foundation stones, and the funerals of deceased brethren. A fund for the relief of sick members in connection with the Lodge was established in 1831, the rules of which remind us of the friendly benefit societies of more recent times; and in the years between the date of the formation of the fund to 1844, the sum of £155 2s 10d was disbursed in sick and funeral allowance; but in the latter year the fund became extinct, and a distribution of the Lodge funds took place. This is very much on a par with many of the old village clubs, who used to divide their funds at regular periods, but which have been nearly all "improved away" by the Oddfellows', Foresters', and other registered friendly societies, within the last few years. Some time afterwards an Almoner was appointed on behalf of the Bolton Lodges to relieve itinerant Masons, from which system much good appears to have been effected, inasmuch as by means of an interchange of reports from various towns, a stop was put to indiscriminate relief being afforded in some cases to unworthy persons. This is the very question which has been opened up and largely commented on in these columns only within the past few weeks; and it only goes to show that even so far back as nearly half a century, the efforts of the brethren were seriously directed to the suppression of "Masonic mendicancy," the evils attending which have just now been so warmly debated in the journals of to-day. Later on the brethren conceived the notion of adding music to their ceremonials, and certain of them were accorded much credit for their indefatigable exertions in "composing and furnishing our vocal brethren with that which will not only elevate the Masonic feelings in their own breasts, but in all those who may have the pleasure of hearing them." The establishment of a local charity for female children of deceased Freemasons is also noted, and it appears by a subsequent paragraph that a donation of five guineas and an annual subscription of two guineas were voted to the East Lancashire Masonic School for Female Children, by this Lodge, showing its successful formation. On 18th February 1844, the Lodge was removed from the "Legs of Man" to the Swan Hotel, when the funds of the Lodge, even at so late a period, were equally divided among the members. The total amount on Boxing Day in that year was £212, of which the 53 members each received £4. This appears to have necessitated an increase of the monthly subscription to the Lodge from 1s 6d to 2s 6d; and the initiation and joining fees were, three years later, raised from four guineas and one guinea to five guineas and two guineas respectively. There are various accounts of presentations to the Lodge, of testimonials to its Officers, and gifts to needy members or widows; leading up to the modern system of holding Masonic balls and other festivities, the surplus from each was devoted to Masonic charitable institutions. The records up to 1872 contain little of special interest, except the ordinary minutes, such as we might find in any Lodge; but on the 3rd July in that year a new code of bye-laws was adopted, and the Secretary read the centenary Warrant granted to the Lodge by the then M.W. Grand Master, of which we may append the full text:—

DE GREY & RIPON G.M.

To the Master, Wardens, and other Officers and Members of the Anchor & Hope Lodge, No. 37, Bolton-le-Moors, Lancashire, and all others whom it may concern.

GREETING.

WHEREAS, it appears by the Records of the Grand Lodge, that on the 9th day of November 1732, a Warrant of Constitution was granted to certain Brethren therein named, authorising them and their Successors to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Bolton-le-Moors, in the County of Lancaster, and which Lodge was then registered in the books of the Grand Lodge as No. 105, at the alteration in 1740 it became No. 93, at the alteration in 1756 it became No. 55, at the alteration in 1770 it became No. 46, at the alteration in 1781 it became No. 36, at the alteration in 1792 it became No. 33, and which Lodge in consequence of the union of the two fraternities of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, on the 27th December 1813 became No. 51, at the alteration in 1832 it became No. 44, and by the general alteration of numbers in 1863, it became, and is now registered in the books of the United Grand Lodge, as No. 37, meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Bolton, in the County of Lancaster, under the title or denomination of the "Anchor & Hope" Lodge, and, whereas, the brethren comprising the said Lodge are desirous, now that it has completed the Centenary of its existence, to be permitted to wear a Jewel Commemorative of such event, and have prayed our sanction for that purpose.

Now know ye, that we having taken the subject into our consideration, have acceded to their request, and in Virtue of our prerogative do hereby give and grant to all and each of the actual subscribing Members of the said Lodge, being Master Masons, permission to wear, in all Masonic Meetings, suspended to the left breast by a sky blue ribbon not exceeding one and a half inches in breadth, a Jewel or Medal of the pattern or device that we have already approved of as a Centenary Jewel, but such Jewel is to be worn only by those brethren who are *bonâ fide* Subscribing Members of the said Lodge, and for so long only as each shall pay his regular stipulated sub-

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scription to the funds thereof, and be duly returned as such to the Grand Lodge of England.

Given at London, this 21st day of January A.L. 5871. A.D. 1871.

By command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Right Honourable the Earl de Grey & Ripon, K.G.

(Signed) JOHN HERVEY G.S.

On a question frequently raised as to whether brethren in arrears should be allowed to vote in Lodge, we may quote a paragraph from this History, showing that at a meeting held on the 4th September 1871, on the ballot being taken for a candidate for initiation, an objection was raised against any votes being received from members in arrear with their subscriptions, as they were disqualified from voting under the Bye-laws. The ballot was, however, proceeded with, all the members present being supplied with balloting balls; the result being that two black balls appeared in the box. The objection raised against brethren in arrears voting being persisted in, the W.M. Bro. T. H. Winder ordered a new Ballot to take place, expressly omitting to supply balloting balls to any member in arrear, and the ballot was then declared to be unanimously in favour of the candidate, but the W.M. declined to declare the candidate elected until he had submitted a fair statement of the case to the R.W. Prov. G. Master. In the interval between this meeting and the next meeting, on 3rd Oct. the W.M. submitted the case to the R.W. Prov. G. Master, who declared the candidate duly elected, and he was initiated accordingly.

Following their History up to current date, the compilers point out the various places at which the Lodge appears to have met during the 150 years of its existence, namely:—A private room (supposed to be in Churchgate) from 1732 to 1765; the Hope Inn from 1765 to 1800; Legs of Man Inn from 1800 to 1801; Four Horse Shoes Inn from 1801 to 1804; Legs of Man Inn from 1804 to 1844; Swan Hotel from 1844 to 1866; Church Institute from 1866 to 1879; Swan Hotel from 1879 to 1882. One commendatory feature of the Lodge referred to, with pardonable pride, nearly at the end of the History, is that, in addition to the liberal sums given to local charities the Lodge contributed from 1843 to 1879 to the Benevolent Institution, £60 5s; to the Boys' School, £59 6s; and to the Girls' School, £21. This is most praiseworthy for a Lodge to show so well on the list of honours, independently of the efforts of private members; and if all our Lodges could show the same amount of zeal in this respect the promoters of those Institutions, which are the pride and boast of Masonry all over the world, would have far less cause for anxiety and individual exertion than that with which they are saddled at the present hour. The roll of membership of the Lodge from its commencement, for which the compilers suitably thank the Assistant Grand Secretary, is a matter more of local than of general interest; but the History is one which should be widely circulated, containing as it does, a vast fund of important information to the students of contemporary history, the comparison of dates and other subjects which must ever occupy the attention of the brethren of the mystic tie who are striving after knowledge in season and out of season, whether on work or pleasure bent.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Col. Creaton Grand Secretary (in the chair), Joshua Nunn, John A. Rucker, Frank Richardson, Arthur E. Gladwell, E. H. Finney, Frederick Adlard, H. Massey, J. H. Matthews, James F. Corbin, J. J. Caney, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary). After the confirmation of the minutes, the Committee adopted a recommendation of the House Committee, that the salary of the senior clerk in the office of the Institution should commence at £100 a year, and of the junior clerk at £65 a year. The chairman reported the receipt of £178 10s 6d for a purchase case, after which one petition was examined, and the child named therein placed on the list for election in April. The Committee then adjourned.

The annual meeting of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, took place on the 22nd inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, where there was a goodly muster of brethren and visitors. Lodge having been duly opened, and some formal business transacted, Bro. L. Franckel, who ably discharged the duties of the Senior Warden's chair last year, was installed as Worshipful Master, in the place of Bro. C. Costelow. The ceremony of installation was well performed by Bro. B. E. Blasby P.M., and after the newly installed W.M. had received the salutations of the brethren, he invested his Officers for the ensuing year. At the conclusion of the business the brethren partook of a sumptuous repast, when the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. We regret that, in consequence of other pressing engagements, we were unable to accept the kind invitation we had received, and which we had hoped to have responded to. We, nevertheless, tender our best wishes for a prosperous year for the Lodge.

There was a large attendance of brethren and visitors at the first meeting after the recess of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Thursday evening, under the presidency of Bro. J. Roberts W.M. The speeches after the banquet included a stirring appeal by Bro. J. Terry, Secretary of the R.M.B.I., on behalf of the Charities. A full report, which we have in type, is unavoidably deferred till next week.

The Grand Mark Lodge for Cornwall is fixed, by Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., to be held at St. Austell, on Tuesday, 24th Oct., under the wing of the junior but vigorous Mark Lodge, No. 275. The Provincial Grand Master intends to be present. There are now eight Lodges in the Province, the Provincial Grand Secretary being Bro. W. J. Johns P.M. 78, of Truro.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction No. 1612.—A meeting was held at the Ealing Institute on Tuesday, 26th inst. Present—Bros. H. E. Tucker Preceptor, T. A. Smith W.M., J. Green S.W., J. R. Fernee J.W., C. W. Cunningham S.D., W. Seward J.D., P.M. Kasner I.G; also Bros. Denby, Sherman, Jones, and Taylor. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Sherman candidate. Bro. J. Green W.M. of the Mother Lodge was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting, when it is to be hoped there will be a good attendance, the efficiency of Bro. J. Green's working being well known.

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THE LATE LORD TENTERDEN.

A WIDE-SPREAD sense of sorrow will have been experienced amongst a large circle of the Fraternity at the receipt of the intelligence of the death of Lord Tenterden, Provincial Grand Master of Essex, which melancholy event occurred on Friday in last week. His lordship's active and zealous interest in the Craft has often formed the subject of deserved commendation in the columns of the Masonic Press, and his departure from amongst us will have left a void in the ranks of Freemasonry which must be most sincerely deplored. Not only amongst the members of the Order, but in official circles, in which the deceased nobleman occupied a prominent position, will his removal by death, at the early age of forty-eight years, be a matter of profound regret. His active and useful career, especially in relation to the foreign policy of the country, and in other governmental service, earned for him eminent distinction, which was duly recognised by the Ministers of the Crown, for whom he acted in many important capacities. The deceased, Charles Stuart Aubrey Abbott, Baron Tenterden, of Hendon, Middlesex, in the peerage of the United Kingdom, was the only son of the Hon. Charles Abbott, second son of Charles, first Lord Tenterden, Lord Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench, and Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords, and was born on the 26th September 1834. He was appointed to a clerkship in the Foreign Office in April 1854, and was precis writer to Lord Stanley (the late Earl of Derby) when Secretary for Foreign Affairs. His lordship was next appointed as attendant on the Royal Commission of the Neutrality Laws; and afterwards as Secretary to the Royal Commis-

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sion of Inquiry into the Laws of Naturalisation and Allegiance. He was Secretary to the Joint High Commission to consider the various questions affecting the relations between Great Britain and the United States of America in February 1871. The Commission sat at Washington from that date until May in the same year, when, for his services, he was created a Companion of the Order of the Bath (Civil Division). He was subsequently engaged assisting the Lord Chancellor in the preparation of the case for decision respecting the Alabama claims, and afterwards acted as Agent for Great Britain at the Geneva Conference on the same subject. He was appointed Assistant Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in 1871, and in October 1873 was appointed Permanent Under Secretary on the resignation of the Right Hon. Edmund Hammond, who on his retirement was created Lord Hammond. In 1878, in further recognition of his civil services, he was created a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath. His lordship's Masonic career extended over a quarter of a century, during which period his activity and zeal in promoting the interests of the Craft, of which he was so distinguished an ornament, were most deservedly appreciated and recognised. Indeed, it is admitted that the Order could well afford to have "spared a better man," for his exertions in its behalf were as practically useful as they were persistent and unwearying. He was initiated, as Mr. Charles Stuart Aubrey Abbott, in the Harmony Lodge (then No. 317, now No. 253), Richmond, Surrey. Three years later he was elected to the position of Worshipful Master of that distinguished Lodge, an honour which was repeated in 1863, and for many years in his capacity of Honorary Secretary of the Lodge he discharged the duties of the office to the entire satisfaction of successive Masters, Officers and brethren. In consideration of the valuable aid he rendered to the then Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Marquis of Ripon, as Secretary to the Royal Commission for the Negociation of the Treaty of Washington, he was appointed Senior Grand Warden in Grand Lodge of England on the 24th of April 1872, and subsequently became the representative in Grand Lodge of the three Grand Lodges of Berlin. On the death of Bro. Bagshaw, the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales appointed him Provincial Grand Master of Essex, the date of the patent being the 26th of March 1879. His installation into that position was the occasion of a great assemblage of the brethren of Essex and adjoining counties at Chelmsford, on the 2nd of July in that year, the ceremony being performed by the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master. Soon afterwards, in the fulfilment of his position as Provincial Grand Master, he consecrated the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1817, at the Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness. In all his subsequent ruling of the Province he was most popular, and spared no pains to secure a thorough discussion of all questions which were brought before Provincial Grand Lodge. Indeed, it is thought on some occasions he evinced a somewhat too ardent a desire to thrash out matters which might have been more expeditiously settled; but such was his enthusiasm and zeal for the thorough working of the body over whom he ruled so wisely and so well. The *Colchester Gazette* observes:—"It was only on 3rd August last that he held his Grand Lodge at Chingford, and it was one of the largest and most successful that has been held since his lordship's installation. It was a sad coincidence that the first Essex Lodge to meet after his lordship's death was the Chigwell, No. 453, under whose banner the last Prov. Grand Lodge was held, and which met on Saturday last for its annual festival. At the meeting a resolution of condolence with Lady Tenterden was unanimously passed; and at the banquet table a toast to the 'memory of the late Provincial Grand Master' was drunk in solemn silence. We are quite sure that his lordship's decease will cause wide-spread regret among the Craft in Essex." We ourselves observed, at the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex, that the noble lord was not in his accustomed physical "form," but there was nothing to denote more than a passing fit of slight indisposition. His Lordship had been a constant attendant at Grand Lodge, and also presided over one of the recent Festivals of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. He took a prominent part in the organisation of a charity scheme in his province, and was ever an enthusiastic admirer of the higher principles and tenets of the Craft. On one occasion we remember to have heard him remark that, "Some people say it is because Freemasonry leads to pleasant dinners and social gatherings; but in the days when conviviality, singing Bacchanalian choruses, and drinking endless toasts, were the fashion, and the popular idea of a Freemason, as illustrated by Hogarth, was a man in a fantastic apron staggering home at early morning, Freemasonry made comparatively little progress. Others, again say—It is because it is a great Charitable Institution; and this is the true answer, although we must not take the expression in its narrowest sense. It is a Charitable Institution, because it inculcates Charity in its noblest, in its widest aspect. Not only must a Freemason have 'a tear for pity, and a hand open as day for melting charity,' but he is bound by his Masonic obligations to exercise the spirit of charity in brotherly love towards all mankind, and especially towards his brethren in Freemasonry. It is often very much easier to give a sovereign than to forgive an injury. Freemasonry teaches us not only to succour the distressed, but to exercise universal toleration, and to receive and treat as brethren men of all races and creeds who join with us in recognising the landmarks of our Order, the duties we owe to the Most High, to our Fraternity, and to the Queen. This is the true secret of Freemasonry, and it is in this respect that Freemasonry may be said to be the handmaid of religion and the support of social order." This was the spirit which ran throughout the whole of his utterances, and there can be no doubt but that the brethren whom he addressed fully caught the inspiration of his admonitions. In many other ways he gave practical exemplification of his thorough heartedness in all matters of Masonic interest, and his loss will occasion a considerable amount of sympathetic regret amongst all with whom he had been brought into contact. He had been staying with Lady Tenterden and his family for three weeks at Neilson Cottage, Lynton, North Devon, and was apparently in the enjoyment of moderately good health, as only two days prior to his death he was out fishing in the river Lyn, in company with several other gentlemen. Here, however, he was taken with a fit of apoplexy, and was at once removed to an hotel, where medical assistance was obtained, but from the first it was evident that the case was hopeless, and his Lordship lingered almost unconsciously until Friday morning, when he died, to the inexpressible grief of his family and friends. The deceased peer is succeeded by his only son, the Hon. Charles Stuart Henry Abbott, who on the 30th of October will have attained the seventeenth year of his age.

"YE ANTIENTE FRATERNITIE OF YE RAHERE ALMONERS."

UNDER the above quaint appellation, a little more than a year ago two residents of South London, interested in the Parish of St. Bartholomew in the City of London, were mainly instrumental in forming a charitable society which is now, to quote the expressive words of the Lord Mayor of London, "doing good and useful work." Possessing a fair share of influence in their respective districts these two residents in our locality (Mr. Thomas Sangster, of Kennington, and Mr. James Stevens of Clapham), succeeded in attracting to the Society a large adhesion of South London subscribers and donors. As these latter will doubtless be much interested in some forthcoming events of interest to the Society, and many of our readers may be naturally curious to learn what a "Rahere Almoner" is, and how he comes to be part and parcel of a "Fraternitie," we venture to put on record in our columns a few details gathered from "Ye Legende," and certain historical facts, which have been prepared and published by Mr. Stevens, who holds the position of Grand Counsellor to the Fraternity.

It appears, then, that in or about the year 1123, there was a certain minstrel or jester to King Henry I., who was named Rahere. Through circumstances, which are narrated in "Ye Legende," he became Prior Rahere, building the church of St. Bartholomew, at Smithfield, founding St. Bartholomew's Hospital, instituting Bartholomew Fair (many years since discontinued), and doing much charitable work, through a fraternity of pious men, whom he governed. He died in 1143, was buried in the north chancel of his own church, and his fine monument may still be seen there, in good preservation, and bearing the inscription, *Hic jacet Raherus primus canonicus et primus prior hujus ecclesiæ.*

The winter of 1881, especially memorable for the gale and snowstorm of the 18th January, caused great distress in the parish of St. Bartholomew, as well as elsewhere, and the gentlemen above named associated themselves with several parishioners to endeavour to afford some relief to many sufferers. It was then determined to constitute a permanent society, and the connection of the past good deeds of the pious prior Rahere with the then present desires and intentions of the originators of the new charity, was happily thought of. By the "Rules and Regulations," which we have perused with great interest, we observe how closely this connection has been entertained in the construction of the new, or we should, perhaps, more properly say, the *resuscitation* of the olden almonry, to which reference is made in "Ye Legende." As the corollary in the brief

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history to which we have referred puts it, "It is an injury to our common nature when deeds of charity and beneficence are suffered to die out of recollection," and the resuscitation of the almonry by means of the present Society not only keeps green the memory of a former benefactor, but provides the means for continuing such good works to the great advantage of the poor and helpless in our present day and generation.

In the past, and first, year of the existence of "Ye Antiente Fraternitie," a sure and steady progress towards firm establishment has been effected. Its list of subscribers is becoming lengthy; the beneficence of donors has added to its funds; and the support given by the general public to its three or four entertainments in aid of its exchequer has been liberal. The first appearance of the Fraternity in public was on the occasion of its Inauguration Festival, at the Crystal Palace, 24th August 1881, which proved a most successful introduction of the Society. In the following December the ancient Priory Church of St. Bartholomew, in West Smithfield, was crowded to its utmost capacity at a "Choral Evensong," and the performance of Handel's Oratorio, "The Messiah;" and on the 22nd of March in this year, the Memorial Hall in Farringdon Street, E.C., was in like manner filled to overflowing on the occasion of a grand concert under the patronage of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, who, in company with some of the most important officers of the City Corporation, attended in semi-state. The result of this support, and the three public gatherings referred to, has been a liberal distribution of assistance to sick and needy persons, and at the close of the past winter a fair balance for recommencing similar acts of mercy and charity in the dark season fast approaching.

We commend this Institution to our readers, and feel assured that the same courtesy which has been extended to us by the two gentlemen above named, in making us fully acquainted with the particulars we have recorded, will be shown by them to all such as may desire full information as to the nature and scope of the Institution with which they are so closely identified.

Since the above was written we have been informed of the intention of "Ye Antiente Fraternitie" to hold its Anniversary Festival at the Cannon Street Hotel, E.C., on the 20th October next, when the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., has kindly consented to preside at the banquet, and the present and newly elected Sheriffs, together with many important officers of the City Corporation, are expected to attend. In response to the deputation which waited upon the Lord Mayor in reference to this proposed festival, his Lordship expressed his conviction that the Fraternity "is doing good and useful work;" and this kindly sentiment it is in our power, through the knowledge we have of the details of such work, to thoroughly endorse. It is to be hoped, therefore, that this forthcoming public gathering may prove as successful as each of the former have been, and that the support of its friends in South London may be continued as heretofore.—*Clapham Free Press.*

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THIS popular resort, in High Holborn, continues to attract crowded audiences nightly, proving the high appreciation of efforts put forth by the management to provide entertainment in which excellence and variety are the most commendable features. It is a matter of satisfaction also to visitors that every attention is paid to their comfort and enjoyment by way of lighting and ventilation—two important essentials in places of amusement; and with the lime-light and appliances for a continual draught of air through the building every care has been taken to secure the comfort of the audience. Moreover, the general fitness of the hall is in keeping with the rest of the interior economy, and the proprietor, Bro. W. T. Purkiss, is to be congratulated only upon a success that he deserves. It would probably be somewhat to his advantage if a little more rigid discipline were insisted upon amongst waiters in attendance; for on the occasion of our visit it seemed with them a case of "what is everybody's business is nobody's business." As far as the entertainment is concerned, we can hardly speak too highly, it being evidently the determination of the management to set before their patrons a repertoire of excellent vocal and instrumental talent, whose combined efforts go to make up a recherché entertainment. Although the name of Arthur Lloyd has been so many years before the public, the veteran lacks none of his old vigour, and is always well received. Miss Nelly Power retains all her youthful grace and archness of manner, and is a favourite everywhere; her efforts at the Royal the other night being most flatteringly acknowledged. Mr. J. H. Booth, who officiates in so able and genial a manner as chairman, gave some good baritone songs, winning hearty and genuine applause, while Miss Sinclair (as a serio comic), Miss St. Clair (serio and skipping rope dancer), Miss Harriet Vernon, Marie Loftus (with the rather fulsome, nevertheless true, epithet of "the charming songstress), and the Sisters Loamar (the "Royal" favourites), each came in for a fair meed of applause. Disappointment was expressed at the absence, through illness, of Miss Nellie Moon, the favourite cantatrice; but if we omit the "Eccentric Duettists," and the "Characteristic Duettists," neither of whom displayed either much taste or talent, the feminine element are very fairly appreciable. Will Bent, G. W. Hunter, Harry Braham, T. W. Barrett, and F. Jonghmans were all good in their respective parts, and were each most cordially received. Taken altogether, the entertainment was far above mediocre in point of merit, and it is no matter of surprise that with such an admirable bill of fare, large audiences should ever be found attracted to this favourite music hall. To-day (Saturday) there will be a grand morning performance at half-past two o'clock.

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St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction No. 211.—The members of this Lodge of Instruction re-assembled, after the summer recess, on Thursday evening. Bro. Usher Back, W.M. of the Mother Lodge, presiding. He was supported among others by Bros. Charles Greenwood, W. Radcliffe, T. Crapper, W. W. Morgan, George King Preceptor, Rawes, Pembroke, &c. The ceremony of the first degree was rehearsed, and then the brethren partook of a light supper, served by host Kingston in a very neat and enjoyable manner.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—On Tuesday evening there was a very full meeting of the members of this Lodge of Instruction at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, under the presidency of Bro. H. L. Phillips as Worshipful Master for the evening. He was supported by Bros. J. Hicks S.W., Isaac Botibol J.W., A. Botibol J.D., Green I.G., Dodds Sec., A. G. Dodson P.M. and Preceptor. At the conclusion of the business, the ballot was opened for a Life Subscribership to the Masonic Charities, this being the third which has taken place during the existence of the Lodge, scarcely two years. One of these was for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the other for the Boys' School. At the ballot on Tuesday last, the fortunate winner of the subscribership was Bro. Isaac Botibol, of Goswell-road, who has been a constant attendant at this Lodge of Instruction, and a zealous supporter of it. Bro. Botibol was warmly congratulated on his success, and in response to the hearty good wishes expressed towards him, he said he should always endeavour to do his utmost to support this admirable Lodge of Instruction, and to promote the interests of the Craft generally.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—Meeting on Monday, 25th September, at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Bros. Cotton W.M., Nicholson S.W., Taplin J.W., Brooks S.D., Fleming J.D., Rowles I.G. and Tyler, Tucker Preceptor, and others. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, closed in the third, and resumed to the first. the ceremonies of raising and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Fleming J.W. being candidate for the former, and Bro. Rowles for the latter degree. Bro. Nicholson S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. A long and animated discussion followed upon the question of the disposal of the amount in hand, consideration of which was adjourned from the 11th inst. Eventually the discussion was adjourned until the next meeting. Lodge was closed with the usual formalities and adjourned until the 2nd of October.

Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321.—The Fifteen Sections were very ably worked at this Lodge on Wednesday, 27th instant, at the Goat and Star, Swallow-street, Regent-street, W. Bros. W. C. Smith I.G. 1563 W.M., E. Farwig P.M. 180 S.W., J. B. Docker P.M. 1687 J.W. First Lecture:—Bros. R. A. Kirkaldy, W. B. Fendick, H. Esling, C. A. Cottebrune, J. B. Docker, E. Farwig. Second Lecture:—Bros. G. Festa, W. J. Burgess, J. Hemming, J. W. Elvin, C. Dairy. Third Lecture:—Bros. G. Willson, W. H. Richardson, G. F. Swan. Besides the above mentioned the following brethren were present:—Bros. Captain A. Nicols, W. Carrington, C. A. Wood, F. C. Compton, G. W. Reed, P. T. Brearey, J. Blundell, E. J. Scott, R. Blum, W. Smallpeice, F. Deering, J. Hemming, C. F. Compton, C. Corby, G. F. Meads, D. Belinfante, A. B. Richmond, C. M. Brander, G. Small.

WAITERS' FEES.

A propos to our correspondent's letter on this subject, in the last issue of this journal, a writer to the *Daily Telegraph* says:—

SIR,—Many of us are at length back from our holidays, and have entered upon our civic life again. In our wanderings abroad we have dined wisely and well, and we would do so even now. But a painful fact confronts us—we are once more face to face with the English waiters' fees. With the English waiter himself I have no quarrel; he is as good as any of his fellows, perhaps better. And were I only called upon to signify my sense of his care and attention by a modest gift at the end of any repast I might take at restaurant or dining room, I would not complain. This is, however, merely a third of what is expected of me. I must pay for "attendance" on my bill; I must fee the portly head waiter, with whom, till the moment of paying arrives, I do not come in contact; and after all this must still satisfy the man who has served me with my comestibles, or submit to something very like an insult on quitting the place. Why is this system pursued in England alone? Even in the City of London it is not recognised. Your merchant, broker, shipper, or banking clerk enters his chop-house, eats, and pays at the door as he goes away. He may leave something for the waiter or not, as he pleases. But those of us, forsooth, who do not take our dinner at midday in the City, and who venture into a restaurant west of St. Paul's, must perforce pay at least twice and often three times for "attendance." Surely, the proprietors of dining-rooms should see that it would be to their interest to abolish so obnoxious a tax. The public can only fight against it by staying away. The only time I tried I was defeated. "Attendance" being charged in my bill, I gave the head waiter nothing, but handed a trifle to the waiter who had served me the dinner; whereupon he who had presented the bill told me frankly that I must give him something, seeing that he was paid nothing for his services, and had not only to find himself but all the waiters in the room out of the donations he received from customers. What could I do? I handed him the sum exacted and quitted the establishment, resolved never to enter it again.

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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.

SATURDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (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)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

Prov. Grand Lodge Middlesex, Assembly Rooms, Teddington
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1463—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

MONDAY, 2nd OCTOBER.

25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
60—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincolns Inn Fields
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, 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)
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.)
1633—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
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. 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue

Provincial Mark Grand Lodge of Berks and Oxon, Maidenhead
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
336—York, Masonic Hall, York
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
462—St. James's, Masonic Rooms Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
632—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
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. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 3rd OCTOBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
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, Horns Tavern, 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, Woolwich
1558—D. Connaught, Pall Mall Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1662—Beaconsfield, Checkers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Tormsey 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)
R.A. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1538—St. Martins-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
130—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
134—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
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.
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.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Limslade, 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.
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 396—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
M.M. 99—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
M.M. 116—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

WEDNESDAY, 4th OCTOBER.

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, Eardett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (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.)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keyatone, New Inn, Whitworth.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
584—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.
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, Go ver-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)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashu-under-Lyone
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, 5th OCTOBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, 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)
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
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
861—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
862—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)
1361—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand

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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 9 (Inst.)
1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
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. 199—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomert, Abington Street, Northampton.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1384—Equity, 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
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
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
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
M.M. 158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan

FRIDAY, 6th OCTOBER.

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)
862—Pomfret, 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)
1489—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
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
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Lerkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
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
998—Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Athersto..e, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (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, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High street, Gosforth.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30

SATURDAY, 7th OCTOBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, 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)
R.A. 173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

Lodge of Hope, No. 433.—At the monthly meeting of this Lodge, held at the Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea, Essex, on Monday evening, 25th September, the Rev. Arthur Pertwee, vicar of the parish, was elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 70.

A SPECIAL Convocation of Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of the Masonic Lodges meeting in Plymouth, Devonport, and Stonehouse was held on Monday, under the banner of the above senior Lodge, at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. A letter from the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. 189, expressing his regret at being unable to attend, was read. The following were among the Officers present from the various Lodges:—Bros. P.M.'s James Griffin, J. B. Gover, Samuel Jew, L. D. Westcott; J. D. Barker J.W. 70, H. F. Hearle, W. K. Michell, P. B. Clemens 156, J. W. Trevan J.W. 159, E. J. Knight, E. D. Parnell, W. Allsford W.M., J. Viggers J.W. 202, John Lynn P.M. 230, J. Baxter, J. Osborn, J. R. Dugdale 954, E. Aitken Davies, J. Picking J.W. 1099, J. Hooper P.M. 1212, J. R. Lord, B. Elliott, P. G. L. Pearce I.P.M. 1247, John Hammond W.M., L. Lavers J.W. 1255, F. Littleton P.M. 1847. The business was to consider the changes to be made in the laws of the Order proposed by the New Constitutions, and to express the opinions of the Convocation thereon. Bro. S. Jew was called upon to preside, and Bro. E. Aitken Davies was appointed Secretary. The various proposed changes were then individually submitted and explained, and discussed at some length. With very few exceptions the whole of the changes met with unanimous approbation. Some explanatory modifications were recommended. Only three changes were opposed, and of those but one considered of special importance. In this opposition, however, the Convocation was unanimous, and Bros. J. E. Curteis and C. Godtschalk were elected to represent the Province at the coming special meeting of the Grand Lodge to be held for the passing of the new Constitutions.

ATLINGWORTH LODGE, No. 1821.

THE annual installation meeting of the above Lodge took place on Monday, in the Masonic Room, Royal Pavilion, Brighton. Among those present were Bros. G. S. Godfree W.M., W. Newsome S.W., S. Peters J.W., W. A. Tooth Chaplain, G. Smith Treasurer, B. Burfield Treasurer, J. B. Hannay S.D., R. Allison J.D., T. Berry M. of C., H. Anscombe I.G., J. Woodhead Organist, R. Pearce Steward, T. Hughes Tyler, H. H. Hughes Assistant Tyler; J. Billingharst, M. Leleu, W. C. Newsome, H. Hart, H. J. Fieldus, A. Loader, H. D. Frape, J. Sayers, P. Chargois, A. R. Baker, J. C. Buckwell, C. Fasola, S. P. Weston, A. M. Metherill, and F. Marks. The visitors included Bros. John. H. Scott P.J.G.D. Deputy Prov. G.M., V. P. Freeman Prov. G. Secretary, F. Noakes P.M. 311, 1303, P.J.G.W., W. Roe St. Cecilia 1636 P.G.O., L. R. Styer, Royal York 315, W. H. Gibson W.M. Royal York 315, H. Kemball Cook W.M. Yarborough 811, G. R. Lookyer S.W. Royal York 315, J. M. Kidd Royal Brunswick 732, Prov. G.D. of C., W. Nell S.D. Royal Brunswick 732, J. C. Chalk P.M. Yarborough 811, E. Martin P.M. Royal Brunswick 732, F. Daniel W.M. Royal Brunswick 732, T. Packham W.M. Burrell 1829 and P.M. Royal York 315, E. Burfield 567, E. H. Bramley S.W. Leigh 957, J. Brierley Huddersfield 390, W. Lanham Thomas W.M. Mid Sussex 1141, L. H. W. R. Burrell S.D. Ockenden 1465, J. Eberall P.M. St. Cecilia 1636 P.P.G. Purst., H. Davey P.M. Royal Brunswick 732, J. Curtis P.M. Royal York 315 and Southdown 1797, Seymour Burrows J.D. Yarborough 811, G. L. Fenner I.G. St. Cecilia 1636, H. Cheal Secretary Burrell 1829, Walter Smith P.M. Royal Brunswick 732, J. H. Stephens St. Cecilia 1636, J. Harper W.M. Neptune 22, J. Norman P.M. Neptune 22, E. Broadbridge W.M. St. Cecilia 1636, H. Price M. of C. Domatic 177, C. J. Smith P.M. Hova Ecclesia P.P.G.W. and H. C. Davis Mount Lebanon 73. After the Lodge had been formally opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was presented. This was of a highly satisfactory character, and was unanimously adopted. The ballot was brought into requisition, for two candidates for initiation, and one for joining. The result in each case was favourable to the applicant. Bro. W. Newsome W.M. elect was then installed as W.M. by Bro. John Henderson Scott P.J.G.D. Deputy Provincial G. Master. The following Officers were invested by the W.M.:—Bros. S. Peters S.W., B. Burfield J.W., W. A. Tooth Chaplain, G. Smith Treasurer, J. B. Hannay Secretary, R. Allison S.D., T. Berry J.D., H. Anscombe I.G., R. Pearce M. of C., H. J. Fieldus and J. Woodhead Stewards, W. C. Newsome Organist. Bro. J. Eberall P.M. gave the address to the W. Master, while Bro. J. Curtis and J. H. Scott, delivered those to the Wardens and brethren. Bro. G. S. Godfree P.M. was elected a member of the Charities' Committee and of the Masonic Rooms' Committee. Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where they sat down to a banquet admirably served by Bros. Sayers and Marks, the popular Brighton caterers. The newly-installed W.M. presided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and were agreeably interspersed by vocal selections rendered by Miss Smith and Mr. Balchin. Bro. W. Roe Prov. G.O. being an able accompanyist. Bros. Daniels, Bramley and J. Norman responded for the Visitors.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on the 23rd inst. Present—Bros. Gribbell W.M., W. Williams jun. S.W., Galer J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, C. Weeden S.D., R. M. Jones J.D., J. A. Powell I.G.; also Bros. Evans, W. Williams sen., H. Hall, Houghton, Parkes, Woodman, &c. Usual formalities were complied with, and Lodge opened in the second degree, when Bro. Fenner answered the questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. Lodge advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed in a very impressive manner by the W.M., who gave the traditional history, Bro. Fenner acting as candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the third section of the lecture. Lodge was called off and on. Lodge was closed to first degree. Bro. Pearcy worked the first section. Bro. Williams was duly elected to preside at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was cordially awarded the W.M. for the admirable manner he had discharged the duties of the chair for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. After which Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

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United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—On Friday, the 22nd inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., there were present Bros. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. W. M., Thos. Poore P.M. P.Z. S.W., J. W. Watts P.M. J.W., J. N. Bate S.D., J. B. Serjeant J.D., G. W. Knight I.G., John S. Terry P.M. Secretary, E. Francis, J. Willmot, Richard Poore, J. W. Pooler, H. Stokes, and others. The fourth Friday in each month is, in this Lodge of Instruction, placed at the disposal of the Preceptor, and on this occasion Bro. Stevens selected the working of the Sections in the First Degree for the business of the evening. The Lodge having been duly opened the first seven sections were worked in the following order, viz.:—1st and 2nd by Bro. G. W. Knight, 3rd by Bro. R. Poore, 4th by Bro. J. W. Watts P.M., 5th by Bro. E. Francis, and 6th and 7th by Bro. Tho. Poore P.M.P.Z. The "work" was eminently satisfactory, and gave much satisfaction to the members present. A vote of thanks to Bro. T. Poore for his attendance and valuable assistance was recorded on the minutes. The W.M. stated his intention to rehearse the Ceremony of Installation on the following Friday evening, the 29th inst., placing Bro. Poore in the chair of K.S. He also, as Preceptor, and by request of several brethren, intimated that, on the fourth Friday in October, the 27th, the F.C. and M.M. sections would be worked in full. Thanks were voted to the "section workers" of the evening. The Lodge was closed in perfect harmony and adjourned.

Panmure Lodge of Instruction, No. 720.—There was a large attendance of members at the meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Wednesday evening last, about thirty brethren being assembled to hear the excellent working of Bro. Thomas Poore P.M. as Installing Master. The Lodge was opened in the several degrees, and the full ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Lilley W.M. of the Stuart Lodge, being the candidate W.M. elect. Several Past Masters assisted, and formed a large Board of I.M.'s. Bro. James Stevens P.M. officiated as M.C. In the course of the evening the Lodge was called off for slight refreshment, and resumed labour; and, after closing, an agreeable hour was spent in harmony, the brethren separating about ten o'clock, much pleased with the Masonic treat which had been afforded them.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—A meeting was held on Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Smyth W.M., A. J. Clark S.W., A. Jones J.W., F. Carr Secretary, Wardell S.D., T. Clark J.D., Christian I.G., P.M. Bro. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Robinson, Brasted, Lorkin, Darnell. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Robinson candidate. Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Darnell then offered himself as candidate for passing, and was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Darnell was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed to the first. Bro. A. J. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—Held at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, on 25th inst. Present—Bros. Chitson W.M., Hammond S.W., I. P. Cohen J.W., Clements S.D., Hubbert J.D., Oxley I.G., Moss Preceptor, T. J. Barnes P.M. Treasurer, Stewart Hon. Secretary; also Bros. Hopkins, Picking, Peterkin, Davies, and James Gander. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hopkins candidate. Bro. I. P. Cohen worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Picking 144, Hopkins 144, and Gander 1716, were elected members of this Lodge. Bro. Hammond S.W. was elected W.M. for next meeting. Bro. Moss proposed, and Bro. I. P. Cohen seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which Bro. Chitson had worked the ceremony, for the first time in this Lodge. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Barnes proposed that Bro. D. Moss be elected Preceptor. This was seconded by Bro. Stewart, and supported by Bro. I. P. Cohen, who bore testimony to the zeal and ability of Bro. Moss. This motion was also unanimously agreed to. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till 9th October.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—On Tuesday evening, the 26th inst., at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, there was a large attendance of brethren, including Bros. Hy. Baldwin W.M., Richard Poore S.W., C. H. Phillips Treasurer J.W., E. A. Francis Preceptor, H. M. Williams Secretary, W. Lucas S.D., R. W. Pooler J.D., E. A. Albert I.G.; also Bros. Hy. Lovegrove W.M. 1949, &c., W. Millen, L. A. Richardson, R. R. Johnstone, Geo. Millen, G. Monk, F. A. Pullen J.W. 742, J. S. Lewis 493, Alex. Laing 58, J. W. Woodthorpe 1679. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, and Brother Lovegrove offered himself as candidate, proved his efficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was impressively rehearsed by the W.M. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree. The following brethren were unanimously elected members:—Bros. Wm. Lucas J.D. Royal Leopold 1669, Alex. Laing Kelso 58, John Wm. Woodthorpe Henry Muggeridge 1679. Bro. Richard Poore was elected W.M. for the ensuing week: he returned thanks. The usual social hour, after Lodge was adjourned, was rendered especially pleasant by the musical talent of Bros. Johnstone, Laing, Monk, and Poore, with Bro. Williams Secretary as accompanyist on the pianoforte. The toast of the New Members and Visitors being, as usual, received with warm approbation; it was responded to by the brethren referred to.

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EDEN LODGE, No. 1530.

THE installation of Officers of the above Lodge took place on Tuesday, 25th July, at the Masonic Hall, Newton, Auckland. There was a very large and influential attendance on the dais and on the floor of the Lodge, including visitors from sister Lodges. The District Grand Lodge of England attended as a Lodge, composed of Bros. Lodder D.D.G.M., Moat D.G.S. Warden, Rev. W. Tebbs D.G. Registrar, Wade D.G. Secretary, Warren D.G. Treasurer, Haswell D.G. Sword Bearer, Fenton D.G. Pursuivant, Cole D.G.S.D., Waddel Steward, Katterns D.G.J.D., Leers D.G. Director, Wilcocks D.G. Sup. Works, and Dr. Dawson. From the P.G. Lodge of Ireland there were present the R.W.P.G.M. Bro. Pierce, and Major Burns Director of Ceremonies. There were also present Bros. Rule W.M. United Service, and P.M. Suiter of the same Lodge. Lodge Ara also attended as a Lodge, and comprised the following Officers:—Bros. A. Wright W.M., J. B. Crothers I.P.M., C. Western S.W., G. H. Powley J.W., J. R. Hanna S.D., together with the Stewards, and Bro. Kidd I.G. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Warren, the outgoing W.M., and after preliminaries, Bro. W.M. Moat was called on to perform the duties of Installing Master, an office to which his long experience and thorough knowledge of Masonic ritual enabled him to carry out in a thoroughly efficient and impressive manner. The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. Wade and Warrens P.M.'s, and having been duly installed into the chair of King Solomon, he invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Y. Warren S.W., C. M. Newson J.W., T. Faulder Treasurer, H. Chapman Secretary, F. Stephens S.D., A. McKemish J.D., A. N. Busby M.C., J. Thompson I.G., S. A. Steel Steward, W. J. Wright Steward, William Johnston Tyler. Apologies for unavoidable attendance were read by letter from Bro. General Gosset W.M. Prince of Wales, and from two members of Lodge Eden. Brother the Rev. W. Tebbs apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Rev. C. M. Nelson D.G. Chaplain, and for Dr. Goldsbro' D.G.J.W. At the close congratulations were received from Lodges Ara, United Service, Prince of Wales, Remuera, Love and Honour (289 England), Sir Walter Scott and Coromandel. Bro. Wade also apologised for the absence of members of the Scottish P.G. Lodge, as they had a Grand Lodge meeting that night. The Lodge having been closed in harmony, the brethren assembled at a banquet in the upper room. Here the most was made of the space, and Bro. McEwen provided a really excellent banquet on a most liberal scale. The W.M. was supported on his right by Bro. Lodder D.D.G.M., and on his left by Bro. G. P. Pierce P.G.M. Seventy-five brethren sat down to table. The substantials being cleared, there was little time left for speaking on the toasts which succeeded. The Chairman proposed the toasts of "The Queen and Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M. of England, and the M.W.G.M.'s of Ireland and Scotland, the Duke of Abercorn and the Earl of Mar and Kelley." The latter toast was responded to by Bro. Burns P.M., and Bro. Slater R.W.M. of Lodge St. Andrew. Bro. Slater then proposed "The D.G.M.E.C. and his Officers," to which Bro. Lodder responded. "The P.G.M.'s of the Irish and Scottish Constitutions" was proposed by Bro. Lodder, and responded to by Bro. Pierce. Brother Wade proposed "The Health of the newly-installed W.M.," to which Bro. Kitt made a suitable reply. "Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. Chapman P.M., and responded to by Bro. Waddel W.M. 689 E.C. and Bro. Wright 348 I.C. The toast of the "Installing Master" was proposed by Bro. J. Warren I.P.M., and responded to in suitable and congratulatory terms by Bro. Moat D.G.S.W. The other usual toasts were drunk with honours, and a very enjoyable evening followed.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex will take place, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master, at the Royal Pavilion, on Friday, the 13th day of October next, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in the Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435, at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., on Thursday, the 5th October, by Bro. W. H. Dean W.M. 1900, P.M. 417, P.P.G.S.B. Dorset.

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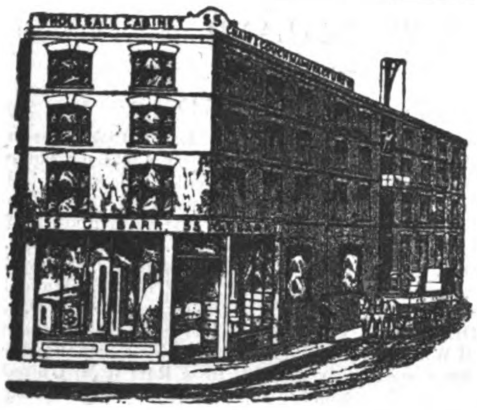

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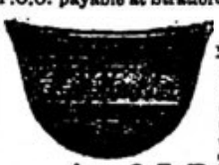

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THE UNIVERSALITY OF FREEMASONRY.

THIS is a very wide subject, but admitted on all hands to be the core and kernel of the professions we make as members of a common brotherhood whose branches are spread over the whole of the habitable globe. Freemasonry, in its comprehensive and cosmopolitan sense, forms the platform upon which men of all shades of opinion, all schools of thought, all creeds and ideas, can meet in the freedom of unrestrained harmony and goodfellowship; and nowhere is the word "home" so thoroughly and practically demonstrated as within the precincts of a Masonic Lodge. Here, upon the chequered floor is the only spot on God's earth where are exemplified the true principles of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity; and they are here found in all their purest and most disinterested fulness. Nations and communities have for centuries aimed at a realisation of this condition of things, but have utterly failed to accomplish the ends embodied in that sentiment. There is no such thing existent, except in theory, as true equality, and man might as well try and add a cubit to his stature as to expect an exact parellel in all the conditions and relations of life. The countenances, the handwritings, and the very thoughts of men, are distinctive and individual, and the axiom of seeing "eye to eye" in all mundane matters is as remote as the discovery of the philosopher's stone or the attainment of perpetual motion. In nature and art, in the sciences, and all the other phases of human affairs, transition and change are the marked indications of every age; progress and retrogression are ever alternate; and as the world keeps moving on, the motto still holds good, "*Sic transit gloria mundi.*" Only in our great, wise, and beneficent scheme is the great problem of universality solved, and that is in the broad, expansive scheme laid at the feet of every man who finds a shelter and a rest beneath the banner of our Ancient and Honourable Institution — who has felt the fraternal grasp of a brother's hand, and known what is meant by the pure and lofty sentiments delineated by the five points of fellowship. Freemasonry has a "domain upon which the sun never sets:" with us the glorious orb is ever at its meridian, and sheds its lavish and gracious benefits upon all, no matter of what nation, kindred, or tongue, from whom have been removed the hoodwink of darkness, and who have been admitted into the fulness of Masonic light. He may traverse the world from pole to zone, and ever find kindred hearts beating in unison with his own; a hearty and genuine welcome everywhere, whether in frigid or torrid climates; amongst strange people, and in strange lands. Indeed, Freemasonry is "the only one touch of Nature which makes the whole world kin," the "open sesame" to the heart of hearts of brethren who are linked together in the universal bonds of "ye mystic tie." When we take up contemporary journals, and find how brethren from our own shores are received, we find in such records only a pleasing counterpart of that which we witness every day in our own Lodges at home—a hearty sympathy and co-operation in the common cause—a brotherly welcome and downright genuine sense of amenity and binding friendship. There is no other section of humanity in which such sentiments are to be found as those which guide and actuate the community of Masons throughout the world. The wide canopy overshadows all, and the lights which illumine the Masonic mind drive away all phantoms of discord and enmity, which are never to be found inside the portals of a Masonic Lodge. To our mind, in theory, and we are bound to say it is very fully borne out in practice, the universality of Freemasonry and the affinities it creates, bring us as near as we can hope for in this sublunary sphere to the millennium of peace and goodwill amongst men. A brother sets out upon a distant voyage, to lands where the habits and customs of his future associates are to him an enigma, and which take him a long time to understand. Upon the vasty deep he meets with brethren who have tastes and aspirations coincident with his own, and those who have participated in the ceremonies of a Lodge at sea will be able to appreciate the true bonds of fellowship which perhaps prevail amongst men of various nationalities. Once on shore he finds, even at the Antipodes, a home; the counsel, advice, and hospitality of friends, as ardent in the cause as himself, as solicitous for his welfare as though he were—as, indeed, he really is—one of their own family circle. In cases of difficulty and distress there is no deaf ear turned to the voice of supplication, but ever a helping hand stretched forth to assuage sorrow and to alleviate necessity. There the man who is a true student of the Divine art can never feel alone. He is a unit in the great commonwealth of brotherly love, relief, and truth, and is surrounded on every side, and hedged in by generous and sympathetic hearts, in whose hands his very inmost secrets and dearest interests are held sacred and inviolate. This is the bright jewel which glitters in the diadem of the Brotherhood, this universal unselfish sympathy, this cordial unity and cohesion, and this unrestrained equality, which permeates the whole system of Freemasonry, which leavens the various sections of society and kneads them into one common whole. True, it may be pointed out that these ideas, though lofty and noble in themselves theoretically, are sometimes deficient in practice; but let our detractors point to any community under the sun in which there are not delinquents—any rule to which there is not an exception. We are often reminded that there is no flock, howsoever well tended, but one black sheep is there. And unquestionably, in the course of experience every one of us has found instances in which men speak sneeringly, and even in terms of disgust almost, at the mere mention of those principles of which they once avowed themselves the exponents, and the principles they at the outset of their Masonic career promised to support. The very suggestion of our cosmopolitan responsibilities running concurrent with our universal advantages is spurned by some men of acerbetive minds and temperaments, who, when appealed to in any cause of charity or co-operation, turn round and plead hurry or other engagements in order to shirk duties which are morally incumbent upon them. But these are the "outsiders," so to speak, of the Craft. They are men who fail to discern the binding responsibilities of their obligation, who have blurred the mirror of their perceptions, and fail to recognise the sublime allegory by which our "beautiful system of morality" is veiled. Starting into life, with everything around them fresh and novel, they overleap themselves with vaulting enthusiasm; but as the stern realism of experience sets in, and the alloy of personal interests and ambition clogs the freedom of their mental aspirations, the universality of Freemasonry becomes a vista, in the mist of which they lose sight of that disinterestedness and truth of character they displayed when they were freely granted the "pre-

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donimant wishes of their hearts." Such men ought never to have joined the Craft. They are like the unstable light which bursts into a rapid flame, and burns ignominiously out with the first gust of an adverse wind. The chief scoffers, however, against the universality of Freemasonry are those who have entered the ranks actuated by "mercenary or other unworthy motives," who have failed to realise their sordid anticipations, and who, crossed and soured in their Masonic hopes; not content with isolating themselves from those who at first welcomed them within their hospitable circle, ready to share the smiles and tears of our common existence, they become querulous and hypercritical, and finally hostile to the professions they once espoused. But this does not one whit affect the broad, grand, and comprehensive principle of the universality of Freemasonry. In the overwhelming majority of Masonic hearts the truth will ever be realised and practically exemplified that we are a band of brothers, knit together by unfaltering, unswerving patriotism and fidelity to each other, and that the ground trodden by Masons should be unstained by even the thought or suspicion of untruthfulness or deceit. The farther the true student of Masonry travels along the path of science, the more deeply he is impressed with the solemnity and vitality of the aphorism "*Semper fidelis.*" The wide-spread canopy of Freemasonry is as pure as it is co-extensive with the firmament itself; the love and affections of true Masons are free and fervent as the air we breathe, or the sunshine which gladdens the surface of the earth; and the aspirations of all firm and true men are sealed towards each other with a never-dying and unalterable intensity. This is no mere sermonising, but the plain and revealed truth in connection with our glorious Order; and they know it best who have tested the conditions which rule and sway the existence and progress of the Craft in all lands. Now that the season has again fully set in, and our Lodges are beginning in earnest the work set before them, we shall receive fresh and welcome testimony to the truth of our assertion that Freemasonry is the universal bond of fellowship and the only exponent of freedom and true friendship all the world over; that personal interests are sunk in the grand scheme of mutual love and help; and that the professions of a common brotherhood are no vain, idle boast, or visionary dream. We shall hear from the lips of those who have imbibed most deeply the true delights of Fremasonry how good and glorious a theme it is that is conveyed in the words at the head of this article, and how generally and truly it is practised amongst the members of the Fraternity. That this spirit of cosmopolitism is increasing in depth and fulness, rather than diminishing, we are quite assured; and that it is the fountain from which good thoughts and noble deeds will continue to emanate can never be doubted by those who have caught the inspiration engendered by a study of the Art, and who are the willing and apt disciples of those glorious tenets embodied in the most free and unfettered system of universal love which can ever be known amongst mankind.

Currency was given last week to a rumour that the Duke of Connaught would probably be appointed by the Prince of Wales to the Grand Mastership of Essex, vacant by the death of Lord Tenterden. It was a rumour, and nothing more, but it was based on a generally received opinion that the appointment would be very popular, and to Freemasons generally, as well as to the Essex Freemasons particularly, would be most acceptable. The *Yorkshire Post* thinks that as there are several military depots in the country (Colchester, Harwich, Shoeburyness, Tilbury, Purfleet, and Warley), the Duke, being a military officer, would be a suitable Provincial Grand Master. But there are other reasons as well. The Duke of Connaught is a most popular man. He is also a Past Grand Senior Warden, and his younger brother, the Duke of Albany, who is a Past Junior Grand Warden, has already an important province (Oxford), and Freemasons as a body would be glad to see another member of the reigning house in the exalted position of a Provincial Grand Master.—*Evening News.*

A MASONIC MEETING AT SEA.

A MEETING of Masons was held on board the *Trojan*, recently, on her outward voyage from Southampton to the Cape. The brethren present who took part in the interesting proceedings of the somewhat novel gathering, mustered about twenty. The sum of £2 12s 6d having been collected, it was decided that it should be devoted to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and it was directed to be forwarded to the Secretary of that Institution in London. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—"That Bro. J. C. Lory Marsh P.M. 567 should, on his return to England, apply to Grand Lodge, to ascertain under what regulations travelling Masons may be permited to hold Lodges of Instruction on board vessels at sea."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

THE members of this Province held their annual meeting on Saturday last, the 30th ult., at the Assembly Rooms, Teddington, where there was a very fair attendance of brethren, who assembled to meet the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Francis Burdett, Bart. Amongst those present were Bros. Sir Charles T. Bright P.D.G.M., Raymond H. Thrupp P.S.G.W., E. S. Blaikie P.J.G.W., H. G. Buss P.G. Treasurer, H. C. Levander P.G. Sec., C. Harding P.S.G.D., H. M. Gordon P.G.J.D., Thomas Nash P.G.D.C., R. Lonsdale P.A.D.C., W. H. Goodall P.G.S.B., G. J. Dunkley P.G. Organist, Isaac Dixon P.G. Pursuivant, J. Gilbert P.G. Tyler, C. Ross, Bird, Pearson P.G. Stewards; amongst the Past Prov. Grand Officers were Bros. F. Davison, H. Briggs, Thomas Massa, T. C. Walls, J. Linzell, W. Stephens, G. W. Kenning, E. B. Bright, Dr. Ernest Brette, G. Tidcombe, T. W. Ockenden, A. B. Day, G. Hopwood, &c. &c. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened soon after three o'clock, when the rolls of Provincial Grand Officers and of Lodges were called. It will be seen by the list we give above that the Prov. Grand Officers had loyally obeyed the summons of their Prov. Grand Master, while out of the thirty-one Lodges combined in the Province, all but four were represented. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were read and adopted, and then the Reports of the Audit and Charity Committees were presented, and assented to by the members. The election of Provincial Grand Treasurer resulted in the re-appointment of Bro. H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary. The appointment and investment of Provincial Grand Officers was then made as follows:—

Bro. R. H. Thrupp 1691	Deputy P.G. Master
J. Inglis 708	P.G. Senior Warden
J. F. Huggins 778	P.G. Junior Warden
Rev. L. M. D'Orsey 1503	P.G. Chaplain
H. G Buss 1293	P.G. Treasurer
C. L. Smiles 1309	P.G. Registrar
H. C. Levander 1415	P.G. Secretary
W. Stephens 1637	P.G. Senior Deacon
F. D. Kennedy 1503	P.G. Junior Deacon
T. S. Archer 1494	P.G. Supt. of Work
R. Lonsdale 1238	P.G.D.C.
J. H. Pearson 1567	P.G.A.D.C.
T. I. Bird 1897	P.G. Sword Bearer
J. W. George 1309...	P.G. Organist
E. Somers 1897	P.G. Pursuivant
C. Ross 382	P.G. Asst. Pursuivant
Sir R. Hanson 778, F. Mc Dougall 788, W. Vincent 1194, E. Poore 1237, W. G. Kentish 1293, H. Gloster 1326	P.G. Stewards
J. Gilbert	P.G. Tyler

The following sums were granted from the Benevolent Fund:—To the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £10 10s; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £10 10s; Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Masons, £10 10s. With respect to the motion of Bro. Clabon P.G.D. in Grand Lodge, 10th June 1882, to increase the Quarterly Payments to Grand Lodge, it was unanimously agreed that any change was undesirable; and as regards the Communication of Grand Secretary in reference to the Royal College of Music, a formal motion was agreed to that Col. Shadwell H. Clerke should be thanked for his letter. After a few other matters had received attention, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed. A banquet was afterwards served, but the arrangements made did not receive that cordial approval that might be desired. Brethren who attended seemed to realise that we are approaching the chilly season of the year, and however desirable a "cold" collation may be in the dog days, for the last day of September such an arrangement is hardly to be commended. Moreover, many of those present had made "a day of it," and had fortified themselves for a good dinner by "a good long walk," and for such as these the delicacies of a confectioners's "set out" were of too "unsubstantial" a character. However, the repast was done ample justice to by some, while others threatened what they would do to satisfy their hunger when they returned to town. On the removal of the cloth, Sir Francis Burdett proposed the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft." It might be said Her Majesty for many years had been revelling in a bed of roses, but she had lately passed through a period of great anxiety as to the welfare of her troops in Egypt. After the National Anthem, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., was toasted; and then the Right Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon. K.G.; the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the Grand Officers, Present and Past. In speaking of the Grand Officers, the R.W. Prov. G. Master particularly mentioned the services of the Deputy G. Master the Earl of Lathom, who was not only popular in his Province, but was universally honoured in consequence of his great efforts to promote the prosperity of Freemasonry in every way. The rest of the G. Officers were equally deserving of praise and support, as they were the mainstay of the Order. The Prov. G. Lodge were fortunate that evening in having before them three Grand Officers, viz., Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Buss, and Levander. He should couple the name of Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, who was always ready and willing to do all he could for the good of Freemasonry. Bro. Clerke said that so important a toast required a long speech; but as they (the members of the Province of Middlesex) on former occasions had heard him expatiate on the merits of the Officers comprising Grand Lodge, he had nothing new to offer them, further than that every year the Grand Lodge of England grew in importance, by the admission into its Councils of many distinguished noblemen and gentlemen. The Province of Middlesex fortunately possessed the services of two very good and able Grand Officers, namely, Bros. Buss and Levander. It afforded him great satisfaction to witness the progress of the Province of Middlesex under the genial sway of their popular Prov. Grand

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Master, Bro. Sir Francis Burdett. The health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master was heartily proposed by Bro. Thrupp, who said he felt extreme diffidence in giving this toast, as he could not do justice to all the good qualities that Bro. Sir Francis Burdett possessed; suffice it to say he was a pure Englishman. They all knew him as an able Mason; but he (the speaker) had heard of his popularity in Wiltshire, and elsewhere, as a kind and generous landlord. Sir Francis said it had always been his desire, not to pose as Prov. Grand Master, but to do the best he could for his fellow men. It had given him great pleasure to assist others with whom he had been associated. The Provincial Grand Master gave the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, coupled with the name of Bro. Thrupp, who gracefully acknowledged the compliment. Bros. Buss and Levander responded for the Treasurer and Secretary. With the toast of the Visitors was coupled the name of Brother Alfred Brookman W.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge, who thanked Sir Francis for the great honour he had done him. The Masonic Charities was next given. Brother Terry, after replying, took occasion to mention that the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution would be held under the presidency of General Brownrigg, the Provincial Grand Master for the neighbouring county of Surrey, when he respectfully hoped that Bro. Sir Francis Burdett might be kindly induced to support his brother-in-arms by acting as Steward for the Province of Middlesex. The musical arrangements for the evening were entrusted to Bro. G. S. Graham, who ably fulfilled the task allotted him. He was assisted by Bros. W. Sexton, Charles White, Henry Prenton, and Michael Watson. We may mention here that Bro. Graham, who is a genial and talented artist, will give his Seventeenth Annual Concert, under royal and distinguished patronage, at the St. Andrew's Hall, Balham, on Thursday, the 26th inst., on which occasion he will doubtless receive the support of many of his brother Masons.

The Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys gratefully acknowledges a donation of Fifty Guineas from a Member of the Court of Common Council towards the Preparatory School Building Fund.

Bro. A. M. Broadley, who is retained as counsel for Arabi Pasha, was counsel for the late Mr. Levy in the Enfida case; he is also the author of "Tunis Past and Present."

It has been arranged that the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons for Hampshire shall take place this year at Gosport. The date selected is Saturday, the 21st of October.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, at the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury-pavement, E.C., on Monday, the 9th instant, by Bro. W. M. Stiles W.M. 1507, P.M. 1732, Secretary 1744. Brethren are cordially invited. No visitors' fee is charged at this Lodge of Instruction. At 7.30 p.m.

The Freemasons' Tavern is about to be fitted up with Messrs. Merryweather and Sons' improved and inexpensive high pressure fire extinguishing apparatus, for the new proprietors, Messrs. Spiers and Pond. The Novelty Theatre, immediately opposite the Tavern, is being similarly protected, and by the same renowned firm.

Our readers are reminded that the annual meeting of the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, when Bro. G. P. Festa will be installed in succession to Bro. W. H. Dean P.P.G.S.B. of Dorset, will take place on Wednesday next, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn, when a large and distinguished assemblage is expected. On Thursday night Bro. Dean rehearsed the ceremony of installation at the Union Tavern, Aire Street, Regent Street, where there was a goodly assemblage of the brethren, all of whom were much interested and instructed by the manner in which the work was done. We hope next week to be able to congratulate the first Master upon the successful and fitting termination of his reign. Surely no brother has more deservedly won the Past Master's jewel.

We have been written to, by one of the supporters of the candidate, in reference to the remarks which we made in our issue of the 23rd ult., relative to the case of B. A. Cookes, No. 14 on the list for the coming election of the Girls' School. The brother who writes, and who we know is working hard to secure the girl's election, gives particulars, which certainly establish the worthiness of the child to receive the support of the general body of subscribers. Our request for further information was not made so much in reference to this case in particular, as it was for further details in every case. It would be better for all—candidates, parents, and general supporters—if the future ballot sheets gave details on which it would be possible to form some sort of opinion as to worthiness.

Following the resolution of Grand Lodge on the 6th ult., there has been issued from Grand Secretary's office to the Masters of all Lodges under the English Constitution, a copy of the Revision of the Book of Constitutions, which the Board of General Purposes submit for the consideration of the Craft, and on which it will have to determine at special Grand Lodges in February next. It consists of a book of 112 pages and 308 sections, the drafting and arranging of which have occupied the attention of the Board for eighteen months. The discussion which will ensue on these rules, when brought before Grand Lodge, must be very long, and no doubt the objections will be numerous, but it cannot be denied that as they now stand the new Constitutions are designed for the general welfare of the Order, and must commend themselves to the goodwill of the best-thinking Freemasons. Taking, however, only the new arrangement of the rules, the book is far in advance of the volume now in use, inasmuch as the rules are arranged methodically, having regard to their bearing and sequence, and they are all numbered consecutively, so that the number alone will be a complete reference to each rule.—*Evening News.*

The illuminated address from the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge to Lord Charles Beresford is, we hear, to be presented in London, as his Lordship contemplates proceeding to Scotland without delay. It heartily congratulates Lord Charles upon his safe return, after having, in the discharge of his duty, been exposed to many perils both by sea and by land. The members of the Lodge state that they have read, with pride and gratification, the accounts of his gallant deeds before the enemy, and of the valuable service he has rendered to his country, by which he has worthily maintained the traditions of the distinguished family of which he is a member, and has shed additional lustre upon the noble profession to which he belongs. To the members of the Lodge, of which he was the first Worshipful Master and one of the founders, his well merited promotion is a source of the greatest pleasure, and the brethren trust that he may be spared many years to be an ornament to the Navy, and to render valuable service to Freemasonry.—*Portsmouth Times.*

Remarkable Bicycle Ride.—The 24 hours' Road Competition, promoted by the manufacturers of the "Facile" Safety Bicycle, took place on Saturday last. The event has attracted great interest among bicyclists and others, and the start was made from Anderton's Hotel at 12 midnight on Friday, in the presence of an immense gathering of spectators. There were 26 starters, and the result of the race was as follows:—1st prize, value £10 10s, won by Walter Snook; distance ridden in the 24 hours, 214½ miles. 2nd prize, value £6 6s, won by W. F. Sutton; distance ridden, 198 miles. 3rd prize, value £4 4s, won by C. H. Cole; distance ridden, 189 miles. Besides the above, 14 riders are entitled to the gold medal, value £3 3s, having accomplished 150 miles, and 2 to the silver medal, value £1 1s (128 miles). All the competitors rode "Facile" bicycles, varying in size from 36in. to 44in., and taken altogether the performance of the winner may be considered the most remarkable that has yet been accomplished upon the "silent steed." The whole arrangements for checking the race were in the hands of Mr. P. G. Coleman, official timekeeper to the Bicycle Union.

In consequence of the great demand for No. 1 of the New Series of the Pictorial World, containing the coloured Portrait of Sir Garnet Wolseley, and the commencement of Miss Braddon's Tale "The Golden Calf," the Proprietors have reprinted, at very great cost, the entire Number, which will be re-issued on Monday next, 9th October. On 21st October will appear a coloured Portrait of the Right Hon. William Ewart Gladstone, being the first of a series of Political Portraits.

The Fifteen Sections will be Worked by the Members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, at the "Cambria Tavern," Cambria Road, Loughboro' Junction, on Monday, the 9th day of October, 1882, commencing at 7 o'clock in the evening precisely.

On Monday evening of last week an entertainment was given to 500 boys and girls at Berner-street Board School, St. Georges-in-the East. They were entertained by the Rev. J. M. Fidler, of St. Mathew's Church, Princes-square, St. George's East; each child also received a bag of biscuits, kindly given by Messrs. Huntly and Palmer, and Messrs. Peek, Frean and Co. On Tuesday evening a second entertainment was given to nearly 400 infants, who received a bag of biscuits, and by the kindness of Messrs. Allen and Sons, of Canal-road, Mile-end, each child received a prize packet of sweets. Dissolving views were exhibited by the Rev. J. M. Fidler and a gentleman from the Shoreditch Tabernacle.

Lewis's Penny Readings.—A pennyworth of pure literature is one of the best investments that can be made by any "man, woman, or young person"—as the Factories Acts have it—who desires to have recreation, amusement, companionship and instruction constantly at hand. One of the very largest and best pennyworths of this commodity that we have ever seen has just been issued by a firm whose extensive trading organisation has enabled them to produce a marvellous example of cheap publications. *Lewis's*, the famous house whose warehouses and stores occupy so prominent a position in Market-street, Manchester, have given their name to a handsome book of 130 excellently printed pages, entitled *Lewis's Penny Readings*," containing admirable selections from the best poets, prose writers, orators, and humourists of the last two or three centuries, and sold for *one Penny*; or persons at a distance can obtain a copy by sending 2½d in stamps. Nothing could be added to the mere mention of this enterprise that could increase its suggestiveness.

Brother Rev. H. G. Donavia Hunt Mus. B., F.R.A.S., delivered the inaugural address of the session at the distribution of certificates and other awards to the successful students of Trinity College on Tuesday evening.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. LUKE'S LODGE, No. 144.

THE annual meeting was held on Monday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Lodge was opened at three o'clock by Bro Barham, who was supported by his Officers and the following Past Masters:—Bros. R. J. Taylor, F. W. Dawson, H. C. Ball, J. Maples, J. W. Skeggs, R. M. Heney, E. Wallanche. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. W. S. Dunkley 1777, S. W. Barker P.M. 1767, J. J. Thomas W.M. 753, G. S. Graham S.W. 1777, George Tribbel P.M. 1287, Walter Hallett P.M. 733, G. Lilley W.M. Stuart 1632, R. White 1426, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, A. Southam P.M. 1420, T. Poore P.M. 720, T. Bartlett 185, Horace White J.D. 1257, Ruff P.M. 95, J. Garrod P.M. 754, J. W. T. Chapman J.W. 922, C. Evans I.G. 1922 W. G. Dickins P.M. 860, George Read P.M. 511, J. H. Pearson P.M. 1567 P.D.C. Middlesex, Donald Clark P.M. 1632, R. Burleton P.M. 1681, H. Cross J.W. 586, J. H. Hawkins P.M. 1693, Thomas Cross W.M. 1194, S. White 1426, A. Millward W.M. elect 1677, R. Day 201, J. T. Dufroy I.G. 1275, A. Runacres P.M. 1558. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the Report of the Audit Committee, was presented, and unanimously adopted. Bro. Henry Cross was elected a joining member, and then Bro. William James Fortescue was raised to the sublime degree, and Bros. George J. Picking and William Hopkins were passed. Both ceremonies were performed by the I.P.M., Bro. J. R. Taylor. Lodge was then called off, and after a brief interval, the W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Markland, was presented to Bro. Past Master J. R. Taylor, who had kindly undertaken the duties of Installing Officer. The obligation was duly administered, the brethren below the rank of I.M. retired, a Board of Masters was opened, and the ceremony proceeded. On the re-admission of the brethren, the new W.M. was saluted in the three degrees, and the following were appointed Officers for the ensuing twelve months:—H. Cox S.W., W. G. Cole J.W., J. G. Unite P.M. Treasurer, Edward Witts P.M. Secretary, E. G. Banks (named as) S.D., A. C. Rawlings J.D., A. A. Tartas I.G., J. Maples P.M. M.C., R. J. Taylor P.M. W.S., E. E. Heyworth A.W.S, T. Bowler Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bro. Taylor, who fully realised all that had been expected of him. We may here say these expectations were of a high standard, and based upon what had been evidenced as to ability by his efforts in the earlier part of the days' proceedings. A proposition for a rejoining member was submitted to the Lodge for next meeting, and the resignation of a brother tendered, and accepted, with regret. Hearty good wishes were submitted and Lodge was closed. The proprietors of this well-known hotel supplied a most enjoyable banquet, Bro. Arthur Clemow personally superintending the service. On removal of the cloth, Grace—For these and all Thy mercies—was sung, and the W.M., Bro. Markland, gave the Loyal toasts. Bro. Barham, in brief but expressive terms, proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Markland had only just been installed, but the members had every confidence in his ability to rule the Lodge, which doubtless during his year would continue its career of prosperity, while the happy feeling of sympathy amongst its members would, if possible, be extended. After a song by Bro. H. Cross—"Hearts of Oak"—came Bro. Millbank's reply. He was much gratified at the way in which the toast had been received. He could but feel flattered at the unanimous manner in which he had been elected to the highest position in the Lodge. The way in which he had been received that evening was intensely gratifying. He would do all he could to advance the interests of the members. Short speeches were the order of the evening, and, under the circumstances, he would conclude by again heartily thanking the brethren, one and all, for the reception they had given him. Here Brother Heney favoured with a song. For the Visitors, Bros. Poore and Lilley replied. In replying to the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. Taylor, after acknowledging the cordial remarks of the W.M. in introducing the toast, felt he had only done his duty; if the brethren were satisfied with his exertions, he was amply repaid for any trouble he had been at. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing Master, who gracefully acknowledged the compliment, at the same time he recognised his many shortcomings, which the brethren had graciously overlooked. The other toasts customary on these occasions were done full honour to, and able replies were elicited. Bro. T. Poore gave a popular selection from the works of Dickens. There were several other recitals, and the harmony of the evening was well sustained; in this regard Bros. H. Mann, A. Millward, Picket, and Chapman, especially deserve praise.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—The first regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at the Albion Tavern Aldersgate-street. Bro. L. M. Myers W.M. in the chair, Bros. J. Benjamin S.W., N. Martin J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, J. S. Lyon Treasurer, G. Bean S.D., A. Botibol J.D., L. Wall I.G., P. E. Van Noorden Organist, L. Lazarus P.M. M.C., J. Wynman and S. B. Alexander Stewards; P.M.'s R. Baker I.P.M., L. Alexander, S. Hickman, H. M. Levy, M. Alexander, L. Lazarus and Roberts. Visitors—N. S. Marks I.G. 368 Melbourne, F. A. Pullen J.W. 742, G. Bohn 405, E. M. Cottrill 30, San Francisco, Marcus 1839, J. S. Lewis 490, W. Birdseye 715, J. Samuel 205, Fletcher W.M. 180, Isaacs 19, New York, S. Davis late 188, Baker 244, Brown P.M. New Jersey, U.S. After preliminary business, Bros Deering and Lack were passed to the second degree. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs Lorie and L. Davis, who were initiated into the Order in a way that reflected great credit on the W.M. for his perfect working. Bro. J. Levy was elected a joining member. Messrs. Henry Marks and W. H. Bacon were proposed for initiation. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, eighty-three in number, sat down to a sumptuous and récherché banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Jennings, and superintended by Bro. M. Silver. The W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft, and the National Anthem was given, Miss Pattie Laverne singing the solo verses. This having received a most enthusiastic reception, the toasts of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M.; the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M.; the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England followed in quick succession. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. responded for the G. Officers. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Benevolent Fund, coupled with the name of Bro. L. Alexander Past President. Miss Laverne sang the "Surprise," and was deservedly applauded. Bro. L. Alexander P.M., in responding to the toast, said he was pleased to inform those present that the newly-initiated brethren had each given the sum of 21s. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Initiates, Bros. Lorie and Davis; one he had known for many years, and the other, by the recommendations he had brought, would doubtless become a credit to the Order. In order to save time, with this toast he would associate the name of Bro. Levy, their newly elected joining member. Bro. L. Davis was the first to reply, and he was followed by Bro. Lorie, who said the solemnity of the proceedings had so impressed him that he could scarcely find words to speak. It had long been his earnest desire to become a Freemason, and he had now accomplished his wish. To speak metaphorically, he might say he had stepped on the first rung of the ladder, and he trusted he might be able to ascend to the top. The joining member also spoke, and thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast. Bro. R. Baker I.P.M. then rose; he had only to mention the name of the W.M. and he knew how the toast would be received. They had seen how excellently Bro. Myers had performed the ceremonies, and how firmly he upheld the dignity of the Lodge, while as a president he was second to none. The members would regret when his year of office was over. No better man or Mason exists. The W.M. thanked Bro. Baker for speaking of him in such glowing terms. If he had given them satisfaction, it was most pleasant to receive their approval. The other toasts comprised the Visitors, responded to by Bros. Marks, Baker, Brown and Fletcher. Brother Richard Baker responded for the Past Masters. The Treasurer, Brother Lyon, and the Secretary, Brother Albert, each acknowledged the compliment paid them, and Brother Benjamin replied for the other Officers. The W.M. deserves great praise for the way in which he exerted himself for the entertainment of the brethren. A talented company had been engaged, under the direction of Brother P. E. Van Noorden. The brethren gave a hearty welcome to Miss Pattie Laverne, who is an old favourite with the members of the Joppa. Her rendering of Brother Van Noorden's "Yet," deserves special praise.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 30th ult., there were Present Bros. W. Williams W.M., Galer S.W., C. Weeden J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, C. Lorkin Treasurer, J. A. Powell S.D., H. Opperman J.D., Wolf I.G.; also Bros. Brasted, I. P. Cohen, Archer, Houghton, Giller, Richardson, Hirst, Robinson, Marks, Thompson, C. K. Killick jun., &c. Lodge was opened *in due form*, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hirst being the candidate. The fourth and fifth sections of the lecture were worked. Bro. Thompson answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was called off and on. Bro. H. Opperman, of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, was elected a member. Bro. Galer was elected W.M. for the next meeting, when Lodge was closed and adjourned. Bro. C. K. Killick jun. will read a Lecture, by Dr. Oliver, on Ancient Masonic Rituals, on the second Saturday in October, on which occasion we trust he will have a numerous attendance of brethren.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 3rd October, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. A. J. Clark W.M., A. Jones S.W., Wardell J.W., T. Clark S.D., Christian J.D., Baker I.G.; P.M. Bro. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Catling, Darnell, F. Brown. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Catling candidate. Lodge was called off, and Bro. T. Clark then gave the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Christian worked the first, and Bro. F. Carr the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. C. Cracknell, of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, was elected a member. Bro. A. Jones was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Audley Lodge, No. 1898.—The first meeting of the season was held on Tuesday, 26th ult., in the Lodge-room, Town Hall, Newport, Salop. The W.M. Bro. John Bodenham P.P.S.G.W. North Wales and Shropshire, P.G. Treasurer Staffordshire, presided, and was supported by Bros. Lieut.-Col. Masefield S.W., C. R. Gordon, D.D., Prov. G. Chaplain J.W., James Smart P.M. P.P.G.O., J. W. Thompson P.M. P.G. Steward, and a full muster of members of the Lodge. The occasion was invested with special interest by the presence of W. Bro. W. Masefield Grand Standard Bearer P.D.P.G.M. Worcestershire, who is a native of Newport, and an honorary member of this Lodge. During the recess an address of congratulation, signed by all the members of the Lodge, was presented to Bro. Masefield. This was now ordered to be entered on the minutes, and Bro. Masefield suitably acknowledged the compliment. At the close of the business, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided by Bro. Bird, which, by a singular coincidence, was held in the house where the venerable guest of the evening was born, eighty-two years ago. The building has, it is scarcely necessary to add, undergone various changes, both of business and of form, during the period that has elapsed. The W.M. in proposing the Officers of Grand Lodge, took occasion to remark the probably unique circumstances under which Bro. Masefield was present, and expressed the gratification of all the members of the Lodge at the honour reflected on it by having on its roll, and present with them, a native of the town, whose Masonic career had commanded such deep and general respect, and on whom Grand Lodge honours had been so well and worthily bestowed. The other visitors were Bros. James Senior W.M. 726, Charles Fleet P.M. 117, and Duncan Guilding (Brecon).

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ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1723, BOLTON.

THE first meeting after the vacation was held on Wednesday, the 27th September, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at half past six o'clock in the evening. Bros. William Court W.M., Latham S.W., Cosgrave as J.W., N. Nicholson P.M. Secretary, J. W. Taylor M.C., T. E. Smith Organist, Priestley as Chaplain, T. B. Tong I.G., J. W. Roiley Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D., J. Morris, J. M. Rutter, J. H. Greenhalgh; Derham, Parkinson, Morris, Naylor, Bardsley, Goulburn. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, it was resolved to contribute the sum of £1 1s to the John Hervey Testimonial Fund. An address of condolence was agreed to be sent to the widow of Bro. T. T. Holt, late Organist of the Lodge, who had, during his brief career as a Mason, made himself exceedingly useful—particularly in regard to the musical arrangements—in conducting the proceedings of the Lodge. The sympathy of the brethren was also conveyed to the Senior Warden, who since the last meeting had been bereaved of his wife and child. It was resolved that the congratulations of this Lodge, as the youngest, be cordially conveyed, on the occasion of the Sesqui-Centennial meeting on the 23rd October 1882, to the members of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, being the oldest Lodge in the town, and also in the Provinces in England, which has continued to meet uninterruptedly for a period of 150 years. Bro. Blain I.P.M. delivered the lecture on the tracing board in the first degree, and was highly complimented by the Past Masters and other brethren for the pleasing and effective manner in which he conveyed his information. He was requested to continue his efforts to introduce this method of Masonic instruction to the brethren. Lodge closed at 8 p.m. The brethren adjourned to banquet, the after proceedings being considerably enlivened by the assistance of Bro. Smith and other brethren who displayed considerable musical talent.

Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658.—The first regular meeting of the above excellent working Lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. The Lodge was draped in black, and the brethren wore Masonic mourning, out of respect to the memory of a late member of the Lodge, Bro. E. E. Levy. There was a full attendance of members and visitors. Amongst the latter were Bros. Rusk 1051, G. Stokes I.G. 1558, R. P. Hart 1348, E. P. Storr P.M. 22, A. Marston 158, J. Watts P.M. 507, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The W. M. Bro. Albert Storr occupied the chair; he was supported by Bros. J. Cox S.W., S. Boys J.W., Earney P.M. Treas, J. Hill Sec., J. Darwin S.D., Smith M.C., P.M.'s J. Thorp, Larlham, Earney, &c. The Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes of the last regular, and emergency meeting on the 22nd June, were read and confirmed. Bro. F. J. Tull was passed to the second degree, and Bro. H. C. Hill was raised to the third. Both ceremonies were perfectly and impressively conducted by the W.M., while the assistance rendered by the Officers left nothing to be desired. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. H. Seabourne, A. M. Leach, and F. F. Leach. The candidates were not present, but were accepted and will be initiated at a future meeting. Mr. H. F. Phillips was named as a candidate for initiation. Bro. Hill Sec. proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow and family of the late Bro. E. E. Levy, expressing the Lodge's sympathy with them in their bereavement. The W.M. said he fully supplemented the kind remarks of the proposer and seconder; the late Bro. Levy was one whom they all respected. Bro. J. Hill Secretary proposed, and Bro. H. Coben seconded, that the first paragraph of Bye Law No. 8 should be amended as follows: "That the initiation fee shall be £5 5s, and the joining fee £3 3s at such times as the number of members shall not exceed 30. When more than thirty, and not exceeding 50, the initiation fee shall be £7 7s, and the joining fee £4 4s, and when over fifty and not exceeding seventy, then the initiation fee shall be £9 9s, and the joining fee £5 5s. At such times as the number of members shall exceed seventy the initiation fee shall be £12 12s, and the joining fee £8 8s." This was carried unanimously. That the sixth paragraph of Bye-law No. 8 shall read—"The visitors' fee for the installation shall be 12s 6d, and for refreshment on other evenings 5s, and any brother introducing a visitor shall be responsible for the payment of the fee for the same." That the seventh paragraph of Bye-law No. 8 shall be altered as under—"The W. Master shall be privileged to invite two visitors to banquet or refreshment at the expense of the Lodge. At the installation meeting, the W. Master and the W. Master elect shall each be entitled to invite two visitors to the banquet, and if the out-going Master does not instal his successor, the brother who may be called upon to officiate as Installing Master shall have the privilege of inviting one guest to the banquet at the expense of the Lodge." Both these amendments were likewise assented to. That a new Bye-law, No. 8A, shall be inserted as follows:—"That one guinea shall be deducted from each and every Initiation-fee, throughout the current year, if the funds will allow it, and also that 3s be taken from every member's paid annual subscription to form a 'Benevolent Fund:' also that when the balance at the end of the year, after all and every liability have been paid, shall exceed twenty pounds, that the sum of ten guineas shall be placed to the account of the Benevolent Fund, and that votes in different Masonic Charities be obtained in its name by the Lodge. That a book shall be kept by the Secretary for recording the account of the Benevolent Fund, with the names and addresses of the brethren, and full particulars of each of their votes, which may and have been obtained by this Bye-law." This proposition was also carried. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the Visitors, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent dinner, ably supplied by Bro. Venables. The W.M., who very genially presided, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts in brief but appropriate terms. Bro. Thorp I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. They had not all seen how ably Bro. Albert Storr had discharged the duties of the chair during his year of office, but they had seen how he had performed the ceremonies of raising and passing. He hoped they would give the toast the reception it merited. The W.M., in reply, said he could not but be thankful for their kind expressions. In the year 1877 a few brethren established this Lodge. It was agreed that it should be called after Lord Skelmersdale, our worthy Deputy Grand Master, who had given the members permission to use his coat of arms. They never expected in such a short space of time to see the Lodge so prosperous, nor could they have anticipated the acquisition of such brethren as constituted its members. Personally, he was proud to see how it had progressed, and he would say, God speed the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, they were honoured by the presence of many brethren who were distinguished in Freemasonry. He would call on Bros. H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Storr P.M. 22, Watts P.M. 507 to respond. These brethren severally replied. Bro. Storr dwelt especially on the notice of motion for a Benevolent Fund to be attached to the Lodge, and warmly advocated the claims of the three Masonic Charities. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters; they were not numerous, but they are patterns for imitation. While they had such P.M.'s as Bros. Thorpe, Earney, Larlham, and Cass, the Lodge must prosper. Bro. Earney P.M. said it was a great pleasure to see a Lodge only five years old establishing a Benevolent Fund. He was sure it would be a success; anything that he and the P.M.'s could do for the advancement and the interests of the members would be willingly undertaken. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Wardens and Officers, said the S.W. and J.W. had done their duty well, and he looked forward to see some excellent working in the Lodge. As to the worthy Secretary, Bro. Hill, the members were all greatly indebted to him, and hoped eventually to see him attain the proud position of the chair. The toast was ably responded to by the Senior and Junior Wardens. Bro. Earney P.M. Treasurer also acknowledged the compliment. The W.M informed the brethren that the Lodge of Instruction meets every Friday evening, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, where Bro. Hill is the Preceptor. He (the W.M.) was always ready to assist Bro. Hill, and thus enable the brethren to become perfect in the working. Before parting he had much pleasure in proposing the health of those who had so ably contributed to the harmony of the evening. Bro. Benjamin's splendid singing, accompanied by Bro. Zucker, and Bro. Humphrey Coben's recital of Bro. G. R. Sims' "Christmas Day in the Workhouse," and a selection from "Pickwick," it had been a pleasure to listen to. The Tyler's toast completed the business of the evening.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—On Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at Bro. Monck's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton. There was a good attendance of brethren, including Bros. Poore W.M., C. H. Phillips S.W., G. W. Knight J.W., E. A. Francis Preceptor, Hy. M. Williams Secretary, H. Stokes S.D., H. Durham J.D., J. E. Farr I.G.; also Bros. W. Lucas, Croucher, Albert, Pooler, Axford, Bigg, Serjeant, and J. V. Henirich. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, which was ably done by the W.M., with Bro. Bigg as candidate. Bro. Albert proved his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was creditably rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Albert as candidate. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Three new members were unanimously elected, and Bro. Phillips was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

ROTHESAY LODGE No. 1687.

HELD its sixth installation meeting at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, on the 4th inst. A prominent feature was the Lodge banner, with arms of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., this being one of the Prince of Wales's titles. The chair was occupied by Bro. Docker I.P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Crossland, who is now sojourning in Canada. Bros. Duret S.W., L. Beck P.P.G.O. Middlesex Treasurer, W. C. Parsons P.M. Secretary, F. Green sen. S.D., Valeriani J.D., F. V. Green I.G.; P.M. J. Hancock, and a goodly attendance of members and brethren; amongst the latter being Bros. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., L. de Stephani W.M. Il Dovere I. Lugani, Dr. Ramsay P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, H. Harvey 749, L. Ruf P M. 12, Warner P.G.S., Festa W.M. elect 1900, Blackie 1426, Simms 207, Hobbs 209, Grozan 256, Cloots, Higgins 1563, Strong, G. Solomon 9, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. W. C. Parsons P.M. and Secretary of the Lodge was inducted into the chair by Bro. Docker I.P.M., whose working in the Lodge for two years has been so uniformly good that every brother fully anticipated a display of ability on his undertaking the ceremony of installation. Bro. Docker, on its conclusion, received the applause of the brethren and Visitors, after the customary salutations, which were given in ancient form, the newly-installed Master appointed and invested his Officers. Brother L. Beck P.M. and Founder, P.P.G.O. Middlesex I.P.M. acted as M.C.:—Bros. Duret S.W., Green sen. J.W., L. Beck Treas., Docker Sec., Valeriani S.D., Green jun. J.D., Moule I.G., J. Smith A.M.C., Potter Tyler. The applause that followed the appointment of each Officer showed the W.M. had selected those brethren who, like himself, would work for the credit of the Order. The W.M. stated that a member of the Lodge had recently died in distressed circumstances, and a sum of five pounds was voted, to be given to the widow, from the Benevolent Fund. This being the first application for the benefits it was established to dispense. Bro. Valeriani S.D. announced his intention to serve as Steward at the next Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School; he hoped to have the co-operation of the brethren, and to take up a good list. Hearty good wishes were given by the numerous visitors, and the brethren, 39 in number, sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert provided by Bro. Gosden, and superintended by Bro. Smith. The W.M. in eulogistic terms proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, Bro. Beaumont and Miss Beck singing the solo verses of the National

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Anthem. The toast of the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was fully honoured, as were also those of the Pro Grand Master 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 the Lodge that night was honoured with the presence of a Grand Officer—Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. Not only as a member of Grand Lodge, but also as a worker in connection with the Charities, is he well known; he (the W.M.) was pleased to have so distinguished a Mason present. Bro. Stewart said when the M.W.G.M. gave this Lodge permission to use his title he was assured the members would never abuse it; theirs was a Lodge worthy the confidence of the Craft. The W.M., Bro. Parsons, knew his duties thoroughly; a man the Craft was proud of. Bro. L. Beck I.P.M. proposed what he described as the toast of the evening. The W.M. had paid the greatest attention to the duties of his office, and the brethren that evening had seen his qualifications, not only in that respect, but in many others; this Lodge was indebted to him for his exertions in the cause of Charity; he would ask them to drink the toast with the enthusiasm it merited; their W.M. was a man who was respected in every capacity. The W.M. said he was indebted to Bro. L. Beck for his kind remarks. He was one of the Founders of the Lodge; he was proud to say he had received great assistance from Bro. Beck. When he was initiated it was by an Italian, that was seven years ago. Bro. Docker is a Belgian, and the next Master he hoped would be a Frenchman; he wished to pay a good and just compliment to Bro. Docker, who had installed him into the chair. He had done so, he might say, without any effort, although he had to master the difficulties of two languages. This he had done thoroughly, as they had heard, not only to-night, but on many occasions—he is one whom they all respect. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, to whom he gave a hearty welcome. Bro. Stoppani, No. 1, Lugani, in a very exhaustive speech responded. Bro. Festa followed; he was proud to see the W.M. in the chair; he knew no better working Mason, nor one who had the interests of the Craft more at heart. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s. There were only three present—Bros. Docker, Hancock, and Beck. Last, but not the least worthy, was Bro. Docker, whom he had invested with the Collar of Secretary. He is already most anxious to do good in Masonry, and where there is working Bro. Docker is always ready to assist. Bro. Docker, in responding, said he had done what he could for their comfort; his services were at their disposal, not only in his old, but in his new capacity. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Wardens and Officers. The S.W. had now filled that office for two years. It would be a great pleasure to say that it was with his concurrence that he, the W.M., had been elected. Bro. Duret said it gave him great satisfaction to be among them once again; he was pleased to see so many members of the Lodge present, and he hoped in time to occupy the chair. Bro. Green J.W. endorsed the remarks of the previous speaker. He took a great pleasure in attending Lodges of Instruction; it was evident the members of the Lodge had also done so, and to that fact he attributed the efficiency exhibited. Several others made a few remarks, and shortly afterwards the Tyler was summoned. The W.M. provided a very excellent musical entertainment. Miss Beck delighted the brethren with some excellent songs. Bro. Beaumont and Master Solomons also assisted. Bro. Charles Solomons accompanied on the pianoforte. During the evening it was intimated that a P.M.'s jewel would be presented to Bro. Crossland on his return to England.

KINGSLAND LODGE, No. 1693.

THIS successful Lodge met at the Highbury Railway Hotel, Islington, on Tuesday last, to celebrate its annual meeting. The Lodge was opened at 4.30, by Bro. A. W. Fenner, who was ably supported by his Officers, while several visitors attended to do honour to the occasion. The business of the evening comprised the reading of the minutes of last meeting, which were unanimously confirmed; the installation of a Master for the new year, and the introduction of a candidate into Freemasonry; besides routine work usual on these occasions. Brother Fenner, who is well known as a shining light in Freemasonry, undertook the duty of installing his successor, and Bro. Mather, who acted as M.C., introduced the W.M. elect, Bro. Henry Hall. After the candidate had given his unqualified assent to the fulfilment of the duties devolving upon him in his new capacity, he was obligated, and in due course a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and the ceremony was proceeded with. The following brethren received the collars and insignia of office:—Crosbie S.W., Weston J.W., H. P. Isaac P.M. Treasurer, C. K. Killick sen. P.M. Secretary, Thompson S.D., Opperman J.D., Pummel I.G., Williams M.C., Defriez W.S., T. Bowler Tyler. In due course the addresses were delivered, and Bro. Fenner resumed his seat amidst congratulations. The new W.M. now proceeded to initiate Mr. William Andrew Francke, who had been proposed by Bro. Snook, and seconded by Bro. Trewinnard P.M., and for whom the ballot had been taken in the earlier part of the evening. Bro. Hall proved himself a worthy successor to the competent workers who have hitherto filled the chair in this Lodge. Later on the Auditors' Report was adopted, and after some other matters had received consideration Lodge was closed. The banquet was capitally served by Brother John Baker, who spared no effort to add to the comfort of his patrons. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. briefly introduced the Loyal toasts. On Brother Fenner the I.P.M. rising, he said: This was the first time he had had the opportunity of wielding the gavel as I.P.M. of the Kingsland Lodge. He was assured their W.M. desired the aid and co-operation of the Officers and members; personally he (Bro. Fenner) was assured he would receive every assistance. He had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the W.M. Bro. Snook here sang the "Old Brigade," which he rendered in capital style. The W.M. in reply thanked one and all for the kindness he had met with. He would strive earnestly to advance the welfare of the Lodge, which, as one of the Founders, he takes a deep interest in. He next proposed the health of the Installing Master, to whom a Past Master's jewel was presented. It afforded him (Brother Hall) infinite pleasure to attach it to the breast of Brother Fenner, whose children and children's children he hoped would treasure it as an heirloom. After a song by Bro. P.M. Hawkins, Brother Fenner replied. After thanking the W.M. for his kind remarks, he assured the brethren that he should prize the jewel they had voted him. He should continue in the future what he had done in the past—to strive for the welfare of the Lodge. He urged on all to unite as a band of Brothers, and make the Lodge second to none in the Craft. Several other toasts were given and some sensible remarks were made in reply. The proceedings were enlivened throughout with songs and recitations. Bros. A. Mullord and Isaac, in addition to those we have already named, assisting. Bro. W. Wright was, as usual, a most efficient accompanyist. A notable feature of the evening was that all those who had filled the office of Worshipful Master of the Lodge were present. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. W. Wright Org. 1897, R. Pearcy P.M. 228, John Osborn P.M. 1602. Edward Wolf 223, R. W. Pearcy W.M. 1227, Charles Biggs I.G. 1549. H. Hawkins 857, Thomas Douglass 1756, Edwin Woodman S.D. 1950, A. Mullord P.M. 1288, J. King 1623, and W. W. Morgan Sec. 211.

Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction, No. 1541.—This excellent Lodge of Instruction, of which the well-known and respected Brother J. R. Stacey, is the Preceptor, is held in connection with the Loughborough Masonic club, and until last week met regularly on Saturday evenings at Loughborough Junction. A removal having been considered necessary, arrangements were made with Bro. C. Sims, of the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, and at that prosperous and prospering establishment the meeting of Saturday last was, for the first time, held. There was a very large gathering of members and friends, the large room which Bro. Sims has provided for the accommodation of the Lodge being occupied to its fullest extent. Amongst those present we observed Bros. J. A. Smith W.M., J. Butterworth S.W., J. B. Sherring J.W., J. R. Stacey I.P.M., G. J. Dawson Treasurer, H. A. Shent Secretary, C. J. Axford S.D., G. Cooper J.D., J. Stafford I.G., A. J. Martin Steward, S. J. Eidmans, E. Farwig P.M., H. M. Appleton, C. Jones, C. Martin, C. F. Haines, C. Sims, W. J. Webb, W. Smart P.M., W. Walker, A. Stokes, W. Bristow, E. Albert, James Stevens P.M. P.Z., W. Maxted, W. J. Godden, H. Stokes, E. Bye, W. Stuart, R. Poore, H. Bigg, H. Venables, R. Forster, J. D. Smith, J. Hill, O. L. Finch, T. Hendon, Brand, W. B. Briscoe, &c. Lodge was opened and minutes read. The second section was worked by the brethren under the questioning of Bro. Stacey Preceptor, the second by Bro. Farwig P.M. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Eidmans candidate. The brethren assisted Bro. James Stevens to work the fourth section, and the Lodge was then closed. Subsequently harmony prevailed. Mr. A. E. Spent presiding at the piano, and Mr. T. White and several brethren sang excellently and to the expressed satisfaction of all present. This musical termination to Lodge work will be repeated on each future first and third Saturdays. The earnest endeavours of Bro. Stacey to render this Lodge of Instruction efficient deserves encouragement, and we hope to see still larger gatherings as occasions may offer.

West Midddlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Meeting held at the Institute, Ealing, Tuesday, 3rd October. Present—Bros. J. Green W.M., J. R. Fernée S.W., C. W. Cuningham J.W., A. Jones S.D., T. A. Smith J.D., J. Wells Secretary, H. E. Tucker Preceptor, J. Fryers I.G., J. Owen, E. T. Brown, Meadows, and G. Taylor. The Lodge was opened to the third degree, and closed to the first degree, when Bro. A. Jones delivered the lecture. Bro J. Fryers was elected a member of the Lodge. Bro. J. Furnée was appointed W.M. for Monday, 17th inst. The Officers of the West Middlesex Lodge No. 1612, will occupy their respective positions on Tuesday, 10th inst.

Last night the annual installation of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, No 1489, was to be held at the Hall of the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Balls Pond-road, Dalston, when the Rev. F. T. Twining, of the Homerton Hospital, was a candidate for initiation by the retiring W.M., Bro. James Glaskin, assisted by his Officers. Bro. William Stephens P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, and a Past Master of more than one Lodge, was subsequently to be installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and to invest his Officers. We hope to give a full report of the proceedings, and of the banquet which is to follow, in our next issue.

Bro. Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S., has been sworn in as an Assistant of the Carriers' Company of London.

The Gresham Hall Angling Society has now removed to Bro. Wood's, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, where its meetings will be held every Tuesday evening, instead of Thursday, as heretofore. Papers will be read on the first Tuesday in each month, the series being introduced on Tuesday evening last by Captain Alfred, who read an exceedingly interesting essay on barbel fishing.

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The Marquis of Ripon Lodge resumed its meetings on Monday last, at the Pembury Hotel, Amhurst Road, Dalston; they will continue to be held there every Monday evening at 8 o'clock, when visitors are cordially invited to attend.

The painted windows presented to St. James's Church, Clerkenwell, by the Crusaders Lodge, to commemorate its restoration, will be unveiled on the 13th inst., by the Lord Mayor. The subjects are connected with Bible history and Freemasonry; and the artist is Mr. Charles Evans, of Warwick-street, W.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 14th day of October 1882, at Twelve o'Clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to consider notices of Motion as follow, and to elect Seven Girls into the Schools by ballot from a list of Twenty approved candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock (or after the usual business is over), and close at Three o'clock precisely.

To consider the following Notices of Motion based on Resolutions of the Special Committee appointed at the Quarterly General Court, holden on Saturday, 8th April 1882.

1. "That the Days of Election in the Two (*Boys' and Girls'*) Institutions remain unaltered, provided only—that when the Quarterly Courts for Election of Candidates shall fall respectively on the Saturday immediately following Good Friday and on Easter Monday, the Quarterly Court in each case shall be postponed to the corresponding days in the ensuing weeks."

2. "That whenever the Quarterly Courts for the Election of Candidates in the Two (*Boys' and Girls'*) Institutions shall fall respectively on the Saturday immediately following Good Friday and on Easter Monday the Quarterly Court in each case shall be postponed for one week."

Notice of Motion by Bro. JOHN A. RUCKER, Vice-Patron:

Upon recommendation of the House Committee.

"That a gratuity of Thirty-five guineas be granted to Miss A. F. Triggs, the Second Assistant Governess, on her appointment to the position of Head Mistress of the Dublin Female Orphan School.

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE, NORTHANTS, AND DERBYSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of Mark Masters of the above Province was held, under the auspices of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19, at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday last, the 28th ultimo. The Fowke Lodge of Mark Masters was opened at three o'clock, by W. Bro. Joseph Young W.M., assisted by the Officers of the Lodge. The minutes of the Annual Festival and Installation Meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. Thomas Spearpoint,

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J.D. of the John of Gaunt Lodge, No. 528, as a candidate for advancement. The ballot proving unanimous in his favour, that brother was regularly advanced by the W.M. to the honourable degree of Mark Master Mason. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Provincial Grand Master R.W. Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., &c. and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, proceeded to open Provincial Grand Lodge. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master having been saluted according to ancient custom, the roll of Lodges in the Province was called over, the following being duly represented:—Fowke 19, Howe 21, Knight of Malta 30, Simon de Montfort 194, Simon de St. Liz 245, Duke of Connaught 246, and the recently consecrated Lodge the Derby 302. Among other formal business transacted, the following vote of condolence was moved by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, seconded by W. Bro. S. S. Partridge P.D.P.G.M.M., and carried unanimously, that the members of this Provincial Grand Lodge have received with deep regret the mournful intelligence of the decease of their highly esteemed and respected Brother James Malcolm McAllister P.M., who during eight years had most zealously and efficiently filled the important office of Provincial Grand Secretary in this Grand Lodge, and the brethren, whilst recording on their minutes this tribute to departed worth, desire at the same time to offer the widow and children of the departed heartfelt expressions of sympathy and condolence in the irreparable bereavement with which it has pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to afflict them. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested the following brethren as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Rev. A. A. Bagshawe P.G.C. P.M. 246 (re-appointed)	Deputy P.G. Master
Rev. F. H. Richardson W.M. 194 ...	P.G. Senior Warden
Miles J. Walker W.M. 21	P.G. Junior Warden
Henry J. Atkins W.M. 245	P.G. Master Overseer
William C. Moore W.M. 246... ...	P.G. Senior Overseer
N. T. Hewens I.P.M. 245	P.G. Junior Overseer
Rev. C. Henton Wood J.W. 19 ...	P.G. Chaplain
Samuel Cleaver S.O. 194 (elected)...	P.G. Treasurer
H. C. Okeover W.M. 302	P.G. Registrar of Marks
C. E. Stretton I.P.M. 194	P.G. Secretary
S. J. Simpkin J.W. 30	P.G. Senior Deacon
George Ellard S.W. 245	P.G. Junior Deacon
Edmund Jeeves M.O. 21	P.G. Supt. Works
Jos. Young W.M. 19 (re-appointed)...	P.G.D.C.
J. O. Manton S.O. 246 Treas. 302 ...	P.G.A.D.C.
W. S. Black S.W. 21	P.G. Sword Bearer
W. L. Ball W.M. elect 246	P.G. Standard Bearer
R. Croft Org. 245 (re-appointed) ...	P.G. Organist
S. A. Marris Treasurer 19 Reg. 194	P.G. Inner Guard
W. S. Hall S.D. 30 J.O. 302 ...	P.G. Stewards
F. Griffith Reg. 19 J.W. 21	
J. D. Harris Secretary 194	
T. Dunn Ty. 19 and J. Tanser Ty. 194	P.G. Tylers

An invitation was accepted to hold the next annual Communication at Northampton, under the banner of the Simon de St. Liz Lodge, No. 245. After the closing of Provincial Grand Lodge in due form, the business of the Fowke Lodge was resumed, during which a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the I.P.M. Bro. T. Worthington P.P.G.S.O. At the close of the Fowke Lodge, the annual banquet of the Province took place, under the presidency of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master; ample justice having been rendered to it, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed by the "veteran" Provincial Grand Master, who has now, for nearly a "quarter of a century," continuously presided over this Mark Province, to its great advantage and prosperity.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF BERKS AND OXON.

THE Grand Lodge of this Province assembled, by command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, at Maidenhead, under the banner of the Jersey Lodge, No. 257, on Monday last, and was well attended by Officers and Brethren from all parts of the Province. The Committee of General Purposes met in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, at 11 a.m., and at high noon the Jersey Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. H. H. Hodges, and shortly afterwards the procession of the Provincial Grand Lodge entered the Lodge-room. There were then present, amongst many others whose names we were unable to ascertain:—Brcs. the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey Prov. G.M., C. Stephens Prov. D.G.M., Fred. Davison G. Treas., D. M. Dewar Asst. G. Sec., James Stevens P.G.J.O., H. Lovegrove P.G.S. of Wks., W. Morris S.W. 257, W. B. Farr P.M. Mayor of Maidenhead, J. Jenkin P.M. 247 Mayor of Oxford, J. J. Pulley I.G.S.D. Prov. G. Sec., Edw. Margrett P.M., R. Nicholson J.W., Rev. Edw. de Ewer S.O., F. R. Spender Treas., E. J. Shrewsbury Reg., H. J. Mount Sec., H. Arrowsmith S.D., A. E. Hewitt J.D., E. Davey I.G., and C. Nowell Tyler, and other members of No. 257; G. M. Knight W.M., J. Baner P.M., G. G. Cosburn J.W., S. Knight J.O. of No. 27, G. Norwood, W. Hemmings, and W. Thompson, of No. 55, Manrice Wheeler J.O. 225, C. G. Burke J.D. W. C. Moffatt M.O., and J. W. Lindars of No. 235; S. Bradley S.W. 238, Christopher Park P.M., J. H. Thorogood, A. Wheeler, H. G. Drinkwater, R. Payne, and G. W. Downing of No. 247; W. Lake P.M. 78 P.P.G. Reg., J. M. Dermer P.P.G. Asst. Sec., W. Ravenscroft P.G. Asst. Sec., F. H. Cozens P.M. 104 P.G. Org., G. Boyer P.P.G.P., Henri Brett, J. Rencie 340, &c. The Prov. G.M. and Deputy P.G.M. having been respectively saluted, the business of the Jersey Lodge was proceeded with, and the minutes of the previous Lodge meeting having been confirmed, Bro. H. H. Hodges the W.M. vacated the chair of A. in favour of Bro. C. Stephens the D.P.G.M., who then installed Bro. W. Morris as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The Officers of the Lodge were appointed and invested in the following order, viz.:—Bros. H. H. Hodges I.P.M., R. Nicholson S.W., Rev. E. de Ewer J.W., C. W. Cox M.O., E. J. Shrewsbury S.O., Beal J.O., F. R. Spender Treasurer, Vardy Registrar, H. J. Mount Secretary, A. E. Hewitt S.D., E. Davey J.D., Llewellyn I.G., Deacon M.C., J. S. Silver Organist, Pattick Stwd. The W. Bro. F. H. Cozens P.G. Organist conducted the musical portion of the installation ceremony, which was most efficiently performed by the able D.P.G.M. At its conclusion, the Prov. G. Master occupied the Throne, and the several Officers of the P.G. Lodge took their respective positions. Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened in ample form, and the rolls of the P.G. Lodge Officers and of the Lodges in the Province were called over, and received a very fair response by the brethren in attendance. The minutes of the last P.G. Mark Lodge at Abingdon, in August 1881, were confirmed, and the report of the Prov. Grand Secretary as to the position of the Province was read and received with much satisfaction. The Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts were received and approved of, the balance to credit of P.G. Lodge being larger than at previous meeting. A contribution to the proposed wedding present to Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, was unanimously voted. After other routine business, Bro. Jenkin, of Oxford, nominated the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey as Prov. Grand Master for a further period of three years, and no other nomination being made, his Lordship was re-elected, and expressed his thanks to the brethren for the confidence they had again reposed in him. Bro. E. J. Trendell was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer. The Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows:—

Bro. C. Stephens 235	Prov. D.G.M.
J. Jenkin 247	P.G. Senior Warden
W. Morris 257	P.G. Junior Warden
S. Bradley 235	P.G. Master Overseer
H. Clarke 225	P.G. Senior Overseer
R. E. Baynes 555	P.G. Junior Overseer
De Ewer 257	P.G. Chaplain
E. J. Trendell 225	P.G. Treasurer
E. P. Plenty 27	P.G. R. of M.
T. J. Pulley 235	P.G. Secretary
A. Wheeler 247	P.G. Senior Deacon
H. J. Mount 257	P.G. Junior Deacon
W. Ravenscroft 235	P.G. Supt. of Works
S. Knight 27	P.G. Director of Ceremonies
H. Elliott 55	P.G. Asst. D.C.
Manrice Wheeler 225	P.G. Sword Bearer
Geo. Boyer 27	P.G. Standard Bearer
James Rutland 257	P.G. Organist
J. W. Lindars 235	P.G. Asst. Secretary
C. G. Butler 235	P.G. Inner Guard
Cordrey 235	P.G. Stewards
H. G. W. Drinkwater 247... ...	
Tench 235	
W. Hemmings 235...	P.G. Tylers
W. Norwood 55	

It was announced by the Provincial Grand Master that he would hold his next Provincial Grand Lodge at Reading, a very cordial invitation from the Mark brethren of that town having been given. Brother Jenkin offered his services as Steward to represent Provincial Grand Lodge at the next Mark Benevolent Festival. Grand Lodge was then closed, and subsequently the Jersey Lodge and the brethren separated for a short interval. On re-assembling, at Boulter's Lock, they embarked on board three of Brother Deacon's steam launches, the "Beatrice," "Wild Rose," and "Iris," and enjoyed a very pleasant trip to Great Marlow, returning at about 5.30 p.m., to dine at the Ray Mead Hotel, where Bro. Deacon had provided a very substantial banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic speeches were given after dinner, over which the Prov. Grand Master presided, whilst they were necessarily brief, in order that "due time" might be observed in respect of trains departing for the several districts from which the brethren had attended. Bro. Farr, in proposing the R.W. Deputy G.M.M.M. and the Officers of Grand Lodge, thanked such of those Officers who had attended, and also expressed thanks to the Jersey Lodge for the manner in which the reception had been accorded, and facetiously referred to one or two incidents of the river excursion, which had so pleasantly varied the business of the day. Bro. F. Davison Grand Treasurer responded, and proposed the health of the Right Wor. Prov. Grand Master, who thanked the Prov. G. Lodge for re-appointment, although he had doubts as to the advisability of continuance in office beyond the specific period assigned. He would, however, be careful that the Provincial Grand Lodge interests should not suffer in this instance. He desired to recognise the great assistance he had received from his Deputy, whose health he proposed. Bro. C. Stephens acknowledged the cordial reception given to the toast, taking the opportunity to pay a well-deserved compliment to Bro. Pulley, the Prov. G. Sec., to whom, as Bro. Stephens remarked, the happiness and comfort of the day was so materially due. He also desired to thank the Jersey Lodge for the admirable and successful efforts its members had made to secure a highly satisfactory result to the meeting, and concluded by proposing the health of its W.M. Bro. W. Morris, who briefly responded. Bro. Jas. Stevens P.G.J.O. proposed the toast of the Mark Benevolent Fund, calling attention to the hard working of Bro. Binckes G. Secretary and Bro. Dewar Asst. G. Secretary, in their efforts to promote the best interests of the Fund. Bro. Dewar P.G.M.O. returned thanks, and in the course of his very interesting remarks mentioned that the appointed managers of the Fund now saw their way to include daughters as well as sons of worthy Mark Masons in the educational privileges of the Institution. Other toasts followed, but time had overtaken the full programme, and departures became, before nine o'clock, absolutely necessary in many instances. Within a brief space after that hour all the brethren were fairly on their way to their respective homes, which we trust they reached safely, and with the satisfaction of pleasant reflections on a day well spent in the cause of Mark Masonry.

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ERRORS IN VOTING PAPERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In a special paragraph following your usual able and exhaustive analysis of Voting Papers for the ensuing Elections, you prominently call attention to the "error" committed in substituting "W.M." for "P.M." in the column descriptive of qualification of Fathers of Candidates. I venture to submit, however, that it is immaterial which title is given. To be a "P.M." a brother must, of course, have been previously a "W.M.," and either is sufficient to denote what is intended to be shewn, that the brother deceased has so far discharged his Masonic duties faithfully and conscientiously as to have entitled him to the highest position his Lodge has it in its power to bestow on any of its members. I do not admit that it is to be inferred, naturally or logically, that because the description is given "W.M." a brother held that rank *at the time of his death*. He *had held* such rank, and there is no misdescription, or need of "further information" on the question.

As to "errors" generally! It, doubtless, to the great majority, appears a very simple matter to compile a document such as our voting paper, and to issue it as a perfectly "correct card." And I can quite understand the annoyance experienced by the friends of any given candidate at the detection of mistakes in connection with a case, which in their opinion may to some extent jeopardise its success! They turn at once to the particular case in which they are interested, and at a glance can ascertain whether particulars with which they are intimately acquainted are given with minute accuracy, and should they discover a "little rift," sharp and severe are the criticisms to which the luckless responsible official is subjected. Let, however, any one try his hand at the preparation of a complicated sheet such as our voting paper has become, and he will find how easy it is, with the exercise of every care, to trip in some detail. Most disappointing and mortifying is detection! I have felt it acutely, and deeply deplore any act of seeming carelessness or neglect.

I never defend errors! It always appears to me the better and more politic course to admit them unreservedly, and to strive to remedy their consequences. All I ask is—for as much indulgent consideration as can be extended, and I do so now the more emphatically—in relation to omissions in our voting paper, for which I am truly sorry—on account of illness of now nearly nine weeks' duration, for five of which I had to keep my bed, and for the remainder have been, as I still am, unfortunately, in a condition not best fitted for attention to arduous duties.

But, after all said and done, suppose for an instant there were no such things as "errors." The charm of life to the large criticising class would be utterly destroyed. The machinery of society would be paralysed. The elaborate organisations for the correction of "errors," "mistakes," &c. (harsher words are employed occasionally) would be useless and unnecessary, their very existence would lose its *raison d'être*. Such a state of perfection is inconceivable. "The web of life is of a mingled yarn, good and ill together," and so let it, as it must, continue. There must be those who perpetrate blunders for the sake of those whose mission it is to expose and condemn them. "In error I was born, in error I have lived, and in error I shall die," was the definition of himself given by one eminent in an immediate bygone generation; while, for myself, I am free to confess that were I to attempt a palliation of the numerous shortcomings to be laid to my charge, this hurried epistle would insensibly extend itself to an *apologia pro vita mâ*.

With a request for general forgiveness,

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES,

Secretary R.M.I.B.

Dover, 4th October 1882.

R.M. BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — In your article on the forthcoming election you express your proper determination to seek for information to show the merits of the several candidates for election in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. I ask for space in which to assist you. The case of Frederick Wolfe Hennah (41 on the list) is that of the eldest son of three, whose mother is the widow of Brother Hennah. Our departed brother was initiated in the Union Lodge, No. 127, Margate, when principal of a scholastic establishment at Westgate-on-Sea, and though he removed to London, to combine ministerial with scholastic duties, he continued to take a warm interest in his Lodge until his premature death, which occurred last autumn. He was seized with a fatal illness owing to his feeling impelled to the duty of preaching while labouring under a severe chill. His scholastic establishment, shorn of its head, became of little value to his widow, who had to dispose of it for a nominal price, and has herself to battle with the world in the arduous role of a teacher. How hard this task is, only those who know the little esteem placed upon brain workers' efforts can tell. Some few, myself among the number, poor in the art of vote begging, are pressing this case. Poor Bro. Hennah was the London member of a Kent Lodge, and while his widow cannot appeal to any London Lodge for help in her son's cause, from the circumstance of her husband removing from Kent, the brethren of his Lodge did not seem, at the last election, to regard the case as a "local" one. Bro. Hennah was loyal to his Lodge, and one element in this case, giving it a wide claim upon our brethren, is, that the widow has nothing but her helplessness to strengthen her appeal. The "case" is thought to be so good that, apparently, brethren have thought it "must get in," and hence left it to take care of itself.

Ever yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. WHILE.

135 Loughborough-road, S.W., 4th Oct. 1882.

THE REVISE OF THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have obtained a copy of the "Draft Revise Constitutions," which is printed in large type, on both sides of the page, with very narrow margin, and that margin chiefly filled up with references to the edition of 1813. The references are certainly essential and useful, but why the type was not reduced to half the size, so as to leave nearly half the page for remarks, amendments &c., &c., I cannot conceive, unless it was to defeat the object for which I moved,—that copies should be sent to all Lodges, and be available for all who wished to purchase them; or the Committee, if they objected to alter the type, might have had the copies interleaved as I have done, and then left a fair margin of profit at the limit price of two shillings. A day or two after the motion "for postponing the consideration," of the Revise, I called at the office, and looked at a copy which lay open for inspection, which was printed in the same type as the copies now issuing, on one side of the page only, and on large folio paper, the printed matter in the middle, with ample margin on either side and on the opposite page, for amendments and corrections. I called attention to the fact that the new method (Baron de Ferriere's) of counting the votes on a division, had not been substituted for the old one, and that it would be as well to have the alteration made in the copies about to be issued; but that has not been done, though there was ample time. I would here remark that, had the Grand Lodge accepted the revise at the meeting in last September, without having given us time for consideration, we should have defeated the very resolution we had just confirmed. Now, with regard to this very law of telling the votes, brethren generally may not be aware that the law with regard to the teller has not been acted up to for the last seven years. It reads thus, page 28, article 9, in the present edition, and pages 24, article 26, of the Revise:—"All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, each member having one vote and the Grand Master two votes, unless the Lodge think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the Grand Master. The votes of the members are to be signified by each holding up one of his hands, and the motion is then to be declared as carried or lost; but if two members demand that the votes be counted, the brethren in favour of the motion shall pass to one side of the Grand Lodge, and those against it to the other, *when they shall be counted by* THE GRAND DEACONS, THE MOVER AND SECONDER OF THE MOTION, and TWO OF HIS OPPONENTS, provided such demand appear reasonable to the Grand Master." Now, Sir, can you or any other brother tell me when the mover and seconder and two of their opponents were appointed tellers with the G. Deacons? I may be told that they could have demanded it. I answer, no doubt they could, and in many instances would, had they, as they should have done, made themselves acquainted with the Rules of the Craft. It becomes all the more necessary now that we have risen to be such a vast and important factor in society that the revision of the laws which govern us should be maturely weighed and considered, and made as perfect as possible. When Bro. Fenn announced that sixteen months had already been spent on the work, I think it shewed great want of courtesy, and of what was due to the Craft at large, that they had been kept in ignorance of the fact for over twelve months.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

Bro. W. T. Purkiss, the spirited proprietor of the Royal Music Hall, Holborn, announces his intention to celebrate the anniversary of the re-opening of the above hall, on Thursday, the 12th instant, when he expects to see a large attendance. An exceptionally talented company of artists will be present.

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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.

SATURDAY, 7th OCTOBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1378—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, 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)
R.A. 173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

1213—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

MONDAY, 9th OCTOBER.

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.
176—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, 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)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1435—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, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-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)
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, 148 Bow-road, Bromley
1861—Claremont, School-room, Esher, Surrey
1891—St. Ambrose Baron's Court Hotel West Kensington. (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 22—Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 6.30. (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. (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
599—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
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
1231—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1442—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
R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 10th OCTOBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
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.
846—Duchesse 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.
1209—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1319—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. (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)
1553—Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In
1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1685—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, E.C. (In
1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich road, East Brixton, at 8. Instructio
1969—Wellcck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
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
273—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
281—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
408—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Inst.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
636—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
736—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1260—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1335—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
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 305—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 389—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
M.M. 153—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 11th OCTOBER.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
238—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 15 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)
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., at 8
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.)
1596—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
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.A. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street

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)
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
851—Worthing of Friendship, Stevne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, 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.
1562—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
R.A. 873—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 145—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 12th OCTOBER.

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)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
234—Palgrave, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camelot, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
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
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Ins.)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1158—Southern Star, Pimm and 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
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
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.

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1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 8. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1709—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge
R.A. 619—Beadon, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street
R.A. 763—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. 1383—Friends in Council, Mason's Hall, 33 Golden-square
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.
293—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
316—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.
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
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
1480—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. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 13th OCTOBER.

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.
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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. (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.
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. 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)

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.
672—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
1299—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 14th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
188—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1436—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, 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

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge, No 45—The first meeting of this old and highly popular Lodge since the vacation was held on Thursday evening last, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, where there was a moderately large attendance, under the presidency of Bro. W. A. S. Humphries W.M. There were also present Bros. W. Ball S.W., J. Smith J.W., H. Follett P.M. Treasurer, A. A. Wing P.M. Secretary, W. T. Neil S.D., H. Fountaine J.D., F. R. Callow I.G., J. Driver P.M., J. G. Defriez P.M., Geo. G. Symons P.M., J. Vass P.M., Charles Cordingley P.M., H. W. H. Hemsworth P.M., R. E. Hunt, S. Stanton and W. H. P. Thomas Stewards, J. N. Hall, Thomas Belt, J. G. Locke, B. G. Glennie, Joseph Jesson, E. A. King, S. Wood, Thomas C. Cubbon, and J. J. Marsh Acting Tyler. Visitor: Bro. H. J. Dean W.M. 1260. Lodge having been opened in accordance with the usual formalities, and some special business transacted, an advance was made to the third degree, when Bro. J. G. Locke, having proved himself worthy, was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being ably performed by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. On resuming, the ballot was opened for Mr. Isaac Tallintire, of Canonbury, who had been proposed by Bro. S. Wood, seconded by the I.P.M.; and for Mr. William T. Hodsell, of Kingsland-road, proposed by Bro. B. J. Glennie, and seconded by Bro. S. Wood. Both were unanimously accepted, and Mr. Hodsell, being in attendance, was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the working being all that could be desired. Mr. M. Deva had been ballotted for previously, but was not present. The election of a Tyler of the Lodge, in the room of Bro. Steed, deceased, was adjourned till the next meeting. At the conclusion of business, the brethren supped together, an excellent repast being provided by Bro. Wood, whose arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the party elicited expressions of unqualified satisfaction. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, interspersed with songs and recitations, and altogether a most agreeable and harmonious evening was enjoyed.

PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

THAT this popular Lodge well deserves its title, and maintains the prestige it has gained in past years, was amply evidenced on Thursday night, the 28th ultimo, at the first meeting after the summer recess, when the esteemed Wor. Master, Brother J. Roberts, was met by a numerous gathering of the brethren and visitors at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. There is a soundness and vitality about this Lodge which is positively encouraging, and it is no empty compliment to say that the whole of its proceedings are deserving of imitation by every section of the Fraternity. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites soon after five o'clock, when the Worshipful Master was supported by Bros. G. Schädler S.W., Charles J. Rich J.W., G. T. Brown P.M. Secretary, J. Hawkins S.D., H. W. Gregory I.G., W. Walker M.C., P.M.'s Charles Daniels, C. E. Ferry, L. A. Leins, J. Bellerby; Bros. C. Hills, T. East, E. T. Bond, C. Jones and R. Dyson (Wine Stewards), J. Woods, G. W. Carey, E. Watkins, R. Wallis, A. Miller, G. W. Miller, T. M. Ellis, A. Slater, C. W. Eaves, G. George, S. Rudd, G. Haller, J. B. Wall, G. Simpson, N. Henson, F. A. Herold, C. W. Martin, W. Fencott, G. Devenish, H. Sladden, J. Stafford, Wood, A. Panll, W. Retallack, R. Frost, W. Spurr, W. H. Edridge, T. Chivers, C. Wilkinson, C. T. Speight Prov. Grand Tyler Surrey, Tyler, &c. Visitors:—Bros. C. H. Webb P.M. 174, J. Terry P.M. 228 Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, B. Lamere I.P.M. 193, J. H. Thompson 1580, T. J. Maidwell P.M. 27, H. J. Smith S.D. 751, John E. Fells W.M. 193, and others. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Lodge was advanced to the second degree; Bros. Wood and East were interrogated, and having answered the questions satisfactorily, were entrusted, and afterwards passed to the degree of F.C., the ceremony being admirably performed by the W.M., assisted by his Officers. Lodge was then lowered, and the ballot was prepared for Mr. William Retallack, magnetic appliance manufacturer, of Plymouth, who had been proposed by Bro. C. E. Ferry P.M. and seconded by the Worshipful Master. The voting was unanimously in favour, and Mr. Retallack being in attendance, was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the working being of the most efficient character, affording edification and instruction to all present. A sum of five guineas was voted to the widow of a deceased brother, and it was resolved that a petition be presented for election into the Boys' School of the son of a deceased member. After the transaction of some formal business, the brethren adjourned to the throne-room of the hotel, where a sumptuous repast awaited them, and to which upwards of fifty guests sat down, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master. Dessert having been placed upon the tables, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, Bro. J. Bellerby responding for the Grand Officers, expressing the hope that, if spared for 20 years to come, he might have the privilege and pleasure of having his name associated with that toast. He felt sure all the Officers were actuated by the same desire, to promote the best interests of the Craft, and by wise legislation to advance the cause which was nearest and dearest to the heart of every true Mason, viz.—Charity. Bro. C. E. Ferry P.M. then rose, amidst applause, to propose the next toast. It was his privilege and pleasure again to assume the gavel, and really it made him feel two or three years younger to be so close to the W.M. He regretted the absence, through indisposition, of their I.P.M. Bro. Chicken; if he had been away on a holiday he should have had still more gratification in speaking on his behalf. He felt sure, however, he should enlist the sympathy and co-operation of all present when he asked them to drink with him the health of their esteemed W.M., who had acquitted himself so well. No man could do more than his best, but Bro. Roberts had tried to do even better than that; they must therefore appreciate the efforts he had made on behalf of the Lodge, and they could not hesitate to do honour to one who had, by act and deed, done all he could, and successfully, to maintain the prestige and honour of their good old Lodge. The toast was received with enthusiastic cheers, and Bro. Roberts, in responding, said he had to thank the brethren most heartily and sincerely for the kind manner in which they had met him that evening. It was always a pleasure to him to do the best he possibly could on behalf of this Lodge, and he should continue to do so as long they brought up initiates and gave him work to do. He had received a few lines from their I.P.M., Brother Chicken, that day, to say he was sorry he was too unwell to come amongst them; but he hoped it was only a passing indisposition, and that their excellent brother would soon again resume his position in the Lodge, which he so ably maintained. In turn, he proposed what he might call the toast of the evening, namely, their Initiate. This intimation was received with loud applause. He had initiated that evening a brother, a friend and neighbour, being a countryman of his—a pure, thoroughbred Cornish man; and he believed they were about the best people out. If Bro. Retallack only acted up to the principles laid down to him that evening, he would be a thorough

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good Mason. He had entered into the good path, and he felt sure he would never regret it. The toast having been received with a hearty good fire, Bro. Retallack responded in a very happy vein. He said it was not an easy matter as a novice to stand before a number of brethren such as he saw around him, and in first attempting to address them in a new capacity. He had always looked upon Masonry in a solemn light, and had long desired to become a member of the Fraternity; but business and other engagements had prevented him from earlier seizing the opportunity. However, the ceremony of that evening was the most solemn and impressive he ever attended, though he was constant at many in the course of his life. He assured the brethren he should leave no effort untried and no stone unturned to follow up the duties imposed by Freemasonry. He should support the Charities so far as his pocket would admit, for he did not think any ceremony so went home to his heart and feelings as that which he had just witnessed in the Lodge-room. It was binding on his conscience, and without any presumption he felt himself already a Mason. Although he had travelled 230 miles in order to be present this evening, he would travel 500 miles to thank them for the very kind manner in which they had received him on that occasion. It was a marked day in his history, which he should not easily or ever forget. The W.M. then rose and said, this Lodge was ever noted for having visitors amongst them, especially in quantity, and though they had not so many as usual, it was made up in quality. He then enumerated the visitors who had honoured the Lodge with their presence, with especial reference to each. The toast was most cordially received. Bro. Webb was the first to respond; he said this was the first time he had visited the Prosperity Lodge, and it afforded him the utmost pleasure to see the work so well performed; it gave him the greatest gratification to have been present. Their Masonic meetings were again commencing for the season, and it seemed like a revival taking place. He hoped they should meet on many as happy and prosperous occasions as the present. Bro. Lemare remarked that the last time he met the brethren of this Lodge was at Richmond, and he must say he never attended the meetings of any Lodge where there had been more hearty feeling manifested amongst the brethren. He was delighted to hear of the rapid progress of the Lodge, and as long as there was that spirit of emulation amongst them they would be sure to maintain the title they had adopted. He liked a good name, and was sure the Prosperity Lodge would prosper. His own Lodge was the Confidence, and they felt confidence in each other, confidence in themselves. Wherever he met Masons he was glad of the grip of the hand, all over the world, of the confident brotherly greeting, and it was that feeling which bound Masons together wherever they assembled. He travelled a good deal, and was constantly meeting those whom he was glad to hail as brethren. He must say, therefore, it was a help through life to be a Mason. It smoothed all difficulties, for wherever a man was he met new friends, and if they were only true to themselves they must do good in the world. Bro. Maidwell also replied. It afforded him great pleasure in meeting old faces year after year, and he knew the manner in which their W.M. did his work must meet with the approbation of all by whom he was surrounded. He drew attention to the Lodge of Instruction in connection with this Lodge, which was always much appreciated by those who attended, and said they had inaugurated a little Chapter of Improvement which, with the assistance of their esteemed Bro. Walker, would be soon in full operation. There was also the Prosperity Masonic Charities Association, which he hoped the brethren would support; and concluded an able speech by expressing the hope that they would all combine to make the various ramifications of the good old Prosperity Lodge complete and successful. Bro. John E. Fells endorsed the sentiments which had fallen from his own I.P.M., and did not think he could add anything further, except to thank the brethren for the cordial reception that had been accorded to the toast of the Visitors. It always afforded him pleasure to be associated with the Craft in its every aspect, for he was certain the good it effected could only be gauged by those who were most intimately acquainted with its operations. He admired the spirit of unity and cohesion which was manifested in this Lodge, and trusted he might have the gratification of seeing more of the usefulness and influence exercised by the Lodge of Prosperity. Bros. Smith and Thompson also suitably responded. In reply to the toast of the Masonic Charities, proposed in felicitous terms by the W.M., Bro. James Terry, who was received with enthusiastic applause, said this was not the first time by many that in the Prosperity Lodge he had had the pleasure of responding to the toast which the W.M. had thought fit to introduce that evening. He knew full well that when the toast of the Masonic Institutions was given in this Lodge it was not an idle toast, but one which came home most forcibly and most practically to the hearts and pockets of many whom he saw around the table. In days gone by, in the history of this Lodge, the names of the Charities were scarcely noticed, but now better times had dawned, and for years the various Institutions had been well supported by members of this Lodge. The Prosperity was never behind its compeers in making advances to those Institutions, but prided itself upon the fact that when it had enough in hand it always donated a certain amount to either one or the other of the Charities. If every Lodge were to pursue the same course of conduct, the promoters of these Institutions would not have to make half the number of appeals, or attend so many Lodges in the course of the year, as they were compelled to do at present. He took it as an augury of the success of the future that, this being the opening night of their winter session, the Prosperity should be the first Lodge he had been called upon to visit. He welcomed it as an omen that prosperity would attend their efforts in the coming year—that under the Stewardship of their W.M. the very best list that possibly could be brought up from this Lodge would be forthcoming. He knew the Lodge was progressive, even as Masonry was a progressive science, and that with its growth would follow a corresponding increase to the Masonic Charities. He alluded with pleasure to the establishment of a Charity Association in connection with the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, and said if they looked at this and similar organisations in the country, they must acknowledge much good had resulted. 46 ballots, representing 450 guineas, had been paid into the coffers of the three Institutions from this Association. He ventured to say that, but for the establishment of such movements there would have been but 46 guineas paid in; and it only showed how easy it was, by the small payment of 1s a week to make every member who belonged to them a Life Governor of one of the Institutions. He had no doubt that as, through the exertions of the Secretary Bro. Brown, and the Treasurer Bro. Maidwell, this Association had existed 2½ years, another would rise, Phœnix-like, from its ashes, and enable new members to participate in the beneficent cause. All must be acquainted with the fact that if advantages were to be extended to annuitants, and to the boys and girls, the brethren must also be prepared to contribute the means of supporting them. Spasmodic effort was of no avail, and he urged steady and regular support to all the Charities. He alluded to the large numbers who were sent empty away, because of the deficiency of the means at the disposal of the executive to relieve all the cases which demanded their attention, and appealed for the constant and steady support of the various Masonic Institutions. In conclusion, he wished for this Lodge a long course of future happiness and prosperity, leaving them with the hope that they would do all in their power to help those who could not help themselves. Bro. Terry having resumed his seat, amidst prolonged applause, the W.M. proposed the P.M.'s, and the Secretary and Treasurer; the absence of the latter Officer he sincerely regretted. Bros. Ferry, Daniels, and Bellerby having suitably responded, assuring the W.M. of their continued and cordial assistance, Bro. Brown P.M. and Secretary said he saw their worthy Treasurer on the previous day; he told him he was not feeling quite so well as he could wish, but said he would endeavour to be present that evening. He feared he was indisposed, or he would have been present amongst them. He also saw Brother Past Master Cornwell that evening, and he also was not able to attend, in consequence of the illness of one of his daughters. He thanked the brethren for their kind reception of the toast, and said he was always anxious to do his best for the welfare of the Prosperity Lodge. One of the most agreeable of his duties was that of being Secretary of the Prosperity Charities' Association, which had been so kindly mentioned by Bro. Terry. It was a small Association, started by a few of the brethren, but he hoped by the end of the fourth year they should have sent up 780 guineas to the Charities by the means of a simple shilling a week each. As that fund was drawing to a close, he hoped they would start another, which should have even a larger result, if possible. Anything he could do towards that end would afford him infinite pleasure. He could only say his duties in connection with the Prosperity Lodge were a labour of love, and he hoped to be able to continue in the same course for many years to come. The health of the Officers of the Lodge was then proposed by the W.M., and suitably acknowledged by the S.W., and the official list closed with the drinking of the Tyler's toast. An abundance of good vocal and instrumental music combined to make up a very harmonious and pleasant evening.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—The ceremony of installation of W.M. was rehearsed in this Lodge of Instruction on Friday evening, the 29th ult., when there was a full attendance of members, and several Visitors. Lodge was opened by Bro. James Stevens P.M. Preceptor, and there were present amongst others—Bros. Thomas Poore P.M. S.W., B. Fulwood P.M. J.W., J. N. Bate S.D., F. Thurston P.M. Treasurer J.D., H. M. Phillips I.G., H. M. Williams Organist, John S. Terry P.M. Secretary, J. W. Watts P.M., J. H. Taylor W.M. 1767, J. B. Sarjeant, R. Poore, Nevill 1426, Turner 72, Payne, R. W. Pooler, H. Stokes, Harper, H. S. Bigg, &c. Lodge was opened to F.C., and Bro. Thos. Poore was, as candidate W.M. elect, duly presented. Lodge was opened in M.M., and the ceremony of installation was effectively rehearsed by Bro. Stevens, with the assistance of Bro. J. W. Watts as M.C., and musical service by Bro. Williams. After the investment of Officers, and the usual addresses by the Installing Master, Lodge was regularly closed down and called off. Entry drill was practised, and after a sufficient interval, the Lodge was called on. Several Visitors were elected members. Bro. J. N. Bate was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Votes of thanks were passed in favour of the Installing Master and his assistants during the ceremony. The Lodge was then closed, and the meeting adjourned to the 6th inst. at 7.30.

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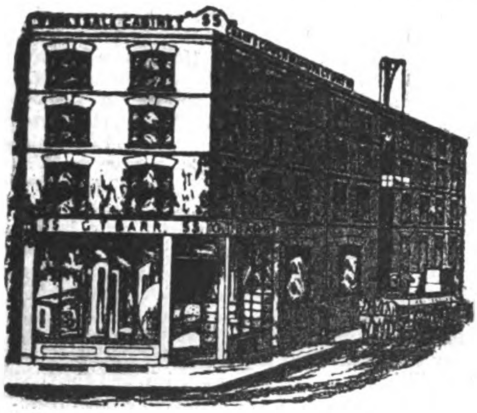

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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION ON BOARD SHIP.

IN our last issue we inserted a brief notice of a Masonic meeting held at sea, on board the *Trojan*, on her voyage from Southampton to the Cape, at which it was resolved that a Past Master, then present, should, on his return to England, "apply to Grand Lodge to ascertain under what regulations travelling Masons may be permitted to hold Lodges of Instruction on board vessels at sea." At first glance we fail to see the actual use of an established Lodge of Instruction on board ship; but if it is deemed desirable, we cannot imagine any difficulty in securing it, provided the captain, or some of the chief officers, were themselves Masons, and would undertake to see the meetings properly conducted. Assuming then, that the captain of the vessel is a Mason, he could, on application to his Lodge, secure the necessary permission required by Article 1, page 88, of the Book of Constitutions, or he might even apply for "the special licence and authority of the Grand Master," a course which would perhaps, until a precedent was established, be the best, and one which we think would prove successful. Having obtained the necessary authority, the great difficulty would then present itself—that of properly testing applicants for admission—and this, we think, would be a grave responsibility to impose on any brother. It is not likely that an actual Lodge of Instruction would be allowed unless some one did take this responsibility, and we therefore think the matter at once resolves itself into a virtual impossibility. At present it is possible for a number of Masons to hold a private meeting among themselves for the purpose of Masonic intercourse, and then one and all take upon themselves the responsibility of testing their fellows, and they can exclude any one they like, but if once a Lodge of Instruction was in existence a sort of right of attendance would be created, and no one could be excluded who pertinaciously set to work to gain admittance, without an amount of ill feeling being engendered among the passengers which we question if any captain would care to run the risk of. Even if a permit was in existence, the brethren could not do more than they can without one, except perhaps that they would then be obliged to keep a minute book, a perusal of which would afford amusement to future meetings, but this could be got over by starting such a book, and handing it to the captain, who would no doubt be pleased to hand it over from time to time to the Masonic section of his passengers. Further, he would soon acquire such experience as would enable him to decide the possibility of having a regularly authorised Lodge of Instruction on board. One other advantage which an established Lodge would possess would be the facility it would offer as a means of raising subscriptions for our Charities, but even this could be as successfully carried out by a number of private meetings as it could be by a series of regular ones, provided a record of each journey's assemblies was kept. The amounts could be handed over to the captain, to be paid into the Institutions in the name of the vessel from which they emanated, and in time we think a goodly array would be the result. On the whole we believe regularly established Lodges of Instruction on board ship would be found impracticable, while we fail to see any advantage that would accrue from them beyond those now enjoyed by private meetings. Another question which would affect travelling Lodges of Instruction, as indeed it does every Lodge of Instruction to a certain extent, would be the variations in working. These variations would become more apparent in an assembly of some twenty brethren, who may have been brought up in twenty different parts of the country, accustomed to, perhaps, twenty different renderings of our ritual; and although in many instances the differences might be very slight, they would yet be sufficient, especially if two or three "letter perfect" brethren were among those assembled, to form food for discussion and argument during a lengthy voyage. Who, then, should decide as to the form of working to be adopted in the "Ship Lodge."

THE VALUE OF OUR BOYS' SCHOOL VOTES.

IN view of the great difficulty which is now experienced in securing admission for a child to one or other of our Institutions, the more particularly as regards the Boys' School, we think some consideration given to this subject desirable. It seems pretty certain that at the election on Monday next nothing short of 2,500 votes will be safe for a boy's case, and we even question if that number can be relied upon as devoid of risk. What, we ask, is the monetary value of these 2,500 votes? Judged by the price charged by the Institution—one guinea for two votes—they represent £1,312 10s, and this in face of the fact that admission may be purchased for a boy for one hundred and seventy guineas (£178 10s). To judge of this value from a Life Governor's point of view, we ought to be in possession of calculations as to the average life of a Governor, but for our purpose we think that twenty-one years will be a fair term, although we are pretty sure the average is much below that. On the basis therefore of twenty-one years' enjoyment of the privilege of Life Governorship, we find the 2,500 votes represent a cash amount of £312 10s; that is to say, a subscriber of ten guineas, receiving four votes per year for twenty-one years, would get in all eighty-four votes, which would give an average cost of two shillings and sixpence each. We shall perhaps better illustrate the Life Governor's case by pointing out that if thirty-four brethren combined, they could, by their donations, secure the immediate admission of TWO lads into our Boys' School, while it would be eighteen years and a half before they could accumulate sufficient votes to carry the election of ONE, even supposing they all lived that time—a very unlikely event; and an election then could be carried with the same number as now—another very unlikely event. It is, we think, evident from these figures that there is something wrong; either the price of purchased admission is too low, or the votes are not of the value they should be; both of which subjects should be matters of importance to all connected with our Schools.

The Committee of the Portsmouth "Masonic at Home" commenced their winter session on Wednesday last, and from the considerable support hitherto accorded to the Club, intending subscribers should communicate with the Secretaries before the list is closed, as the number is necessarily strictly limited, to ensure the comfort of the members.

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A. AND A. RITE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

(Continued from page 228.)

I must now return to Sovereign Gourgas. It seems, according to Folger, that Gourgas' Council lingered on until 1818, when it entirely melted away, and he was left Sovereign without subjects. In 1844 Gourgas held a Grand Council of the Northern jurisdiction (of course, consisting exclusively of himself), and there and then unanimously resolved to plant the A. and A. Rite in London. I do not know whether any one in England had ever been transmogrified into the 33°. But what of it? the power of an A. and A. Sovereign was potent enough to confer thirty-thirds even to parties who were thousands of miles away from him. All he had to do was to send them the "Ancient Secret Constitutions, the Ritual, and other directions how to make themselves thirty-thirds."

The year 1845 is an important epoch in the history of Gourgas' Northern jurisdiction; in that year he *thirty-thirded*, five or six personages, the most important of these were two Bostonians. First Edward A. Raymond. True, he was illiterate, but he was rich; very ambitious to climb to the top of the Masonic ladder, and was willing to pay for it. Bro. Raymond had some years before obtained permission from Giles, Founder Gates of Albany, New York, to play a Prince of Jerusalem. I have seen him several times march in procession at the head of a small squad of "Princes of Jerusalem," and Bro. Raymond imagined himself a *veritable Prince of Jerusalem*. Why! do not all authorities agree that the old Hebrew Princes of Jerusalem were dressed in black cloth pants, vests, swallow-tailed coats, cocked hats with long white ostrich feathers? Well, Bro. Raymond and his squad of Princes were costumed in the same fashion.

The second Bostonian was Charles W. Moore, Grand Secretary of Massachusetts. Bro. Moore wrote on Masonry in 1824 or 1826. He was the great champion of Freemasonry during the anti-Masonic crusade. He was a St. John's Day lecturer. In 1841 he started a Masonic magazine. In 1843 he published a Masonic manual. Massachusetts Masons were proud of him. Nothing ever was done in the Grand Lodge which was not sanctioned by Bro. Moore. Indeed, "he was the power behind the throne, greater than the throne itself." In 1845, his fame had already extended over North America; besides which, he was in correspondence with Dr. Oliver, Dr. Crucefix, and perhaps with other distinguished foreign brethren; he was a great controversialist; but, above all, he was believed to be, "the greatest Masonic authority in the world" in "the science of Masonic jurisprudence," and being editor of a Masonic magazine, at a time when not more than one or two other such magazines had started into existence, it will readily be admitted that he was a trump-card for Bro. Gourgas.

It was not, however, before 1848 that Gourgas organised a Supreme Council, with himself as Sovereign, and Moore as Grand Secretary of the "Holy Empire." Their maiden document was then sent to all the Grand Lodges in the United States, informing them of the establishment of a Supreme Council for the Northern jurisdiction, &c., &c., and that the said Council had authority to rule the Grand Lodges of the Blue degrees, but for the present it would "forbear" to exercise that power. This *impudent assertion*, be it remembered, was issued by not more than nine individuals. By 1850, Raymond, having learned how to be a Sovereign, bought out Gourgas' Sovereignty, removed the Council from New York to Boston. Raymond then became Sovereign, Moore Secretary, &c.

Raymond now arrived at the top of his ambition: in 1850 he was both G.M. of Massachusetts and Sovereign of the A. and A. Rite—for all which, however, he was indebted to Moore's engineering. Besides which, as Raymond was *illiterate*, Moore supplied him with addresses and reports, both for the G.L. and the Supreme Council. Up to 1845 the name of Gourgas was almost unknown, even to American high graders; but by the succession of events above narrated, above all, the removal of the concern to Boston, the Cerneauites found an opponent, the like of which they never encountered before. Besides, Moore's ability to torture and twist "the science of Masonic jurisprudence" to suit his own purposes, he was not over scrupulous as to facts. If facts failed him, he invented. The addresses he wrote for Raymond were filled with the foulest and most abusive epithets against the Cerneauites. The number of the A. and A. *Riters* in America was, however, then very few; and nobody outside of those factions knew what the fight was about; but it was the general impression, at least in Boston, that Moore must be right.

About 1854 or 1855 Bro. Raymond treated Bro. Moore to a trip to Europe. It seems that during that trip something occurred to rupture the long-existing friendship between Raymond and Moore. Besides this free treat to Europe, it is well known that Moore was under financial obligations to Raymond. But Moore was a spoilt man; he was so much flattered by his correspondents; he had so much his own way in the G.L., and consequently became so much puffed with self-conceit, that he finally could not bear the slightest opposition to his dictum. Sovereign Raymond had a weakness not uncommon to Sovereign rulers; Moore ceased to be his favourite, and he substituted for Moore the Rev. Bro. Randall P.G.M. of Massachusetts. Some two or three years after Moore was treated with a trip to Europe, Raymond gave Randall the same treat. This must have been a further cause of irritation to our imperious Bro. Moore. Randall was Moore's pastor, and Randall would never have been G.M. if Moore had not made him G.M. To be brief. In 1860, an open rupture took place between Moore and Raymond. Moore deposed Raymond from his Sovereignty, and placed on the throne a New Yorker who belonged to his faction. Up to this time the number of these A. and A. gentry was still very small, the Supreme Council of 1860 instead of having nine members had only five: the other four positions were kept open in anticipation of some *big guns* who might be worthy of them, but this rebellion of Moore changed the original policy. Now, thirty-seconds, and thirty-thirds too, are as plentiful here as mosquitoes on a midsummer night.

Raymond was not, however, without adherents. P.G.M. Robinson stood up for him. P.G.M. Randall was now raised to the thirty-third degree, was made a member of Raymond's Council, and became Raymond's champion. Randall, who was educated in a school of theological controversy, was even a more adroit hair-splitter than Moore himself. Moore monopolised a Masonic magazine; Randall, therefore, published a pamphlet, in which he proved to demonstration that, according to the Constitutions of the thrice illustrious Frederick the Great, that Moore was a worse kind of rebel, and that his concern was bogus, illegitimate, spurious, clandestine, &c., &c. About the same time, the editor and proprietor of the *Boston Herald* opened a Masonic column in his Sunday issue. He was a Raymondite, and he and his friends now peppered away at the Moorites. Unfortunately, the said *Herald* proprietor belonged to a Lodge consisting almost exclusively of Moorites, so charges were brought against him, I never could learn for what, and he was expelled from Masonry and has never been restored since.

I have gone ahead a little too fast, and must therefore retrace my steps to 1860. I have said that Moore was very overbearing, and especially to the humbler members of the Fraternity, but as long as the upper ten continued to praise him as an oracle, the lower hundred had to bite their nails and bear his insults; when, however, three past Grand Masters united in exposing Moore's presumptions, the offended ones began to express their feelings against Moore more openly. "Moore," they said, "has been too long in office, and it is high time to make a change," &c. To strengthen himself in his position, Moore sent emissaries to the permanent members of the Grand Lodge, viz.: P.G. Masters, P.D.G. Masters, P.G. Wardens, as well as to the Grand Officers, offering them his high degrees for little or nothing. But Raymond did the same: next, the rising or talented members of the Fraternity, such as lawyers, doctors, &c., received the same offers from both parties. Next emissaries were sent to the Masters and Wardens of both town and country Lodges: and, lastly, everybody in the Craft was offered the degrees by both factions for little or nothing.* Thus, twenty-five dollars was the price for being made a thirty-second, but if a man was shrewd he could get them at his own price. The result was a great rush into high degreedom, and as many as one hundred and fifty, and even more, were made in those concerns in a single night. For these facts I have the best evidence. Thus, a P.D.G.M., a lawyer of high standing, assured me that delegates from both factions offered to make him a thirty-third *for nothing*; a P.M. of St. John's Lodge told me that an emissary waited upon him, and offered to make him a thirty-second for twenty-five dollars; but promised that the money should be returned to him as soon as he joined the concern. A member of the Raymond party said to me, "I will tell you the method adopted by our *recruiting sergeants*. Thus: Bro. A. would call upon Bro. B., and after some general talk, would break out with, "Oh! look here; why don't you join the high degrees? I can get you in. The price is only twenty-five dollars. Cheap! dirt cheap! you will never have the chance again, &c. &c. B.—Well, I don't know; but I will consider about it." A few days afterwards B. received an invitation to meet A. in the evening at one of the sanctums. When he came there A. said: "Oh! I am glad you are here, and I congratulate you on your being unanimously elected." B.—"But I did not authorise you to propose me. I said I would see." A.—"Oh! That is all nonsense. I know you meant it. It is only twenty-five dollars. So come in." B.—"But I can't spare twenty-five dollars." A.—"Oh! is money an object. Well, you shall have the degrees for twenty dollars. Have them for fifteen. Come, you shall have them for ten. Cheap! dirt cheap!" And so Bro. B. got a bargain, viz., twenty-nine sublime degrees, besides the titles of Sir Knight this, Sir Knight that, and Sir Knight of ever so many orders of high chivalry; also the titles of Royal Prince, Emperor, and what not! All these high honours he got for ten dollars.

A thirty-second of the Moore faction said to me, "I will tell you, Bro. N., how thirty-seconds were in those days *sublimed* by wholesale. Imagine (said he) a hundred and fifty of us dressed in white cotton garments, each carrying a long cross, and marching in procession round the hall, headed by an officer wearing high boots, the upper part strapped round the waist, to which were appended spurs about a foot long; and after so marching several times round the hall, we came to a sudden halt, when, *in a thrice*, each of us had twenty-nine degrees injected into him, which, together with the three blue degrees, transmogrified us all at once into *sublime* thirty-seconds."

In 1863 news reach the Moorite camp that the Raymondites had united with the New York Cerneauites. The howl of indignation raised at the said news by the Moorites could not be surpassed by an Irish mob; some, who were filled to overflowing with *Christian charity*, bitterly lamented the fate of poor Bro. Raymond, that he had so—

"Fallen, fallen, fallen, from his high estate."

Others wrote more savagely; while others again went to work and collected all the foul epithets which Raymond in his addresses (which addresses were all written by Moore) had formerly hurled at the Cerneauites. On the other hand, the Cerneauites brought to light a correspondence of Moore with them, wherein he himself offered to unite with them. The reader may now form an idea of the amount of intrigue and deceit in which those "Thrice Illustriouses" then in-

* A very intelligent brother, who got from Moore the degrees for nothing, informed me, since the above was written, that Moore issued printed circulars to all the Masters and Wardens of Lodges, offering them the degrees for five dollars, and it was arranged that they should come to Boston in batches of about two or three hundred for each night when the concern met, and my informant *went through the mill* in company with about three hundred of these personages.

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dulged. In 1864 Bro. Gardner wrote that brief history of the A. and A. Rite, and I have no doubt that he *negrofied* Count de St. Laurent upon heresay evidence, probably given to him by Moore, of which, for reasons already given, I do not believe a word. The excitement caused amongst Masons in those days is indescribable. Old friendships were severed; Lodges, Chapters, &c. were divided into factions of "Buzzards" and "Pelicans," for so they styled each other; the animosities ran so high that some began to talk of constituting another Grand Lodge in Massachusetts. This would have had no effect upon Moore, for with him it was either rule or ruin; but there were ugly difficulties which stared in the faces of other leading men.

Briefly, then, I may state that the Boston Temple was destroyed by fire in 1863. The wiseacres who then ruled the Grand Lodge computed the cost of the erection of a temple at, say 350,000 dollars, but when, in 1865-6, the temple was approaching completion, it was discovered that it would cost about double that mount. A number of the wealthy members had already advanced large sums of money, or endorsed the notes of the Grand Lodge. With a united Grand Lodge, it was barely possible to bridge the gap over; but with a disunited jurisdiction the Grand Lodge would have been bankrupt after the first six months' interest was due. To save the Grand Lodge and the parties interested from ruin, a union between the "Buzzards and Pelicans" began to be seriously entertained. The result was, a union was effected, in 1867, when each party declared the opposite party to have always been genuine *simon pures*, and the saints of both parties were alike placed in holy niches as holy saints of the Northern Jurisdiction of the A. and A. Rite of North America, all which was wound up with a jolly feast, and any amount of hand-shaking and embracing—all were happy, save and except Bro. Moore, who lost his friends, his prestige, and finally lost his position as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

After that peace one would naturally suppose that a Supreme Council of Cerneanites would never again exist in America. But such is not the case. We have now no less than three Cerncan Supreme Councils in New York, besides the one which adheres to the Union of 1867, and these continue to hurl against each other the old orthodox A. and A. Billingsgate vocabulary. One of these bodies invaded the jurisdiction of Bro. Carson (Ohio), and our good brother denounced them as "infernal Masonic Buzzards." I suppose that is all right; but I want to know why the others have not equal right to denounce Bro. Carson's faction as "infernal Masonic Buzzards?" And another of the Cerneanite Councils established, last March, a Consistory in Boston, consisting of from seventy-five to one hundred members. Besides these, about two years ago the Memphis Rite was introduced into Boston, and one hundred and ten members at once joined it. The price was ten dollars, and for that sum the recipient got three times as many grandiloquent titles as the poor A. and A. Rite can confer. This was getting too hot for Northern jurisdiction dignitaries, and consequently they bethought themselves of the necessity of some reform. Now, no man can successfully elevate the intellectual or moral standard of society unless he is endowed with three qualifications. 1st, He must be a man of reason and ability. 2nd, He must be a man of sincere and good conscience, and 3rd, He must be endowed with moral courage. If a man falls short of either of these three requisites he may not do harm; but he never can accomplish any good. If, then, the G.L. of Massachusetts had had a man at its head fully endowed with the necessary qualifications, he would, if the disease had not become too deply rooted, recommend to the G.L. to follow the example of the G.L. of Hamburg, viz., to pass a law to expel every Mason who belongs to any of the *so-called* Masonic bodies higher than the M.M. degree. But if the disease had become too deply rooted, then he might assemble the grandees of those bodies, and thus frankly address them:—

"Brethren,—The aim of the founders of our modern or speculative Masonry was to make the Lodge a centre of union for all good and true men '*be their religion what it may*,' (providing they believe in the G.A.O.T.U.) Your *so-called* Masonry is, however, based upon sectarian creeds, which are directly antagonistic to the original idea of the founders. Your Masonry is therefore really and truly nothing more nor less than *anti-Masonry*.

Second. Some of you claim that Frederick the Great absolved you from your obligations of fealty to your Grand Lodge. But who furnished Frederick with the power of absolving you from your oaths of obedience to this Grand Lodge? Was Frederick a God, a prophet, or a Pope? or do you believe that he was authorised by the powers above to do so? But that is not all; are you not aware that the whole story of Frederick's charter was the invention of some Charleston high degree charlatans?

Third. Is there in existence a body of sane men (save and except professional stage actors) who would lay claim to such ridiculous titles as Sir Knights, Princes, Emperors, Thrice Illustriouses," &c., &c. Now, pray, what made you so very *illustrious*? have you distinguished yourselves in arts, science, letters, statemanship, generalship? or have you descended from a long line of illustrious ancestors who have improved the moral, social, or political condition of mankind? Your grandiloquent title has not only made you a laughing stock to the outer world, but it reflects discredit upon the intelligence of the whole fraternity.

And fourth. If in spite of reason and remonstrance, you are still determined to continue making fools of yourselves, do so to your hearts content; but you must not hold your meetings in Masonic temples; you must not decorate yourselves with your jewellery when you are in a Masonic Lodge; you must not spread over the covers of Masonic publications your emblems, nor fill its pages with your rubbish; and above all, you must not style yourselves "Masonic Bodies."

Such an address from a Grand Master might have served to redeem some of the high graders from their folly, and might have prevented others from joining it. But, unfortunately, Massachusetts never had a Grand Master who either *could, would, or dared talk common sense upon the subject of high degreedom*. Indeed, I have reason to believe that from the time additional degrees began to be introduced here, Grand Masters took to them as naturally as ducklings take to water, and I know that, at least for the last fifty years, no one could be G.M., G.W., or receive the appointment of D.G.M., who could not sport a cocked hat in a public procession; and since the mania for the A. and A. Rite set in, I doubt whether a man could receive any office in the Grand Lodge unless he was at least a thirty-second. How then could a Massachusetts Grand Master talk common sense upon the high degrees, when he wallowed (either willingly or unwillingly) in the same mire with the rest. But something had to be done to stop the new rivals to high degreedom. So they adopted an amendment to the Constitution, which simply amounted to this. Masons under this jurisdiction may join and belong to Masonic humbuggery No. 1, No. 2, and so on, up to a certain number; but if they should join Masonic humbuggeries beyond that number they are liable to expulsion, &c. Be it further remembered, that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is not empowered by its constitution to control more than the first three degrees. Some of its members, such as Wardens of country Lodges, have probably never taken either the degrees of the Memphis Rite or the Scotch Rite, and are utterly ignorant of the history, merits, or demerits of either of the rival Scotch Rites, and these were called upon to vote which of those factions were legitimate, and which were illegitimate.

But in spite of the amendment to the Constitution the Memphisites held a Convention this month in Boston, consisting of sixty delegates from various States of the Union. Among the delegates were two clergymen, whom they elected Officers for the United States, and the Cerneanites had also advertised to hold a Session in Boston. What the result will be of all this grasping remains to be seen.

The fact is, high degreedom rules the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts as much as if it was a creature of the A. and A. Rite; or, in other words, the high degreers play the fiddle and the Master Masons must dance in accordance with the fiddler's music. In glancing, therefore, back at the history of the high grades (so-called) in America, I can see any number of ills they have inflicted on Craft Masonry, but I cannot point out a solitary particle of good they have ever done or are ever likely to do.

FRATERNITY.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

What though the crouds who shout the word,
Pervert the meaning it should bear,
And feel their hearts with hatred stirr'd,
E'en while their plaudits load the air;—
Yet shall not we, thou mighty THOUGHT,
Despair thy triumph yet to see,
Or doubt the good that shall be wrought
In thy great name, FRATERNITY.

By prophets told, by psalmists sung,
Preach'd on the Mount by lips sublime,
The theme of every sage's tongue
For twice a thousand years of time;
What happy progress hast thou made?
What bliss to man has flow'd from thee?
What war and bloodshed hast thou stayed?
What peace affirm'd, FRATERNITY.

Alas! the years have fail'd to teach
The obvious lesson to mankind,
A myriad preachers fail'd to preach
Conviction to the deaf and blind.
Still do we rush to furious war,
Still to the slaver bend the knee,
And still, most Christian as we are,
Forget thy name, FRATERNITY?

And shall we, cramm'd with mutual hates,
Despise our neighbour for a flaw?
And sneer, because he pronulgates,
Before he understands, thy law?
No! let us hail the word of might,
Breathed by a nation of the free;—
Thy recognition is a light—
Thy name a faith, FRATERNITY.

The preacher may belie his creed,
But still the truth preserves its flame;
The sage may do a foolish deed,
Yet wisdom shares not in the shame.
Be scorning hushed—be cavil dumb—
Whatever ills the world may see,
We'll look for blessings yet to come
In thy great name, FRATERNITY.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed at the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green (near Champion Hill Station), by Bro. James Terry Prov. S.G. Warden Northa and Hunts, P. Prov. Junior Warden Herts, P.M. 228 1278 1366, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Thursday, 26th October. Lodge will be opened at 6.45 for 7 precisely. Brethren to appear in full Craft clothing.

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A VISIT TO THE WEST END.

NOW that the season has fairly set in, and the brethren of our various Lodges have settled down, like veterans, to the work of the campaign, it may not be uninteresting to give a passing allusion to some of the resorts unto which the members of the mystic tie repair, either for labour or refreshment, in various districts of the metropolis. There are some which are known as the "homes" almost of certain Lodges, where, year after year, the same faces and the same fraternal greetings are to be met with, the only changes being when initiates are brought within the pale of the Craft, to supply the ranks of those who, from a variety of causes, have "fallen out." We are prompted to this introductory notice, of which we may hope to give more before the season closes, by agreeable recollections of hearty Lodge, Chapter and Rose Croix assemblies we have attended at Limmer's Hotel, in George-street, Hanover-square, over which Bro. T. Benskin presides so amiably and with such business-like tact and ability. We have been there, and still would go, when the Masonic pen was silent, in a professional sense, but when the Grand old hall resounded with the clank of arms, and royalty has deigned to preside over festivities, surrounded by all the glorious "pomp and circumstance" of military merry making. We remember the cordial interchange of sentiment between the regiments of Hussars and Lancers and Highlanders, the sturdy cheers of the Black Watch, and the equally happy gatherings of the Fusiliers and Infantry, which have made the walls of Limmer's ring during the past season, and before our troubles in Egypt began; whilst many a more subdued, though equally pleasant *réunion*, has been witnessed in this luxurious West-end establishment which will live in the memories of the Royal Military College, the Marlborough, Cornish, Phœnix, Oxford, Falstaff, and other clubs—the Royal Institute of British Architects (over whom our esteemed Bro. Horace Jones, City Architect, so well presided), of the Royal Military College, the Army Pay Department, the Defence of Lucknow Presidency, and the Household Brigade Cricket Club, and many other associations, who, when their work was ended for the time, have assembled here and found a place to spend a happy evening. The fame of all these gatherings has gone abroad, and we understand that more than one of our West-end Lodges have thought of making Limmer's more than an occasional house of call. The Bayard Lodge has tested the capacities of this luxurious establishment, and Rose Croix Chapters have there also found their needs administered in truly Masonic fashion by Bro. Benskin, and his able staff of assistants. Nor do we know of a more central and suitable trysting place for the many brethren who dwell in this aristocratic quarter. As many of our readers are aware, the hotel occupies a bold and commanding position, at the corner of George-street, Hanover-square and Conduit-street, and presents at once a warm, dry and luxurious aspect. On entering the hall the visitor is struck by the massive and elegant surroundings, with its ornamented foliage, plants and exotics, tastefully displayed within the alcoves and around the pillars supporting the roof, whilst immediately on the right are the offices, flanked by a neatly and comfortably furnished smoking-room, which bears the aspect of simple luxury and ease. Around the tables are seats and lounges of the most approved pattern, whilst the best magazines, periodicals and papers of the day are in abundant supply, with the addition of books for reference on all matters interesting to visitors. Opening from the corridor is the banquet-hall, a spacious and magnificent apartment, capable of seating comfortably 150 guests at dinner. Corresponding with the hall, the roof is supported by pillars, the ceiling is richly and chastely embellished, the light being furnished in the daytime by an elaborately decorated dome, and in the evening by massive gaseliers, fitted with the most approved appliances, while all the necessary apparatus for ventilation and a free current of air through the saloon have been carefully studied. The walls are beautifully decorated, and in keeping with the rest of the fittings, and the *coup dœil*, when the hall is brilliantly lighted, suggests the acme of luxuriance and elegance. Adjoining are all the requisite offices and lavatories. The plan adopted by Bro. Benskin has evidently been the outcome of large experience in the all-important matters of comfort and convenience. Proceeding over the tesselated pavement to the broad open staircase, the visitor is conducted to the general coffee-room, which overlooks Conduit-street and its approaches, the bay windows being filled with choice plants, which give to them a cool and refreshing aspect. The room itself is lofty and well decorated, the ceiling being embellished with figure-work of a light and elegant design. The tables are placed *à la Russe*, and are adorned with vases and epergnes of flowers and ferns, whilst pictures and mirrors add to the completeness and comfort of the apartment. On this floor are other private sitting-rooms, all admirably appointed, and presenting a homely appearance, combined with every accessible comfort, with pianos and lounges *en suite*. Ascending to the second floor, another suite of rooms, which communicate with each other, forms a most admirable and unique arrangement for such purposes as the Craft require, and which we expect soon to see more extensively utilised in that way. On this floor are also the well-appointed bed-rooms and retiring-rooms, with baths, lavatories and other conveniences, of the most modern style, while above these again are other suites of apartments, in unison with the general interior economy of this admirably-designed and well-conducted hotel. There are electric bells all over the house, so as to reduce the labour of the servants to a minimum, and prevent delays that are often vexatious, whilst by means of telephonic communication can be readily secured with any part of the City. It is no matter for surprise that, in a locality so proverbially matrimonial, wedding parties should frequently be given at Limmer's, and many have been the nuptial rejoicings there during the past season. When so many Lodges are casting about for a suitable meeting place in which to spend their hours of work and recreation, it would be well to pay a visit to Bro. Benskin, whose courtesy and urbanity are so well known, and we anticipate that in the session which has just opened, the voice of Masonry will be even more frequently heard here than in the past. We cannot conclude without congratulating Bro. Benskin upon the vast improvements he has effected since his occupancy, which has extended over the last eighteen months, and it will be the universal verdict of all who visit Limmer's, that it now forms one of the most récherché and admirably-appointed hotels at the West-end.

REVIEWS.

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The Phynodderree, and other Legends of the Isle of Man. By EDWARD CARLOW. London: J. Dean and Son, Fleet-street, E.C.

FEW but Manxmen would comprehend at first sight the meaning of this strange-sounding title, nor by any stretch of the imagination could the ordinary reader attach a fairy-like interpretation to it. But it is in the nature of young people to be enquiring, and they will only have to turn the leaves of this pretty volume to find such a charming banquet of fairy love as they little anticipated. With a charming touch of tenderness, the author dedicates his work "to the dear fairies of my own home, Sarah Frances, Frances Elizabeth, and Alice Mary, presumably his daughters; and he has evidently laid himself out to entertain as well as to instruct the youthful mind. There are, however, chapters which appeal to the more matured sense and taste, and the style and diction is such as at once commends itself to thoughtful and intelligent minds. In many parts of the kingdom it is well known that there exists—we will not call it superstition—a certain vague belief in fairies, or elfins, or pixies; we may call them what we please, but their antics and orgies are handed down from generation to generation, until they become surrounded with a sort of fanciful mystery which is essentially hereditary. Our author assures us that this proclivity is nowhere more predominant, or retains a greater hold than upon the people of the Isle of Man; and in the volume before us he produces much that is, to a majority of readers, quaint and original, mixed up with information of the deepest interest concerning the beautiful little island, "somewhere in the Irish Sea." It appears that the cat minus its tail is not the only wonderful phenomenon peculiar to the Isle of Man; for the legends and tales related by its denizens vie almost with those of the Arabian Nights in their poetry, humour and intricacy. We are assured that those who care to inquire into the habits and customs of the Manx cottagers will see much that will reward their curiosity; and it is not by merely casually visiting this island, on a summer holiday, and keeping in the beaten track of sightseers, that any perfect idea of these manners and customs will be obtained. We must branch off to the high road, and out of the recesses of mountain districts to glean these weird stories which hover about the hearth of the humbler and uneducated classes—legends that have been handed down from father to son for generations, and which will never be effaced, no matter how rapid the march of education and refinement. To rescue these from oblivion has been the special forte and fancy of the author of this work, and he certainly has succeeded in collecting a great number, and presenting them to his readers in the most agreeable and entertaining fashion. No doubt the perusal of these tales will reward the aim of the writer by inducing many to become personally acquainted with the scenes so cleverly depicted, and to learn more for themselves of the habits of that thoroughly industrious race who dwell mid ocean, off our north-western coasts. The tale of fairy love which opens the volume, and the others which follow—"Tom Kewley and the Lannanshee; or the fairy cup of Kirk Mallow;" "King Olive the Second and the Great Sword Macabuin;" and "The Buggane's Vow—a Legend of St. Trinion's Church," are all replete, with that charming simplicity of style and piquancy of incident which must arrest and rivet the attention, especially of young readers, and enable them to wile away many a pleasant hour, in wholesome relaxation, during the long winter evenings which are now so rapidly coming upon us. We will not spoil the appetites of our little friends—and the children of larger growth, too, for that matter—by even shadowing forth a hint as to the plots revealed in these quaint stories and reminiscences, handed down through long-forgotten days; but need simply say that they abound with interest and entertainment, and, whether in the drawing-room or the nursery, they will form matter for a vast amount of pleasant occupation. The book is beautifully got-up, and embellished in a style for which this eminent publishing firm is noted; and it will form an ornament on the library or drawing-room table. We heartily commend this handsome volume, so full of entertaining matter, simply though forcibly written, to the attention of parents who aim at placing within the reach of their children really pure and entertaining matter, without any admixture of the pernicious stuff contained in many modern "fairy books," and wish for the author as great success in the matter of circulation as he has achieved in his admirable compilation.

Bro. Seymour Smith announces that his annual benefit concert will take place at the South Place Institute, South-place, Moorgate-street, E.C., two minutes walk from Moorgate-street, Broad-street, and Liverpool-street Railway Stations. On the occasion he will be assisted by Mdme. Worrell, Miss Matilda Roby, Miss Helen Heath, Miss Meta Russell (pupil of Bro. Seymour Smith), and Mdme. Raymond; Bros. Lester, Arthur Thompson, C. A. White, G. T. Carter, and Chaplin Henry. Amongst the instrumentalists will be Mdme. Harry Brett, Miss Evelyn Seymour Smith (pupil of Mdme. Harry Brett), and Mr. Michael Watson, pianoforte; concertina, Mr. Richard Blagrove; cornet, Mr. W. Morrow. Tickets may be procured of Bro. Seymour Smith, 153 Gordon-road, Nunhead. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Commence at 7.30.

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MASONRY AND RELIGION.

FROM THE MASONIC REVIEW.

WHEN brethren here and there say that Freemasonry is their Religion, they speak both better and worse than they know. it is a phrase we often hear—"Masonry is a good enough religion for me." There is no truth in the statement at all, unless the brother making it gives evidence in his daily life and conversation that Freemasonry is doing as much for him in the directions of social, moral and religious culture as the average Church of to-day can do. Now whether the Church of to-day would make him a better man or not, is not the question we are discussing; but the question is, does the brother's Freemasonry make him a better man, and cultivate in him the elements of the true and good man, the social virtues, and the religious character and life? If not, then, first, he has no right of ground or reason to say that Freemasonry is a good enough religion for him; and, second, he does not know what Freemasonry is in its deeper and richer meanings, and in its persuasive power over the hearts and lives of those who seek its interpretations, and love its lessons. For if a man will not keep his vows to the Lodge, the Chapter, the Commandery, and the grades of the Scottish Rite, he will not keep his vows to the Church, though St. Paul himself, or even an angel from heaven, were the preacher. It is distinctly understood that we are drawing no comparison at all between Freemasonry and the Church—between Freemasons and Church members. Still, it is true that an unworthy church member is as far from the kingdom of heaven as is an unworthy Masonic brother, and no man has any more right to say that the Church is a good enough religion for him, when he neglects his religious vows of faith and love, than a Masonic brother has to say that the Lodge is a good enough religion for him when he fails to fulfil, and even to recognise, his solemn vows and covenants to be a true man in his relations to himself, to his family, to his country, and to his God. They are equally unworthy, and fall far short of the blessed inheritance of love and eternal life! A man is saved, not by being in either, but by the discharge of his covenant obligations, and fulfilling his manhood duty, that duty, in any place, rising as high as heaven and leading to its golden gates.

Our Jewish brethren are naturally drawn to the grades of Masonry, and to its obligations and vows, because of the relation which the Institution bears to their history and people, to their city, their Temple and their God. Still, these brethren, as we all know, do not accept the Christian teaching of the God-head of Jesus of Nazareth. They worship the One, Ever living and True God, as they claim, and we have no right to doubt their sincerity in this worship, or dispute their right thus to worship. Indeed, it is a question among theologians and Christian teachers if the Jews who do not accept the Messiahship of Jesus, and still sincerely worship the Ever-living and True God, are to be punished hereafter because they do not accept Jesus as very God. In the same category with them, in this connection, we name Longfellow, Emmerson, Holmes and others. And yet many of these Jews have passed into the higher grades of Masonry, where the Christian idea illumines and interprets the lower grades, and they have accepted, in their own sincere and serious interpretations, the profound, touching, inspiring, glowing lessons, emblems and spiritual power of Rose Croix! If ever Christian history, truth, principle and doctrine were preached any where, they have been preached, and avowed, in a Chapter of Rose Croix, and in a Commandery of Knights Templar. And it was only the most natural and fitting thing in the world, when an eminent man and Christian of this community was receiving the Order of Christian Knighthood, that he should break the solemn silence of the Asylum, and interrupt the lesson of the Eminent Commander, by speaking out—"Glory to God! Hallelujah! Bless His holy name!"

Now, my brother, whether Freemasonry is a good enough religion for you or not depends altogether upon what use you make of it. You have no right to say it, unless you exemplify the principles you have professed, and perform the vows you have made. As we said before, the Church, in any form or power of it, could not save you, or be a good enough religion for you, if you were indifferent to your profession, and neglectful of your vows. You might worship in St. Peter's at Rome, or in St. Paul's in London, in cathedral, chapel, or crypt, in temple of Moslem Buddha, or Brahma, but you would not have the faintest experience of a good enough religion only as you performed your duties, fulfilled your vows, and cultivated the spiritual virtues you formally and solemnly avowed. Nor can the Lodge, by any means, nor the Institution, in its solemn Christian Order, be a good enough religion for you, if you neglect her ways of Zion, her paths of righteousness, her vows of fidelity, and her binding covenants of truth, loving kindness, and religion.

The only "good enough" religion for you, my brother, is that which teaches and inspires you to "love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind, and with all thy strength, and thy neighbour as thyself." On these two Commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. "This do, and thou shalt live."

The definition of Religion by St. James is worthy of meditation: "Pure Religion, and undefiled before God and the Father, is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." And St. James himself comments upon his own words when he says: "If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled, notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful for the body, what doth it profit?"

And St. John the Evangelist, one of the Patron Saints of our Order, says: "But whosoever hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

Now, my dear brother, your Freemasonry teaches you to do these things, and you are under solemn obligation to perform them. If you fail to observe and to do these things, you are not a Mason, and if you will neglect your vows as a member of the Lodge, and perform them not, unto men and before God, you will be neglectful, unruly, disobedient and unfaithful toward any vows you may take anywhere else. In such case, there is nothing named under heaven that will be "a good enough religion" for you!

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—A meeting was held on Monday, 9th inst., at 7 o'clock, at Bro. McDiarmaid's, Cambria Tavern, Loughborough Junction. Present—Bros. Stacey W.M., Larchin S.W., Tate J.W., McKinley Sec., Martin S.D., Eidman J.D., Fox I.G., Johnson Preceptor. The Fifteen Sections were admirably worked by the members of the Lodge, as under: First Lecture—Bros. Jones, Martin, Webb, Johnson, Harding, Brown, Tate. Second Lecture—Bros. Snelling, Abell, Fox, Larchin, Gush. Third Lecture—Bros. Stacey, Gush, McKinley. The following brethren were elected members:—Long 1541, Whitlock 1158, Templeman 1339, Dane 1158, Eagle 1901, Tallant 1901, Sarjeant 1765. There were fifty-two brethren present. A vote of thanks was accorded to the members of the Lodge who had so kindly assisted in working the sections. Bro. Stacey was elected an hon. member. Bro. Stacey thanked the brethren for the vote, and for electing him an hon. member. If he had done anything for the welfare of the Lodge, he was amply repaid by the kind wishes of so large a number of brethren. He hoped he should have the pleasure of meeting them on many future occasions. The S.W. and J.W. responded in the same strain. The J.W. said he had never been at a working of the sections where the brethren had been so quiet and attentive. This was a proof that their endeavours had been appreciated. It was announced that the ceremonies of consecration and installation would be rehearsed at the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901, the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green, near Champion Hill Station, by Bro. James Terry Prov. S.G. Warden Norths and Hunts, P. Prov. J.W. Herts, P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Thursday, 26th October 1882. Lodge will be opened at 6.45 for 7 precisely. Brethren to appear in full Craft clothing.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—At the meeting, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, the 6th inst., Bro. J. B. Sarjeant presided as W.M. His Officers were:—Bros. J. N. Bate S.W., R. Poore J.W., A. J. Styles S.D., H. Stokes J.D., J. W. Hartley I.G. There were also present Bros. John S. Terry P.M. Secretary, James Stevens P.M. Preceptor, M. E. Stokes, J. S. Eidmans, R. W. Pooler, &c. The Lodge was in the first degree during the evening, and the work comprised the rehearsal of ceremony and the charge, the working of the first and second sections, calling off, entry drill, and calling on. The thanks of the Lodge were voted to Bro. Sarjeant for his services for the first time in the chair of K.S., and the manner of his work fully justified the encomiums he received. Bro. Bate was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the Lodge will be in F.C., and the ceremony will be rehearsed, and the charge and sections of that degree will be worked in full Bro. Hartley was elected a member, and Lodge was then closed in harmony.

Amherst Lodge, No. 1223.—This Lodge held its last meeting of the present session on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Amherst Arms Hotel, Riverhead, Kent. Present—Bros. J. Smalman Smith W.M., Thomas J. Baker S.W., Harry Lemon Hall J.W., Joseph H. Jewell P.M. P.P.G.O. Secretary, Richard Dartwell P.M. Treasurer, Charles Edward Birch S.D., Rufus Stevenson J.D., Edwin S. Strange M.C., Frederick J. Crowest Organist, William Sparrowhawk Steward, Charles J. Craig I.G., William South Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. A. W. Duret and Charles J. Dodd. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. John Watkins was raised, and Mr. Alfred Walter Bowie was initiated as a serving brother. A banquet was afterwards partaken of, the W.M. presiding. The table was excellently well supplied, and the after music first class, under the direction of Bro. F. Crowest. Lodge adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held on the first Saturday in April 1883.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 7th inst., Bros. Galer W.M., Wolf S.W., Giller J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Parkes S.D., Gush J.D., A. M. Marks I.G.; also Bros. I. P. Cohen, C. K. Killick jun., Houghton, Von Holtorp, W. Williams, Carr, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Von Holtorp acting as candidate. The W.M. then gave the charge of the degree, in a very impressive manner. Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and from refreshment to labour. Bro. Cohen worked the fourth and fifth sections, assisted by the brethren, and the sixth by Bro. Gush. Bro. Wolf was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Galer W.M., for the able and efficient manner he had discharged the duties of the chair for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. After which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Bro. C. K. Killick W.M. Cranbourne Lodge, No. 1580, will read a Lecture, by Dr. Oliver, on Ancient Masonic Rituals, at this Lodge of Instruction this (Saturday) evening, when the attendance of brethren is respectfully requested.

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MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE, No. 1489.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday evening, the 6th inst., at the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Balls Pond-road, when there was a numerous assemblage of brethren and visitors. In the unavoidable absence of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. James Glaskin, the chair was occupied by Bro. Wm. Stephens P.P.G.D. of C. Middlesex, Wor. Master elect, who was supported by Bros. H. Smout S.W., A. J. Stanton J.W., J. E. Halford P.M. Treasurer, E. W. George P.M. Secretary, Wm. Gray S.D., John Tovell J.D., F. R. Hawthorn I.G., J. J. Marsh Tyler; T. E. Jessett P.M.; also Bros. Edwin Blunt, E. H. Fisher, J. Glover, H. Patient, W. Matthews, G. J. Glover, A. J. Rosseau, J. Haynes, J. H. Patient, H. G. Buss G.A.S. Visitors—Bros. W. J. Murlis P.M. 1642, James Bartle S.D. 1642, G. Tidcombe jun. P.M. 1549 P.D.C. Middlesex, H. Massey W.M. 1928, S. Parkhouse P.M. 1642, J. Terry P.M. 228, Charles Smith 1489, E. M. Lander P.M. 1642, J. D. Adkins P.M. 990, J. Garrod P.M. 754, G. R. Soper P.M. 1365, H. Taylor 1642, T. Mayes W.M. 1897, M. Hart 1816, Rev. C. Darby Reade W.M. 1642, S. Smout I.P.M. 1642, J. Fisher 733, &c. Lodge having been opened with the usual formalities. The first degree was conferred on Mr. F. T. Twining, M.B., Bro. Stephens occupying the chair. At the conclusion of the ceremony Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Stephens was duly installed into the chair of the Lodge as Master for the year. Bro. Terry acted as Installing Master on this the second time that Bro. Stephens has been placed in the first position in this Lodge, he having been installed as first Master on the consecration of the Lodge by the late Bro. J. Hervey, in 1874. Bro. Stephens next appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. J. Tovell S.W., W. Gray J.W., J. E. Walford P.M. Treas., G. J. Glover Sec., F. A. Hawthorn S.D., E. George J.D., J. Hannay I.G., C. H. Fisher M.C., H. Patient Steward, W. Matthews Organist, and J. J. Marsh Tyler. The W.M. presented a new set of collars to the Lodge, and then proceeded to close it. Before doing so he proposed, and Bro. Walford Treas. seconded, that the rank of Honorary Membership should be conferred on Bros. Buss and Terry, in consideration of their services to the Lodge, both at its consecration and since. The vote was unanimously agreed to. Bro. Buss, in acknowledging it, said he distinctly remembered having been elected an honorary member of the Lodge on the occasion of its consecration, and had considered himself as such ever since. If, as the W.M. had said, the minutes contained no notice of it, the Secretary for the time being had omitted part of his work. Bro. Terry also replied, and acknowledged a special vote of thanks passed to him for having acted as Installing Master for that day. A banquet followed, after which the usual toasts were given.

St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1306.—The first assembly after the summer recess of the members of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 11th instant, at the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury-pavement, when the following brethren were present:—Wooding W.M., T. J. Tyer J.W. and S.W. pro tem, A. G. Clements Secretary and J.W. pro tem, C. Veal P.M. S.D., J. Oxley J.D., Twinn I.G.; also Bros. J. McGrath I.P.M., J. W. Dawson P.M., W. H. Hayward P.M., Sommers, Loftus, Wise, Oppenheim, Haussmann, Carrociero, Flack, Crawley, Pipe, Green, Tarling, Barnes jun., and others. Visitor—Bro. G. H. Stephens West Smithfield Lodge 1623. Lodge opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last regular Lodge meeting, and the emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Alfred William Flack being present, and a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge advanced, and the candidate duly passed to the second degree, the ceremony being worked in a very impressive and interesting manner. Lodge having closed in the second degree, several propositions were taken for initiates, as well as for a joining member. A proposition was made by the S. Warden, seconded by Bro. Oxley (notwithstanding the tardiness in bringing it forward), that considering the great amount of trouble undertaken by Bro. C. Veal P.M. during his year of office, for the future welfare of this Lodge, in which special reference was made to his success in removing the Lodge from its old quarters, a testimonial engrossed on vellum should be prepared and presented to him. This was carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, Lodge closed and adjourned till 8th November ensuing. The brethren afterwards partook of refreshment, and a pleasant evening was spent.

West Midddlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the meeting held at the Institute, Ealing, W., on Tuesday last, there were present—Bros. J. Green W.M., Dyer S.W., Seward J.W., Millsom S.D., G. S. Wright J.D., H. E. Tucker Preceptor, J. Fryers I.G., A. Beasley P.M. Treasurer, J. Wells Secretary; also Bros. Danby, Sherman, Wills, Penny, Acworth and J. Owen. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Penny candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Danby candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Penny was elected a member. Bro. J. R. Furnée will be W.M. for the meeting on the 17th inst. Lodge was closed in due form.

At the North London Chapter of Improvement, on Thursday, the 12th inst., Comp. Sparrow occupied the chair of Z.; he was supported by Comps. Gregory and Gillard, who fulfilled the duties of Haggai and Joshua. Comp. Ferguson performed the duty of P.S., while Comp. Edmonds was S.N. On Thursday evening, 19th of October, the Principals and Officers of the Metropolitan Chapter will rehearse the ceremony of exaltation, by invitation from this Chapter of Instruction. Companions will please accept this notice.

A MONUMENT TO MORGAN.

FROM THE ELMIRA SUNDAY TELEGRAM.

ON Wednesday, 13th September last, a monument, erected to the memory of Captain William Morgan, at Batavia, was unveiled. The exercises were under the auspices of the National Christian Association, and consisted of a hymn, composed for the occasion; prayers by President J. Blanchard, of the National Christian Association; presentation address on behalf of the monument Committee by Rev. Dr. McFall, of Boston; an address by Professor C. A. Blanchard, of Wheaton College, Ill.; a brief retrospective address by Judge Moss Taggart, of Batavia, who was personally acquainted with William Morgan for three years. Other survivors of the Morgan affair also made short addresses. The monument is nearly forty feet in height, and bears a statue of Captain Morgan seven feet six inches high. The cost of the monument—2,500 dols.—has been raised by subscription throughout the country. One of the inscriptions on the monument is this:

Sacred to the Memory of
WILLIAM MORGAN,
A native of Virginia, a Captain of the War of 1812,
A respectable Citizen of Batavia, and
A Martyr to Writing, Printing and Speaking the Truth.
He was abducted from near this spot in the year 1826,
by Free Masons,
And Murdered for Revealing the Secrets of their Order.

Grand Recorder Robert Macoy, of New York, speaking about the erection of the monument, said: "Morgan was a blacksmith, living in Batavia. He was a thief, drunkard, and wife-beater. These facts were not known to the Lodge that made him a Mason until some time after he had joined the Order. As a Mason, he was an impostor, working his way among Masons by the grossest falsehoods. He employed the then Grand Lecturer, Blanchard Powers, to instruct him; he was thus enabled to play the character of a mercenary dependent upon Masonic charity. He took the degree of Royal Arch at Le Roy, and began immediately to prepare an 'exposition' of such of the esoteric Masonic matters as he could remember or would best serve his purpose. It became known to the Brotherhood that he was employed upon this shameful task, and they denounced him through the newspapers. On 12th September 1826 he was arrested upon a warrant, for theft and taken to Canandaigua. Four days later he was released and taken in a carriage to Fort Niagara, at the mouth of the river by that name, a distance of 115 miles. This journey was made with his own consent. He was confined in the fort a few days in a room formerly used as a powder magazine. There all traces of him disappear.

A body was found in the whirlpool below Niagara Falls, and it was said to be that of Morgan, but the identity was never established. The theory is absurd that Eli Bruce, and the men who *assisted him* would have publicly conveyed Morgan over one hundred miles to throw him over the Falls. There was an alarming excitement over the affair. Anti-Masonic associations were formed. They worked in the political campaign that fall and carried the state. Thurlow Weed was among the anti-Masonic politicians. He was informed that the body found was not that of Morgan."

"Never mind," was the reply; "it is a good enough Morgan body until the election is over."

"Sheriff Bruce and several others were arrested for the alleged abduction, and tried on the charge of murder. The trial created great excitement. Bruce narrowly escaped conviction. Men of unquestionable veracity testified that the only object of carrying off Morgan was to produce a separation between him and his publisher (Miller), and thereby prevent a publication of Morgan's books. Was Morgan killed? Morgan had neglected his family, had no property, was despised by the community, owed many debts, had a charge of larceny hanging over his head, and was only too glad to turn his back for ever upon his native place. The theory held by the best informed is that he was supplied with money by his abductors and passed over into Canada, the scene of former adventures in his career, where, amid a rough population, he met the end likely to befall a man whose pockets were sufficiently well lined to make him the victim of a highwayman. The suspicion that he was murdered by his abductors will never be entertained by a person who looks closely into the character of the men who took him upon that journey, and the train of circumstances connected with that unfortunate affair. It is possible that the whole truth may yet come out. I have just received a letter from Mr. Robert Morris, of La Grange, Oldham, county, Ky. It is dated from Batavia. Mr. Morris writes me that he has spent thirty years in trying to solve the Morgan mystery, and that he is now at Batavia trying to procure closing proof upon which to publish the result of his investigations."

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 185.—The first meeting for the season of this Chapter was held on Tuesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern, Comp. Nathan Moss Z. presiding. There was also a good attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Ernest Isaacson, of Joppa Lodge, No. 188, was exalted to the Royal Arch degree, the whole ceremony being splendidly performed. After Companion Moss Z. had mentioned Col. Shadwell Clerke's circular bringing to the notice of the Order the Prince of Wales's scheme for the Royal College of Music, the Companions partook of an excellent banquet. A handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. T. C. Walls.

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IS FREEMASONRY FLOURISHING?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — At the Committee meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Wednesday, in reference to one of the petitions a long discussion took place, not so much as to this special applicant, who was well known to a good many present, but as to the Lodge that presented him. This Lodge has contributed something under £300 in all to this Institution, and has received about £3 000 from it, and I learn is about sending up two more applicants. If there is not a case from this Lodge at the Board of Benevolence at every meeting it is looked upon as a wonder, and the same commercial speculation is being carried on in regard to both the Boys' and Girls' Schools. Permit me to throw out a note of warning, both to the Lodge and the members of Committee. "Let the galled jade wince, our withers are unwrung."

Yours fraternally,

A MEMBER of COMMITTEE.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION ON BOARD SHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Do pray set your face against the establishment of any more Lodges of Instruction (?)—no matter whether on the ocean or on *terra firma*. It is becoming a well-known axiom, that if you want "not to do it," you may attend the so-called Lodges of Instruction. What with Bro. A.'s version, and what with the bodge podge served up by those who pretend to be pupils of A. or of B., we are scarcely able to recognise our once sacred ritual.

Yours truly,

AN OLD MASON.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the brethren of the St. James's Lodge of Instruction, on Monday evening, 30th October, at the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. Bros. J. Davison P.M. 299 W.M., W. Martin S.D. 879 S.W., W. Beavis S.W. 879 J.W., J. Laurence Secretary. First Lecture—Bros. G. Emblin, J. Jackson, R. Tilling, J. Cox, J. Davis, C. W Kent, H. J. Lardner. Second Lecture—Bros. James Perkins, G. Perkins, W. Pennyfather, W. Martin, Thomas McButt. Third Lecture—Bros. W. Beavis, Clark, James Hawkins. The Lodge will be opened at 7 precisely.

By the brethren of the La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, at Morland's Hotel, Dean-street, Oxford-street, W., on Wednesday, 18th inst. Bros. J. W. Elvin I.G. 538 W.M., J. C. Smith W.S. 1744 S.W., W. J. Burgess P.M. 1472 J.W., J. Hurdell J.W. 1348 Preceptor. First Lecture—Bros. T. Smale, J. Lonsdale, T. W. Cooper, J. Skinner, E. Child, J. Hemming, J. Hurdell. Second Lecture—Bros. L. G. Langdon, W. J. Burgess, W. H. Richardson, J. C. Smith, F. Sillis. Third Lecture—Bros. G. A. Cundy, W. C. Smith, J. Edwards. At 7 precisely.

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N.B.—To the Candidates whose "Last Application" is noted on the Voting Papers, should be added:—

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No. 30. O'Doherty, Charles Patrick } 52, if unsuccessful at this 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 last Saturday, 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. (in the chair), Abner Torkington, Edgar Bowyer, A. J. Duff-Filer, John L. Mather, Arthur E. Gladwell, Don. M. Dewar, H. S. Goodall, Alfred Williams, H. Massey, G P. Britten, C. H. Webb, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), Fredk. Adlard, W. H. Saunders, George J. Palmer, George P.

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Gillard, George Cooper, Edward Baxter, and F. Binckes (Secretary). On the recommendation of the House Committee, it was resolved to invest a further sum of £1,000. There were five petitions before the Committee, four of which, after examination, were passed, and the boys were placed on the list for the April election: the fifth was deferred. Outfits of £5 each were granted to four ex-pupils of the Institution, and £15 to a fifth. The following Notices of Motion were given for the Quarterly Court next Monday:—

1. That the days of election in the two (Boys' and Girls') Institutions remain unaltered, provided only—that when the Quarterly Courts for the election of Candidates shall fall respectively on the Saturday immediately following Good Friday and on Easter Monday, the Quarterly Court in each case shall be postponed to the corresponding days in the ensuing weeks.

2. That whenever the Quarterly Courts for the election of Candidates in the two (Boys' and Girls') Institutions shall fall respectively on the Saturday immediately following Good Friday and on Easter Monday, the Quarterly Court in each case shall be postponed for one week.

By Brother J. L. Mather, V.P.—To amend Rule 55, as follows:—

No boy shall be eligible for election or for admission by purchase or otherwise who has a brother in the Institution, unless the number of vacancies is in excess of the number of candidates.

Bro. W. H. Saunders moved a vote of congratulation to Bro. Binckes on his recovery from his recent severe illness, and stated that the Committee were pleased to see him back again in his place. The motion having been seconded by Bro. J. L. Mather, was put, and carried unanimously. Bro. Binckes acknowledged the vote, and said the Committee were not more pleased to see him back again than he was pleased to be back. However, if he took the advice of his medical attendant, he should have to be quiet for the next six months; but that would not mean a want of interest in the Institution. The Committee then adjourned.

The Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, at four p.m., when there were present Bros. Raynham Stewart (in the chair), Tate, Cottebrune, Custance, Perceval, Woodford, Dilley, Gallant, Farnfield, Cass, Robbins, C. H. Webb, Goodall, W. Stephens, Moore, Godtschalk, Tattershall, Rawson, Daniels, W. Verry, H. Massey, and James Terry Secretary. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was read from General Brownrigg, C.B., accepting the President's chair for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Festival in February 1883; it was received with pleasure. The Secretary reported two deaths since the last meeting. The Report of the Audit Committee was read, received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Petitions were then read from two brothers, and one widow, which were accepted. All business being ended, the meeting was dissolved.

There is expected to be some contest on Saturday over the confirmation of a resolution come to at last Quarterly Court to preclude purchasing into the Masonic Girls' School a sister of any girl admitted by election, unless the vacancies exceed the number of candidates. Already no two sisters can be in the Institution at the same time by election. Some brethren think that so long as a girl can be purchased into the School she should be admitted, but the general opinion seems to be the other way. In the case of life presentations, that is, where an individual has already paid £500 on condition that he or she during his or her life should always have one child in the School, or where Provinces have paid the sum of £1,050 sterling for the same privilege, the original condition should hold good, but the understanding should be that future purchases will not include the sisters of inmates of the Institution. There is also to be a proposition brought forward on Saturday to present a donation of 35 guineas to the second assistant governess, who has obtained the appointment of head governess of the Dublin Female Orphan School. It is always considered ungallant to oppose anything in which a lady is interested, but it is to be hoped that the Craft as a body will bestir themselves in the matter of the increasing expenses of the Masonic Institutions. Donations to clerks and other employés, the increase of salaries in all directions, portraits of leading individuals, besides the sums of money given to children leaving the Schools, are now absorbing an amount that might profitably be employed in extending the benefits of the Charities.—*Evening News.*

St. Martin's-le-Grand Chapter, No. 1536.—At a meeting of this Chapter, held at the Guildhall Tavern, on the 3rd inst., Comp. George Gregory was installed into the chair of Z., but, owing to a recent family bereavement, was unable to preside at the usual banquet.

PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

A SPECIAL Provincial Grand Lodge will shortly be summoned for the purpose of electing a gentleman to fill the office of Prov. G. Treasurer, which, as has already been announced, was relinquished at the last annual P.G. meeting by Bro. Mark E. Frost, who, after seventeen years' arduous service, finding that failing energies incapacitated him from carrying out the duties with that zeal which had hitherto characterised his Masonic career, desired to be relieved of his responsibility. No successor was appointed at the time, as revised bye-laws were being considered for the future government of the Province, and these in some measure affected the duties of the Officers. It is anticipated that a Portsmouth brother will again be elected to fill the post, it having been the custom for many years past (the Secretary being elected from the Southampton Lodges) that the Treasurer should be chosen at Portsmouth. Bro. Frost retires from his active Masonic duties with the good wishes of every Lodge in the Province, and the P.G. Master (W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P.) has personally expressed his regret at the termination of his long period of office, and thanks for his valuable assistance and counsel on many occasions. Bro. Frost has filled the chair in several of the local Lodges, and his first office in the Province was that of Grand Superintendent of Works. He was elected P.G. Treasurer at a special P.G. Lodge, held at Portsmouth, in 1865. At that time a sum of £100 was invested, and £262 was received by him from the representatives of his predecessor. The progress of Freemasonry in the Province is evidenced by the fact that at the present date the sum invested has been increased to £800, and a balance of £390 19s 4d in cash was handed over by Bro. Frost on relinquishing office. During the seventeen years, the sum of £1,834 13s has been disbursed in Charity, viz., £967 3s to individual Masons, or some members of their family requiring pecuniary assistance, and £867 10s to the three Institutions connected with the Craft. These donations to the Masonic Institutions have secured the following votes in perpetuity for the Province:—Boys' School, 105; Girls' School, 31; Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 36. The current expenses have amounted to £766 11s in the seventeen years. It must have been a gratifying circumstance to Bro. Frost that, having received funds to the amount of £362 on acceding to office, he was enabled on retirement to hand over a larger amount, viz., £390 in cash, in addition to bonds for £800, invested principally in Colonial Government Securities.—*Portsmouth Times.*

YE ANTIENTE FRATERNITIE OF YE RAHERE ALMONERS.

THE annual Festival of the above fraternity has, by special request of Bro. the Lord Mayor, been postponed till Monday, the 23rd inst., the 20th having been appointed by his Lordship, the Junior Grand Warden of England, for the entertainment of the Grand Officers and members of his Lodge, No. 1, at the Mansion House. The Rahere Festival promises to be a very unique affair. "Ye Lord Mayore offe ye Citie of London wille be in ye Chair atte VI offe ye clocke," and will be supported by the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex (of whom Bro. Ald. De Keyser is one), and numerous members of the Court of Common Council. We are informed that during the banquet a boar's head will be introduced in ancient style of State and Old English Carol; and that much of the quaintness which characterised the Inauguration Festival of the Society last year, at the Crystal Palace, and contributed so much to its success, will be repeated at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 20th inst. The Rahere Almoners have, in the words of the Lord Mayor, "done good and useful work" during the past winter, and we cordially wish them that further support which a testimony of that kind from so influential a personage should certainly secure.

The Lord Mayor, Grand Junior Warden, will entertain his brother Grand Officers for the year, and the members of the Grand Master's Lodge No. 1, of which he is now Worshipful Master, and other Masonic guests, at the Mansion House on Friday, the 20th inst. Sir Francis W. Truscott gave a similar entertainment during his mayoralty, when he was Grand Junior Warden. On that occasion the Prince of Wales was the principal guest of the evening.—*Evening News.*

GILPIN'S "FOREST SCENERY."—Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston and Company, are about to publish a cheap edition of the illustrated re-issue of Gilpin's "Forest Scenery," edited, with notes bringing it up to date, by Mr. F. G. Heath, author of "Autumnal Leaves." It is a curious fact that the existence of the third Edition of "Forest Scenery," which was revised by Gilpin himself, and which forms the text of Mr. Heath's reprint, was unknown to Sir T. D. Lauder, first Editor of this famous work, and there is no copy of it even in the British Museum.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT AT WATERLOO HOUSE.—The extensive premises comprising nearly the whole of the quadrangle formed by Cockspur-street, Trafalgar-square, Pall Mall East, and the frontage directly looking down Pall Mall, and which have for so many years been known as Waterloo House, and in the occupation of Messrs. Halling, Pearce, and Stone, have just acquired a very successful installation of 16 Arc Electric Lights which have been furnished by the Metropolitan (Brush) Electric Light Company, the power generator being a 12 horse power (nominal) Otto gas engine.

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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.

SATURDAY, 14th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1685—Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1381—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

MONDAY, 16th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, 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)
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.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1466—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 8. (Inst.)
1625—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1668—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)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

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)
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7 30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
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. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury.
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 17th OCTOBER.

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)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, 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
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.)
1692—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1695—New Finsbury Park
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 188—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
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.
980—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—Rootle, 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
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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 OCTOBER.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-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.)
619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
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)
865—Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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)
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)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1593—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone

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
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
461—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
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
918—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1046—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, 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, 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. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 19th OCTOBER.

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)
49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, 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.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
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
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6 30. (Instruction)
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
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
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.)
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
R.A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In).
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

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42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
46—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burnley
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
208—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
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1290—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1560—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts

FRIDAY, 20th OCTOBER.

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.)
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)
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)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel Wood Green
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
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
1363—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. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
K.T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 21st OCTOBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1874—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 Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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MONTAGUE GUEST LODGE, No. 1900.

THE installation meeting of this new Lodge, which, since its consecration in July of last year, has achieved a success that not even the most sanguine of its well-wishers could have anticipated, took place on Wednesday, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields. There was a very large gathering of brethren, many present holding high rank in the Craft, amongst those who signed the attendance book were General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Master Surrey; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, and Rev. C. W. Arnold D.G.M. Surrey, Grand Chaplains; A. H. Stevenson P.D.G.M. Canada, H. E. Prinsep District G.M. Bengal, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Sir J. B. Monckton President of the Board of General Purposes, Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., Raphael Costa P.G.D., Peter de L. Long P.G.D., Captain N. G. Philips P.G.D., J. M. P. Montagu D.P.G.M. Dorset, C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., W. Clarke P.G.P., Thomas Cubitt P.G.P., T. W. Walford 771, Frederick Hunt 188, H. Massey P.M. 619, A. E. Gladwell P.M. 172, W. F. Larkin 209, S. M. Lazarus 53 P.P.G.W. Wilts, John Wilson P.M. 209, J. B. Docker P.M. 1687, Henry Perks I.G. 209, E. W. Shelton P.M. 1366, E. Letchworth P.M. 2, G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D. East Lancashire, Howard Prov. Grand Secretary Dorset, B. Swallow P.G.D. Middlesex, E. Baxter P.M. 8, Lewis Bryett P.M. 1828, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, R. Barton W.M. 771, E. Farwig P.M. 180, C. Graham S.D. 894, Cavaliere Buzzegoli 1491, E. B. Cox 1563, H. W. Schartau 1549, E. Moss W.M. 1929, H. A. Dubois P.P.G.W. Middlesex, James Terry Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, J. E. Shand P.M. 1564, A. Nicols W.M. 1974, Edgar Bowyer P.P.G.W. Herts, J. Mason P.P.S.G.W. Middlesex, George Read P.M. 511. The Lodge was opened at five o'clock by the Worshipful Master, Bro. William H. Dean, and the Officers were in their places, as under:—Bros. G. P. Festa (W.M. elect) S.W., F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Girls) J.W., J. D. Collier P.M. Secretary, H. J. Capon S.D., H. Slyman J.D., W. H. Gardener I.G., W. H. Staff Organist, and B. Banks Tyler. The minutes of the last regular meeting in April, and of the Lodge of Emergency, held on the 20th of June, were read by the Secretary, and duly received confirmation. The report of the Audit Committee was next presented, and adopted. The members then proceeded to elect a Tyler, and Bro. Banks was chosen to fulfil the duties. The W.M. elect was presented by the acting Immediate Past Master, and Bros. Colonel Shadwell Clerke and Capt. N. G. Philips took the Wardens' chairs. The obligation having been administered, a Board of Installed Masters (about forty in number) was opened. On the readmission of the brethren below the degree of Installed Master, the new W.M. was saluted. The following brethren were then invested with their respective collars:—F. R. W. Hedges S.W., H. J. Capon J.W., W. H. Dean P.M. Treasurer, J. D. Collier P.M. Secretary, Hy. Slyman P.M. S.D., W. H. Gardener J.D., Samuel Brooks P.M. I.G., E. N. Doble M.C., W. H. Staff Org., C. M. Tate W.S., B. Banks Tyler. Bro. Festa was very happy in his choice of words; the remarks he made to each Officer showed that he had fully considered the responsibilities entailed on each one who undertook the duties of Lodge management. A most elegant Past Master's jewel, together with a Past Master's collar and silver jewel attached, was presented, in the name of the Lodge, to Bro. Dean. The following is the inscription:—

Presented by the
MONTAGUE GUEST LODGE, No. 1900,
to
W. Brother W. H. DEAN, P.M. 417, P.P.G.S.B. Dorset,
As a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the courteous and efficient manner in which he presided over them as
first W.M. and Founder.
Oct. 11th, 1882.

In making this presentation Bro. Festa assured Bro. Dean it afforded him intense personal gratification to hand him the Past Master's jewel. It had been unanimously voted by the brethren, for the able manner in which the first Master had conducted the business, as well as for the eminent services he had rendered to the Lodge. He (Bro. Festa) hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would give him health and strength that he might wear it for many years, to his own satisfaction, and to the honour of the brethren of the Lodge. Bro. Dean in reply said, he scarcely knew how to find words to return thanks He should at all times wear the jewel with pride and pleasure, and should ever feel gratification in knowing he was the first Master of the Montague Guest Lodge. The addresses were given in splendid style by Bro. Dean, who was heartily congratulated on the completion of his labours. A proposition for a candidate for initiation at the next meeting was handed in; several letters of regret at inability to attend were read,—notably from Bros. Montague Guest, Sir Francis Burdett, Lieut.-Colonel John Creaton, H. G. Buss, Wilhelm Ganz, Frederick Binckes, H. C. Levander, J. S. Eastes, J. L. Thomas, Alderman Knight (Lord Mayor Elect), Nicols, De La Coste, —and a communication from General Sir Henry Ponsonby, on behalf of the Queen, thanking the brethren for the vote of congratulation passed by the Lodge on Her Most Gracious Majesty's providential escape from assassination. This letter was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Shortly afterwards hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed. The banquet was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Gosden, the manager of the Hotel, and great credit is due to him for his exertions. On rising to propose the first toast Bro. Festa said, the toast was one he always felt was done most honour to by the fewer the words in which it is given. Therefore, without any further preface, he would propose the health of our Sovereign, Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Patroness of the Craft. After the National Anthem, the W.M. submitted that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master. He felt convinced that in mentioning so august a name as that of our Supreme Ruler the toast would be received with that enthusiasm which it deserves. In speaking to the toast of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand Officers of England Present and Past, the W.M. said, of the Pro Grand Master it was unnecessary for him to say much; the brethren knew how well his Lordship, in the absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, discharges the official duties. His great ability and winning manners leave nothing to be desired from him. They also know the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, who is the embodiment of one of the hardest worked Masons in the country. He is the essence of what is desired in a gentleman, and is in every respect worthy of admiration. With respect to the other Grand Officers; we are honoured to-day with the company of several. General Brownrigg is deservedly popular in the Province over which he rules; he brings to bear the proper qualifications for a president, and this was notably instanced at the last Communication of the Grand Lodge. Brother Colonel Shadwell Clerke, the Grand Secretary, was our Consecrating Officer, and we may take it he is satisfied with the way in which this Lodge has been conducted; this may be accepted by the fact that he is with us to-day. We also have many other distinguished Masons, Bro. Stevenson a Past G.M. of Canada, the Hon. Justice Prinsep D.G.M. Bengal, Captain Philips, the Revs. J. Studholme Brownrigg and C. W. Arnold, besides many others. With a list of such dimensions he knew he might commend the toast to their notice, and would call on General Brownrigg to respond. After a glee, General Brownrigg rose. He always thought the toast with which his name had been associated was a somewhat difficult one to say anything new upon. The Grand Officers were burdened with great responsibilities; this especially applied to those who held the permanent offices. They had, however, an influence which the Craft at large acknowledged, and the toast of their health was always warmly received. After a very happy allusion to the condition of the new Lodge, which he said might be expressed as having been just weaned from its first nourisher, with whom it had parted in a sound condition, General Brownrigg concluded,

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with thanks to all for the way in which the toast had been received. Bro. Dean rose. It was his privilege to give the next toast. He did so with the greatest pleasure. Their W.M. was a most zealous, efficient, and charitable Mason. The Lodge, since its commencement, had collected for the three Institutions a sum of nearly £500. Two-thirds of this had been realised by the efforts of Bro. Festa; this result would fully testify to his efficiency. With respect to his zeal, this was displayed fully by what he did when the members of the Lodge were endeavouring to obtain their warrant. If they were to be guided by what Bro. Festa had done towards the preliminary work, he (Bro. Dean) was assured the brethren could not have made better choice of a Master. He sincerely trusted their W.M. might have health and strength to carry on the work of the Lodge. In reply, Bro. Festa said, if he were to reduce into words all that his heart felt at the present moment, his speech would be of great length; yet if he attempted to condense all that he wished to say, it would be like one of those meat lozenges which, though it may contain the essence of one or two good mutton chops, is none the less disappointing. This much, however, he might venture to urge, that ever since he had been a member of this most honourable Order it had been his earnest endeavour to do his duty, and to practise, in their integrity, those virtues which have been laid down for our guidance. He need scarcely say that his experience in the past would be his guide for the future. He thanked Past Master Dean for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast; and the brethren, for the cordial manner in which they had received it. In proposing the health of the Visitors, the Worshipful Master said the members of the Lodge were gratified at seeing so many present. He had already referred to the Officers of Grand Lodge, and to speak of them in this connection, he should merely repeat what he had already advanced. We are proud to have them with us. We have also several distinguished brethren who hail from the Provinces, who we look upon as representatives of the Craft, and feel intensely flattered at their having come so far to visit this Lodge. The Metropolitan District may also be said to be ably represented. With the toast he would associate the name of Bro. A. A. Stevenson D.G.M. Canada. Bro. Stevenson in reply, said he did not desire that the brethren should accept him as a fair specimen of Canadian Masons, for this particular reason, which would commend itself to their judgment—he was sure that they had within that room two magnificent specimens of Canadian Masons, Bros. General Brownrigg and J. M. P. Montagu. Both these brethren were made in Canada; and he believed the brethren would admit that even the Grand Lodge of England owed something to that benigbted country, inasmuch as it had given it twosuch useful members. Following the example which had been set of making short speeches, he would say he was exceedingly grateful for the courtesy and the kind and fraternal feeling which had been shown him during the past two or three days that he had been within this great city, and it had occurred to him that if he could only spare the time (and people who lived in such a great city believed the visitors from abroad could spare the time) he would experience the same hospitalitality that people going to America would experience. Now, his stay was a very limited one, but he had enjoyed himself thoroughly. It was a most fortunate thing for him to have met the Grand Secretary, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, through whom he had received great hospitality. He had experienced this at Golden-square, and now he had experienced it again in the Montague Guest Lodge. For such a young Lodge it was a marvel, and it had presented a most creditable spectable that day. He had admired, as everybody else must have admired, the very efficient manner in which everything was done in the Lodge. He thought they had made a splendid selection in their choice of a W.M., who had exhibited great judgment in his choice of Officers. He should look with considerable interest upon the working of No. 1900. They had no such high number as that in Canada. The people there had more to do in clearing the forest, sowing the seed, and reaping the harvest, than in learning Freemasonry. Still there were parts here and there where Freemasonry was cultivated, and when England, Scotland and Ireland had learned that it was their duty to send people out there instead of to foreign nations, where the feeling was not always in favour of this country, he had no doubt they would be able in Canada to build it up, and on the same principles has had been witnessed that evening. He had enjoyed himself very much in the Lodge; he had enjoyed himself very much at the banquet table, and he had also very much enjoyed the music. After a few remarks on the programme, the distinguished brother said, the brethren must be cautious as to whom they admitted into the Order; number was not to be so much accounted as quality; and that if the privilege of the ballot box was not carefully exercised they might get inferior members into the Order, who would be found as destructive as one bad apple in a barrel of fruit. In proposing the health of the Immediate Past Master, the W.M. pleaded his lack of knowledge of the English language as an excuse for not speaking all he could wish. He might however say, Bro. Dean had brought with him all the qualifications that could be desired in a Master, and the members of the Lodge would assent to the statement,—he had exercised those qualifications to their advantage. After acknowledging the compliment paid him, and thanking all for the reception they had given the toast, Brother Dean said the year just past had truly been spent in a labour of love for Freemasonry. The W.M. had been an enthusiastic co-worker with him, and each of the Founders had done his best. In fact, one and all had but one aim, and that was to unite in promoting each others happiness and comfort. It was essentially gratifying to know there had been no differences of opinion; all had striven for the common welfare. The progress made during the year had far exceeded his expectations; they had initiated eleven candidates, and had had several members join the Lodge. Personally he thanked all for the reception given the toast. In speaking of the Masonic Institutions the W.M. said that Charity is the fundamental object of Freemasonry. In bringing the consideration of this cardinal virtue forward, he would ask the brethren to examine it under two heads. First, to assist those in want; the second, moral charity, which all of us at some time or other are called upon to practise. It was the second application he wished earnestly to urge upon the members of this Lodge, in order that they might continue to exercise it as hitherto they had done. This may be called the leading qualification of a true Freemason; it conduces to the promotion of that brotherly love which should at all times characterise us. In order, however, not to occupy too much time, he would leave to Bro. Terry the exemplification of the other feature referred to. After a song by Bro. De Lacy, Bro. Terry rose to reply. After thanking the W.M. for associating his name with the toast, Brother Terry announced that Brother Festa had munificently entertained the "Old Folks" at Croydon, on this the occasion of his Installation, and he had just received intimation that the inmates desired to pledge the Worshipful Master of the Montague Guest Lodge. Bro. Terry made reference to what this new Lodge had done, since its establishment, for the three Institutions, and availed himself of the opportunity to intimate that General Brownrigg, who was a guest that evening, had consented to preside at the next Anniversary Festival of the R.M.B.I., and suggested that it would be a compliment to him if the Lodge would appoint a Steward to represent it in February 1883. The next toast was the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. As the W.M. remarked earlier in the day, in Bro. Treasurer we have a good working Mason, who brings with him a knowledge which essentially qualifies him for the office to which he has been elected. In our Secretary, we have an indefatigable worker, who will be assiduous in his duties, and courteous to all. Bro. Dean, in reply, said he considered it a great honour to succeed, as Treasurer, so distinguished a Mason as Bro. Montague Guest. Bro. Collier also responded. At this stage of the proceedings the Worshipful Master asked permission to interpolate a toast; they had just been joined by Bro. Howard, Prov. Grand Secretary of Dorset, who though under pressing engagements had travelled a long distance to spend a short time with the Lodge. He felt assured the members would pay all honour to the toast. This compliment having been acknowledged, the W.M. said it was with no small amount of pleasure he found himself in a position to congratulate the Lodge on its staff of Officers. From the S.W. Bro. Hedges, down to the Assistant Wine Steward Bro. Tate, one and all are zealous workers in the Craft, and men any Master may be proud of. He trusted they would, with unabated energy, continue to give that earnest support so essential to the welfare of the Lodge. This, undoubtedly, had combined to the success of his predecessor. He called on the brethren present to give a warm reception to the toast, with which he conpled the name of Bro. Hedges, Senior Warden. This was gracefully, but briefly acknowledged by Bro. Hedges, and then the Tyler was summoned. The entire management of the evening was admirably carried out. Bro. Edwin Moss was entrusted with the conduct of the musical arrangements; he was ably assisted by Bros. Albert James, Herbert Schartau, and R. De Lacy.

St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—This Lodge resumed its duties after the summer recess on Tuesday last, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, when there were present Bros. Usher Back W.M., W. E. Young S.W., F. J. Hentsch J.W., C. Greenwood P.M. P.G.S.B. Treasurer, W. W. Morgan Secretary, A. Withers P.M. as S.D., H. Martin J.D., E. Thring I.G., C. F. Speight Tyler, P.M.'s W. Radcliffe, John Laver; Bros. Crapper, Burr, H. Green, &c. &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last regular, and an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary read a letter he had received from Mr. Joseph Parsons, son of the late Bro. G. Parsons P.M., thanking the brethren, on behalf of himself and other members of his family, for the letter of condolence he had received from the Lodge, through the Secretary. This letter was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Bro. Pembroke, a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was advanced a step, and Bro. Aires was interrogated. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. W. Radcliffe P.M. took the chair, and raised Bro. Aires to the sublime degree. Lodge was resumed in the second, and Bro. Back passed Bro. Pembroke to the degree of Fellow Craft. Both ceremonies were carefully performed, Bro. Martin officiating as Organist, and thus adding materially to the impressiveness of the proceedings. Later on a candidate was proposed for initiation, the ballot to be taken at the next meeting. The Secretary announced that Mr. Bradley, who was ballotted for as a candidate in November last, but who met with a very serious accident about that time, which had incapacitated him from business pursuits, was happily recovering, and had just started for China in the steam ship Glenalvon. The members expressed their gratification at this intelligence, and then Lodge was closed.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 6th of October, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. Beckot W.M., Geflowski S.W., Sperring J.W., F. Botley S.D., Goss P.M. J.D., Maton I.G.; P.M.'s Andrews Preceptor, Blasby. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. F. Botley candidate. Lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees. The votes for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys were voted to Bro. Botley. Lodge was closed and adjourned till Friday, 13th inst., at 8 p.m.

Kilburn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1608, met at the South Molton Hotel, South Molton-street, on Monday, the 9th inst., Bro. White P.M. of the Marylebone Lodge in the chair; Bros. Brander S.W., Blum W.M. Elect of the Zetland Lodge J.W., Walton S.D., Pearce J.D., Brooks I.G., Baker P.M. Preceptor, Latreille. The first and second ceremonies were rehearsed by the W.M. in a most efficient manner. It was resolved that the hour of meeting be altered from 7 to 8 o'clock.

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Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614.—The brethren of the above flourishing and excellent working Lodge met for the first time since the vacation on Tuesday, at the Criterion, Picadilly, under the presidency of Bros. Simeon Jacobs W.M., W. H. Gulliford P.M. 1017 S.W., G. Coleman J.W., E. Jacobs P.M. Treasurer, W. Bourne P.M. Secretary, J. Jacobs S.D., H. Kedgley J.D., Dixon I.G., B. Solomon W.S., Kedgley I.P.M. Visitors—Bros. J. E. Shand P.M. 1563, W. Waghorn P.M. 946, W. Roots 1273, H. Smith 1348, Holmes 141, Cruttenden 779, D. Jones I.G. 27, L. Valentine 185, J. Walsh Grand Stewards' Lodge, Kompelurdy 185, G. M. Gross 901, C. Solomon late 188, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and after minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Thorpe was (by the courtesy of the W.M.) raised to the third degree, in a very excellent manner. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and passed Bros. G. S. Ripley and Harding Moore to the second degree. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Isidore Sobeltjens. This was unanimous in favour of the candidate, who was duly initiated into the Order, the ceremony being ably worked by the W.M. Bro. E. Jacobs P.M. and Treasurer proposed, and Bro. Kedgley P.M. Secretary seconded, that a sum of twenty guineas be voted from the Fund of Benevolence to form a nucleus for a sum to be given to the orphan daughter of a late member, a Past Master, who is now in a lunatic asylum, and that a committee be formed to carry the same into effect. This was unanimously agreed to. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and hearty good wishes were given from the Visitors. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet and dessert provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (limited), and superintended by Bro. Mardell. The W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Kedgley I.P.M. rose; with great pleasure he had to take the gavel; it was a privilege he felt proud of. The W.M. was one who, to the best of his ability, did all he could for the welfare of the Lodge. He (Bro. Kedgley) hoped he would have health and strength to carry out the duties of his important office during the year; the Past Masters would then only be too pleased to receive him into their ranks. The W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for the manner in which he had spoken. When he became a Past Master his services would always be at their command. The W.M. then proposed the toast of their newly-initiated Brother. He, Bro. Sheltzen, had come to them with the recommendation of Bro. E. Jacobs; and the Lodge was proud to receive him. He would ask them to give the toast the reception it merited. Bro. Bourne P.M. then sang the E.A. song. The toast having been responded to, the W.M. said he had now to propose a toast they were all proud to honour—that of the Past Masters; he thanked them for their kind assistance; without them he could not have got through his duties; he would couple with the toast the name of the Treasurer Bro. E. Jacobson, the Secretary Bro. Bourne, and he was sure the members would not overlook Bro. Kedgley's claims on their regard. They had witnessed the ability with which he performed the ceremony of raising. He felt assured they would give the toast the reception it deserved. Bro. E. Jacobs thanked the W.M. for the honour paid him, not only on this, but on many former occasions; the services of the P.M.'s would always be at their command. It was with great pleasure he had introduced the candidate of the evening, who would doubtless become a credit to them. Bro. Kedgley also thanked the brethren. The toast of the Visitors was next on the list. The W.M. said the Lodge was pleased to see Visitors. He hoped they had all been properly attended to. He named Bros. Walsh G.S. Lodge, W. Waghorn P.M. 946, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188 to respond. Bro. Waghorn said he felt he was among friends and neighbours; he had to thank Bro. Bourne for the Masonic knowledge he possessed. Bro. Walsh G.S. followed, and then Bro. H. M. Levy, who testified to the hospitality and charitable feeling shown by the Lodge. In speaking to the toast of the Wardens and Officers, the W.M. elect said they were brethren to whom the W.M. had to look for support; he was proud to say he had it from his Officers. While such men as Bro. Gulliford the S.W., and Bro. Coleman the J.W., filled the offices, the Lodge must prosper. This toast having been responded to, the Tyler's was given. A very harmonious evening was enjoyed, Bro. C. Solomons placing his valuable services at the disposal of the Lodge. Bro. Solomon also introduced his daughter, a talented young lady of nine years of age, who delighted the brethren. The W.M. also favoured the brethren with several songs. Great praise is due to Bro. Solomon for his attention to the Visitors.

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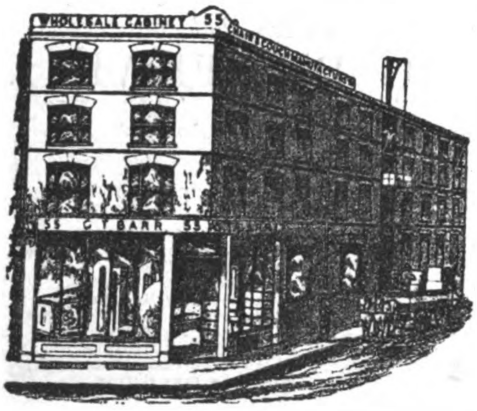

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THE usual October Court of the Governors and Subscribers to this Institution was held on Saturday, 14th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, London. The Grand Treasurer, Bro. Col. Creaton, occupying the chair. Some discussion arose on the proposition to confirm the minutes of the last Court, when it was decided that two sisters should not be allowed in the Institution, either by election or purchase; but eventually the minutes were confirmed. The two propositions relative to the future days of election, of which notice had been given in the following terms, were agreed to:—

1. "That the Days of Election in the Two (*Boys' and Girls'*) Institutions remain unaltered, provided only—that when the Quarterly Courts for Election of Candidates shall fall respectively on the Saturday immediately following Good Friday and on Easter Monday, the Quarterly Court in each case shall be postponed to the corresponding days in the ensuing weeks."

2. "That whenever the Quarterly Courts for the Election of Candidates in the Two (*Boys' and Girls'*) Institutions shall fall respectively on the Saturday immediately following Good Friday and on Easter Monday the Quarterly Court in each case shall be postponed for one week."

The next business was the recommendation of the House Committee—"That a gratuity of thirty-five guineas be granted to Miss A. F. Triggs, the Second Assistant Governess, on her appointment to the position of Head Mistress of the Dublin Female Orphan School." This was carried, and then the Chairman announced that intelligence had just been received from the Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight (W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P.), expressing his willingness to undertake the presidency of next anniversary Festival of the Institution, to be held in May 1883. The poll was then opened for the election of seven girls, from an approved list of twenty candidates, the result being in the case of the successful, as recorded in our advertising pages, and as regards the unsuccessful as follows:—

No. on List.	Name.	Votes.
19	Keily, Maude Pitt	1762
2	Hill, Ethel Augusta	1565
6	Mason, Florence	1388
5	Prebble, Frances Annie	1255
7	Stokes, Kate	978
12	Willcox, Florence Mary G.	782
20	Hippey, Ethel Constance	667
16	McLeod, Isabella	541
9	Beavon, Florence Maud	264
4	Hayes, Ellen	214
17	Woodward, Minnie	110
3	Wortley, Kate	67
11	Lord, Ann Elizabeth	19

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE October Court of this Institution was held on Monday, 16th instant, also under the Presidency of Colonel Creaton. As was the case with the Girls' School, a part of the business had reference to the days for holding future Elections upon, and the two proposals which were passed for the Girls' School were also adopted for this Institution, notwithstanding a proposition by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, that the Boys' Election should take place on the Friday preceding that of the Girls'. The rule as to the exclusion of a second boy from one family from the School, whether by purchase or otherwise, except in case the number of vacancies is in excess of the applications, was also adopted, and then the Election took place for twelve Boys, from an approved list of sixty. We give in our Advertisement columns a list of the successful candidates. The following were returned as unsuccessful in the order they occupied at the close of the poll.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

No. on List	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
18	Crow, Charlie John	1326	1134	2460
57	Bowes, Arthur Keble	—	2404	2404
28	Botting, Alfred Henry	1185	1203	2388
46	Tustin, Harry Holman	1151	1231	2382
13	Stewart, Charles Edward	1112	867	1979
7	Stanford, William Bryant	1468	405	1873
5	Hill, George Wm. King	1426	404	1830
17	Willett, George Cross	1183	568	1751
49	Salter, Frederick Bruce	—	1621	1621
47	Basham, Frederick C. V.	213	1134	1347
16	Skelton, Fred. Francis	740	281	1021
40	Hare, Harold Malcolm	657	283	940
41	Hennah, Frederick Wolfe	318	491	809
45	Hooper, Lionel Charles	329	416	745
6	Liversidge, Charles Percy	574	81	655
29	Tettenborn, Arthur J.	205	440	645
36	Williams, Arthur Frederick	320	277	597
39	Pratt, Alfred	309	218	527
59	Hippey, Henry Ernest	—	527	527
42	Rosier, Reginald Walter A.	106	345	451
23	Simpson, Edward Henry	219	147	396
34	Delafons, Richard William	183	180	363
24	Wyatt, Augustine William	242	112	354
35	Sykes, Richard Alfred	316	13	329
62	High, Herbert Alfred	—	324	324
50	Shaw, John	—	299	299
4	Farrar, Ethelbert	139	152	291
43	Worthington, Walter R. (*withdrawn*)	240	12	252
15	Windross, John Benjamin	42	214	256
33	Gale, Horace	106	114	220
48	Woodward, Thomas	132	83	215
9	Long, Joseph William	154	—	154
44	How, John	87	53	140
54	Walters, John Edward	—	134	134
56	Coleman, Frederick F.	—	110	110
19	Cummings, Charles Brown	94	12	106
51	Beaumont, Reginald	—	102	102
11	Padney, Frederick	83	14	97
3	Collinson, James	51	18	69
*37	Searle, Richard Eardley	45	18	63
58	Hodge, William James	—	49	49
*22	Potter, George	40	6	46
27	Hurden, John Henry	22	—	22
26	Pringle, William James	9	9	18
53	Townsend, William Benjamin	—	9	9
10	Hill, Reginald Aug. L.	3	*withdrawn*	
31	Bell, Frank William	3	—	3
32	Douglas, Francis C. A.	1	2	3
60	Mitchell, Reginald A. L.	—	2	2
61	Pawsey, Thomas Edwin	—	—	—

* Will be removed from List, under Law 52, being Eleven years of age, and unsuccessful.

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THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

THERE is, in the main, good reason to be satisfied with the work done by the Committee entrusted with the task of revising the Book of Constitutions. That such a task must inevitably have been undertaken sooner or later must be obvious to any one who has been a member of the Craft for even the period of a few years. Changes, more or less material, are constantly being made, as it is right and necessary they should be made; and even those who are most zealous in noting such changes may occasionally let one or more escape observation. From time to time, therefore, a fresh edition of these laws becomes indispensable, and hence the version now before the brethren for their consideration, its immediate predecessor having been issued in 1873. And as, not only of our own motion, but likewise at the request of many of our readers, we have been at the pains of comparing the new book with the old, with a view to estimating the value of the changes contemplated, it seems only right that we should place our opinions on record, quite as much for the satisfaction of those who have been in communication with us as for our own. Some valuable suggestions have been made to us;—one brother has evidently studied the work most attentively, the comments he offers on the Book as revised occupying several score pages of closely written manuscript. These, or such of these remarks as may occur to us to be worth reproducing will be submitted to our readers in the articles we purpose publishing on the subject. We must not, of course, be held to endorse them because they appear in these pages. Our object is to invite criticism, so that the revised laws may be as clear and comprehensive as possible, and it is now, while the work of the Committee is before the public, that such friendly suggestions as may occur to brethren should be placed on record and their value determined.

The work has been most thoroughly carried out, and is not simply confined to Revision, but involves a complete and most satisfactory re-arrangement of the Laws. Thus the new Book consists of three principal groups or subdivisions, headed respectively "Grand Lodge," "Provincial and District Grand Lodges," and "Private Lodges," each group containing all the laws and regulations relating to its particular subject. Another feature which is especially noteworthy is, that the old numbering has been done away with, and a new system of consecutive numeration from the beginning to the end of the book substituted. Again, each rule has a marginal note explanatory of its purport, so that the reader has in the body of the work what is equivalent to an index, necessarily more complete in its way than the ordinary kind of index. At the same time, we would suggest that there should be the same kind of index at the end of the volume, so that when reference to some particular law becomes necessary, it may be found with the least possible difficulty. The marginal notes are an excellent addition, but without an index one would be under the necessity of wading through the whole for sub-division in order to discover the particular subject of reference. The laws themselves have been most carefully examined and in many instances re-written entirely, or in great measure, and, further, no law is entered more than once. Thus the Committee have succeeded in placing before the Craft a Book of Constitutions, which is distinguished by its accuracy and consecutive enumeration, as well as by the perspicuity of its phraseology and its compactness. It would be difficult, indeed, to bestow greater praise on the brethren who have had charge of this important work.

This much by way of preface. Next week we shall set ourselves to study and compare the laws as revised with the last edition as issued in 1873.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Lancashire was held at Accrington on Thursday. The Earl of Lathom, Immediate Past G. Master, and Grand Master of the Province, presided, and the attendance was more numerous than usual. His Lordship, who has already held the P.G. Mastership of this influential county for two consecutive periods of three years, was re-elected for a further term of the same duration, the re-election being received with every evidence of satisfaction on the part of those present. The P.G. Officers for the year having been appointed and invested, and the other business of the meeting disposed of, Prov. G. Lodge was closed, and the brethren returned to banquet, under the presidency of their popular chief. It is satisfactory to note that of the twenty-four Lodges on the roll of this Province, no less than twenty-three were represented.

We cannot let slip the opportunity of congratulating Bro. Festa on the success which marked his installation last week as W. Master of the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900. Bro. Festa, by birth, is a foreigner, and therefore we cannot be charged with going out of our way to pay him a compliment which it would be impossible for us to pay other W. Masters. We feel sure, however, that, under the circumstances, none among our readers will grudge Bro. Festa these present remarks. He has worked hard and successfully in the offices he has filled. This year he served as Steward at all three Festivals, his list at that of the R.M.B.I. being £106, and that of the R.M.I.B., in round figures, £180. To the Girls' School he contributed the amount of a Life Governorship, and has already promised his services as Steward at its Festival next year. He has also founded a prize for shorthand writing, of two guineas, to be given annually for three years. On the day of his installation he entertained the "Old Folks" at Croydon, and he has also been instrumental in placing a former pupil of the Girls' School in an excellent house of business without the premium of fifty guineas usually demanded.

The Grand Masonic Concert in aid of the funds of the local Cottage Hospital, held at the Corn Exchange, Wallingford, on Wednesday, the 18th instant, under the auspices of the St. Hilda Lodge, No. 1887, passed off with the most unequivocal success. There was a very numerous attendance, and what with the Craft insignia of the members, and the tasteful dresses of the ladies, the scene was a very brilliant one. This is not surprising, having regard to the fact that the Concert enjoyed the patronage of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany Prov. G.M. Oxfordshire, R.W. Bro. Sir D. Gooch, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. *of* Berks and Bucks, Bros. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg Deputy Provincial Grand Master Berks and Bucks, and Reginald Bird, M.A., Deputy Provincial Grand Master Oxon, the Mayor and Corporation of Wallingford, the County and Borough Magistrates, and P. Ralli, Esq., M.P. An almost equally effective explanation of this success will be found in the admirable entertainment provided for the occasion. The services of Miss Jeannie Rosse of the Alexandra, Crystal Palace, and Promenade Concerts, Miss Grace Miller, a pupil of Miss Rosse, and Bro. John F. Probert of the same Concerts, proving most valuable, the other contributors to the Concert being Bros. A. Rowley Past Provincial Grand Organist, and W. Knowles, both of New College, and Bro. J. H. Robson of Magdalen College, Oxford, whose efforts were greatly appreciated by the audience. Bro. H. Plumridge, Mus. Bac., P.P.G.O. was a most serviceable accompanyist. We offer our congratulations to the brethren of the St. Hilda Lodge, and should imagine the Cottage Hospital will largely benefit by their kindness.

We have to acknowledge receipt of copy of a very handsome coloured menu card of the Mary Commandery, No. 36, of the Knights Templar of Philadelphia, published in memory of the "Bi-Centennial of the landing of William Penn," on the 26th October 1682. The front is illustrated with a neat lithograph of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, and contains the names of the principal Officers of the Commandery, with a list of the fratres who have held the office of E.C. On the back is an elegant banner of arms of Mary Commandery, flanked right and left by those of Beauseant, No. 1, of Baltimore, and Morton Commandery of New York.

It is with deep regret we announce the departure from this life of Brother Jonathan L. Jones, Worshipful Master Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, which melancholy event took place on Thursday, 12th instant, after a few weeks illness from erysipelas. The funeral took place at Kensal Green Cemetery, on Tuesday, the 17th instant, when several members of the Order attended to pay a last tribute of respect to a worthy brother.

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THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, 14th instant, at the Cannon-street Hotel, London. The Worshipful Master, Brother C. Taylor, presided, and was supported by Bros. W. F. Kibble (W.M. elect) S.W., F. T. C. Keeble J.W., N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Blackie P.M. Secretary, W. Baber S.D., R. Fendick J.D., F. W. Potter Inner Guard, J. T. Skinner and H. Durrant Stewards; P.M.'s T. Hamer, J. W. Townsend, J. Seex, R. Stanway, J. Freeman, J. Stevens, a large assembly of brethren, and the following, among other visitors:—T. Vincent P.M. 1861, G. Alcock W.M. 1149, W. D. Church 1365, A. McGregor 22, B. Williams J.W. 1861, F. G. Nawton 749, G. Bird 1815, W. Poupard 9, F. Jacob P.M. 45, L. Artus P.M. 34, G. W. Saul P.M. 1201, J. Lawrence I.G. 1326, D. Clark I.P.M. 1632, R. Garland 1538, W. T. Monger P.M. 1314, J. W. Sanders S.W. 1293, H. Birdseye P.M. 715, J. Jonas P.M. 715, T. Binsted 657, E. Cronch P.M. 857, G. H. Wood 1707, J. Barber Glenn 3, E. Valeriani S.D. 1687, E. T. Smith S.W. 534, W. Medwin S.W. W.M. elect 1613, C. J. Axford I.G. 1777, J. Gibbs J.D. 1613, R. J. Webber 907, W. Ganz P.G. Organist, R. De Lacy 1706, W. A. Frost 1721, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, A. C. Thorp 34. The customary formalities having been observed in the opening of the Lodge, the ballot was taken for Mr. Ernest Samuel Donaldson, a candidate for initiation; and, resulting unanimously in his favour, he was introduced and received the benefits of Masonic light. Lodge was now advanced, and Bro. Hamer having assumed the chair, the W.M. elect was presented, obligated, and duly installed into the chair of the Lodge. The customary salutes having been given, the new W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—F. T. C. Keeble S.W., W. Baber J.W., N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Blackie P.M. Secretary, Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, R. Fendick S.D., F. W. Potter J.D., J. T. Skinner I.G., H. Durrant M.C., G. Jenkins Organist, E. H. Cadiot and H. J. Bertram Stewards. The installation ceremony was then completed, and the W.M. proceeded to close his Lodge, after which the brethren repaired to the Banquet hall, where, under the presidency of Bro. Kibble, a very enjoyable evening was spent. During the ceremony in the Lodge Bro. James Stevens P.M. acted as M. of C. At the conclusion of the banquet the customary toasts were given. The first, that of the Queen, was, the W.M. said, always received with great heartiness. There was no body of men throughout Her Majesty's dominions more loyal than Freemasons. The toast was followed by that of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, another name the W.M. said which had only to be mentioned to call forth the most hearty response. His Royal Highness had endeared himself to the whole community, but more especially so to the members of the Craft, for whom it appeared he could not do too much. Generally, whenever a good work was to be done, it was only necessary to mention it, and their Grand Master undertook it, with a willingness which showed he sympathised with it. He had brought this characteristic into Freemasonry, and had acted on all occasions for the benefit of the Craft. He (the Worshipful Master) had just heard that a threat had been made to take the life of the Prince of Wales; this he hoped was not true. He could not find language in which to express his utter disgust and contempt for the man who would dare to raise hands against so good a Prince as he had proved himself to be. He felt they could not, therefore, select a more fitting occasion for expressing their respect and esteem for their Grand Master. The toast was most heartily responded to, and was followed by that of the Grand Officers. Bro. Simpson was the first to reply, thanking the brethren for the hearty reception accorded to the toast. Personally he deemed it a great honour and privilege to be an Officer of The Great City Lodge. There were few, if any, in which a stronger feeling of Brotherly Love existed. Bro. Ganz followed, also expressing his gratification at being associated with the toast. Bro. Taylor having assumed the gavel, gave, with great pleasure, the toast of the Worshipful Master. He felt assured that the members of the Lodge not only welcomed the Worshipful Master into his present office, but also wished him every success in it. He (the speaker) had just gone through the office, and knowing its responsibilities and duties, could only hope the new Master might get through his year with as few anxieties as he had done. The Worshipful Master tendered his thanks for the very kind way in which the brethren had received the mention of his name; the kindness was not new to him, as he had been warmly received in every office he had filled, and he had gone through all but one in the Lodge. He esteemed it a very great honour to be placed in the position of Worshipful Master of The Great City Lodge, and although he might be able to say very little in reference to it, he yet appreciated it the more. The next toast he had to propose was one they would all agree was an important one—really the toast of the evening. They owed a debt of gratitude to the initiates, for without them Freemasonry would soon cease to exist; indeed he felt he could not really say how much they did owe to the initiates. To the brother they had had the honour of receiving that night he might say, he had taken upon himself great responsibilities, as to him and those who came after him would depend the future of Freemasonry. The initiate they had received that evening came on the recommendation of one of the most esteemed members of the Lodge—one who had known Bro. Donaldson for twenty years, and who assured them he was a fit and proper person to be admitted among them. He hoped that such would prove to be the case, and that he would rise, step by step, until he reached the summit of every Mason's ambition—the Master's chair. Bro. Donaldson replied. He could hardly find words to express his thanks. He hoped long to be associated with the Lodge, and to give satisfaction to the members of it; he should try and become a good and true Mason. The toast of the Visitors, the next on the list, was one which had always met a cordial reception at The Great City Lodge. The Lodge had usually been favoured with a goodly array, and that augured well, as when a brother was not ashamed to ask his friend to his Lodge, it showed he was satisfied with its working. They had that night not only a goodly array, but likewise many shining lights among them. He referred particularly to the presence of some of those who materially assisted them at the Lodge of Instruction, and called upon the brethren to honour the toast. Bros. Poore and Saul replied to the toast, or rather to that portion of it where the Worshipful Master had referred to the Lodge of Instruction. If our esteemed friends will allow us to act the part of Preceptor to them—distinguished Preceptors though they be—we would suggest that a reply to the toast would have been much better than a long tirade on the merits of their pet baby—the Lodge of Instruction. Perhaps they will bear this advice in mind, as, although no doubt unintentionally, they offered a slight to the other visitors, in not even thanking the Lodge for the entertainment they had provided, or the brethren for the way they had responded to the call of the Worshipful Master. The W.M. in brief terms proposed the health of the Past Masters, and invested the Immediate Past Master with the P.M.'s jewel, presented by the Lodge. To Brother Hamer, the Installing Master, the Lodge was particularly obliged for his coming forward so readily when called upon to perform the ceremony of installation. The brethren were in the happy position of seeing all the Past Masters of the Lodge before them, and he felt sure hoped such would long be the case. The jewel presented to Brother Taylor bore the following inscription.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.
Presented to
BRO. CHARLES TAYLOR,
With the thanks of the Brethren,
On the termination of his year of office,
As 9th Worshipful Master.
14th October 1882.

Bro. Taylor tendered his thanks. He should ever wear the jewel with which he had just been presented as an expression of the hearty good will of his brethren. Bro. Hamer also thanked the brethren for the many kindnesses they had shown him in the past. As long as he remained a member of the Lodge he should consider it his duty to do what he could to advance its welfare. Bro. Stevens also replied. He thought it must be particularly gratifying to the members of the Lodge to see all the Past Masters present after an existence of nine years. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given, and responded to by Bros. Headon and Blackie. The former drew attention to the omission from the toast of the Masonic Charities, but hoped they would never be overlooked by the Lodge. The Worshipful Master afterwards announced his intention of serving as Steward for the Girls' School, and trusted he might have the support of every member of the Lodge. The Tyler's toast was then given and the proceedings brought to a conclusion. A first-rate musical programme was provided, under the direction of Brother H. F. Frost, who was assisted by Bros. W. Frost, A. Kenningham, F. E. Walker, and R. de Lacy.

The members of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction will work the Fifteen Sections in their Lodge, at the Alwyne Castle, Canonbury, on Friday, 27th instant; and also, by invitation, at the Percy Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., on the following evening, Saturday, 28th instant. On both occasions Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m.; and Bro. T. Cull P.M. 1446, Preceptor, will preside.

At the North London Chapter of Improvement, held at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's-road, N., on 19th, Comp. Huggins occupied the chair of Z, and was supported by Comp. Styles of the Metropolitan Chapter as H., and Hunter J. An instructive evening was spent. On Thursday evening, 26th October, Comp. James Terry, Provincial Grand Senior Warden Norths and Hunts, P.P.J.W. Herts, P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, has kindly consented to work the ceremony of exaltation, assisted by the Officers of the Islington Chapter, at this Chapter of Instruction.

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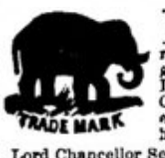

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TESTIMONIALS.—Head Quarter Staff, Cabul, May 31st, 1880. Mr. R. Freeman, Dear Sir,—It is with much pleasure I am able to state that your Chlorodyne has been of special service to me in alleviating the wearisome spasms of Asthma, which is here existent in an aggravated form. Many of my patients now come and beg me to give them that medicine which always relieves them, and which I need hardly say is your Chlorodyne. Yours faithfully, CHARLES W. OWEN, L.R.C.P. Lon., M.R.C.S. Eng., the Divisional Head Quarter Staff and Civil Surgeon, Cabul.

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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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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STAR IN THE EAST LODGE, No. 650.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on 10th inst., and passed off with unusual *eclat*. The Lodge was opened at three o'clock, in the Assembly rooms, Dovercourt, and the popularity of the W.M. elect, Bro. Richard Clowes, of Ardleigh Park, was evidenced by the large attendance. The ceremony of installation was performed in his usual impressive manner by W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., and the new W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—Bros. T. Jennings P.P.G.J.D. I.P.M., H. Everard S.W., F. R. Hales J.W., Rev. E. H. Crate P.P.G.C. P.M. 697 Chaplain, W. Groom Treasurer, M. L. Sanders Secretary, Kinsey Morgan S.D., T. L. Bennett J.D., C. Hempson W.M. 1799 P.G.A.D.C. M.C., C. Salter Organist, A. C. Parsons I.G., Hutchinson and Howard Stewards, Barlow Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Philbrick for his kindness in attending, and so ably installing the W.M., which was duly acknowledged by the Installing Master. The W.M. then feelingly alluded to the late death of the P.G.M.; and a vote of condolence with Lady Tenterden and her family in their heavy bereavement having been unanimously passed, the Secretary was directed to enter it on the minutes, and to forward a copy thereof to Lady Tenterden. The presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M., and a Secretary's jewel to the hard-working Secretary (Brother M. L. Sanders) followed, the former, in acknowledgment of his two years' service as W.M., and the latter for his activity and attention, especially in reference to the formation of a Charity Association. The W.M. was then heartily congratulated by the Visitors present on his elevation to the Chair; and the business of the day concluded. Between fifty and sixty brethren afterwards assembled at the Pier Hotel, where an elegant banquet was well served by the host. The W.M. presided, supported on his right and left by Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., T. Jennings I.P.M. P.P.G.J.D., F. Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B., Thos. J. Ralling P.M. 51 P.G. Sec., A. Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W., W. Sowman W.M. 51, J. J. C. Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., the Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. 697 P.P.G.C. Chaplain 650, John South P.M. 650, T. G. Mills W.M. 697, Thomas Rix P.M. and Sec. 697 P.P.G.S.B., Thomas Eustace P.M. 697 P.P.G.S.B., J. P. Lewin P.M. 276 P.P.G.S.W., F. G. Green P.M. 1024 P.P.G.S.W., R. D. Poppleton W.M. 433, John Dean P.M. 433, J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Secretary 433 P.P.G.A.D.C., A. Cannon W.M. 376, H. Sidney Secretary 376 P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk, Tom Hodges S. Warden 1706, W. G. Reed 1922, C. Osmond S.W. 51 P.P.G.O., A. L. Langford 697, A. J. B. Drake 487, J. Street P.M. 389, C. Lewis 1024, J. M. Chapman J.W. 1922, Hector Helsham, M.D., 10, G. F. Smith jun. W.M. 1839, F. Bird W.M. 1024, H. G. Layton P.G.C. Berks and Bucks, W. S. Ling P.M. 433, G. A. Eustace S.W. 697, J. T. Bailey Steward 697, John Taylor jun. J.W. 1817, H. W. Willcocks 225, Robert Smith S.D. 697, E. Gowers S.D. and Org. 1024, A. Carter 181, C. D. Marshall J.W. 697, C. H. Snelgar 697, and the following members of 650:—Bros. J. Cartledge, W. Nickerson, J. W. Butcher, J. Wells, T. S. Bennett, R. Wilson, J. C. Pratt, J. Howard, G. W. Pickering, R. Ford, &c. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Feeling allusion was made in the course of the evening, both by W. Bro. Philbrick and W. Bro. T. J. Ralling, to the great loss the Province has sustained in the death of Lord Tenterden, who, although unable, owing to his official engagements, to often visit the brethren, took the warmest interest in the welfare of the Lodges under his rule. W. Bro. Philbrick also gave an eloquent dissertation on the tenets of Freemasonry, and of the necessity to exercise care in the admission of members. The health of the new W.M., proposed by I.P.M. Jennings, was enthusiastically drank; and Bro. Clowes, in responding, promised to do all in his power to further the interests of the Lodge. He announced that he had received letters from Lord Claud J. Hamilton, M.P. (who had taken great interest in Basham's case, having sent no less than 400 votes); Sir Henry Tyler, M.P., Col. Somerville Burney P.G.D., and others, regretting that they had been unable to attend on the present occasion. The name of Bro. F. Binckes, as Secretary of the Royal Masonic School for Boys, was coupled with the toast of "Masonic Charities" and that energetic Brother (who all were glad to see in better health), in responding, spoke of the good service which had already been done by Lodge Star in the East in the cause of Charity, and announced that the W.M. had kindly, for the second time, undertaken to represent the Lodge as Steward at the next Festival of the Boys' School. Bro. Binckes also expressed a hope that their labours (and those of their W.M. he knew had been very great), on behalf of the boy Basham, would be successful. The proceedings at the festive board were enlivened by a capital programme of vocal music, under the direction of Bros. T. Hodges, W.M. elect of the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, who was ably assisted by Bros. Reed, Chapman, G. F. Smith, and G. F. Smith jun. The Loge room was adorned with some choice flowers from the Nurseries of Bro. W. O. Ward P.M., Ramsey; and the same brother also supplied flowers for the banquetting table, there being a "button-hole" to each serviette.

WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 1612.

THE members of this successful Lodge assembled in strong force on Saturday last, the 14th instant, to inaugurate the seventh year of their establishment. Lodge was opened at three o'clock, at the Ealing Institute, Ealing Green, when there were present Bros. J. Green W.M., H. E. Tucker (W.M. elect) S.W., S. Dyer J.W., H. Kasner P.M. Treasurer, J. Chambers Roe P.M. Secretary, W. Seward jun. S.D., Fisher J.D., Nye I.G., Delevante Organist, Harrison Tyler; Past Masters A. Beasley, A. J. Burr, &c. Visitors Bros. T. Brown P.M. 780, J. C. Woodrow P.M. 1297, E. Holme W.M. 340, H. Green P.M. 179, W. Gardiner P.M. 780, H. E. Stidolph 270 P.P.G.O. Essex, B. E. Blasby P.M. 780, H. Tweed 1771, W. Buxton 1871, E. Singer 1894, J. Templeman 384, J. S. Fisher J.D. 340, John Daniella 780, J. Owen 671, T. C. Walls 1381 P.P.G. Organist Middlesex, Robinson 1889, Newland 1642, Danby 1076, Heath, Parker 1428, Maton 780, J. Brill 780, Kennedy 1894, Murch J.W. 27, Herbage S.W. 177, Wills 780. After the minutes of the last Lodge meeting, and of a Lodge of Emergency had been read and confirmed, the Report of the Audit Committee was presented and adopted. The next business was to confer the second degree upon Bro. F. J. Penny, which was duly undertaken by the W.M., in a highly satisfactory manner. The ballot was now brought into requisition for Mr. Walter Fitzherbert Henning, who was proposed by Bro. Henry E. Tucker W.M. elect, and seconded by Bro. A. Beasley P.M.; for Mr. Sidney Charles Hadley, proposed by Bro. Henry E. Tucker W.M. elect, and seconded by Bro. A. J. Burr P.M. Both candidates were unanimously accepted, and Bro. Past Master Beasley took the chair, and initiated Mr. W. T. Henning. Bro. Tucker was now introduced, and Bro. Beasley, who acted as Installing Master, administered the obligation, and proceeded with the ceremony. In due course the Board of Installed Masters was opened and closed, and the brethren below that degree were re-admitted, and the new Master saluted in the three degrees. The Officers had the collars distributed as follow:—Bros. Dyer S.W., Seward J.W., Kasner P.M. Treasurer, Rowe P.M. Sec., Nye S.D., Porter J.D., Wright I.G., Coop W.S., Harrison Tyler. The addresses, to Master, Wardens, and the lay members, were delivered in capital style by Bro. Henry Kasner P.M., who, with Bro. Beasley, was heartily congratulated by the Visitors. It is the universal rule in this Lodge that all candidates for initiation shall be received separately, and as both of them were present when the ballot was taken, the second, Mr. Hadley, was next introduced, and Bro. Tucker conferred on him the privileges of the first degree. A proposition of Bro. Tucker, that the Lodge should obtain premises of their own, was referred to a Committee, and the routine work having been despatched, Lodge was closed. The banquet was served at the Lyric Hall, which now presents a warm and comfortable appearance; the decorations have been conceived in a tasteful spirit, and have been carried out most successfully. We understand Bro. H. Stephens is the proprietor, and we tender him our best wishes that success may follow his enterprise. On this occasion, undoubtedly, his efforts to promote the comfort of those who patronised him were eminently successful. When the cloth had been cleared, the W.M., who seemed thoroughly at home in his new position, proceeded to do honour to the toast list. After the Queen and the Craft, the National Anthem was sung. In introducing the toast of the M.W.G.M., the W.M. remarked how fully recognised was the deep interest the Prince of Wales took in the doings of the Order. He need scarcely urge this in speaking to the toast, which he was assured all would readily join in honouring. Bro. Green I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. In Bro. Tucker they had a young, but energetic Mason. All trusted he might have a successful year. He (Bro. Green) was assured he would have the hearty co-operation of the Past Masters, and doubtless the members would render him every assistance. That brother in his reply briefly referred to his connection with Ealing, whither he had migrated some eight years since. Two years after that he was initiated into Masonry, and having now risen to the highest office in the Lodge, he hoped he should be able to uphold, and even promote its fortunes. He should do his best to prove that the confidence reposed in him by the Lodge when they chose him for their Worshipful Master had not been mispaced, and he trusted, at all events, that when he retired from the chair it would be found in at least as prosperous a condition as it was at present. The toast of the Past Masters was gracefully acknowledged by Brother Green I.P.M., to whom a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented, in recognition of his services during the past year, and Brother Beasley, the first Master of the Lodge. The initiates responded to the compliments paid to them, Brother Hadley's speech being particularly happy and to the point. To the Visitors, the W.M. extended, on behalf of the Lodge, a most hearty welcome, and Bro. Herbage S.W. 177 replied with a heartiness fully equal to the occasion. Brother Kasner acknowledged the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, and Bro. Senior Warden for himself and the other Officers of the Lodge. After this there remained only the Tyler's toast, and this brought the proceedings to a close in perfect harmony.

During the service of dinner, the Band of the Central London District Schools played a choice selection of music. The youthful performers gave evidence of the great care the conductor, Bro. Templeman, pays to their instruction. A word or two as to the menu card may not be out of place. It is unquestionably a work of art, and the introduction of the portrait of the new Worshipful Master is a feature on which we may congratulate the Lodge. But why repeat the Shakesperian excerpts appropriate to the different toasts which appeared on last year's menu card? We should have thought the West Middlesex Lodge included an array of poetical talent strong enough to have furnished a fresh list of excerpts. We do not know if W. Bro. Tucker, who has entered on his new duties under such favourable auspices, is poetically given, but where was the Worshipful Father of the Lodge that he should have overlooked this repetition? He is, or ought to be, Shakesperian to the backbone, and doubtless had his leisure permitted would have contributed an entirely fresh batch of mottoes.

ECCLESTON LODGE, No. 1624.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on the 18th instant, at the Criterion, Regent-circus, Piccadilly, and was numerously attended by members and Visitors. The chair was taken at half-past three by the W.M., Bro. J. G. Fisher; E. Powell S.W., C. Taylor J.W., T. Isaacs Treasurer, A. Beckham Secretary, H. J. Johnson S.D., Egerton Organist, Coulthard Steward,

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Bottle I.G., P.M.'s S. Jones I.P.M., W. Vincent, Flatterley, McLeod, Hunt. Visitors—J. Pennell 1791, A. Hartmann 1227, Wrangham P.M. 619, A. Rawson 1732, F. Larner J.D. 858, Randel 1316, J. Curtis P.G.S.B. Sussex, A. Cohen P.M. 205, R. G. Shute 1791, Ladd 619, C. May P.M. 780, P. G. Hamilton I.G. 1003, M. J. Ruthe 1003, I. O. Cantle P.M. 1257, J. F. Hallett 907, Wyer P.M. 1314, W. Hicklin, Lee 1571, Roberts 181, Rose 704, Henson 255, J. Walton J.W. 1780, M. Hart 188, Burch 172, T. Cross P.M. 1194, Evans 172, N. Stamp P.M. 1194, Giocoranzzi, J. Wade 860, Steel P.M. 1194, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Saunders 1257, Snook 1604, James 15. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. The Auditor's Report was read; this showed the Lodge was in a prosperous condition, the balance in hand in favour of the Lodge being £18 12s 5d, while to the Benevolent Fund there was a credit of £72 18s 9d. Brothers Foster and Timbrell were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, by Bro. W. Vincent P.M., who, by courtesy of the W.M., took the chair for that purpose. Bro. Vincent performed the ceremony in his usual perfect and impressive manner. Bro. E. Powell S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and he was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. G. Fisher, in a manner that reflected great credit for its perfect rendering and impressiveness. There were thirteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. Bro. W. Vincent P.M. acted as M.C. On the re-admission of the brethren the W.M. received the customary salutations, and then, in very appropriate terms, appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. J. G. Fisher I.P.M., C. Taylor S.W., J. Johnson P.M. J.W., J. Isaacs Treas., A. Beckham re-appointed Secretary, Bottle S.D., Coulthard J.D., Bennett I.G., Egerton Organist, Johnstone and Moorman M.C.'s, Ray and Watkins Stewards, Thomas Tyler, Hooper Asst. Tyler. Applause followed the investiture of every Officer, shewing the W.M. had made an excellent selection, to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. The W.M. shewed his proficiency by initiating Messrs. C. Withers, W. Chilcottt, Roberts, and Jones (who had been previously unanimously accepted) into the Order, in a manner rarely witnessed from a W.M. who had been so recently installed. Bro. J. G. Fisher I.P.M. intimated his intention to serve as Steward at the next Anniversary Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons; he hoped the brethren would liberally support him. Later on, the sum of £5 5s was placed on his list from the funds of the Lodge. A letter of apology was read from Bro. Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer, regretting his inability to be present. He, however, hoped to attend on a future occasion. The three senior P.M.'s of the Lodge were elected trustees of the Benevolent Fund. Shortly afterwards hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed. The brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond Limited, superintended by Mr. Madell. The tables were beautifully and artistically decorated. Grace having been sung, the W.M., whose efficiency as presiding Officer was equal to his working, appropriately gave the Loyal and Masonic toasts. The National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" were sung. In speaking of the Rulers of the Order, the W.M. regretted the absence of a Grand Officer who was universally respected, not only in this Lodge, but in Grand Lodge. He referred to Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, who they had hoped would have been present. Brother Fisher I.P.M. then rose to propose what he called the toast of the evening. It was needless to speak of their Worshipful Master's qualities as a man; as a Mason he has worked in every respect to their satisfaction. In whatever office he has held he has done the duties with credit; he has also, since he has been in the chair, by his excellent working, won the approval of the members. He (Bro. Fisher) trusted he might have health and long life to still further carry out those duties; as a Past Master they would be proud to receive him into their ranks. Bro. Powell in reply thanked Bro. Fisher for his kind expressions. He remarked how pleased he was to see how the brethren responded to the toast. As regards the management of the Lodge, he felt that the Officers he had selected had hitherto given satisfaction, and with the co-operation of the Past Masters he hoped to complete a successful year of office. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Fisher, who had done his work thoroughly during his year of office. It now devolved on him to present Brother Fisher with a jewel, unanimously voted by the Lodge. They were proud of him, and hoped he would live long in health and prosperity to wear it. Bro. Fisher thanked the brethren for the manner the toast had been received; the W.M. had spoken in such kindly terms that he began to think he had performed the duties of the Lodge to their satisfaction. This was a great thing for him to feel. He had also to thank the brethren for their valuable token; he could not, like his predecessor, say it would be handed down to his children, but it should be handed down to a family among whom were many Masons, who would thereby see that he (the I.P.M.) once held a high position in this influential Lodge. He, as well as they, would look on it with pride. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates, and Bro. Chilcott appropriately returned thanks; he was followed by Bros. Roberts and Jones. With the toast of the Visitors was coupled the name of Bros. Roberts P.M. 181, and Hamilton I.G. 1003. The former brother, in responding, said he felt it a compliment to be called on to return thanks. The W.M. was an old and personal friend of his. Both the W.M. and his Officers had performed their duties thoroughly. Bro. A. M. Cohen followed; he was proud to see how prosperous the Lodge benevolent fund was becoming; he hoped shortly to see many other Lodges establishing similar funds. His Lodge had in its benevolent fund £800, and he hoped to see the Eccleston in the same condition. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Masonic Press. He was pleased to see Brother H. M. Levy P.M. 188 present to represent the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, a journal that gives Masonic intelligence truthfully and correctly. Bro. Levy, after acknowledging the compliment paid him, said if the paper he had the honour to represent had given them satisfaction he was satisfied. It was a great pleasure to know the Immediate Past Master had done his work so satisfactorily. The Wor. Master, also in the short space of time he had been in the chair, had performed the ceremony of initiation in such a way that deserved to be chronicled. He felt fully justified the paper with which he was associated would continue to give faithful and honest reports of Masonic proceedings. In speaking of the Past Masters, the W.M. said how much he was indebted to them for their valuable assistance; they had well discharged their duties in every respect. Bro. Hunt was the first to respond. Bro. McLeod followed; he spoke of the pride he felt in the formation of their Benevolent Fund. The Wardens and Officers were next toasted. After responses had been made, the Tyler gave the parting benediction. In concluding this notice, we may remark that though former meetings had been successful, this gathering was especially satisfactory. Bros. Ray and Watkins, the Stewards, zealously contributed to the comforts of the brethren and Visitors. The W.M. provided an excellent musical entertainment. Bros. Taylor S.W., Lee, Cross, Moorman, Roberts and I. O. Cantle contributing to the harmony. Bro. Egerton was an able accompanyist on the pianoforte.

DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THE regular meeting of this truly Masonic Lodge was held on Friday, 13th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of Bro. James McLean, the W.M. The business on the agenda paper was exceptionally heavy, there being two candidates for raising, three for passing, three for initiation, and one for rejoining. All the former were in attendance, and in due course the several degrees were worked for their benefit. Bros. S. Andrews and J. W. Francis were raised, Bros. W. S. Birch, C. Titcomb, and J. Amos were passed, and Messrs. John William Robinson, John Kembry, and Frederick Cole were initiated. The W.M. carried out his duties in a very able manner, the length of the proceedings being a severe test of his ability. A sum of five guineas was voted from Lodge funds on behalf of the widow of a deceased brother, and after the transaction of minor matters, the Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, the W.M. presiding, and in due course proposing the customary Loyal toasts. Bro. Ferguson P.M., who acted as I.P.M., proposed the health of the W.M. This was a toast, he said, which must commend itself to all present. The excellent way in which Bro. McLean had that evening carried out the onerous duties he had had to perform, and the manner in which he generally conducted the work of his office, were a credit to him, and called for the heartiest thanks of the members of the Lodge. The W.M. had been regular in his attendance, and had done all that lay in his power to advance the interests of the Lodge. He had, during the term he had presided over the Lodge, had many gentlemen to initiate, and generally it might be said that under his guidance the Lodge presented a most flourishing condition. Bro. Ferguson referred to the Summer Festival of the Lodge, which he said had been revived under the direction of their present Master. It was matter of regret the weather was not finer on the occasion, but the assembly had passed off most successfully, a result which depended in a great measure on what the W.M. had done. The Lodge under his guidance had continued its customary harmonious course; indeed, it might be said that while under Bro. McLean's presidency nothing had occurred to mar the happiness of the members. On the whole, the speaker thought the members might really congratulate themselves on their ruler, and he felt sure they would drink his health most heartily. The toast was well received and suitably acknowledged by the W.M. He felt he hardly deserved so many encomiums as had been passed upon him, but he hoped he had done all that lay in his power. It seemed to him only the other day that he had sat on the right of the W.M. as the initiate of the evening. He should continue to do the best he could for the Lodge, and hoped at the conclusion of his term of office to be able to retire from the chair with the best wishes of the members of the Lodge. He next had a very important toast to propose—that of the initiates. It must be admitted that without them Freemasonry would soon fall to the ground. He could but say they were very fortunate as regarded initiates in their Lodge, and was quite sure the gentlemen admitted that evening would become ornaments of the Craft. The Initiates' toast having been honoured, was duly acknowledged. Bro. Robinson thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred on him by initiating him that evening. He preferred deeds to words, and he trusted that by the former he should prove his worthiness; that in his everyday life he should so conduct himself as to secure the approval of the members of his Lodge. Bro. Cole followed. He hoped to become a good Mason, and rise to the higher positions of the Craft. Bro. Kembry endorsed the remarks of the previous speakers. He should do all that lay in his power to become a good and true Freemason. The Master next gave the toast of the Visitors. He was sure there was not a Lodge in London that extended a heartier welcome to its guests than did the Domatic. They were always proud to see Visitors. He only hoped that those present had experienced some pleasure from their visit. Bro. Webb was the first to reply. It was a great pleasure to visit the Lodge. He thanked the brethren for the heartiness of their reception. Bro. Styles followed. As probably one of the most regular Visitors to the Lodge he felt in a position to testify to the good feeling always exhibited in it. The Domatic was the first Lodge he had ever visited, and he did not think he could be accused of having deserted it, since he had attended its meetings on every possible occasion, and considered that proved that he, as a Visitor, was satisfied with the way he was treated. He felt sure that every other brother who had opportunity of being present at one or other of its meetings must feel the same. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Past Masters. He assured the brethren that the assistance they rendered to the Lodge was far above what appeared. Without their assistance he felt he could not have carried out his duties. Bro. Walford was the first to reply. He referred to the many deaths which had occurred among members of the Lodge since their last meeting, regretting, as he felt all must do, the loss of so many of their number. He was proud of the hearty reception

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always accorded to the toast of the Past Masters, and glad to see the Lodge in so prosperous a condition. Bro. Kent followed, also expressing his regret at the many losses the Lodge had sustained. Brother Ferguson felt himself elevated to a position he had no right to occupy, simply because the I.P.M. proper was absent; still he was very proud of the honour, and should endeavour to fulfil the duties required of him. He desired to say a few words to the Initiates. At first they might imagine that all Freemasons were angels, but he would warn them not to be carried away by that idea. It would be their duty to conform to the Rules of the Craft and carry out its teachings to the best of their ability, but it was necessary to beware of being imposed upon, for unfortunately there were men who enter Freemasonry with anything but worthy motives. For this reason it was incumbent on every brother before introducing a candidate to make sure that he was the right sort of man, that he would indeed become an honour to the Lodge, and a credit to the brother who had introduced him. Bros. Buscall, White, and Spink, followed, after which the W. Master proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. He considered this a toast which concerned the prosperity of the Domatic Lodge very materially. These two brethren were so well known to the members, that it was not necessary for him to speak of their merits. Their Treasurer was all that could be desired, while it could truly be said of their Secretary that he had always given satisfaction. Bro. Everett said it had been his intention to have made a speech, but really everything it was possible to talk about had been touched upon, by one or other of the previous speakers, and he felt there was nothing left to say. He thought that if the brethren engaged in the revision of the Constitutions could be induced to alter the toast list, placing the Treasurer before the Past Masters at least, they would be doing an act which would greatly assist him and Treasurers generally. He hoped the brethren had all enjoyed themselves on this their first meeting night after the long recess. He was glad indeed to tell them the Lodge was in a prosperous condition, and as regards the good feeling of the members one towards another, it was only necessary to be present to be assured of it. The brethren by their reception of the toast had shewn they appreciated the efforts that he had made for their comfort, and he was pleased to think he gave them satisfaction. Bro. Morris followed. He was gratified to know he had given satisfaction in the past, and could only promise to try and do still better in the future. The toast of the Officers followed. The W.M. considered the Senior Warden one of the most worthy men in Lodge, and one who he felt sure would give every satisfaction if elected to the chair. The other Officers worked well, and appeared to do all they could to advance the welfare of the Lodge. Each of the Officers present having replied, the Tyler was summoned, and he gave the concluding toast. Among those present were Bros. J. McLean W.M., W. Herbage S.W., W. M. Foxcroft J.W., G. Everett P.M. Treasurer, T. Morris Secretary, A. Simner W.S. (acting I.G.), H. Price M.C.; P.M.'s W. J. Ferguson, J. Buscall, W. B. Spink, E. White, F. Kent, J. E. Walford, &c.; also Bros. J. Cockburn S.W. 1381, A. Dodson 1366, C. Parsons 1637, C. Phillips I.P.M. 820, A. W. Wells P.M. 299, W. P. Webb W.M. 1381, H. D. Share W.M. 1558, W. Williams 90, A. Robbins P.M. 1056, A. G. Thomson 1624, W. M. Stiles W.M. 1507, G. W. Knight M.C. 1507, and others.

CRUSADERS' LODGE, No. 1677.

THE installation meeting of this popular Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct. Lodge was opened at four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Frank Rothschild, who was supported by Past Masters Bros. W. J. Hunter, Thomas Goode, J. W. Simmonds, J. Maples (Treasurer), J. G. Defriez (Secretary). Visitors—Bros. Thomas Vernon 25, J. J. Goode J.W. 1964, W. H. Smith 1622, William Clarke 1964, C. Clayton W.M. 1968, Oxley P.M. 1237, A. H. Hickman W.M. 228, S. Goode 1288, Wallace S.D. 907, H. J. F. Gale 1167, G. T. Turner W.M. 183, Edward Harvey J.W. 1314, G. H. Gilham P.M. 1632, W. R. Barnett J.W. 719, Jas. Kew P.M. 179, R. J. Taylor P.M. 111, W. Best S.W. 1288, W. Henchirk P.M. 179, Edwin Woodman S.D. 1950, Thos Cartland 913, P. Woodman 228, C. Evans I.G. 860, Samuel Flint 1613, R. P. Forge W.M. 1950, H. G. Penny 834, W. F. Hughes S.D. 179, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, Tom Hodges S.W. 1706, A. Kenningham 1706, H. T. Sandy 228, C. Hurford 1420, P. J. Jagels 1714, J. J. Griffiths 198, R. Paget 228, &c. After the minutes of the last Lodge meeting, and the Lodge of Emergency of the 3rd of May, had been read, the same were offered for confirmation, and unanimous approval given them. The Auditors' Report was presented and adopted. The ballot was brought into requisition for admission, as joining members, of Brother William Hawtin, Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, who was proposed by Bro. T. Goode P.M., and seconded by the W.M.; and for Brother George William Tillett P.M. Lodge No 752, proposed by Bro. A. Millward W.M. elect, and seconded by Bro. Hunter P.M. Both candidates were unanimously approved of. The installation of W.M. was next proceeded with, the ceremony being admirably performed by the outgoing Master, Brother Frank Rothschild. The appointment and investiture of Officers resulted as follow:—Bros. G. H. Cablerwood S.W., Joseph Pigot J.W., J. Maples P.M. Treasurer, J. G. Defriez P.M. Secretary, Rev. Caswell Chaplain, R. D. Cummings S.D., W. J. Goode J.D., Frederick Goode I.G., Alfred Goode M.C., T. M. K. Gilbert A.M.C., W. J. Hunter P.M. W.S., J. J. Stockall Assistant W.S. Lodge having been closed, and a very admirably served banquet having been done full justice to, the usual toasts were given and received with the greatest cordiality, great stress being laid on that of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., of whom the Worshipful Master spoke in the most respectful and complimentary terms. The toast of the Worshipful Master was, as is customary on these occasions, entrusted to the I.P.M., who spoke in well-merited terms of the claims on their regard as Master and Brother of Bro. Millward, who had acquitted himself most successfully in the various offices to which he had been appointed. After a brief interval, Bro. Millward rose and returned thanks, both for the kind remarks of the brother who had proposed his health, and for the manner in which it had been received by all present. He had striven in the past to perform his duties successfully, and he trusted that his future career would be equally satisfactory. He had at heart the interest of the Lodge, and he also had every confidence in the will and ability of the Past Masters and Officers to help him through his term of office. The toast of the I.P.M. and Installing Master followed, and it is unnecessary to say that it was drunk with enthusiasm, the value of the toast being greatly enhanced by the fact that a Past Master's jewel was presented to the brother so appropriately honoured, as a slight recognition of his valuable services. Bro. Rothschild's acknowledgment was brief, but to the point, and the remaining toasts having been honoured, the brethren rose and dispersed after a most agreeable gathering.

The windows presented by the Crusaders' Lodge to St. James's Church, Clerkenwell, were unveiled, on the 13th inst., by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London, who attended in state. The subject on the left hand window is "The Building of the Temple;" King Solomon is represented in company with Hiram Abiff, and the degrees in Freemasonry are represented. A very good idea is conveyed by the arrangement of the figures. The subject in the right hand window is "The Queen of Sheba viewing the Temple on its completion;" King Solomon is represented showing the Temple to the Queen, while numerous Eastern princes are grouped in the background, ready to offer costly presents. The working tools are introduced in the border of the former window, and the various jewels of office in the latter. Besides numerous other emblems, the Grand Lodge and Crusaders' Arms are introduced. The windows were designed and executed by Bro. Charles Evans, of Warwick-street, Regent-street, W., and form a lasting tribute to an energetic and skilful artist. We have great pleasure in adding that the Lodge and the banquet room were illuminated by means of Edison's incandescent lamps, and there cannot be the slightest question as to the brilliancy of the effect. We have visited, in the course of a long experience, many Lodges, but we cannot call to mind a single case in which a Lodge has been so successfully illuminated as in this instance.

ELEANOR CROSS LODGE, No. 1764, NORTHAMPTON.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Abington-street, on Tuesday. There was a strong muster of Officers and members, and a compact little contingent of visitors. In the former category must be included Bros. Henry Brown (Prov. Grand Junior Warden) W.M., Henry Hill (P.P.G.O.) S.W. and Worshipful Master elect, Henry Spoor Secretary; Past Masters Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, Johnston (No. 25 I.C.), H. J. Atkins, &c.; in the latter were Bros. J. J. Hart J.W. 360, James L. Spoor, W. Kingston P.M. 360, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, and Jones 415. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Augustus Peachey and Walter John Howe, and, as it proved satisfactory, those gentlemen were forthwith initiated into the mysteries of the first degree, the work being done in an able and impressive manner by Bro. Brown. Then followed the ceremony of installation, which was carried out with equal ability by the same brother; and Bro. Henry Hill having been by him inducted into the chair of K.S., in accordance with ancient custom, proceeded to appoint and invest the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year, namely:—Bros. Henry Brown I.P.M., Henry Spoor S.W., Eli Morris J.W., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders Chaplain, Hamilton W. Parker Treasurer, George Ellard Secretary, Rev. T. C. Beasley Senior Deacon, Richard Croft Junior Deacon, Henry J. Atkins Master of Ceremonies, George Butcher Assistant Master of Ceremonies, Thomas Emery Inner Guard, Brook Sampson Organist, Robert Abel Assistant Organist, Samuel J. Newman and James Carrall Stewards, C. Dean and William Kirby Tylers. The report of the Auditors having been submitted and approved, and a notice of motion for the next meeting handed in, Bro. Hill very gracefully presented his predecessor with the jewel of a Past Master, as a mark of the appreciation in which his services as Master were held by the members of the Lodge. Bro. Hill's remarks were of necessity of a complimentary character, but the frequent bursts of applause with which they were greeted showed unmistakably that they were not more complimentary than the occasion and the services demanded. Bro. Brown expressed his sense of the compliment paid him in brief but appropriate terms, and there being no other business Lodge was closed and the banquet served. On the removal of the cloth, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with equal heartiness. For that of the Grand Master of the Province, the Duke of Manchester, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Butler Wilkins, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers present and past, Bro. Wilkins, who regretted he had not arrived earlier, responded at some length. He congratulated the Lodge on the success which had attended it from the outset. It had shown itself a stedfast upholder of Masonic principles, and he hoped that the brethren who had been initiated that day would prove themselves as efficient and as worthy as those that had preceded them. Bro. Wilkins further suggested that the Lodge should lay itself out to invite the Provincial Grand Lodge to be held in Northampton under its banner—a suggestion which it is hardly necessary for us to add was received with marked favour, coming, as it did, from a brother of such influence as the Deputy Grand Master of the Province. In reply to the toast of his health, Bro. Hill expressed his thanks for the cordial manner in which it had been received. He should do his utmost to fulfil the duties of his office in a manner which would sustain the credit of the Lodge, and in these endeavours he felt confident he might rely upon the effective co-operation of the Past Masters, his Officers, and the members generally. To Bro. Ellard Secretary was entrusted the duty of proposing the Masonic Charities, and in his remarks he laid great stress on the extent to which they were supported, the sum raised annually for several years past being in excess of £10,000. Bro. Atkins, who purposed representing

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the Province as Charity Steward, replied, and insisted on the importance of raising subscriptions by means of the Masonic Associations, the contributions to which, being spread over a considerable period of time, would hardly be felt. The toast of the Past Masters was proposed by Bro. Johnston, who expressed the satisfaction he had derived from watching the proceedings, furnishing, as they did, indisputable evidence of the ability which distinguished the successive occupants of the chair of the Lodge. Bro. Rev. T. C. Beasley gave the toast of the Visitors, whom he heartily welcomed, and Bros. W. Kingston, Morgan, and Jones responded, Bro. Kingston observing that when the Eleanor Cross Lodge was first started he confessed he had watched its proceedings with some jealousy. That feeling, however, rapidly passed into one of admiration at the manner in which the Lodge work had been done, and he congratulated the members on the position they then occupied in the Craft. The Worshipful Master proposed the Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast, as usual, brought the proceedings to a close. The proceedings were enlivened with a wealth of good singing, and Bro. Morgan was much applauded for his effective recitation of "Brought to Light."

Just now there is a severe pressure on our resources, the invitations to Lodges being almost more numerous than we can satisfy. In these circumstances we shall esteem it a favour if our friends will kindly give us the earliest possible intimation that our presence is desirable, so that we experience less difficulty than we have done latterly in meeting their wishes.

Bro. Henry Baldwin, Secretary of the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, asks us to announce that the Installation Meeting of this Lodge will be held on Saturday, the 28th inst., at the Royal Albany Hotel, Twickenham, at 2 p.m. The W.M. elect Bro. C. C. Cruikshanks will be duly installed into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, by the retiring W.M. Previous to the above ceremony, the several degrees will be conferred on the candidates by the W.M. Bro. Harry Clark. Banquet about 4 o'clock.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, at four in the afternoon, under the presidency of Sir Francis Burdett. The appointment will be made of the Grand Second and Third Principals, and after their installation the other Provincial Grand Officers will be appointed and invested.

We beg to remind our readers that the Anniversary Festival Banquet of the Rahere Almoners will take place at the Cannon-stree Hotel, E.C., on Monday next, at six o'clock p.m. To those who desir to know more of this "Antiente Fraternitie" we commend a very interesting paper which appeared in the *City Press* of Wednesday last.

The address voted by the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge to Captain Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., congratulating him on the gallant part which he played during the Egyptian war, is to be presented, at a specially convened Lodge, to be held on Tuesday next, at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth. The Lodge is to be close tyled at 4.30 p.m. The address, which has been illuminated by Mr. J. Robertson, of Landport, is enclosed in a handsome gilt frame. The Worshipful Master of the Lodge (Brother Thomas Page) has invited the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) and his Officers to be present. It is hoped that Lord Carrington, Colonel Shadwell Clerke the Secretary of Grand Lodge, and other distinguished members of the Craft will also be able to accept invitations to attend.—*Portsmouth Times.*

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was held on the 13th instant, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, under the presidency of Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart. M.P., Provincial Grand Master. The reports of the Board of Finance and Charities Committee were satisfactory, and were unanimously adopted. A proposition to increase quarterage fees from Provincial brethren to the Benevolent Fund was discussed. Only one Lodge was found to be in favour of the proposition, and 22 opposed any alteration. It was ultimately resolved not to sanction an increase. The Provincial Grand Master congratulated the Lodge on the flourishing state of Freemasonry in the Province, and the Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed. A banquet subsequently took place, under the presidency of Sir W. W. Burrell.

The Duke of Albany has promised to attend the half yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., on the 5th of December, to receive the wedding present which Grand Mark Lodge and individual Mark Masons subscribed to for His Royal Highness and the Duchess of Albany. The presentation will be made by Lord Henniker, the Grand Master of the Order.

At the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Wednesday, the 25th instant, at 8.30 o'clock after the usual business a notice of motion will be brought forward by Brother Williams jun., seconded by Brother Matthews:—"To make an alteration in bye-law 2; and also to make an addition to the same." The annual supper will be held at the above address on Wednesday, 8th November. Tickets can be obtained on application to the Secretary, Brother J. Rothschild, 17 and 18 Little Britain, E.C.

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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THIS INSTITUTION, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's-inn-Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, 14th October 1882,

Colonel J. CREATON, Treasurer and Trustee, in the Chair.

After the General Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by ballot, of Seven Girls into the Institution, from a list of 20 APPROVED CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:—

No. on List		Votes	No. on Poll
8	Dobby, Minnie	3394	1
14	Cookes, Beatrice Ada	3093	2
18	Matthews, Edith Josephine	2671	3
10	Knott, Beatrice Emily	2609	4
15	Hammond, Mary Ethel	2431	5
13	Besley, Norah	2412	6
1	Hirst, Mary Hannah	2212	7

The votes recorded for unsuccessful Candidates will be carried forward to their credit at the next Election, if eligible. Lists showing the Votes polled for Successful and Unsuccessful Candidates may be obtained at the Office.

F. R. W. HEDGES,
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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 16th day of October 1882,

Col. J. CREATON, in the chair.

A ballot took place for the Election of 12 Boys, from an approved list of 62, reduced by withdrawals to 60 Candidates, the following being declared to be successful:—

No. on Poll	No. on List		Votes
1	21	Nicholas, Thomas Moreton	3004
2	20	Jones, Geoffrey Stuart	2826
3	30	O Doherty, Charles Patrick	2772
4	38	Clark, William Edwards	2761
5	55	Chiesman, Albert	2696
6	14	Taylor, George William	2689
7	1	Jones, William Vincent Beilby	2666
8	25	Templeman, James Pecham Gerard ...	2648
9	52	Sutcliffe, Godfrey Heathcote	2645
10	8	Crabb, Tom Walcot	2630
11	12	Sanderson, Charles Jesse	2622
12	2	Eccleston, Henry Arthur	2464

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

THE annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of this Province was held on Tuesday, 17th inst., in the Central Hall, Darlington, under the banner of the Restoration Lodge, No. 111, and of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, No. 1379, when there was a more than usually large attendance of past and present Provincial Grand Officers, and representatives from all the Lodges of the Province. The appearance of the hall was very imposing, the brethren being ranged under their respective banners. Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Right Wor. the Prov. Grand Master the Marquis of Londonderry, Knight of St. Patrick, &c., assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. A. Iley P.G.S.D., Thos. Conlson P.G.J.D., T. Bradley P.G. Assist. Sir Hedworth Williamson D.P.G.M., J. W. Cameron P.G.S.W., J. McCulloch P.G.J.W., Rev. J. J. Brown P.G. Chap. R. Hudson P.G. Sec., Sec., Geo. Greenwell P.G.D.C., David Sinclair P.G. Assist. D.C., A. T. Munro P.G. Sword Bearer, R. Dickinson P.G. Organist, John Sinclair P.G. Pursuivant, John Thompson P.G. Tyler. Bro. R. Hudson, Provincial Grand Secretary, read the minutes of last Provincial Grand Lodge which were confirmed. The Treasurer's report was read by Brother T. Bradley Assistant Secretary, this showed the Funds to be in a highly satisfactory condition. Bro. Hudson Past Grand Secretary read the report of the Fund Committee, presided over by Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Depnty P.G.M., in which it was stated that the committee had that day voted £60 to five applicants; and it was further recommended that £52 10s be given to the Masonic Boys' School, £52 10s to the Girls' School, and £26 10s each to the Aged Masons' Institnte and the Aged Widows' Institute. It was likewise proposed that £25 be subscribed to the Provincial Education Fund. Sir Hedworth Williamson moved the adoption of the report, which was carried. The Charities Committee reported the successful working of the committee, and the new educational scheme in the Province. Bro. C. S. Lane moved, and Bro. M. Corbett seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried. After some conversation respecting the promotion of the Royal College of Music, in which the M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales takes a deep interest, it was decided to invite the Lodges to take the matter up. The roll of the Lodges was then called by Bro. Geo. Greenwell, D.C., when the Worshipful Masters of the following reported progress in funds and membership, and continued harmony in working; the Industry 43 Gateshead, St. John's 80 Sunderland, Phœnix 94 Sunderland, Palatine 97 Sunderland, Restoration 111 Darlington, Marquis of Granby 124 Durham, St. Hilda 240 South Shields, Lambton 375 Chester-le-street, Borough 424 Gateshead, Tees 509 Stockton, St. Helen's 531 Hartlepool, Fawcett 661 Seaham, Harbour of Refuge 764 West Hartlepool, Philanthropy 940 Stockton, Williamson 949 Sunderland, St. Bede's 1119 Jarrow, Wear Valley 1121 Bishop Auckland, Basnard 1230 Barnard Castle, Earl of Durham 1274 Chester-le-street, Norman 1334 Durham, Marquis of Ripon 1370 Darlington, Fenwick 1389 Sunderland, Fraternity 1418 Stockton, Perseverance 1643 Hebburn, Rose of Raby 1650 Staindrop, Stranton 1862 West Hartlepool, Whitworth 1932 Spennymoor, Hadrian 1970 South Shields. After hearing the reports from the respective Masters in the Province, the Right Worshipful Grand Master the Marquis of Londonderry said it was only a profound sense of duty and a sincere wish to be with them that day alone persuaded him to be present on the occasion, seeing that he had to leave the dying bed of the mother of her to whom he owed a life of happiness. He was glad to meet them in such good numbers, and to congratulate them upon the continued prosperity of the Order, and the harmony which reigned in their midst. Bro. Hudson, the Provincial Grand Secretary, had prepared for him some statistics, which showed that in 1848 there were thirteen Lodges and 372 members in the Province, and in 1881 there were twenty-seven Lodges with 1976 members, and during the present year another Lodge—the Hadrian—had been consecrated. After referring in feeling terms to the decease, in March last, of Bro. Henry Crookes, late Grand Secretary, and expressing his obligation and gratification to Bro. Hudson that he had undertaken the onerous duties of Secretary, the R.W.G.M. expressed the pain he felt in receiving the resignation of Bro. J. Cundell as P.G. Treas., a brother whom he had long esteemed and revered. Bro. R. Hudson P.G. Secretary said it was interesting to know that Bro. Cundell was present at the Grand Lodge at the installation of Bro. John Fawcett, late P.G.M., and had been P.G. Treasurer since 1858. Bro. E. D. Davis P.P.G.S.W., &c., moved that Bro. Babington Bowlton, Darlington, be P.G. Treasurer, which, on being seconded, was carried unanimously. On the motion of R.W. Deputy Grand Master Sir H. Williamson, the Secretary was instructed to write to Bro. the Rev. J. Cundell, expressing feelings of regret that he had retired from the Grand Lodge. The R.W. Prov. G. Master then appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, as under:—

Bros. Sir Hedworth Williamson	P.D.G. Master
W. J. Young	P.G. Senior Warden
C. R. Fry	P.G. Junior Warden
Rev. C. Jackson, Rev. R. H. Yeld	P.G. Chaplains
B. Bowlton	P.G. Treasurer
R. Tuck	P.G. Registrar
R. Hudson	P.G. Secretary
T. Bradley	P.G. Asst. Secretary
T. Bell	P.G. Senior Deacon
T. Coulson	P.G. Junior Deacon
J. Tillman	P.G. Supt. of Works
G. Greenwell	P.G. Director of Ceremonies
D. Sinclair	P.G. Asst. D.C.
R. B. Harpley	P.G. Sword Bearer
J. Porteous	P.G. Organist
J. Wyld	P.G. Pursuivant
G. D. Seng	P.G. Asst. Pursuivant
J. Curry	P.G. Tyler
J. Martin, C. McMarrar, W. B. Elsdon, William Davidson, M. Burn, T. Hylton	P.G. Stewards

On the motion of Bro. Hudson P.G. Secretary, it was resolved to enter upon the minutes of Grand Lodge the deep loss sustained by the province at the death of Bro. Henry Crookes, late Prov. Grand Secretary, and that a letter of condolence be sent to his relatives. There being no other business the Lodge was closed in due form, after which the brethren adjourned to the annual banquet, which was held in the Mechanics' Hall, Darlington. About 150 brethren sat down, under the presidency of the most noble the Marquis of Londonderry. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the proceedings were agreeably enlivened by music by Bros. Whitehead, Nutton, and Walker, Bro. Boynes accompanying on the piano.

ROYAL ARCH.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DEVON.

THE Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Devon held their annual Grand Chapter on Tuesday, at Exeter. The Companions assembled at the Victoria Hall. The attendance was not, however, so numerous as expected, and the meeting might have been held at the Exeter Freemasons' Hall in Gandy-street. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., the Prov. G. Superintendent of the Province, presided, supported by ex-Comps. W. G. Rogers H., and Col. Ridgway J. The following Companions were also among those present:—J. Brewer P.G.S.E., Mark Farrant P.G.P.S., J. S. Keskerman P.G. 2nd A.S., H. S. Gill P.G. 1st Gr. B., W. B. Mays P.G. 2nd Gr. B. J. Blanchard P.G. Janitor, Lieut-Col. J. Tanner-Davy, J.P., P.P.G.H., Capt. W. E. Elphinstone-Stone, R.N., P.P.G.J., J. H. Warren P.P.G.A.S., W. Easton P.P.G.S.N., W. F. Quick P.P.G.A.S., S. B. Colston P.P.G.S.B., Rev. E. Aitken-Davies P.P.G., James Murray P.P.G.D.C., Joseph Page P.Z. Treasurer 112, Rev. Thomas Russell H. 251, Wm. Haynes P.Z. 106, W. Brodie H. 1284, Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Z. 189, J. P. Heath H. 112, W. Brodie P.Z. 328, Thomas Elsworthy P.Z. 251, J. U. Valentine H. 303, John Olver Z. 1138, John Stocker Z. 112, Charles Stevens P.Z. 1138, W. E. Warren P.Z. 238, William Harris P.Z. 1138, Dr. Bousfield, Weyside Chapter 1395, P.P.G. Officer Surrey. Companions W. R. Lisle Gr. B. 112, Henry Stocker Asst. S. 112, W. Densham P.S. 112, Jno. Alger Reg. 112, F. Sanders S.N. 1284, S. R. Jerred 112, Geo. Hussey 328, Walter G. Lacey 106, H. W. Madelay 112, H. J. Hancock 251, H. F. Willey 1284, Thomas Wutherton 248, H. Stansfield 106. The minutes of last P.G. Chapter, held at Stonehouse, on 4th of June 1881, were read by the P.G.S.E Ex-Comp. Brewer, and confirmed. The next business was the reception of reports. The P.G.S.E.'s report showed that an unusual amount of dues had been received during the past year. Warnings had been forwarded to several Chapters that were in arrears, and the whole, with the exception of one, had paid up. Some had four years' dues to pay, others three years, and two years. The Treasurer, Ex-Comp. Curteis, was prevented by his engagements from attending. His statement of accounts was read by Bro. Brewer. It showed a balance in hand of £66 14s 1d, but from that had to be deducted £6 6s due to the Fortescue Annuity Fund, which left the available balance at £60 8s 1d. The By-Laws Revision Committee had not drawn up any draft of By-laws to submit. They reported that they wished to have the Grand Lodge laws settled first, for their guidance. The Chapter received and adopted these reports. A recommendation was made by the Chapter to the Revision Committee to arrange in their draft of By-laws for providing a Committee of Petitions for the Provincial Grand Chapter, upon a similar plan to that adopted by the Craft Masons in the Province, in order that the awarding of the available balances might be made upon careful consideration, not haphazard votes at the annual meeting. It was proposed by Ex-Comp. W. Brodie, and seconded by Ex-Comp. E. Aitken Davies, that twenty guineas be voted to the Devon Educational Fund. Ex-Comp. Captain Stone stated that the management of that Fund required revision, and should be considered before any more money was voted to it. Provision had for the present been made to pay the allowances to children, so there was no pressing necessity for the £20. Ex-Comp. Fulford and Ex-Comp. John Stocker complained that the Educational Fund was weakening the support furnished from the Province to the London Masonic Charities, from whom the Province was at present deriving large grants. After a long discussion a majority carried a resolution to award £30 a year to the Masonic Girls' School, and £30 to the Masonic Boys' School. Ex-Comp. J. P. Heath was elected the Treasurer for the year. Ex-Comps. T. S. Baxly P.P.G. Reg., and J. Lynn P.P.G.S.B., were re-elected the Auditors. The following Officers were then appointed:—

Comp. W. G. Rogers	H.
J. E. Curteis	J.
J. Brewer	Scribe E.
R. T. Thornton	Scribe N.

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Rev. T. W. Lemon	P. Sojourner
J. Stocker	1st Assistant Sojourner
E. J. Knight	2nd Assistant Sojourner
W. K. Mitchell	Registrar
J. S. Swann	Sword Bearer
J. H. Westlake	Standard Bearer
C. Watson	Director of Ceremonies
T. Goodall	Organist
J. Blanchard	Janitor
J. Rogers	Assistant Janitor

Beadon Chapter, No. 619.—The Quarterly Convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday evening, the 12th of October, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Coleman-street, City, but was very thinly attended by the members. Comp. F. Sharratt was M.E.Z., Comp. Myer P.Z. occupied the position of H., and Comp. Jacobs J., the regular Principals being unable to attend. The minutes of the last Convocation were read by Comp. Green P.Z. and S.E., and unanimously confirmed. The next business was the reception of Bro. James Gordon, of the Beadon Lodge, who had been balloted for at the last Convocation, and he, being in attendance, was duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The next items were the election of the M.E.Z., Treasurer, and other Officers for the ensuing year. Comp. Sharratt was unanimously elected, for the second time, to occupy the chair of First Principal, Comp. Carrington H., and Comp. Thompson P.Z. was for the second time elected to fill the chair of J. Comp. Avery was re-elected Treasurer, and Comp. Green S.E.; Comp. Dr. Podmore was elected S.N., and Comp. Bond P.S.; Comp. Bavin was re-elected Janitor for the ensuing year. The Audit Committee was appointed, and the Chapter was closed in due form. The Companions then adjourned to the banqueting room, where a very bountiful repast was provided. On the removal of the cloth, the formal Royal Arch toasts were given and duly honoured. Comp. H. Thompson then rose and proposed the health of the M.E.Z., Comp. Sharratt, and said that nothing could give him greater pleasure than having the privilege of proposing this toast. They all knew the kind and genial qualities for which Comp. Sharratt was distinguished; these had been fully manifested that evening in his being unanimously re-elected to fill the distinguished position of M.E.Z. for the second time. He was quite sure as long as he held that position he would ever command the same kindly feelings which had always been entertained towards him. It is almost needless to say that this toast was received with the greatest cordiality. The M.E.Z., in responding, said he felt that he did not deserve all the kind things that Comp. Thompson had said of him; he did not go through the duties as he could desire, but he would do his best to give them satisfaction. The next toast was that of the P.Z.'s of the Chapter, and in responding to this Comp. Thompson said he felt it to be a great honour to fill the position of J., and to be for the second time elected to it; although he would rather have desired to see their choice fall upon some one else; yet, as it was their pleasure to elect him, he would endeavour to discharge the duties to their satisfaction. Comp. Green S.E. also acknowledged the toast, and expressed his determination to adhere strictly to the bye-laws, and whenever the time arrived for them to meet together he should send out the proper notices, whether or not there was business to be transacted; a neglect of this regulation did not conduce to the interests of the Chapter. Some other toasts were given, and a very pleasant evening was spent, diversified by songs from several of the Companions. Comp. H. Frances, of Provincial Grand Chapter Surrey, was the only visitor.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Joshua Nunn (President), James Brett (as Senior Vice President), C. A. Cottebrune (as Junior Vice President), Charles Dairy, Henry Smith, G. P. Festa, C. Atkins, G. P. Britten, H. Garrod, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, Neville Green, W. Mann, H. Massey, Edgar Bowyer, John Newton, W. Stephens, C. F. Hogard, F. Kent, W. Paas, R. P. Forge, and others. The brethren first confirmed grants to the amount of £215, recommended at the September meeting. There were thirty cases on the new list. In the course of a three-and-a-half hours' sitting four of these were deferred, and one was dismissed. The remainder were relieved, with a total of £640.

The *City Press* of Wednesday says:—It is not certain whether H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, will be able to attend the Masonic banquet at the Mansion House on Friday, but the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and other Grand Officers, are expected to be present. By a special dispensation, the guests are authorised to appear in full Masonic regalia.

It is proposed to form a Benevolent Association, to be called the Third Clapton Benevolent Association. The first meeting will take place on Friday evening, the 3rd of November, at the Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road Hackney, when the Officers will be elected. Bro. Charle Diamond, of the King Harold Lodge, No. 1527, has undertaken to act as Secretary *pro tem.*

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.

SATURDAY, 21st OCTOBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
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
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow

MONDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, 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)
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
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1825—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)
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. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
404—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1149—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 24th OCTOBER.

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.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
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)
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)
1558—D. Connaught, Pakenham Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.
1692—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—Clemence, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1714—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In)
78—Imperial Georgian, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
124—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
241—Merchants', Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
254—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
474—Sawtrey, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
627—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Exeter-street, Barton-on-Trent
779—Perrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
807—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
906—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1026—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1214—Scientific, Scotch Church Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1503—Rowton, Town Hall, Droylsden
In P.—Prudential, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1512—West Middlesex, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1675—Antient Britons, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 198—Peace and Harmony, Red Lion Hotel, Dover
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
S.T.—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 25th OCTOBER.

[illegible]—Domatic, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
[illegible]—Chapter of Prudence, Prince Alfred, Harrow-road, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
[illegible]—Chapter of Faith, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
[illegible]—de la Tour, Mitchell's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St., at 8 (Inst.)
[illegible]—Temperance, Railway Hotel, Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
[illegible]—Royal Navy, Silver Tavern, Barking-road, E. (Instruction)
[illegible]—New Cavendish, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)

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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.
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, 319 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)
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (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.)
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hall, Garston, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Ringley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, 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
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—Rylburn, 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
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Shaithwaite
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
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, 26th OCTOBER.

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)
31—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)
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.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
753—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
859—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
902—Bargoyne, 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)
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
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 9 (Inst.)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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.)

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
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
296—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
344—Faith, Full's Head Inn, Ratcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Church-le-Dale, near Blackburn
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bridgwaygate, Bolton
358—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stopeclough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newsgate Arms, Nuneaton
476—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Exeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
504—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Bladen, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Caldwell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 St. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1350—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Pyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1365—Exhibition, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1376—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
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, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T.—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 27th OCTOBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
69—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, E.C.
706—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)
1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.

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
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

SATURDAY, 28th OCTOBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (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
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Autumnal remedies.—Towards the fall of the year countless causes are at work to lower the tone of the nervous system, which will be followed by ill health unless proper means be employed to avert that evil. Holloway's far-famed preparations supply a faultless remedy for both external and internal complaints connected with changes of season. All affections of the skin, roughness, blotches, pimples, superficial and deep seated inflammations, erysipelas, rheumatic pains, and gouty pangs, alike succumb to the exalted virtues of Holloway's Ointment and Pills, which will effect a happy revolution in the patient's condition, though the symptoms of his disorder are legion, and have obstinately withstood the best efforts of science to subdue them.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

THE first meeting after the vacation of this Lodge took place on the 16th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, E.C. Brother T. W. C. Bush W.M. presided. After the usual preliminaries, Bros. Rosenfeld and De Liew were raised to the third degree. At the close of the business the W.M. did a graceful act in a graceful way, by proposing to confer honorary membership, with all the privileges of a subscribing member, upon Bro. J. D. Barnett P.M., who for some time has acted as Organist, but who for many years has contributed in no small degree to the pleasure and entertainment after banquet; and who by his unvarying kindness and courtesy has endeared himself to every member of the Lodge. Bro. W. D. Bailey P.M. seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation. Bro. Barnett, whose surprise was evidently genuine, was only able to utter a few words of thanks for the unexpected honour the brethren were pleased to confer upon him. An ample repast followed, after which the W.M., as is customary in these days in many of our London Lodges, joined the three principal toasts in one, in the comprehensive form of Loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the best interests of the Order. Although there were six visitors, namely, Bros. Mickley P.M. 479, Siletoe 645 P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire, Wagstaff 188, Maas 901, Brown 1558, and Perceval 1607, the W.M., in proposing their health coupled the names only of Bros. Mickley and Siletoe. The former replied briefly, the latter gave some interesting anecdotal reminiscences of brethren who hailing from immense distances, invite the members of a Lodge they are visiting, promising hearty welcome should an opportunity—which, however, was highly improbable—arise of a return visit. He instanced a case which was realised, in a most unexpected fashion, and at an out of the way place. The W.M next proposed Prosperity to the three noble Masonic Institutions, of whose glorious position they had every reason to be proud, especially if it is recollected that this year, by individual effort, no less a sum than £10,000 has been collected for their support, a result achieved by the unflagging zeal of members of the Craft. He would couple with the toast the name of Brother Perceval, who in his reply remarked that he had been engaged all day at the election of boys, and the amount of work would be understood when

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he stated that some 42,300 votes had to be examined, together with some 22,000 and odd brought over from former elections. Twelve boys were elected, and twelve mothers made happy. When it is stated that in the last seven years over a third of a million has been collected for the Charities, and that a very considerable staff has to be looked after, it will readily be conceived that the work could only be done by continual and sustained exertion and self denial; the burdens of which, however, was lightened by the reflection that, as was taught in the ceremonies, "Blessed is he that giveth, as well as he that receiveth." Bro. Bloomfield P.M., who responded for the Past Masters, could scarcely realise his position as one of the senior P.M.'s. The W.M. was courteous enough to speak of the assistance those who had passed the chair were always willing and able to afford to the presiding Master; but unfortunately, or he should rather say fortunately, for the Lodge, since he himself occupied the chair, which was now a good many years ago, there had never occurred an occasion at which any help from them was required. He could assure the brethren, should opportunity arise, it would be found the Past Masters were ready and willing to prove in acts what was so kindly said of them in words. Bro. Phil Levy, Secretary, in thanking the W.M. and brethren, feelingly regretted the absence of Bro. J. Constable, Treasurer, with whom he had so long harmoniously worked. He had no doubt that their Treasurer was with them that night in spirit, and that each expressed a silent wish that the worthy and esteemed Brother might be present at the next period of election, to resume the duties which he had performed with so much ability, to the advantage of the Lodge. Bro. Staley S.W. having replied for the Officers, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. The Officers were Staley S.W., S. Barnett J.W., Boaz S.D., Peartree J.D., Lyons I.G., Tipper M.C., Potter Tyler. The Past Masters present were, Croaker, Bailey, Bloomfield, J. D. Barnett, N. Moss, S. Moss, N. Glackstein, and E. Gottheil.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction No. 188—On Tuesday, at a meeting of the above Lodge of Instruction, held at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, under the presidency of Bro. Isaac Botibol, an interesting ceremony took place, in the shape of presenting a set of diamond studs to Bro. A. G. Dodson, the Preceptor, and a service of plate to Bro. Dodds, the Honorary Secretary. In presenting the testimonials Bro. Gardner, chairman of the Testimonial Committee, said, the pleasing duty had devolved upon him of conveying to Bros. Dodson and Dodds an expression of the respect in which they were held by the Lodge, and appreciation of the valuable services they had rendered. He need hardly remind the members of the able, courteous, and urbane manner in which Bro. Dodson had officiated as Preceptor of the Lodge since it was established, and of the very beneficial instruction he had imparted to the brethren at their regular weekly assemblies. Their estimation of his kindness and ability at all times had found tangible expression in this slight token of their regard and esteem, and, in the names of all the members of the Lodge, he asked Bro. Dodson to accept this set of diamond studs, which, though valuable in themselves, represented only in a slight degree the motives which prompted the gift, and which were those of sincere affection and esteem, and of their cordial recognition of the admirable services Bro. Dodson had rendered to the Lodge. The same remarks applied to their excellent Hon. Secretary (Bro. Dodds), and, in begging his acceptance of the service of plate, subscribed for by the brethren, he (the speaker) assured that gentleman of their hearty and fraternal good wishes, and thanks for the services he had accorded to their Lodge of Instruction. To both brethren their thanks were eminently due; and if the gifts they tendered were of no great intrinsic worth, he trusted they would be accepted in the spirit in which they were offered, namely, as some slight mark of their esteem and recognition of services faithfully and ably rendered to the Joppa Lodge of Instruction. The gifts were suitably acknowledged by the recipients, who received the congratulations of the brethren, and subsequently an agreeable evening was passed.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—Meeting held on Monday, 16th inst., at the Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge. Bros. Brooks W.M., Rowles S.W., Cotton J.W., Taplin S.D., Phillips J.D., Daffin I.G. and Tyler. Lodge was opened in due form, and after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Daffin candidate. Bro. Phillips showed proficency in the first degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, with Bro. Phillips as candidate. Bro. Rowles was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was closed and adjourned until Monday, the 23rd of October.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A regular Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on 11th October. Present—Bros. E. J. Blackwell P.G.J.D. Berks and Bucks W.M., R. C. Hurley P.M. acting as I.P.M., Rd. Dowsett S.W., Edwd. Margrett P.M. P.G.S.B. Berks and Bucks acting J.W., Stransom Treasurer, H. Creed acting Secretary, Hawkes S.D., Pickett J.D., Hickie Organist, Hemming Tyler; also Bros. Bailey, Greenaway, Staebler, Whitfield, Weatherhead, Collins, T. Margrett. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. W. Margrett was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the Charge, after initiation, was delivered by the W.M. in his usual correct and impressive manner. The election of Master for the ensuing year resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. R. Dowsett S.W., who returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him; he would do his utmost to promote and uphold the honour and integrity of the Lodge, by walking in the footsteps of the present Master, who so working has become a proverb in the Province. The W.M. congratulated the Lodge on having such an efficient Treasurer as Bro. Stransom P.P.G.S.B. Berks and Bucks, who has kindly consented to fill the office if again elected; he had much satisfaction in proposing him. P.M. Margrett seconded, and Bro. Stransom was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Stransom, in a few suggestive and appropriate remarks, returned thanks for the honour. The W.M. proposed, and P.M. Hurley seconded, the re-election of Bro. Hemmings as Tyler. This was agreed to. The W.M. brought before the Lodge the motion of Bro. J. M. Clabon, in accordance with a resolution passed at the last Prov. Grand Lodge, and asked for opinions of members on the question. P.M. Hurley said he thought it best to keep any surplus the Lodge might have for its own distribution. Past Master Margrett said that Grand Lodge should certainly be supplied with funds to properly support it; but as the increased quarterages were required for the Fund of Benevolence alone, which was administered by the London brethren almost entirely, and as he objected to the system of raising money by taxing Masonic Lodges, he thought that if any increased amount were required it should be given voluntarily, and he proposed, "That, in the opinion of this Lodge, it is not desirable that Bro. Clabon's resolution be passed by the Grand Lodge." This was seconded by Bro. Dowsett S.W. and W.M. elect. Bro. Bailey offered a few remarks in support of P.M. Margrett's proposition. The W.M. stated that many Lodges had negatived the motion, whilst only a very few had affirmed it, he thought the motion of Bro. Clabon could not be supported. Bro. P.M. Margrett's proposal was unanimously carried. Bro. P.M. Margrett announced that his list for the R.M.I.B. amounted to £45; he thanked the brethren for their support. The W.M. read a letter from the Grand Secretary Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and stated that he had received a draft copy of the Revised Book of Constitutions and Synopsis of Rules, with a short sketch of proposed alterations and amendments, and said he would be happy to show the same to any member. At the suggestion of Bro. Stransom Treas. and P.M. Margrett, the W.M. undertook to procure four copies of the proposed rules for the use of the brethren. The W.M. also read a letter from the G. Secretary on behalf of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., with reference to the Royal College of Music, inviting subscriptions thereto. P.M. Hurley proposed, "That the thanks of the Lodge be given to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of his office during the year, and that a Past Master's jewel be presented to him as a slight recognition of his valuable services." In making this proposition P.M. Hurley said, he had great pleasure in doing so, for he had rarely seen the work done so well as it had been by Bro. Blackwell. P.M. Margrett, in seconding the proposal, desired to express his admiration of the manner in which Bro. Blackwell had conducted the ceremonies and performed the duties of his office; it was passed unanimously and with acclamation. The W.M. suitably returned thanks. The W.M elect nominated as Banquet Stewards Bros. Ferguson P.M., W. W. Ridley, W. Ravenscroft I.G., and W. Collins. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form. We congratulate Bro. Blackwell on his successful year of office, and on the admirable manner in which he has conducted the ceremonies, his ritual having been pronounced by the Prov. G. Secretary as "simply perfect." The venerable Secretary Bro. Ivey P.M. was absent, on a tour in Devon and Cornwall, to visit his children and grandchildren, but it is anticipated he will return in time for the installation on the second Wednesday in November.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—A meeting was held on Monday, 16th inst., at half-past seven o'clock p.m., at Bro. McDiarmaid's, Cambria Tavern, Loughborough Junction. Bros. Taffs W.M., Sherring S.W., Warren J.W., Perkins S.D., Westley J.D., Westmore I.G., Johnson Preceptor, and the following brethren: Heinrich, Keyse, McDiarmaid, Hayward, Banks, and Denning. After preliminaries, the second section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Sherring. Lodge opened in second degree, when Bro. Banks offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the third degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in third, when the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed, and the traditional history given by the W.M. Lodge resumed to first degree, when Brother Denning, of Lodge 1772, was elected a member. Brother Sherring was elected Worshipful Master for ensuing week; he appointed the Officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bros. McDiarmaid, Miller, Perkins, and Philps, for their presents to the Lodge. It was announced that the annual supper would take place on 13th November, on which occasion Bro. Taffs S.W. 186, Lodge of Industry, will preside. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned till 23rd instant.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—The weekly meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 13th instant, was presided over by Bro. J. N. Bate as W.M., and the Officers were Bros. R. Poore S.W., H. Stokes J.W., C. H. Nevill S.D., James J.D., Pooler I.G., John S. Terry P.M. Sec., James Stevens P.M. Preceptor, E. A. Francis, and others. The Lodge worked, in F.C. degree, the ceremony and charge by the W.M., and the lecture on the second tracing board by Bros. Jas. Stevens and E. A. Francis. Lodge was closed down, and Bro. R. Poore was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the Lodge will be opened in M.M degree.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening, at Bro. Mork's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, when Bro. James Warren, as W.M., was supported by the following brethren:—Henry Stokes S.W., W. Moss J.W., H. Hooper S.D., Richard Poore J.D., E. A. Albert I.G., E. A. Francis Preceptor, Henry M. Williams Secretary; also R. W. Pooler, J. A. Danks, W. Croucher, J. W. Plummer, James Amsden and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was most impressively rehearsed by the W.M. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree. Bros. J. W. Plummer, Duke of Connaught Lodge, and James Amsden, Eclectic Lodge, were elected members. Bro. Henry Stokes having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week Lodge was closed in due form in perfect harmony, and adjourned.

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St. James's Union, No. 180.—The first meeting after the vacation was held on Tuesday, the 10th September, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. Geo. A. B. Fletcher (in the chair), Farwig P.M. acting S.W., W. H. Baker J.W., W. Parsons P.M. Secretary, J. Miles Treasurer, J Maxted S.D., J. Chester J.D., T. A. Denne I.G., A. W. Staden W.S.; P.M.'s J. C. Wade, A. Stoner, Robinson, and Farwig. Visitors—Bros. R. Baker I.P.M. Joppa, Dr. Atcherley, of India, and W. Hudson. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Mr. Spence, after being balloted for, was initiated into Freemasonry, in a manner highly creditable to the W.M., who it may be mentioned, was suffering from a fractured jaw. After Lodge had been closed the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet, provided by the new proprietors, Messrs. Spiers and Pond Limited. It is almost needless to say that the banquet was excellently served. Owing to the indisposition of the W.M., Bro. J. C. Wade presided, and gave the Queen and Craft, after which the National Anthem was sung by Bro. Chester. Then followed the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past followed rapidly. Bro. J. Wade then rose to propose the health of the W.M.; the brethren had witnessed the work of Bro. Fletcher, which he could say left nothing to be desired. Although their W.M. was suffering most acutely, he had come to Lodge, and performed the duties of his office in a manner highly creditable to the St. James's Union Lodge. He gave them the health of their W.M., and in the name of the brethren he assured the Worshipful Master of the sympathy of the entire Lodge with him in his present sufferings. They all hoped he would soon be perfectly restored. The W.M., in a few well chosen words, thanked the brethren generally for their continued kindness and sympathy. Before sitting down he would give them the toast of the initiate, who was a personal friend; he could testify to the sterling merit of Bro. Spence. Their newly-made brother, in the great struggle of life, evidenced all the qualities which endears a man to his kind. He would call upon the brethren to testify their hearty appreciation of his presence. After a song, capitally sung by Bro. Westrop, Bro. Spence replied:—He thanked the W.M. for the kind words spoken of him, also the brethren for the hearty response given to his name. He felt in a novel situation, and could not say much, except that he trusted the future would confirm the brethren in the choice they had made in admitting him to the Ancient Fraternity. The I.P.M. then gave the Visitors. The St. James's Union Lodge had long been noted for a goodly attendance of Visitors, and he was sorry they had not more to-night, but although they were few in number, they were bright ornaments in the Craft and as such the St. James's Union Lodge was delighted to welcome them. He called upon Bros. Dr. Atcherley and Hudson to respond. After a very able recitation from Bro. Baker, the Visiting Brethren returned thanks; in eulogistic terms congratulating the Lodge upon the excellence of its work, every one of the Officers acquitting himself very efficiently. The I.P.M. then proposed the health of those he described as the bulwarks of the Lodge, the P.M.'s, coupling with the toast the names of the Treasurer and Secretary. For the compliment Bro. P.M. Stoner, on behalf of the P.M.'s, and Bro. Miles, for himself and Secretary, responded. The Officers of the Lodge were next toasted, and Bro. P.M. Wade congratulated them upon the manner in which they had carried out their respective duties; they individually returned thanks, and the Tyler's toast brought an end to a very pleasant meeting.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 14th inst., Bros. Wolf W.M., Gush S.W., Parkes J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Thompson S.D., A. Marks J.D., Darnell I.G.; also Bros. Isaac, I. P. Cohen, Killick sen., Brasted, Gibbs, Houghton, Catling, Killick jun., Lion, Robinson, Spencer, Crawley, Archer, Richardson, Bartenshaw, Nicholl, Weeden, Gribbell, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Gibbs answered the questions and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Gibbs as candidate. Lodge resumed to the first degree, when Bro. C. K. Killick jun. P.M. 1693 read a Lecture, written by the late Dr. Oliver, on Ancient Masonic Rituals. Bros. G. M. Lion of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, W. Nicholls of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, and Thomas Bartenshaw of the Hope and Unity, No. 214, were elected members. Bro. Gush was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Killick jun. for the excellent manner he had rendered the Lecture, after which Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, in this Lodge, on the 28th instant; full particulars will be duly announced.

Pomfret Lodge, No. 360, Northampton.—The brethren of this Lodge resumed their meetings for the season on Thursday, the 12th inst., when there was a large attendance of the brethren. Bro. Edwin James was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., Bro. John Snow was afterwards duly initiated, the W.M. (Bro. John Bingley) in each case performing the ceremony in a very able and impressive manner. Upwards of 30 afterwards sat down to refreshment, amongst them being Bros. P.M. R. C. Pars and John Rogers of 607, and Bro. Jacob Dellmain of Western Lodge 39, United States. The whole proceedings were most pleasant and harmonious, and the Mother Lodge of the Province fully maintained its character for excellence of working throughout.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held its usual meeting at Bro. Grey's, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal-green-road, on Thursday, the 12th instant. Bros. Chitson W.M., Perkins S.W., Gilbert J.W., A. W. Fenner Preceptor, C. J. Free Secretary, D. Moss S.D., W. B. Ford J.D., R. Pringle I.G.; also Bros. I. P. Cohen, Grey, Horley, James Smith, &c. The usual formalities were duly observed in opening the Lodge, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in a very correct manner, Bro. James Smith acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner assisted Bro. I. P. Cohen to work the fourth, and Bro. D. Moss the fifth sections of the lecture. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Horley assisted Bro. Fenner to work the first section of the lecture. Lodge being resumed to the first degree, Bro. James Smith, of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, was duly elected a member, and Bro. A. Perkins appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Fenner, after having complimented the W.M. on the excellent manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony, proposed a vote of thanks to be entered on the minutes to Bro. Chitson the W.M., for the efficient manner he had discharged his duties, for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. This was carried unanimously, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned. Bro. A. W. Fenner will work the Fifteen Sections in this Lodge of Instruction on the first Thursday in November next.

Chine Lodge No. 1884—On 10th instant, the members had an outing. Starting from Bro. S. H. Shillings', Clarendon Mews, in conveyances, the brethren proceeded by way of Brading and Nunwell to Wootton, and made a call for a short time at the residence of Bro. F. White Popham, J.P., afterwards continuing the journey to West Cowes, where dinner was provided by Bro. Mursell. The party reached Shanklin at a late hour, after having spent a most enjoyable day.

DINNER AND PRESENTATION.—On Saturday afternoon a dinner was given, in the Seacombe Hotel, to the employés of the *Journal of Commerce*, by the proprietor, Brother Charles Birchall, principally owing to the paper having attained its majority. The banquetting-room, in which the entertainment took place, was decorated with flowers in an elegant and profuse manner, from the nurseries of Messrs. Hughes. The catering was of the character for which Mr. Eberle is unsurpassed, and the arrangements were conducted throughout under the efficient superintendence of Miss Hobdall, the manageress. Between forty and fifty sat down to table, and amongst the gentlemen to whom special invitations had been sent were Alderman Willmer, the former Editor, Mr. Henry Greenwood, and Mr. Thomas Lee. Bro. Birchall presided, the Vice Chair being occupied by Mr. John Hide, of the commercial department. The fulfilment of the programme was initiated by the Chairman, from whom came the loyal and constitutional toasts, after which several appropriate to the occasion were proposed. Amongst those who spoke were the three gentlemen named, who referred to the inception, foundation, and subsequent prosperity of the *Journal of Commerce*. In the course of the evening a testimonial, consisting of a mantlepiece clock, with a suitable inscription, was presented to Mr. Thomas Baird, as a token of the estimation in which he is held by his colleagues and subordinates. The presentation was made in excellent terms by Mr. R. W. Cooper and Mr. Baird made a feeling reply. In the subsequent proceedings the chairman fully sustained the high opinion entertained by those who are under Mr. Baird's superintendence, a sentiment which was freely endorsed by other gentlemen. The instrumental and vocal talent of the company was very marked; a feature was a glee party, who contributed to the success of the gathering, which was in every respect a most enjoyable one.—*Liverpool Daily Post.*

The annual meeting of the St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction will be held at Barons Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 30th inst., on which occasion Bro. Frances P.P.G.S.D. Surrey (whose services in Masonry are well known), more particularly in the South and West of London, will instal in the chair of K.S. Bro. Ambrose Hall, M.A., P. Grand Chaplain, and the Rev. Brother will afterwards preside at the banquet, and will doubtless, by his geniality and companiable qualities, ensure a success to the meeting. A large number of brethren are expected.

An impressive Masonic demonstration took place at Paisley on the 7th inst. The occasion was the laying of the memorial stone of a new Masonic Hall, which is to be erected at a cost of about £6,000. The style of architecture will be that of the French Renaissance. A procession, numbering about two thousand members, was formed, among others present being Sir Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythswood, P.G.M. Renfrewshire East; R. W. Cochran-Patrick, M.P., of Woodside, R.W.M. of the Mother Lodge Killwinning, and P.G.M. Ayrshire; H. F. M'Neill, of Carnwath, P.G.M. Upper Ward of Lanarkshire, and Mr. D. M. Lyon G.S. for Scotland.—*Society.*

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THE BANQUET AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

IT is very natural that London, which may justly be regarded as the original home of speculative Masonry, should take a deep interest in its welfare. We record elsewhere, and not for the first time, the cordial welcome which has been extended to the Craft by its first magistrate, himself a Mason, and we consider it our bounden duty to make this hospitality the subject of brief comment. In March 1875, Lord Mayor Stone and the Sheriffs, of whom the present Lord Mayor Ellis was one, were invited to a grand banquet by The Great City Lodge, and though there cannot be a doubt that a most kindly feeling existed anteriorly between the Corporation and the Craft, it is equally beyond question that this invitation enlarged that feeling to a remarkable extent. At all events, Bro. Sir F. W. Truscott, when he occupied simultaneously the offices of Lord Mayor and Junior Grand Warden, appears to have felt himself impelled, by a kind of natural impulse, to reciprocate the kindly feeling towards Freemasonry which had been exhibited in the days of his predecessor, Bro. Stone, by inviting Grand Lodge and the Officers and members of his Lodge, No. 1, to a grand banquet at the Mansion House. The Prince of Wales was present, and the entertainment passed off most brilliantly. Lord Mayor Ellis, occupying, Masonically and Civically, exactly the same rank as Sir F. Truscott, has followed in the latter's footsteps, with a success almost as brilliant, the attendance only needing the presence of the Grand Master to have made it equally so. May these interchanges of brotherly feeling be continued!

THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

WE enter now on our twofold task of comparison and comment. We assume the reason why the "antient charges" which, in the present edition of the Constitutions, precede the Regulations, are omitted from the revise is that, as no alteration in or re-arrangement of them is possible, they will find their old place, or, at all events, a place in the new version as a matter of course. In this case, there was no necessity to be at the pains or expense of reprinting them. Thus the revise, as issued for the consideration of the Craft, enters at once on the "General Laws and Regulations for the Government of the Craft," and those who may wish to institute for themselves a more extended comparison than is possible in the circumscribed space at our disposal, must turn for such purpose to page sixteen of the existing edition, where the Regulations begin. It may be as well, however, if we repeat a statement we made last week. The Regulations in the revised edition are numbered consecutively from 1 onwards throughout the whole book; in the present edition, they are numbered under the several heads to which they belong.

No. 1 in the revise, which is conveniently described in the marginal note as the "Declaration," is word for word the same as in the present edition. So likewise is No. 2, "The Grand Lodge," up to the words, "The United Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England" inclusive. The proposed law then continues, "and is hereinafter referred to as 'the Grand Lodge;'" whereas in the other it goes on, "and its members rank in the following order," the list of Grand and other Officers and members constituting Grand Lodge in their order of precedence being added. This last forms No. 6 of the proposed code.

No. 3 deals with the "General powers of all substituted authorities," and corresponds with Rule 15, page 24, in the present edition. The intent and purport in each is the same, but the language in which this is conveyed differs very materially, as will be seen from the following parallel arrangement of the two Laws:—

REVISED EDITION.	PRESENT EDITION.
"The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and every other Officer and Brother who shall, in accordance with the laws and procedure of Masonry, preside or act in Grand Lodge or in any Provincial or District Grand Lodge or in any private Lodge or on any Board or Committee for or in the place of any other Officer or Brother, who may be absent shall, while so presiding or acting, have all the rights, powers, and duties of the Officer or Brother whose substitute he shall be, or in whose place he shall act, he shall enforce all rules and regulations, and his acts shall have the same validity in all respects as those of such Officer or Brother unless the contrary is expressly provided for in those laws and regulations."	"All powers and authorities, rules and regulations, for the government of the grand lodge, or provincial grand lodges, or boards, or committees, respectively, during times of public business or meetings, or proceedings, shall be used and exercised, and enforced respectively by the officers or members by any law or constitution authorised to preside or act in the absence of the grand master, or any superior officer or member in such lodges, boards, or committees, or in the general government of the Craft, as fully to all intents and purposes as if such substitute officers or members were specified in every law or constitution in which any powers or authorities are given, or rules or regulations prescribed for the principals, unless special provision is made to the contrary.

The proposed regulation appears to us to be the better of the two, being more precise and directly to the point than the one it is intended to supersede, but the introduction of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, of whom up to this point we can have had no official cognizance whatever, lends point to the remark of our correspondent referred to last week, that it would have been better had No. 3 contained the list of the members of Grand Lodge. Of course, this objection could easily be overcome by omitting all mention of the said Officers, and making the law begin "every Officer or Brother," &c. We should also, for the sake of euphony, and also because the word is unnecessary, read "for or in the place of any Officer or Brother," instead of "for or in the place of any other Officer or Brother." Reverting, however, to our correspondent's criticism, he proposes that No. 6 should become No. 3, No. 3 being regulated to No. 4, No. 4 to No. 5, and No. 5 to No. 6. In our opinion, it would be a preferable arrangement to merely transpose Nos. 3 and 6, leaving Nos. 4 and 5 where they are.

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The new rules in the order of sequence would then read: No. 2 "The Grand Lodge;" No. 3 "Rank and Precedence of Members;" No. 4 "All Laws emanate from Grand Lodge;" No. 5 "Power of final decision"—for which we would suggest the substitution of "Further Powers of Grand Lodge;" No. 6 "General powers of all substituted authorities."

No. 4. corresponds with the first part of Rule 16, p 24, with the words "possesses the supreme superintending authority" from the law "Of Appeal," p 95, interpolated, and reads thus:—

"The Grand Lodge possesses the supreme superintending authority, and 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 antient landmarks of the order be preserved."

No. 5 is *verbatim* the same as the second section of Rule No. 16, p 24. The subdivision of the present law is no doubt an improvement, but, if the new arrangement is accepted, the word "also" in No. 5—"The Grand Lodge has also," &c.—must be omitted, as being superfluous. The marginal note—"Power of final decision"—as we have already hinted, does not appear to us to convey clearly the meaning of the law, which says, in effect, Grand Lodge has the power to investigate certain matters, and it may exercise that power of itself or by delegated authority, but it alone can erase Lodges and expel brethren. We would substitute "Further powers of Grand Lodge," or words conveying the same sense. Moreover, in the law itself we would suggest the addition of the words, "except as hereinafter provided in Law 105, under 'Provincial and District Grand Lodges,'" which lays it down that, under the circumstances as described, "the grand lodge delegates to its district grand lodges, meeting under district grand masters duly authorised and appointed by the grand master of England, in addition to the powers herein given to provincial grand lodges, the power of expelling masons, and erasing lodges within their respective districts." It will be remembered that when Brother James Stevens proposed to submit a motion for the subdivision of the Metropolis into four districts, each with a kind of Provincial Grand organisation presiding over it, objection was immediately taken to the proposed "Metropolitan District Grand Lodges," on this very ground that District Grand Lodges possessed these very powers of expelling Masons and erasing Lodges, and consequently that the new bodies would possess greater powers than the Provincial Grand Lodges. Bro. Stevens, it is true, used the word "District" in a postal, not a Masonic sense, but still most true is it that Masons may be expelled and Lodges erased in District Grand Lodges without apparently any intervention of G.L. authority whatever. For these reasons, we would extend and make more compatible with fact the new law No. 5 by the addition of the exception already noted, and we would also amend the marginal note, which does not accurately convey the meaning and intent of the law.

No. 6, which gives a list of the members of Grand Lodge, may be dismissed with the remark that no places are provided for Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies and Past Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies, who should follow after "26 Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies," or for the Grand Standard Bearer and Past Grand Standard Bearers who, if we take the order of appointments as made or recorded this year for our guidance, should follow the "Past Grand Sword Bearers." No place, be it added, is made for "Past Assistant Grand Pursuivants," who should not be left out in the cold, or in accordance with the custom practised till this year should be promoted to Grand Pursuivants, and then take past rank.

No. 7, "additional members may be appointed or elected," differs from old No. 2, p 18, in this respect, that the constitution of such additional members is no longer confined to the vote of Grand Lodge. The new law reads "Brethren of eminence and ability, who have rendered service to the craft, may, by appointment of the Grand Master, or by a vote of the grand lodge duly confirmed, be constituted members of the grand lodge, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper."

No. 8 corresponds with Art. 3, page 30, with the addition that it confers on the Grand Master the power of constituting a brother whom he may appoint his representative in a sister Grand Lodge, as well as a brother regularly deputed by a sister Grand Lodge, to be members of the Grand Lodge of England, with such rank as the Grand Master may deem appropriate. This extension of the Grand Master's powers is unobjectionable.

No. 9. "Qualification and disqualification of past masters" compares favourably as regards compactness with Art. 1, page 18. It determines clearly enough that Past Masters cannot be members of G. Lodge when they have ceased to be subscribing members of any Lodge for the period of twelve months, and they only regain their right of membership of Grand Lodge as Past Masters when they have again filled the office of Worshipful Master.

No. 10 is the concluding section of Art. 7, page 19, amplified to this extent that it lays down that "a visitor can only attend Grand Lodge by permission of the Grand Master," and then if admitted, he shall not "speak," &c.

No. 11 is the first section of the same Article 7, as far as the word "December," the clause "at which none shall be present but the proper members without the permission of the grand master" being omitted. Having regard to the preceding rule, the retention of such clause was unnecessary.

No. 12 is, with a few verbal alterations, of no importance whatever, the same as A. 12, p 22, while No. 13 corresponds with A. 13, p 23, the clause "which shall be dedicated to brotherly love and refreshment" being omitted, and the restriction against private Lodges within the London district having a Masonic feast on the day of the Festival being struck out.

No. 14 treats of the nomination, election, and installation of the Grand Master, and compares with the opening sentences of A. 1, p 29, the clauses about the winter solstice and the vernal equinox being appropriately dismissed, while his installation is fixed absolutely for the day of the Festival. No. 15, provides for the appointment of a Pro Grand Master in the case of the Grand Master being a prince of the blood royal, but the clause as to his powers is omitted, these having been already determined by Rule No. 3. No. 16 provides for the contingency of the Grand Master's death, and what measures shall be taken by those next in authority. This law is substantially, indeed we may almost say verbally, the same with Art. 2, pp 29, 30. No. 17, "abuse of power of Grand Master," is the same as Art. 11, p 32.

No. 18 compares with the last section of A 1, p 29, but is greatly improved, as it enumerates the Grand Officers whom he shall appoint, and instal or invest in ancient form. In this list are introduced the "Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies," and the "two Grand Standard Bearers," whose omission from Rule 6—"Rank and precedence of members" of Grand Lodge—has already been noticed. It is further added that (1) he, the Grand Master, "may also appoint an Assistant Grand Secretary," and (2) "the Grand Registrar must be an actual Master or Past Master of a Lodge." It strikes us a place apart, or in No. 3, might have been found for this clause about the Grand Registrar.

No. 19 provides for the nomination of the Grand Treasurer in December, and his election in March. By the present law, Art. 1, p 34, he is to be elected in March without previous nomination. The provision of sureties is now no longer necessary, and is omitted.

No. 20 fixes the appointment, by the Grand Master, of the President of the Board of General Purposes; but as his rank has already been determined in Rule No. 6, the clause of the present law as to his rank, p 36, is left out.

No. 21, relating to the appointment of the Grand Secretary, corresponds with the opening part of A. 1, p 37. So much of the present laws as relates to his clerks and his duties will be found provided for in the New Rules, Nos. 34 and 35.

Nos. 22-24 need no comment. No. 25, as to the powers and privileges of the Deputy Grand Master might, we think, be dispensed with, as it is provided for under Rule No. 3, "General powers of substituted authorities." No. 26, as to the Grand Wardens, differs somewhat from the present law. Thus, for "in their absence the seniors of the past grand wardens present shall act pro tempore," it is proposed to read "in their absence the past grand wardens present shall act in the order of seniority." Of these we look upon the former as being the more correct from a grammatical point of view. Then the present law continues "If no past grand warden be present the grand master may direct any other member of grand lodge being, or having been, master of a lodge, to act as grand warden for the occasion." It is now proposed: "If no past grand warden be present, the grand master may direct any other past grand officer or member of grand

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lodge to act as grand warden for the occasion." We fail to see what is gained by the removal of one restriction as to "being, or having been, master of a lodge," and the introduction of another "any other past grand officer." Under the new regulation the warden of a private Lodge is eligible to fill a Grand Warden's chair, while a Grand Deacon is not. The present rule as to Wardens being liable to fine for non-attendance is omitted. It was never acted upon, and its retention in the Book would only be an act of barefaced hypocrisy.

No. 28 relates to Grand Chaplains, and Nos. 29 and 30 correspond with the laws defining the duties and responsibilities of Grand Treasurer, and the custody of Grand Lodge moneys and audit of Grand Lodge accounts.

Nos. 31-33, respecting the functions of Grand Registrar, remain as at present. The same applies to Nos. 33, 34, and 35, which embody full particulars as to those of the Grand Secretary, there being, however, one addition—in No. 34, that the Grand Secretary is "to receive the contributions payable by lodges or brethren to the fund of benevolence or the fund of general purposes, and pay or cause the same to be paid to the account of the grand lodge at the Bank of England." The new rules, however, are differently arranged as regards matter from the present, while a part of the latter have already been dealt with previously.

(To be continued.)

ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE, No. 37, BOLTON.

CELEBRATION OF THE SESQUI-CENTENNIAL.

THIS old Lodge celebrated its Sesqui-Centennial or 150th anniversary on Monday, 23rd October. The Lodge was warranted 23rd October 1732, by Lord Viscount Montague Grand Master of the "Moderns" Grand Lodge, and its history has recently been published by Bros. G. P. Brockbank and James Newton, as noticed in our columns a few weeks ago.

The proceedings at the Sesqui-centennial were held in the Masonic room at the Swan Hotel, the Lodge being opened at half-past four o'clock by the W.M. Bro. E. M. Garstang, assisted by his Officers, the following members of the Lodge being present:—Bros. John Booth S.W., Fred. W. Pacey J.W., Rooke Pennington Immediate P.M., William Slater P. Prov. S.G.D. Treasurer, G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G. Deacon Secretary, J. W. Poyntz J.D., Walter Pennington P.M. Master of Ceremonies, R. K. Freeman P.M. Organist, John Hardcastle I.G., W. H. Lomax and James Naylor Stewards, Thomas Glaister P. Prov. S.G. Warden (Mayor of Bolton), Samuel Isherwood P.P.G. Treasurer, James Newton P.P.G.S.D., Samuel Crowther Past Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, James Walker P.M., W. H. Horrocks P.M., Johnson Mills P.M., John Morris P.M., B. A. Dobson, C. F. Porter, John Ridyard, W. H. Wilson, and Robert Nightingale. The Lodge was honoured by the presence of the following Present and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, viz.:—Bros. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie Past G.W., Provincial Grand Master, H. D. Sandeman Past District Grand Master of Bengal, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds Grand Junior Deacon, Major-General H. Clerke Past Grand Deacon, Captain N. G. Philips Past Grand Deacon, J. M. P. Montague Past Grand Deacon, and George Mellor Past Grand Deacon, Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The following other visitors were also present:—Bros. John Chadwick Provincial Grand Secretary, J. R. Wolfenden Past Provincial Grand Secretary, F. A. Huet Past Provincial Grand Pursuivant Staffordshire, W. Nicholson Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, J. W. Taylor Past Provincial Grand Organist, T. Mitchell Provincial Grand Tyler, G. Taylor W.M. 146, Jabez Boothroyd W.M. 221, J. B. Taylor W.M. 348, W. Court W.M. 1723, John Alcock P.M. Secretary 348, N. Nicholson P.M. Secretary 1723, R. Horsfall W.M. 950, N. T. Martin W.M. 1814, J. Whitehead W.M. 1952, J. M. Rutter P.M. 221, J. Hothersall S.W. 1534, Joseph Heathcote J.D. 1952, C. E. Schuster P.M. 62, Jessop Hulton P.M. 62, Thomas Wingfield 146, Thomas Nightingale 146, A. Cooke 1030, Robert B. Seddon 1335, J. Collins 678, Thomas Wilson 1814, J. M. Bentley, Mus. Doc.

Lodge having been opened to the third degree, the Prov. Grand Officers, and Grand Officers respectively, entered the Lodge, and were received with the customary salutations.

The Worshipful Master, on behalf of the Lodge, tendered to all the brethren present a hearty welcome on the interesting occasion which had brought them together. His remarks were supplemented by Bro. Samuel Isherwood P.M. Past Provincial Grand Treasurer, the senior member of the Lodge, he having been initiated therein in 1856.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (Col. Le G. N. Starkie) delivered an address, expressing his satisfaction at being privileged to be present at such an assemblage of the brethren, and expressing his thanks to the members of the Lodge for their courteous and kindly welcome, and his earnest hope that the Lodge Anchor and Hope would long continue at the head of the roll of Lodges in his Province and be as prosperous in the future as it had been in the past.

The Secretary (Bro. G. P. Brockbank) announced that letters of apology had been received from the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, General Brownrigg Prov. Grand Master Surrey; Bros. W. J. Hughan Past Grand Deacon, John M. Wike Past Grand Deacon, C. J. Bannister Past Grand Sword Bearer, A. S. Alpass Grand Standard Bearer, Rev. W. Chaytor Past Provincial Grand Chaplain, Thomas Entwisle Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works, and others.

Brother James Newton Provincial Grand S. Deacon read an interesting paper "On Provincial Lodges to No. 105 now No. 37 Bolton." which had been compiled at considerable pains by Bro. W. Hughan Past G.S.D. of England, Past Provincial Grand Secretary of Cornwall, &c. The purpose of the paper was to prove the assertions made by the Lodge historians, "that the Lodge is the Premier Provincial Lodge in England originally warranted as a Provincial Lodge and continually on the roll to the present time." In order to do so, Bro. Hughan makes another assertion, which he fully proves in his paper, viz. "that all the Lodges originally chartered as Provincial Lodges prior to the Anchor and Hope Lodge have either been erased or for a time removed from the roll." A list of such Lodges, alphabetically arranged in Provinces is then given, showing twenty-seven Provincial Lodges and four foreign Lodges, all chartered prior to the Anchor and Hope, and which have all been erased from the roll, having, in fact, discontinued, save No. 97 (now No. 39) Exeter, warranted in July 1732, which was removed from the roll for about twenty years, and in 1770 was placed as the junior of the 1732 Lodges as No. 48; the "Anchor and Hope" then being No. 46.

The reading of Bro. Hughan's Paper was listened to with great interest, and at the conclusion a vote of thanks was cordially given to him for the same.

Bro. Rooke Pennington, B.A., LL.B., Immediate Past Master of the Lodge, read an epitome of the Lodge History during the past 150 years, narrating many interesting facts which he had culled from the History. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. Pennington for his Paper.

On the proposition of Bro. William Slater Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon, seconded by Bro. James Walker Past Master, a vote of thanks was passed to his Worship the Mayor, for kindly allowing the use of his banqueting-room at the Town Hall for the purpose of the banquet on this occasion.

Bro. G. P. Brockbank P. Provincial Grand Senior Deacon proposed a vote of thanks to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master and the Grand Officers for their attendance on the occasion. The motion was seconded by Bro. Newton P. Provincial Grand Senior Deacon, and carried unanimously.

Bro. H. D. Sandeman Past District Grand Master of Bengal, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, expressed the pleasure it had afforded him and the other Grand Officers in being present on such a unique occasion. His remarks were supplemented by the Grand Secretary, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who also expressed his own personal pleasure at being present, and intimated that so far as he knew, this was the first Sesqui-Centennial celebration of any Lodge under the English Constitution.

The W. Masters of the sister Lodges in Bolton, in turn, presented to the Lodge resolutions, which had been adopted by their respective Lodges, congratulating the Anchor and Hope on this auspicious occasion.

On the motion of the Worshipful the Mayor, Bro. Thos. Glaister, seconded by Bro. W. H. Horrocks, a vote of thanks was passed to the sister Lodges for their fraternal expressions of congratulation.

The Lodge was then closed to the first degree. Hearty good wishes were presented by the visiting brethren, and after the Grand Officers and Prov. Grand Officers had retired, the Lodge was forthwith closed.

The brethren then proceeded to the Town Hall, where a récherché banquet was provided in the Mayor's banqueting-room, by the permission of his Worship, who presided during the subsequent proceedings. The following is a list of the toasts given during the evening:—

1. The Queen, proposed by the Mayor.
2. The Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family, proposed by the Mayor.
3. Our Rulers in the Craft, proposed by the W.M., and responded to by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master.
4. Success to the Anchor and Hope Lodge, proposed by the Grand Secretary, responded to by the W.M.
5. His Worship the Mayor, Bro. Thomas Glaister Past Prov. Grand Senior Warden, proposed by Bro. J. R. Wolfenden, P. Prov. G. Secretary.
6. Our Visiting Brethren, proposed by Bro. William Slater, responded to by Bro. H. D. Sandeman, Past D.G.M. of Bengal.
7. The Lodge Historians (Bros. G. P. Brockbank and James Newton), proposed by the Mayor.
8. All Poor and Distressed Masons, proposed by Bro. W. H. Horrocks P.M.

The remainder of the evening was occupied in a pleasant and agreeable manner, by the singing of glees and songs, interspersed with recitations, &c.

It is worthy of note that among those present on the occasion was Bro. J. R. Wolfenden P. Prov. G. Secretary (an Ex Mayor of Bolton), who was initiated in the Lodge in 1831, and was also present at its Centenary on 23rd October 1832.

The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book," for 1883, will be published early in November, Scribes of Chapters and other Companions are requested to notify to the Grand Scribe E. the number they will require.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are the medicine most in repute for curing the multifarious maladies which beset mankind when autumnal heats give place to chilly, drenching days. In fact, the Pills offer relief even if they fail of proving an absolute remedy in all the disturbances of digestion, circulation and nervous tone which occasionally oppress a vast portion of the population. Under the genial, purifying and strengthening powers exerted by this excellent medicine, the tongue becomes clean, the appetite improves, digestion is quickened, and assimilation is rendered perfect. These Pills possess the highly estimable property of cleansing the entire mass of blood, which in its renovated condition, carries purity, strength and vigour to every tissue of the body.

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STRAY LEAVES FROM A FREEMASON'S NOTE BOOK.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

FREEMASONRY presents itself to us under two general aspects. One wears a solid, sober, serious air, like the cold, hard outlines of a Temple built of Parian marble, and as though its individual members were engaged in a very dignified and important work, with grand objects in view and great duties to perform, and such they *have* to do. In the Lodge, and during its labours, the demeanour *must* be carefully observed. After the labours of the evening are concluded, the members enjoy themselves socially in such way as their tastes and temperaments may suggest, but still in a fraternal and pleasant manner. Legitimate Freemasonry does not wear a cowl, as though it had just escaped from a cell, but walks abroad in the bright sunlight to inhale the pure, bracing, free air of heaven. It does not wear a long face, even at its labours, and is substantially the same everywhere and at all times; "good men and true" labourers on the Temple of Faith, Hope and Immortality. Freemasons may have their faults, and do have them, but to be pleasant and social is not a fault; they may produce laughter or a smile, but this is no sin.

A good many years ago an old and particular friend and a very prominent and active Freemason, who was much annoyed at the treatment he had received at the hands of some brother, asked me the question: "Is Freemasonry what it professes to be, or is it a mere pretence?" I replied that I believed it to be genuine, in its professions and characteristics, without any mere pretences. Recently I had occasion to write to the same brother, for we have been intimate friends since his young manhood, near forty years ago, about a matter in itself not very pleasant, and quoted his question of former years, as referred to above. In his reply, referring to that question, he said: "I can't answer you. The Order is largely composed of men; men are largely made up of human nature, and human nature is *about* the same in Mosque, Synagogue, Cathedral, Meeting House or Lodge. I have sometimes thought that the world was all wrong, but upon more mature reflection I have concluded that, taken all together, good and bad, the world makes a *fair* average out of the bad material of which it is composed. Lodges, like the churches, are not always what they should be, and Freemasons too often forget their duty to themselves and their fellow mortals; but the possibilities of Freemasonry are always the same, and when adhered to, lead to the Temple of Truth, Virtue, Morality, and good-will to man."

That describes the whole matter in the writer's usual sententious and facetious way, and much better than I can do it. I withhold the name of the writer, because I have not permission to use it publicly, but this is a correct view of Freemasonry in its grave, solid and dignified characteristics. Would that all its members could see it in the same light, instead of robing it in a kind of mock dignity and putting professions in its mouth which it hardly comprehends, and pledges it rarely makes good. As I said, Freemasonry has two sides to it. Work in the Lodge is serious and exacting. The general duties of the Craft include visiting the sick, burying the dead and providing for the needy. These are the substantial and distinguishing features of the grand old Temple of Freemasonry, and *much* more attention should be paid to these duties.

But there is another side to Freemasonry—a side view, presenting a different aspect—not of Freemasonry, but of its membership. It is a sunny view, taken on a calm, summer eve, when the perfume of the flowers and the fragrance of the foliage fill the air with Nature's richest aroma. Referring to the answer to my letter above quoted, that "men are largely made up of human nature, and that human nature is about the same in Mosque, Synagogue, Cathedral, Meeting House or Lodge," I wish to turn away from the demure, care-worn face, and bask a little while in the sunshine of human nature in its sunnier aspects.

I suppose, Brother Brown, that most of your readers were boys once; nearly all men have passed through boyhood, and we all remember the saying that "men are but children of a larger growth." Well, when boys tire of their books and problems and exacting studies, over which presides the iron features of the stern old Master, when such boys are permitted a little time for recreation on the green, and in the pure and open air, they seem to be different creatures from what they were in the school-room; they grow more and get more soul in them in a brief half hour than they would in a week pondering over their Greek and Algebra. It is just so in the experiences and memories of Freemasons, even the oldest of us. Eminently a social institution, after the labours are finished and "school is out," the members wish for social enjoyment, as soldiers when the hard-fought battle is over, around the camp fire or in bivouac, there are warm hand shakings and joyous greetings and hearty commendations—the quiet and sunshine after the tempest and storm.

Masons are like other men. At a session of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky many years ago, I was talking with a member in relation to a certain brother, when I asked, "What kind of a man *is* that, any how?" "Well," said he, assuming a look of grave thoughtfulness, "there is a great deal of human nature in him." His reply was full of meaning, and thoroughly answered my question. Some brethren, even in the full maturity of manhood, cannot forget they were once boys, and are glad to be boys again. The desire for amusement, even among Masons of mature years and prominent official position, is sometimes uncontrollable, and cannot be restrained even until the serious work of the Lodge is ended, whilst others are all dignity and decorum, and no effort can extort a smile from them. Of both classes, or rather of the sunny and puritanical, I will venture to give some illustrations, for I imagine that some of your grave, dignified readers sometimes enjoy the relaxation of a smile.

I was visiting a Lodge in Ohio; the hall was capacious and handsomely furnished; the Master was a large, dignified man, and looked as though he would brook no levity while the Lodge was at work. A brother, who was vouched for at the door, came in and, presenting himself before the altar, saluted the Master with profound respect. As he entered the hall there came at his side, but unnoticed by him, his very large and finely formed Newfoundland dog, who walked beside *his* master to the altar, and stood there with quiet dignity facing the East. The owner was not yet aware of his presence, and took his seat, but the keen-eyed Master was, and knowing that no such visitor had been announced, inquired, "Who vouches for *him*?" Waiting a moment for a reply, and not receiving one, the gavel came down, followed by the imperious command, "Put him out!" The owner rose to execute the command, when the noble animal was, like a coward, ushered into the outer room, wearing a facial expression which said very plainly: "Well, I have visited the Lodge anyhow." This almost convulsed the members, and the dignified Master had quite as much as he could do to preserve order and decorum. Evidently he had a hard struggle to control his emotions, yet he had no smile, but sat there like a marble statue in the Chair of Solomon. This is one example of unbending dignity and stern discipline in a Lodge.

And now, while I am on the subject of dogs, allow me to give you another instance of a dog in the Lodge, by way of contrast to the preceding one. Grand Master Bierce, of Ohio, had his peculiarities, and who has not? It is this, with other features, that individualises men. Bierce's peculiarities were pleasant rather than harmful, often evoking a smile, but never a tear.

He had a kindly feeling for *all* animals, but especially for dogs, and the homelier and more unattractive they were the more welcome to his friendship and caresses. It made no difference what their appearance or breed of blood, from the little, hairy-faced Scotch terrier, to the intelligent and kingly Newfoundland, all were sure of a welcome from the General. Brother Bierce was Master of his Lodge for more than twenty years. He had a small dog named Peter, who always accompanied his master to the Lodge and to church. On one occasion he followed his owner to a different church from that which the General usually attended, when the sexton unceremoniously drove him out of doors. Peter's dignity was greatly offended, and he never could be induced to enter that church again!

But Peter was always secure of a kind reception at the Lodge. His master always required him to be at his side on the dais, where, sitting on his haunches, he assumed great importance. In the matter of opening and closing the Lodge he was greatly interested, and usually followed the Deacons around during the discharge of their duties, as if he desired to see if they were correct in their work. This interested the members greatly, and especially the Master, who was much gratified at the progress his pet had made in his instructions.

Peter made such progress in his knowledge that he soon learned to distinguish the night in the week on which the Lodge met, and when the hour came for meeting, if he could not readily find the General, he would go directly to the Hall, enter, and take his accustomed position on the dais and there await his master's coming. On one occasion the General had been attending court in the adjoining county—he was an attorney in good practice—and expected to reach home in time to meet his Lodge, but was detained until next day. Peter, however, remembered the night and went to the Lodge, where he took his accustomed seat. The members waited for some time, when one asked, "I wonder if the General has got home?" Another remarked, "I think he has, for here is Peter waiting for him." But the General did not come, and Peter was compelled to go home alone. The General was greatly delighted when he heard of Peter's recollection and faithfulness, declaring that Peter's memory was much better than that of some members of his Lodge, who were more deeply interested.

Such are some of the by-plays of Masonic experience, and the pleasant addenda to the labours of Craftsmen. In good time Peter died and went to the place "where good dogs go," but his memory was cherished by his master, and his rare sense and faithfulness long appreciated. In after years, in a ripe old age, the General finished his work, and his name will long be remembered by his co-labourers "about the Temple" in Ohio. These pleasant recollections of Masonic labours and life and intercourse are scenes on which we may dwell in after years. Now and then the evening glow from the altars lights up the social intercourse of Masonic life, and gives a zest to the pleasant fellowship of the Craft when not restrained by stern discipline or active labour; while the joke and the repartee, the pleasant chat and glowing sunshine shut out anxious cares and make us forget our sorrows in the kindness and warmth of fraternal love. A cheer for the Craft—ready for labour when labour is needed, and glad of the hours devoted to rest and recreation.

"Hail to the Craft, the grand old Craft,
Which has weathered the storm so long,
Which has won renown, from Crozier and Crown,
And a lay from the child of song!"

Now let me turn over a new leaf, and copy a pleasant little story from memory's page. A good many years ago I happened to be in St. Louis while the Grand Lodge was holding its annual meeting, and concluded to attend the evening session. Having no voucher that I knew of, I sent in my name. There were those inside who knew me, and immediately came to welcome and vouch for me. Among others was one whom I felt sure I had never seen before. He was quite a young man, over six feet high, muscular, and straight as a sunbeam.

Grasping my hand he greeted me with a rough welcome, and said he also could vouch for me. Did you ever meet me in a Lodge? said I. "No, sir." "Did you ever see me before?" "No, sir." "How, then, can you vouch for me?" Why, sir," he replied, "I read your magazine when I was a little boy in my father's house, in old Kentucky; *I'll* vouch for you, sir!" I thought it a new way of obtaining a voucher, but went in.

I received a very fraternal welcome, and the Grand Master assigned me to a seat on the dais. I remember no names that were present,

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except O'Sullivan, Grand Secretary—one of the grand old Irish gentlemen of former days, and a brother by the name of Vinci, who I think is still an active member of that Grand Lodge. Who was the Grand Master I do not remember, but he appeared to be entirely devoted to the duties of the hour. The Deputy was a different kind of man—so full of fun and mischief that he could not restrain himself, even during the session of the Grand Lodge. He sat at the left of the Grand Master, while I was honoured with a seat at the left of the Deputy. The latter seemed to take but little interest in the current transactions, yet they may have only been informal, and of no special importance, but his eye was wandering, as though waiting "for school to turn out." I watched him closely, for his face and manner interested me. He appeared to dwell in the sunshine, and live on anticipated mischief. Wishing no harm to any one, he seemed to be waiting to victimise some friend.

Soon a member came in, apparently about the age of the Deputy, and, as seats were scarce, he advanced to the front and took a seat on the second step leading to the dais, and directly in front of the Deputy Grand Master. Between the latter and myself stood a basket full of scraps of paper and old tickets that had been used in voting at the election. The basket must have held half a bushel of *debris*. It seemed to be the opportunity for which the Deputy Grand Master had been waiting. His eyes brightened up at once. He looked at the basket of *debris*, and then at his friend on the step before him. The temptation was too great for him to resist, so he picked up the basket and emptied the entire contents upon the head of his victim, who, knowing who was behind him, took it as a matter of course. The Deputy replaced the basket and resumed his seat with the quiet gravity of a Quaker preacher, while the victim did not even turn his head towards the Deputy, as though he need not be surprised at the infliction of the official mischief from the Deputy, who sat in his chair with an innocence as though knowing nothing about what had transpired. I suspect it was settled that night in their room over a bottle of wine—such things *will* occur sometimes.

This was a little by-play, a gleam of sunshine that will come now and then to bring a glow over the sterner realities of life, and make Lodge meetings, when work is over, specially attractive. Most of the then active workmen in the Grand Lodge of Missouri, I presume, have retired from labour to refreshment, but it is still pleasant to recall the sunshine and summer glow of years long past.

From one of the leaves of my earlier note-books I will select another incident which *may* provoke such a smile as it did from the writer when the event occurred, and was one of the pleasant incidents that come to the hard-working Craftsman when the labours of the evening are ended. Of course, the sunny playspells are not Freemasonry, but the outgrowths of that warm fraternal fellowship and social union when hearts have been bound together around our common altars.

In former years we had a faithful old brother who tyled all the Masonic bodies in Cincinnati, and the Grand Bodies of that State as well. As there were not so many Bodies in that city then as there are now, they all met in the same Hall, and Joseph B. Covert was the Tyler, but we called him "Uncle Joe," for short. He was very fond of a joke, and would sometimes perpetrate one on some assuming young brother who lingered too long about the outer door to chat, when his place and duty were in the Lodge, and Uncle Joe desired to be let alone to attend to his work.

Among the younger brethren, I will call him Jacob, was a very faithful member in his attendance, but was usually late in coming. He would come to the door and say: "Uncle Joe, what are they doing to-night?" Obtaining the desired information he would frequently retire, but sometimes go into the Hall. This continued practice and repetition of the same question at last became annoying, and the faithful old Tyler determined to set a trap for Jacob at the first favourable opportunity, and see if he could not cure him of the habit of coming late and repeating the usual question.

One night an initiation was taking place, and the Master of the Lodge was possessed of a very stern manner, though, when work was finished, could enjoy a joke as well as any one. After the work was nearly completed, Bro. Jacob, as was usual, presented himself, and with the customary question: "What are they doing to-night, Uncle Joe?" The old Tyler rose to his feet and assumed a manner of great indignation, declared it was the most outrageous conduct he had ever heard of in a Lodge. "Why, what's the matter, Uncle Joe?" exclaimed Bro. Jacob, who was sure there must be something wrong to thus excite the venerable and usually quiet Tyler. "Matter," said Uncle Joe, "why, I never read of such a transaction in my life, nor do I think *you* have; I can hardly be induced to sit here at my post of duty while such work is being done." "Do tell me what it is, Uncle Joe? if it is wrong it should be attended to at once." "Wrong!" said the old man, giving his hands a whack together, as if to express his terrible indignation: "Why, sir, it is in violation of all Masonic law I ever read; I only wish the Grand Master would make his appearance just now! Why, sir, you will hardly believe that the oldest Lodge but one in the State, and with such a Master, should be initiating a man who can see no more than a dead horse!" "Why, Uncle Joe, you surprise me; are you sure of this?" "Sure? Did I not see the candidate and conduct him to the preparing-room? I *should* have protested, but feared to embroil myself with the Master. The ceremony will close in a few minutes, and I will then admit you and you can see for yourself."

The initiation being concluded, Bro. Jacob was admitted, and, approaching the altar, inquired of the Master if it were true that they had initiated a man who could not see. The Master at once suspected something, and in his usual stern manner asked who had told him such a singular story. Jacob said Uncle Joe had given him the information, when the Master, drawing down his heavy brows, inquired if Bro. Jacob had ever seen a person initiated into Masonry who *could* see? The question awakened a new thought, and Jacob began to suspect that he had been victimised by Uncle Joe, and asked permission to retire, but the Master would not permit it until the Lodge was closed, when all hands, including Uncle Joe and Bro. Jacob, enjoyed such a laugh as had not been heard in that hall for many a day or evening. Jacob did not forget the lesson Uncle Joe had taught him, and the Tyler was not troubled again with the question: "What are they doing, Uncle Joe?" Bro. Jacob ever afterwards came in good time, or, if his business prevented, he remained absent, yet he was the same faithful and devoted Mason as ever. If the poor were to be relieved, or the sick attended to, Bro. Jacob could always be depended on; he was ever ready with his time and his means to aid a brother, his widow or his orphan. But the kind-hearted old Tyler, and his victim Bro. Jacob, had many a laugh over the manner in which the latter had been cured of an unpleasant habit. But Tyler and Jacob have long slept under the sod, while the venerable Master still lives in age and decrepitude, as he

"Walks thoughtful on the solemn silent shore
Of that vast ocean we must sail so soon."

I believe, Bro. Brown, I have room for one more leaf from my old scrap-book, and as it refers to an intellectual malady which I believe still prevails to a limited extent, and in a modified form, "in and about" your good City of Chicago, I will copy it for the benefit of "whom it may concern." You know the disease is a troublesome one, and difficult to cure. The last case that I knew of in Ohio was one of "spontaneous combustion." No one could tell whence it came nor where it went, but like Arab robbers in the desert it went as rapidly and as suddenly as it came, and took refuge in a desert where neither reason nor religion could reach it.

The authorities had determined to erect a new Court House in Bellefontaine, Ohio, and asked the Grand Lodge of Freemasons to lay the corner-stone of the new building with the usual Masonic ceremonies. This act of the Commissioners excited the displeasure of certain ultra-religionists of the county, and they prepared and filed a terrible protest against the wicked procedure, but as you have seen so much of anti-Masonic literature I need not describe to you this offensive twaddle. It was so offensive that even those who signed it were ashamed of it, more especially when they learned that the Commissioners had determined to deposit a copy of it in the corner-stone as a curiosity of the age, and that other generations of one or two centuries hence might know of the offensive document, and of the names appended to it.

This act greatly alarmed the Antis, and they would have given almost anything to have the document withdrawn, but it was too late. It had been printed, and the boys on the street read and ridiculed it, while every man of sense denounced it. But it went into the corner-stone, and if any readers of the *Voice* should be alive two or three centuries hence they may get a peep at that curious document and learn something about the creed and professions of the anti-Masons of the nineteenth century.

THE RAHERE ALMONERS.

THE second anniversary banquet of this ancient fraternity took place on Monday evening, at Cannon-street Hotel, under the patronage and presidency of the Right Hon. Bro. Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., who was supported by the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, Mr. Alderman De Keyser and Joseph Savory, Esq., together with the members of the Court of Common Council for the Ward of Farringdon Without. There were also present a large number of Visitors, and the gallery was occupied by ladies, who appeared to take a lively interest in the proceedings of the evening, which were of an unusually attractive character throughout. True it is, "that nothing succeeds like success," and those associated with this memorable fraternity are resolved that they will, if possible, "success achieve." Perhaps at the outset, some may inquire who and what are these "ancient Almoners?" We will answer these questions. Their intentions and objects are to afford assistance and relief to deserving necessitous persons—and their name is legion—in memory of Rahere, the pious founder of the ancient priory of St. Bartholomew. In order to effect this, a fund, which from time to time will accumulate, is to be devoted to charitable purposes. In addition, offerings in kind from benevolent persons will be bestowed to clothe the naked and to feed the hungry, and this without reference to creed or nationality; "the hand of melting charity" will be opened to all whom Providence has reduced, for reasons and purposes which often it is quite impossible to fathom. The deserving will receive substantial and ready aid, the undeserving will be sent empty away. What a noble undertaking to do this, and much more! What a gracious task to clothe the naked and to feed the hungry, to minister in the name of "sweet charity" to dying wants, to comfort the widow and the fatherless, and all that are desolate under the chastening rod of bitter affliction. No wonder, therefore, that the ladies testified by their presence on Monday evening that they cordially sympathised in this noble movement. Passing, however, from this—with reluctance—for various reasons, we return to what occurred at Cannon-street Hotel. The executive of this noble fraternity are gentlemen who do things as they should be done, and not by halves. As a matter of course, in order to do what is required at their hands, there must be a vast amount of self abnegation, to which they cheerfully and readily submit. There is no looking back; on the contrary, "forward" is their watchword, and this will undoubtedly carry them through. The programme of the evening was the handiwork of Bro. Jas. Stevens V.W.G. Counsellor. Whether we regard its artistic merits, or the literary ability it exhibits, we must freely, but no less impartially, confess it is a masterpiece, and as such elicited the encomiums of all present. His is no 'prentice hand. Mr. Thos. Sangster, Grand Recorder, acted as Master of the Ceremonies, and that so ably as to put the possibility of a hitch out of the question. The City of London Rifle Corps acted as a body guard to the Lord Mayor, a flourish of trumpets, "both loud and long," heralding his arrival. The banquet was well served and unreservedly commended. During this repast a boar's head was brought in on the

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shoulders of stalwart men, and keepers from Epping Forest, preceded by sound of trumpet, and followed by choristers in procession, who vocalised "The Boar's Head" most pleasingly. This carol is annually sung at Queen's College, Oxford. The refrain was excellently-well sustained, namely—

Caput apri de fero,
Reddens laudes Domino.

On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and pledged right heartily. Then followed the Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces, to which Major-General B. Milman, C.B., Constable of the Tower of London, responded. Frater Thomas Simpson, in an eloquently-forcible speech, proposed, The Corporation of the City of London, which compliment was acknowledged by Mr. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser. The Lord Mayor next proposed, Ye Antiento Fraternitie of ye Rahere Almoners, in the course of which he made honourable mention of the Almoners, inasmuch as he personally knew that they had effected great good among those who would rather suffer privations than resort to parochial assistance. He warmly recommended the claims of the Almoners to all around him, and added that in that great, rich, and also poor city, no institution deserved more aid and sympathy than the one then before them. Although the good work they had in hand extended only over a very short period, evidence had been given that earnest men, and no less earnest women, had been engaged in the great work of doing good, and that without parade or ostentation. His Lordship then feelingly and gracefully alluded to Brother James Stevens and Mr. Sangster, and the efforts they had made in fostering and furthering the objects of the Fraternity, to whom all honour was due. The citizens of London, who had evinced heretofore an anxiety to do good, wherever and whenever appeals were made to them, would no doubt fill the coffers of the Almoners, so that every case that they deemed deserving would be relieved as fully as could be desired. His lordship coupled the name of Bro. James Stevens with the toast, which was pledged with acclamation. Bro. James Stevens, in an able speech, responded, and in a manner peculiar to himself, gave a succinct history of the Fraternity since its resuscitation in 1881. The idea had been taken taken up by a few individuals, and the funds at first amounted to shillings only; thanks, however, to his friend, Mr. Sangster, and others who had rallied round them, they had now money at command, and therefore were enabled to render assistance to many who were in indigent circumstances. It would be remembered that their first anniversary festival was celebrated at the Crystal Palace in August last year, at which he ventured to predict that the time was not far distant when the Lord Mayor would preside over their festivities. That prediction had been verified already, as they could perceive. The executive called for co-operation, so that their usefulness might be extended, and every appeal to them from their poorer brethren might not be made in vain. Those with whom he laboured found cases outside the domain of parochial aid, cases which involved much outlay, and extended over considerable periods of time. They did not intend to leave persons as they found them; on the contrary, they endeavoured to place them, after their poverty had been bridged over, in positions in life where they could earn an honest living, and start afresh in the world with a good courage. Several other toasts followed, in rapid succession. Bro. James Stevens proposed the press in eulogistic terms, which was responded to by Bro. J. J. Brinton, as the representative of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Bro. F. Toole acted as toastmaster, and the vocalisation of Messrs. E. Roberts, F. Paton, G. S. Graham, W. Sexton, Madame Worrell, Miss Florence Cater, Miss Maria Norton, together with the Minstrels, added much to the pleasures of the evening. Frater J. Lorring directed the musical arrangements. Bro. J. Stevens, when the guests were about departing bade, in the words of Scott—

"To all, to each, a fair good night,
And pleasing dreams and slumbers light."

In addition to what we have already stated, we ought to mention that the majority of those present were brethren. Thus proving that they do not narrow their sympathies exclusively to Masonic Institutions, but are "ready to do good unto all men" without stint, or letting their left hand know what their right hand doeth. So mote it be!

THE LATE BRO. JOHN FAWCETT.

R.W. Bro. John Fawcett Past Provincial Grand Master of Durham, died at half-past eight o'clock on Saturday night. Although the deceased gentleman had reached the advanced age of 83 years, he retained his faculties in a remarkable degree up to the very last. Indeed, so late as Wednesday he was one of the magistrates present on the bench at the Durham Quarter Sessions. He took his usual walk on Friday, but feeling unwell on Saturday, he remained in his room. On Saturday evening he had dinner served in his bedroom a little earlier than usual. On the butler going up about half-past eight o'clock, he found his master dying. Dr. Barron was sent for, but Bro. Fawcett was dead before the doctor arrived. He was born the 6th of May 1799, and was the eldest son of the late Rev. John Fawcett, by Mary Anne, daughter of the late Ralph Bates, of Melbourne, Northumberland. The deceased gentleman was educated at Balliol College, Oxford, and took his B.A. degree in 1821, and that of M.A. in 1824. He was a Justice of the Peace for the counties of Northumberland and Durham, and in 1817 he was High Sheriff of the county of Durham. He also had conferred upon him the honorary title of D.L. The deceased gentleman had the honour of being the oldest Provincial Grand Master in the United Kingdom. For more than half a century he has been prominently identified with the Masonic Craft. He was initiated into the mysteries at the Apollo Lodge, Oxford, on the 18th October 1820. On leaving Oxford he joined the Marquis of Granby Lodge (124) at Durham, of which he became Master in 1823, and he became Grand Master of the Northern Province on the 6th November 1847, a position he held until two years ago, when failing health compelled him to resign, and he was succeeded by the Marquis of Londonderry. On his resignation the members of the Craft presented Bro. Fawcett, as Provincial Grand Master and as Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch Masons, with a beautifully illuminated address, "for the marked manner in which for upwards of 32 years his lengthened and able administration had advanced and adorned the Order, and for the calm and wise judgment and gentlemanly courtesy, untiring and able energy, and unvarying impartiality and firmness exhibited by him in the discharge of high and responsible office, and praying that the Great Architect of the Universe might during his remaining years see fit to grant him all peace and happiness." During the period in which he held the office of P.G.M. of the Northern Province, Bro. Fawcett had the distinguished honour of installing His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as the Worshipful Master of a Craft Lodge, and he also assisted in the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England, which took place in the Albert Hall on the 28th April 1875, being one of the largest and most brilliant assemblies of the Craft ever witnessed. The deceased gentleman took a warm interest in several of the public institutions in the city of Durham. Bro. Fawcett is claimed to be one of the oldest Freemasons. It is quite true that he was in that rank, but he was not the oldest Freemason. He was initiated, as already stated, in the Apollo (University) Lodge at Oxford on the 18th October 1820, at the age of twenty-one, and at the time of his death had been therefore sixty-three years a Mason. But Bro. Philip Chetham, of Stockport, Cheshire, was initiated in the Lodge of Peace, Stockport, on the 3rd of October 1811, more than nine years before Bro. Fawcett. There is now living a Bro. James Norris, a resident in the Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon, who was initiated in the Lodge of Sincerity, London, on 10th March 1812.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE, No. 1695.

THE installation meeting of this rising Lodge was held on Tuesday the 17th inst., at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel. Present:—Bros. Davies W.M., Thompson S.W., Edmunds J.W., P.M. Eldridge Treasurer, Berry Secretary, Bastable S.D., Speller J.D, Tibbits I.G., Richmond jun. Steward, Very Tyler; also Bros. Booth, E. Cattermole, W. J. Cattermole, Ayden, Chatter, Earl, Frampton, Hawkes, Lewis, Lang, Perfect, Swinyard, Scott. The Visitors were:—Bros. Butt P.M. 907, Bond P.M. 141, Fenner P.M. 1227 and 1693, Follett P.M. 45, Meekham P.M. 1288, Mallord P.M. 1288, Oliver P.M. 1328, Pigot P.M. 753, Rowe P.M. 167, Forge W.M. 1950, Brown 350, Pierpoint 1828, Butt 1623, Matthews 1766, Baker 1471, Hoare 1765, Wilkinson 167, Barber 1314, Humphreys 167, Nunn 1531, Side 1507, Fowler 754. The Lodge being duly opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Booth was passed to the second degree, and Bros. Lang and Lewin raised. The ceremony of installation was then most ably performed by Bro. Davies the retiring W.M., and Bro. Thompson was duly inducted into the chair of K.S. The following Officers were appointed by the W.M.:—Bros. Edmunds S.W., Bastable J.W., Eldridge P.M. Treasurer, Frampton Secretary, Speller S.D., Tibbitts J.D., Richmond jun. I.G., Earl Steward. All business being ended the brethren adjourned to a récherché banquet, provided in the well-known style of Spiers and Pond. A most enjoyable evening was passed, the proceedings being enlivened by the vocal abilities of several of the brethren

Montefiore Lodge, 1017.—This excellent working Lodge, which is named after that noble philanthropist Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, who on the 22nd inst. completed his ninety-eighth birthday, met on the 25th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Air-street, Regent-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. S. V. Abrahams; Bros. P.M. Marks as S.W., Syer J.W., L. Jacobs Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, G. T. Mann S.D., Benjamin J.D., M. Leverton I.G., N. P. Vallentine Steward, D. M. Davis Organist, Gulliford P.M. M.C.; P.M.'s Grunebaum, J. Lazarus, Chev. Pollitzer, A. Blumenthal, and a numerous attendance of members and Visitors. Amongst the latter being Bros. S. Marks W.M. 368, Coleman J.W. 1614, J. B. Kysho P.M. 235, E. Cleaver (Granite), G. Chiness, Flynn 30, S. M. Lazarus P.P.G.W. Wilts, Ellis Jones 28, S. Genese 188, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened, and minutes were confirmed. Bros. Paul Levy Chancer Lodge, and E. Saunderson P.M. 153, were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. John Nathan was passed to the second degree, and Messrs. J. Sax and Percy Harbury, being duly balloted for and unanimously elected, were duly initiated into the Order by Bro. W. H. Gulliford Past Master, who, by the courtesy of the Worshipful Master, was permitted to preside. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert, provided by Brother Nicols, and superintended by Brother M. Silver. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In speaking of the Grand Officers, he made some feeling remarks on the late lamented Lord Tenterden, Prov. Grand Master Essex; all Masons in that county regretted his loss. With the toast he would couple the name of Brother E. P. Albert P.G.P. After the toast had been acknowledged by Bro. Albert, the W.M. said he had great pleasure in proposing the health of one, in honouring whom he might say they were honouring themselves; Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore; whose honoured name is associated with the good work of the Lodge. All wish him continued health. He would call on Bro. Myers to respond. Bro. Myers said he had had the honour and pleasure of seeing Sir Moses a few days since; he was pleased to say he was in good health and spirits. He would convey to him the kind expressions of the W.M. and the members of the Lodge. The

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W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates and the joining members, Bros. Levy and Samuelson; all were pleased to see them in the Lodge. Bros. Harbury and Samuelson responded. The toast of the Visitors was next given. The members were gratified in seeing how ably Bro. Marks had acquitted himself in the capacity of Senior Warden. Bro. Marks in an eloquent speech replied; he came from Melbourne, and was pleased to see how well the two brethren had occupied the chair—the W.M. and the P.M. He might tell them Freemasonry was flourishing in Melbourne. In the name of the visitors he thanked them for their hospitality. Brother S. Pollitzer Past Master had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the W.M. After so long an absence he looked younger; while his working showed that he was as zealous as when he last presided over them. The W.M. in replying said, he felt complimented by the remarks made by Brother Pollitzer; it was by mere accident he now occupied the chair; he hoped he had done so to their satisfaction. The toast of the P.M.'s was next on the list. They are all good working brethren, and the W.M. might say volumes in their praise. The Lodge was specially indebted to Brother Gulliford, who had come among them that night and initiated their two brethren most ably. He (the W.M.) hoped to see them occupying the chair. He would couple with this toast the Health of Brother Gulliford. Brother Gulliford having acknowledged the compliment, the Officers received their share of praise. The S.W. had occupied the chair for the second time, and the W.M. hoped to see him in a higher position. Brother Mann also does his work perfectly. In fact all the Officers may be looked upon as Masters in embryo. To Bro. Vallentine especial thanks are due, as no matter what duty is required of him, he is ever ready and capable of performing it. He would call on Bros. Syer S. Warden and Vallentine M.C. This request being complied with, the Tyler's toast was given, and the proceedings terminated.

The members of the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction announce that Bro. James Terry will rehearse the ceremony of consecration in their Lodge, on the first Tuesday in December next.

RECENT CONCERTS.

Jupiter Pluvius has been too terribly in earnest during the past fortnight, even for those most enthusiastic in the cause of music. Moreover, the regular duties of business must always take precedence of what we must define as "pleasurable duties." Saturday last, for instance, was a day on which the element of water—in the shape of rain—especially distinguished itself, but we manfully braved the whole force of this element and turned up incontinently at South-place Institute, South-place, Moorgate-street. Bro. Seymour Smith, who has so often enlivened Masonic audiences by his varied entertainments, had arranged to hold his annual concert, and where—on his account we rejoice—a strong Masonic representative audience had assembled for the purpose of paying this tribute of respect to the worthy beneficiary. A most admirable programme had been prepared, in which many well-known artistes took part, and the result must be described as a success in all respects worthy of Bro. Seymour Smith's claims to recognition by the Craft.

Thursday was fixed for the seventeenth annual concert of Bro. G. S. Graham, with whom likewise the Craft is familiar as a contributor on many occasions to the more convivial pleasures of Lodge and occasional gatherings. He, too, had an admirable programme, and a strong artistic force to support him, and, as in the case just noted, a triumph worthy of the occasion and of the beneficiary was achieved. Weather notwithstanding, Bro. Graham had reason to be satisfied with the loyalty of his friends and patrons.

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OLYMPIC.—At 8, FUN ON THE BRISTOL.

CRITERION.—At 8, CUPID IN CAMP. At 8.45, LITTLE MISS MUFFET. (Last night).

LYCEUM.—At 7.45, MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. This day, at 2 also.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES. At 8.30, PATIENCE. This day (Saturday), at 2.30, also.

GLOBE.—At 8, CRAZED. At 9, THE VICAR OF BRAY. (Last night).

COMEDY.—At 8, RIP VAN WINKLE.

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TOOLE'S.—At 7.20, WAITING CONSENT. At 8, THE UPPER CRUST. Mr. GUFFIN'S ELOPEMENT. (Last nights).

AVENUE.—At 7.30, SIMPSON AND DELILAH. At 8.15, MANTEAUX NOIRS.

GAIETY.—At 7.40, DONE ON BOTH SIDES. At 8.15, LITTLE ROBIN HOOD. This day, at 2.30, also.

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CRYSTAL PALACE.—This day, CONCERT. BILLIARD MATCH. Dr. LYNN, the ELECTRIFYING CONJUROR. Open Daily, Aquarium, Picture Gallery, &c.

Bro. Colonel Creaton presided at the meeting on Thursday last of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, among those present being Bros. John H. Rucker, Frank Richardson, A. E. Gladwell, Robert Grey, Joshua Nunn, F. Adlard, &c. The usual minutes having been read and confirmed, or read for information, a petition was submitted, and the candidate's name placed on the list for the April Election. Notice of motion was given by Bro. F. Richardson for the increase of the salaries of governesses and teachers, as recommended by the House Committee, after which a series of motions by the same brother, as to the salary of Miss Gardener, a teacher, grants to the Misses Goodridge and Hinson, pupils, to enable them to pursue further their musical studies, and to enable the Chairman of the General Committee to sign cheques in respect of the swimming bath during its erection, were passed unanimously. A proposal by the Chairman to invest sums amounting to £1,350 in augmentation of the Sustentation Fund was also carried, and the Committee then rose, after the usual complimentary vote to Colonel Creaton for presiding.

MARK MASONRY.

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Temple Lodge, No. 50.—The annual meeting of this Lodge was holden on the 25th inst. at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess-place, Plymouth. Three brethren were advanced to this very interesting and instructive degree. In a Board of Installed Masters Bro. James Griffen P.G.S. was installed as Worshipful Master, and after the ceremony invested the following Officers—J. Russell Lord I.P.M., Francis Beer Westlake S.W., John Dunn Barker J.W., John B. Gover Treasurer, Leonard D. Westcott Secretary, Thomas King sen. Chaplain, George Sercombe M.O., Charles Harris S.O., William Stanbury J.O., Richard Uglow S.D., Thomas King jun. J.D., Thomas Grey I.G., George Whittley Organist, William Symons M. of C., William Holberton A.M. of C., William T. Hocking Standard Bearer, Walter Frank Westcott R. of Marks, Mosley Joel S.S., Andrew Spinney J.S., William H Phillips Tyler. The brethren adjourned to the Globe Hotel for the dinner, which was admirably served, and for which Bro. Watts was especially thanked. The W.M. presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

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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 November next, at six o'clock in the evening.

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

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 19th July to the 17th October 1882, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter	464	16	5	Disbursements during the quarter	192	18	8
„ Unappropriated Account	200	9	11	Balance „ in Unappropriated Account	507	8	9
Subsequent Receipts	237	1	0		201	19	11
	£902	7	4		£902	7	4

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

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

1st. From Companions William Thompson Beanland as Z., George Hesketh as H., John Edward Wordsworth as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Wharncliffe Lodge, No. 1462, Penistone, Yorkshire, to be called "The Wharncliffe Chapter, and to meet at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone, in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

2nd. From Companions Henry George Thompson, M.D., as Z., Stampa Walter Lambert as H., Frederick Thomas Mullett as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Addiscombe Lodge, No. 1556, Croydon, to be called "The Addiscombe Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Croydon, in the County of Surrey.

3rd. From Companions William Dorkin as Z., George Bailes as H., Jacob Barker as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Norman Lodge, No. 1334, Durham, to be called "The Norman Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Durham.

4th. From Companions Jesse Gustavus Redman as Z., Charles Burley as H., John Matthew Goldfinch as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 1273, Sittingbourne, to be called "The St. Michael's Chapter," and to meet at the Town Hall, Sittingbourne, in the County of Kent.

5th. From Companions John Harvey Askham as Z., William Hayward Allen as H., George Payne as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. John's Lodge, No. 1564, Knaphill, Woking, Surrey, to be called "The Brownrigg Chapter," and to meet at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, St. John's, Woking, in the County of Surrey.

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

6th. The Committee have also received a Petition from the Principals and others members of the "Holy Zion Chapter," No. 486, Calcutta, in the District of Bengal, East Indies, praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original Charter having become illegible through damp and other unavoidable causes.

The Committee also recommend that the Charter of Confirmation for this Chapter be granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a Memorial from the Companions of the "Chapter of Charity," No. 187, Bristol, praying for a Charter authorising them to wear a Centenary Jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st of February 1882. This Memorial being in form, and the Chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Grand Superintendent of Devonshire having reported that a Chapter in his Province has neglected for several years to hold meetings or make returns, and has not replied to a Summons calling upon it for explanation of the same—and the Grand Superintendent having thereon recommended to Grand Chapter that the Chapter be erased from the Roll under Article 72, Royal Arch Regulations;

The Committee now submit the same for consideration of Grand Chapter, and have called on the Chapter, in accordance with the said Article of the Regulations, to show cause, to next Grand Chapter, why it should not be erased from the list of Chapters.

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

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ENTERTAINMENT BY THE LORD MAYOR.

THE Lord Mayor, on Friday evening, the 20th ult., entertained at the Mansion House the Grand Officers and the Officers and many of the members of the Grand Master's Lodge, of which his Lordship is the present Worshipful Master. Upwards of 150 guests were present, including Bros. Lord Carrington, Sir John Monckton, Sir Francis Burdett, Sir George Elliot, M.P., General the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, Sir Francis Truscott, Colonel Stevenson, Sir Albert Woods, Æ. McIntyre, M.P., Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Justice Prinsep, Lieut. Colonel Lyne, H. D. Sandeman, Alderman Hadley, W. Lake, Colonel Creaton, Rev. T. Robinson, W. G. Harrison, Q.C, Philbrick, Q.C., Sir John Bennett, the Rev. A. W. Hall, Dr. Wendt, W. Bristowe, Major Fernier, H. G. Buss, and Littell. The Lord Mayor proposed, amidst great enthusiasm, The Queen and the Craft, The Health of the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, and the other principal Grand Officers, remarking, in giving the former, that the way in which her Majesty was pleased to receive the address of congratulation voted by Grand Lodge upon her escape from assassination would never be forgotten by those brethren who were privileged to be present. In giving the toast The Provincial and District Grand Officers, the Lord Mayor remarked upon the very heavy duties that those gentlemen performed. Their duties, too, were of a very responsible character, and they were discharged in a manner that gave the greatest satisfaction to the Craft generally. It was with the greatest possible regret that they heard of the death of Lord Tenterden, Provincial Grand Master of Essex. All who had had the opportunity of seeing him recognised the fact that he was a true and hearty Mason. They deeply regretted his loss—a loss which was felt by the country at large. Sir Francis Burdett, replying, remarked that they had present the Past Grand Master of Canada, who ruled over a district 400 miles in extent, and the District Grand Master of Bengal, whose power extended over 1200 miles of country. Before such brethren the Provincial Grand Masters of England must feel themselves very small indeed; but, nevertheless, they successfully rallied around the brethren. The Lord Mayor next gave The Sister Grand Lodges, observing upon the great pleasure he experienced in having present such important Officers as the Past Grand Master of Canada and the District Grand Master of Bengal. As they were all aware, the great principles of Freemasonry were brotherly love and loyalty to the State to which each Mason belonged. And, in his opinion, very much of the loyalty which happily they found existing in this country and throughout our Dependencies was due to Craft Masonry. It was with extreme pleasure, therefore, that they found that at this moment the number of Freemasons was greater than it had ever been at any period in the past. Canada was a country not only large in extent, but it possessed great and free institutions, and it was with extreme pleasure that, notwithstanding evil elements, they found it still loyal to the Mother Country. As in England, so in Canada, he believed that very much of the loyalty was due to Freemasonry. He referred in humorous terms to the fact that Colonel Stevenson, Past Grand Master of Canada, was an Alderman of the City of Montreal, where they had 27 Aldermen and no Common Councilmen. Colonel Stevenson had also the proud honour of firing the salute when their Grand Master the Prince of Wales visited Canada. Colonel Stevenson in responding, referred to the universality of the Craft, stating that it was really the most important body, and had more influence on the government of the world than perhaps many of the so-called Governments really had. It was based on goodwill towards all men, and he was proud to say that there were no material differences existing between any of the Grand Lodges, and certainly none which should separate the Grand Lodges of Canada. They were striving to build up that territory on the same principles as governed that of Great Britain, and were determined to demonstrate, without question or cavil, that even by the side of one of the greatest Republics the world had ever seen, how a people could enjoy as much civil and religious liberty under a limited Monarchy as existed in a great Republic itself. At present the government of Canada cost Great Britain not a single sixpence; but they were pleased to enjoy the great privilege and satisfaction of having at their head a nobleman, the Marquis of Lorne, and the Princess Louise. At the same time, Canada enjoyed the protection of the British army, and if Great Britain continued as true to Canada as Canada was true to Great Britain, Great Britain would find on the shores of America a nation which would be a source of strength to the British Empire. The Lord Mayor proposed the health of the Grand Officers, and Lord Carrington Grand Senior Warden responded to the toast. He said that for the last few years it had been customary that the office of Senior Grand Warden should be held by a member of the House of Peers. He was happy to say that, though a member of that House, he was a descendant of a member of a great banking house not a hundred yards distant, and was proud to be a citizen of the great City of London. The Lord Mayor next proposed the toast of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, and coupled with it the name of Bro. Richard Hervo Giraud, the Treasurer of the Lodge for more than fifty years. The Hon. Bro. Justice Prinsep, District Grand Master of Bengal, proposed the health of the Lord Mayor. As an eminent example of the saying that nothing succeeded like success, he adduced the case of the honourable host of the evening. Whether in private life, in his Civic Office, as a Brother Mason, or as an Englishman, he had been equally successful, and in all these offices he was recognised as a thorough Englishman. The appreciative audience before him were fully acquainted with, and fully recognised the high qualities which had enabled the Lord Mayor to fill his various offices, to which he had risen by sheer ability; and Her Majesty had been glad to recognise that ability by conferring upon him an hereditary honour. They all hoped that future descendants of his would recollect that the year in which the honour was conferred on the Lord Mayor was the year in which he held high office in Grand Lodge. Although not Masonic, he coupled with the toast, the health of the Lady Mayoress. The Lord Mayor, in reply, referring to Burn's lines:—

> "Oh! wad some power the giftie gie us,
> To see oursels as ithers see us,"

said he wished he could see himself in the same colours as those in which he had been depicted by others, and he should be the happiest man alive. But even when a Chief Justice proposed his health in such glowing terms, he was not so foolish as to believe anything he said. His case was a very simple and plain one—in fact, nothing could be better than a letter which he received from Lord Derby when he (the Lord Mayor) was made a baronet, in which his Lordship said that the baronetcy was the reward of labour. He (the Lord Mayor) believed that was a true statement at least, and that he deserved no decoration for anything he had done in this world except for labour. He would, as long as health and strength lasted, go on labouring in several interests, among which would be the interest of Freemasonry, and the interests of his country and the City of London. After thanking Mr. Justice Prinsep for including the Lady Mayoress in the toast, his Lordship said that no entertainment given by him in that Hall had afforded him greater pleasure than entertaining his Masonic brethren that evening. The company shortly afterwards separated. During the dinner, the Coldstream Guards Band, conducted by Bro. C. Thomas, played a charming selection of music, and between the toasts Bros. Winn, Coates, and Seymour Smith sang several songs, accompanied by Bro. Fountain Meen.

PRINCE EDWARD OF SAXE-WEIMAR LODGE, No. 1903.

PRESENTATION TO LORD CHARLES BERESFORD.

A SPECIAL meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, on Tuesday afternoon, for the purpose of presenting an address of congratulation and welcome to Captain Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., the Immediate Past Master of the Lodge, on his return to this country from Egypt. Brother Thomas Page W.M. presided, and was supported by a large number of members of the Craft, including the following:—Sir H. Keppel, G.C.B., Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Charles Beresford I.P.M., J. R. Martyr J.W., Rev. P. H. Good Chaplain, A. Leon Emanuel Secretary, Lieutenant W. Latham Cox S.D., John McLeod J.D., Major H. E. Branker M.C., H. J. Long I.G., G. Sylvester Org., H. W. Townsend P.M. P.G.D., James Johns P.M. P.P.G.S.B., R. J. Rastrick P.M., Frank Bevis, J. Knowlton, T. H. Woods, G. Backler, Dr. W. Royston Pike, T. F. Wilton P.P.G.O., A. J. Wright, W. A. Marshallsay, Lieut. Southwell G. T. Bourke, R.N., P.M., G. A. Lacey, H. Chalcraft, G. M. Nelder, Lieutenant Sackville H. Carden, R.N., C. J. E. Mumby J.W. 1069, Lieutenant Rogers, R.N., Charles Reader, W. C. Primmer, J. Smith, Lieutenant W. H. Montressor, R.N., J. G. Livesay, J. R. Willson P.M., W. Maybour, E. Davis, and Carter Tyler. Visitors—Bros. H. Cawte P.M. 342 P.P.G.W., Irvine Harle P.M. 1780 P.P.G.P., S. S. Pearce P.M. 319 P.P.G.D., R. W. Mitchell P.M. 903, A. R. Holbrook P.M. 309, T. H. Williams P.M. 1776, F. Powell W.M. 903, J. Brickwood W.M. 342, Captain Wonham, R.N.; Rev. Dr. Ring, R.N.; C. Trivess S.W. 1428, H. Croucher J.W. 342, R. King, J. Russell, P. H. Emanuel, T. W. Holdstock, T. Scaddan, Adams, G. Attrill, J. Green, George Young, Arthur Jolliffe, C. A. Pates, G. Barnden, J. H. Bridle, &c. Letters of apology were read from Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, Sir H. D Wolf, M.P., the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Secretary, Lord Carrington Grand Senior Warden of England, Colonel Hay Gordon Highlanders, Colonel Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, Captain Haldane, Fredk. Binckes, &c. The business of the Lodge was admirably conducted by the Worshipful Master, who, on its conclusion, said that before closing the Lodge he had the most pleasing duty to perform that would fall to his lot during his year of office, namely, that of presenting to Brother Past Master the Right Honourable Lord Charles Beresford an address of congratulation on his success and gallant conduct at the bombardment of Alexandria, when in command of Her Majesty's ship Condor. The founders of the Lodge were fully aware that when his lordship gave consent to be the first Worshipful Master, he informed them that there existed a probability that his services would be required before his year of office had expired. Unfortunately for the Lodge those services were required, he having been appointed to take command of H.M.S. Condor. The war in Egypt afforded the opportunity for displaying that energy, zeal, and true British pluck which was characteristic of the noble family whose name his lordship bore, and that he had shown himself possessed of all those qualities was universally admitted. From the time the signal was made, "Well done, Condor," to the termination of his Lordship's services in Egypt, whether afloat or on shore, his career was most anxiously watched, but by none more anxiously than the brethren of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge. At the regular meeting, held in August, a proposition was made, seconded, and carried unanimously, that an address of congratulation should be presented on his Lordship's return, and the Worshipful Master felt sure it would be highly prized by his lordship, conveying as it did the brethren's high appreciation of those services so gallantly and cheerfully rendered to their beloved Queen and country. They congratulated his lordship most heartily on his promotion, and prayed that the Great Architect of the Universe might grant him long life, which he (the W.M.) felt sure would be devoted to the service of his country, and last, but not least, to the benefit and welfare of the Craft. The Secretary then read the following address, which was most handsomely illuminated by Mr. J. Robertson, Commercial-road, Landport, and framed in a neat oak and gold frame:—

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To Bro. Capt. the Right Hon. Lord Charles de la P. Beresford, R.N.

MY LORD AND BROTHER,—We, the members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, desire to tender your lordship our warm and hearty congratulations upon your safe return to England, after having, in the discharge of your duty to your Queen and country, been exposed to many perils both by sea and land.

We have read with pride and gratification the accounts of your gallant deeds before the enemy, and of the valuable services which you have rendered to your country. You have worthily maintained the traditions of the distinguished family of which you are a member, and have helped to shed additional lustre upon the noble profession to which you belong.

It is to us, the members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, a source of the greatest pleasure that our first Worshipful Master, who was also one of the founders of the Lodge, and who has always evinced the warmest interest in its prosperity, has by his special promotion already obtained some recognition of his valour.

We trust that your valuable life may be spared for many years, to be an ornament to the gallant service of which you are a member, and to render valuable service to Freemasonry in general.

We have the honour to be,

My Lord and Brother,

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

T. Page W.M., H. W. Townsend acting I.P.M., G. Bray S.W., J. Martyr J.W., P. H. Good Chaplain, H. Threadingham Treasurer, A. L. Emanuel Secretary, W. Latham Cox S.D., J. McLeod J.D., H. M. E. Brunker M.C., J. Johns Asst. M.C., H. Long I.G., Sam Knight and G. Backler Stewards.

Lord C. Beresford said he could assure them he meant what he said when he told them he did not know how to express himself adequately in thanking them for their magnificent address. When he at first heard of their intention he did so with regret, for the reason that he did not deserve it. During his year of office circumstances had prevented him from doing his duty as he should have wished. His next feeling was one of great pride—not for anything he had done himself, but it was in some measure a tribute to that profession to which he belonged. There was an old-fashioned expression, that you might take a horse to the water, but could not make him drink. The best officer might take a ship into action, but that was of no use, unless the men were careful with their shots, and plucky at their guns. And but for the men they would not have done what they did. Therefore he thought the honour they had done him that night was indirectly conferred on the men he had commanded. His Lordship paid a high compliment to the Marines who had assisted him in the police ashore. He wished to thank those Officers of the Lodge who had taken his duty in his absence, and more particularly Bro. Townsend, who had undertaken the work in a critical time, as the first year was always the most difficult. The Lodge now stood second to none in the kingdom, and that proved how well the duty had been carried out. He assured them that this address would be stored with his treasures at home, and it would remind him of the brotherly affection they had shown him on every occasion. Lord C. Beresford moved that an address of congratulation be presented by the Lodge to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, on his return from Egypt, and this will be considered at the next Lodge meeting. A banquet was served after the Lodge meeting, in the dining-room of the hall. Bro. T. Page W.M. presided, and was supported by Lord Charles Beresford, Admiral of the Fleet Sir H. Keppel, and several Provincial Officers and Installed Masters. The catering was entrusted to Mr. W. Maybour, of Butcher-street, Portsea, whose arrangements were very satisfactory. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, Brother H. W. Townsend Provincial G. Deacon, replying for the toast of the Provincial Officers. The W.M. said that the next toast he had the pleasure of bringing to the notice of the brethren was one that he felt sure would be drunk with great enthusiasm. When he mentioned the name of their distinguished brother the Immediate Past Master, Lord Charles Beresford, it was quite sufficent to ensure a hearty response. No words of his could increase their estimation of his deeds, which had gained world-wide fame and further honoured the illustrious name he bore. He (the W. Master) felt sure the Masonic body had reason to be proud of having such a brother amongst them. It was matter of indifference to his lordship whether it was on sea or land, as long as he could face the enemy, and his conduct before Alexandria not only commended his name to the heart of every Englishman, but made "all the world wonder." They were reminded of a well-known poem, and when they asked, "Was there a man dismayed?" they could say there was not one on board of that little Condor. England need not fear for her prestige while she had such gallant leaders as Bro. Lord Charles Beresford. The W.M. concluded by asking the brethren to drink heartily to the toast, and pray that his lordship might be spared for many, many years to be amongst them. Lord C. Beresford thanked the W.M. for the flattering terms in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for their kind and enthusiastic reception. The Navy as a service had very few opportunities of appreciating the better part of war. It made it worth while fighting when their fellow countrymen turned out to welcome them home and cheer them as they marched in. The Navy did not get any of that; after the war was over they were ordered off to their ships, except those who were unlucky enough to get promoted and sent home. After a campaign Jack and his dear old friend Joe—as they called the Marines—went off to their ship, but they knew that the people at home thought just as much of them, although they did not come home. He was sure the reception they had given him was as the representative of the "good old trade," and that they were thinking of the good fellows out there. He then spoke of the gallantry with which the Egyptians fought at the bombardment of Alexandria, and as evidence of the pluck of our men, he mentioned that the poor boy whose foot was shot off hopped on one leg to the sick bay, and, holding up his foot, said, "Look what Arabi's done to me." It was the same in the sister service, for he was told of the Highlanders at Tel-el-kebir that men in their death struggle told the others to go on and leave them to take care of themselves. After the bombardment the men went ashore, and amongst other duties they had to guard the Ras-el-Tin Palace. To shew the judgment and discretion with which they did their work, the first man they arrested on suspicion was a judge. That was very creditable on the part of the men who arrested him. Amongst their other duties was the landing of the mules and horses. He saw one petty officer violently kicked on the stomach, and when he was able to speak, he said, "I hope the animal will treat Arabi in the same way." He spoke of the work at Ismailia, and described Captain Fisher's ironclad train, of which he said each truck was made a ship in commission, with mast and pennant. With regard to Admiral Hoskins' work in the Suez Canal, he thought the admiral had not received half enough credit for it. With regard to their dear old Commander-in-Chief Sir B. Seymour, he certainly did get the credit he deserved; the way in which he organised the ships and put them into action was extraordinary. He was proud of the manner in which the blue jackets marched past at Cairo, seeing they came from different ships, and the Marines were second to none. He referred to the irksome nature of the police work ashore, and to the splendid way in which all the men worked. He described in a most humorous way a dangerous escapade of a stout marine serjeant—a gallant old fellow, who had gone too far to the front in one of the reconnaisances from Fort Meks. He was pursued by about thirty of Arabi's cavalry, and they saw the dear old fellow footing it like a hare, and whenever he got a cartridge in his rifle turning round to fire. Fortunately, with a little gun they had posted, they were enabled to scare the cavalry, and save the "fat old sergeant." The Marines had acted most gallantly on 5th August, and their steady retreat under fire was the most beautiful thing ever seen. Having referred to Sir Garnet's plan of attack, which he designated as splendid, and the plucky charge of the Household Cavalry, his lordship said there were many lessons to be learned from the war, and one was, that the transport and medical departments both required looking into; and another, was the value of machine guns, of which he gave some interesting instances. Before he sat down, he wished to propose a toast—that grand old corps, which, whether on sea or shore, or as his countrymen would put it, "where the divil ever they are," would always do well—the Royal Marines. He hoped this campaign would remove from the minds of every one, whether in or out of office, any idea of proposing to do away with the Marines. He coupled with the toast the name of Colour Sergeant Holdstock, who had been mentioned in dispatches for distinguished service on 5th August. Colour-Sergeant Holdstock, who was loudly cheered, in responding, expressed his willingness to follow his lordship anywhere. He described several incidents in the war, in which he and his comrade Sergeant Young had taken part. Several other toasts followed.—*Portsmouth Times.*

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the brethren of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, at the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., this Saturday, the 28th October. Bros. T. Cull P.M. 1446 W.M., G. Davis P.M. 167 S.W., G. H. Hunter P.M. 1298 J.W., R. Pearcy P.M. 228 Preceptor. First Lecture—Bros. Cook, Glass, Cobb, Hunter, Wright, Sparrow, Saul. Second Lecture—Bros. Hickman, Powell, Gilham, Davis, Forge. Third Lecture—Bros. Strugnell, Osborn, Sutton. At 7 precisely.

By the brethren of the St. James's Lodge of Instruction, on Monday evening, 30th October, at the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. Bros. J. Davison P.M. 299 W.M., W. Martin S.D. 879 S.W., W. Beavis S.W. 879 J.W., J. Laurence Secretary. First Lecture—Bros. G. Emblin, J. Jackson, R. Tilling, J. Cox, J. Davis, C. W. Kent, H. J. Lardner. Second Lecture—Bros. James Perkins, G. Perkins, W. Pennyfather, W. Martin, Thomas McButt. Third Lecture—Bros. W. Beavis, Clark, James Hawkins. The Lodge will be opened at 7 precisely.

Solwyn Lodge, No. 1901.—This Lodge, which was consecrated April 1881, now numbers forty members. It held its regular meeting on Thursday, 19th instant, at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green. A goodly muster of the brethren were present. Two candidates were initiated into the secrets and mysteries of Freemasonry according to ancient custom by the W.M., Brother L. N. Nicod, who did his work in a very impressive manner. Bro. W. H. Hook the I.P.M. and first Master of the Lodge, now the esteemed Secretary, presented a very handsome bound Photographic Album with gilt plate, engraved with the name of the Lodge, &c. The W.M. received it on behalf of the Lodge with much pleasure, and a hearty vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Hook for his handsome present. After the business was over and the Lodge closed, some thirty to forty brethren and visitors sat down to a banquet provided by the W.M., and a very enjoyable evening was passed. Brothers Mussared, Eagle, Bellis, and Allison contributed to the evening by their excellent singing. The usual toasts were given and responded to, the Tyler's bringing the proceedings to a close.

Bro. J. L. Graydon announces his annual benefit, at the Middlesex Music Hall, Drury-lane, on 1st of November, on which occasion several well-known music hall stars have promised their attendance. There will be new scenery, and the usual floral display.

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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.

SATURDAY, 28th OCTOBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (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
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1463—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow

MONDAY, 30th OCTOBER.

23—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
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 8. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1633—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-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)
1780—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)

62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
290—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

TUESDAY, 31st OCTOBER.

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)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, 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)
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

241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)

WEDNESDAY, 1st NOVEMBER.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
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)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (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, 616 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1545—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.)
1687—The Rotheray, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
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)
R.A. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquility, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Mora, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
504—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
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 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.)
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. 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.
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, 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)
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
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (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
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
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 (Instruction.)
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
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. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval
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, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
974—Pontalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1471—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, Deara House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1591—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Brecknshire
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. 754—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER.

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, Kew-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
708—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.

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780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
890—Honour, 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)
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1875—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 75—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 1469—Ezra, 90 Ball's Pond-road, N
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
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Fr. el Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
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
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

SATURDAY, 4th NOVEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1472—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

1459—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 795.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 18th inst., at the Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead. The members assembled at the Great Western Railway Station, Paddington, where a saloon carriage had been specially provided for the accommodation of the brethren. On their arrival at Maidenhead, Lodge was opened by Bros. W. Stollard Worshipful Master, T. B. Linscott Worshipful Master 55 Senior Warden, A. L. Jefferies, Junior Warden, Captain Finch P.M. Treasurer, H. H. Hodges P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks Secretary, J. Innes S.D., J. Greenfield J.D., E. W. Allen 173 I.G. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. A. L. Jefferies J.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the Lodge and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Allen P.M. 173, who gave a most perfect delivery of the ceremony. The W.M. having been saluted according to ancient custom, appointed and invested his Officers:—W. Stollard I.P.M., T. B. Linscott W.M. 55 S.W., J. Innes J.W., Capt. Finch P.M. 173 Treasurer, H. H. Hodges P.M. Secretary, J. Greenfield S.D., W. Allen P.M. J.D., F. Foxley P.M. 173 I.G., Nowell Tyler. An excellent banquet was provided by the worthy host, Bro. Deacon. The W.M., who ably and genially presided, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In speaking to the toast of the R.W. Sir Daniel Gooch R.W. Prov. G.M. Berks and Bucks, the W.M. said how pleased he was to propose the toast. Sir Daniel was one for whom every Mason in the Province entertained the highest regard and esteem. Bro. H. H. Hodges P.P.G.S.W. ably responded, and then proposed the health of the W.M., who, personally, he had known for many years; and he was sure from what they had seen of Bro. Jefferies' qualifications, he would be one who would study their interest, and the Lodge under his direction would prosper. The Worshipful Master, in reply, said his future actions would shew the brethren that to the best of his ability he would discharge the duties required of him in his present important position. In proposing the toast of the P.M.'s, the W.M. spoke of their qualifications, and took the opportunity of presenting the I.P.M., Bro. Stollard, with a jewel voted by the Lodge. He hoped he might wear it for many years. (The jewel is of solid gold, set with a pearl and diamond. It is of very elegant and chaste design.) Bro. Stollard, in brief and appropriate terms, returned thanks for the valuable gift. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. Allen P.M. 173, paid him a just compliment for the excellent manner in which the ceremony had been performed. Bro. Allen, in reply, thanked the W.M. He was pleased that his services had given them satisfaction. Anything it was in his power to do for the welfare of the Lodge would be at their disposal. The toasts of Treasurer and Secretary, Wardens and Officers, and that of the Tyler, concluded a very agreeable and harmonious meeting.

Loughboro' Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—A meeting was held on Monday, 23rd inst., at Bro. McDiarmaid's, Cambria Tavern, Loughboro' Junction. Present:—Bros. Sherring W.M., Warren S.W., Westley J.W., McKinley Secretary, Westmore S.D., Banks J.D., Keyse I.G., Johnson Preceptor; also Bros. Da Silva, Littlewood, Long, Carter, Skinner, Taffs, McDiarmaid. After preliminaries, the W.M. worked the first section of the lecture, and the J.W. the second. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Long as candidate. Brother Westley worked the fourth section of the lecture. All business being ended the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned till the 30th inst. A social meeting is held after business, for an hour, when the usual toasts are given, interspersed with songs and recitations. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed here by Bro. Da Silva W.M. Lodge of Israel 205, on Monday evening, 4th December. A hearty and cordial welcome will be extended to all visitors to the above Lodge of Instruction.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 21st inst., there were present Bros. W. Giller W.M., R. M. Jones S.W., E. J. Spencer J.W., R. Pearcy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, C. Lorkin Treasurer, A. Gribbell S.D., R. W. Galer J.D., Wolf I.G.; also Bros. I. P. Cohen, Brasted, Ferrar, Houghton, W. Williams sen., W. Williams jun., Archer, Burtenshaw and C. Geer. Lodge was opened in regular form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second. Bro. Williams jun. underwent examination, and being found proficient was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Williams jun. acting as candidate. The ceremony included the traditional history, which was rehearsed by the W.M. in a manner that reflected great credit. Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and from refreshment to labour. Bro. I. P. Cohen worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. C. Geer, of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, was elected a member. Bro. R. M. Jones was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—At the Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge, on Monday, 23rd October. Bros. Rowles W.M., Cotton S.W., Taplin J.W., Andrews P.M. S.D., Acworth J.D., Bailey I.G., Tucker W.M. 1612 Preceptor; and others. After preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Brooks being the candidate for both degrees. Bro. Cotton S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the meeting on the 30th inst.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—The meeting of this prosperous Lodge of Instruction, on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, was well attended. Bro. James Stevens P.M. Preceptor, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. R. Poore, opened the Lodge at 7.30, and after the minutes had been read, advanced the Lodge to the M.M. degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. R. Allison being candidate. Brother J. N. Bate ably gave the charge in the third degree. Lodge was then closed down, and the ceremonial sections of the first lecture were worked by the brethren. Amongst others present, in addition to the above named, were Bros. E. A. Francis S.W., C. H. Nevill J.W., J. N. Bate S.D., J. B. Sargeant J.D., J. Letchford I.G., F. Thurston P.M. Treasurer, John S. Terry P.M. Secretary, J. S. Eidmans, R. W. Pooler, &c. Friday, the 27th (Preceptor's night), Bro. C. H. Nevil, of the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, will conduct the working in the first degree.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—Held at the Jacob's Well, 13 George-street, Manchester-square. On Friday, 20th Oct., the members of the above Lodge resumed their weekly meetings, after the summer vacation, and a very enjoyable and instructive evening was passed. Bro. E. B. Cox fulfilled the duties of W.M. in a very creditable manner. Bros. Tribble P.M. 1287 and Dairy P.M. 141 rendering able assistance. The brethren met in very goodly numbers, and the Lodge being opened in due form, Bro. H. Moore Secretary worked the first section of the lecture. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Bridger being the candidate. The Lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, and after a short interval was resumed and opened in the third. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Chambers S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday evening. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Cox for the able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair of K.S. on this the first occasion in the William Preston Lodge of Instruction. Among those present were Bros. Wilson, Little, Bridger, Cursons, R. D. Smith, Brander, H. Smith, Parsons, Fromholz, &c. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. Coop, Preceptor of the Lodge, pleading his private avocations as a reason for non-attendance. Three new members were elected. All Masonic business being ended the Lodge was closed in due form and perfect harmony.

We have pleasure in announcing that at the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, on Monday next, the 30th inst., at 8 p.m., the ceremony of initiation will be rehearsed, after which the Lodge will be closed, when Bro. James Ozley, No. 1306, will give a reading entitled "Retrospective Rural Reminiscences." Brethren are cordially invited to attend, and doubtless many will avail themselves of this opportunity to hear Bro. Ozley.

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Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543.—This Lodge held its usual meeting at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow, on Tuesday, 24th inst. Owing to the dreadful gale, the attendance was not so good as usual. There were present Bros. H. E. Dehane W.M., Warner S.W., Rattray J.W., Clapham P.M. S.D., Calanan J.D., Rhind I.G., Snell P.M. Treasurer, W. Rowe, Russell, E. Dudley Saffron Walden Lodge. The Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. F. W. Warner, who had been elected, in his absence, W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, now regretted that, owing to circumstances over which he had no control, he should be unable to undertake the duties of the chair. Bro. Rowe was passed to the second degree. The W.M. and J.W. having audited the accounts, Bro. Dehane informed the brethren that they were correct, and a balance on the right side was in the hands of the Treasurer. After a few feeling remarks from the W.M. on the great loss the Province had sustained by the death of the R.W. Bro. Lord Tenterden, Provincial Grand Master, it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to Lady Tenterden. The brethren adjourned to a banquet, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.—A meeting was held on Monday, at the Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road:—Bros A. Jones W.M., Hammond S.W., Hubbert J.W., Chitson S.D., Clements J.D., Oxley I.G., Moss Preceptor, T. J. Barnes P.M. Treasurer, B. Stewart Secretary; also T. Knight, Brittain, Peterkin, Pringle. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brittain candidate. Bro. Peterkin offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the second degree. The Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed to the first. Bro. Moss proposed, and Bro. Barnes seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the manner in which Brother Jones had filled the chair for the first time in this Lodge,—Carried unanimously. Bro. Hammond was unanimously elected W.M. for the next Lodge meeting.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, where there was a considerable attendance of brethren, including Bros. Geo. Moss P.M. W.M., Richard Poore S.W., A. E. Albert J.W., Hy. M. Williams Secretary, E. A. Francis Preceptor, G. W. Knight S.D., J. Amsden J.D., C. H. Phillips Treasurer I.G., Hy. Baldwin, G. Flint, W. Croucher, J. S. Plummer, F. A. Smith, G. Monk, E. Bye sen. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were unanimously confirmed. By permission of the W.M. Bro. Baldwin rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in a most excellent manner, Bro. Flint acting as candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Plummer being the candidate. Lodge was closed in the second degree. On the proposition of Bro. H. M. Williams Secretary, seconded by Bro. Albert, Bro. F. A. Smith I.G. Royal Leopold, No. 1669, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Richard Poore having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and hearty good wishes expressed, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned in perfect harmony until Tuesday, 31st inst., at 8 p.m.

The Hackney Hansard.—Commercial enterprise has added to the stock of periodical literature a record of the sayings and doings of the Parliamentary Debating Society of Hackney in the form of the House of Commons' *Hansard*. Two numbers have already appeared, and it is pleasant to know that the circulation of the work has secured a deservedly remunerative return to the professional shorthand writers who are at the expense of producing it. The work is certainly well got up, and exhibits great care in the reporting and editing. Although the publication, which is a weekly one, is mostly on sale in Hackney, it may also be obtained at the offices of the Proprietors, Messrs. Walpole and Bottomley, Shorthand Writers, 90 Chancery-lane, W.C. Other local Parliaments are also about to have their *Hansard*.

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THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

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NOTHING is said as to the powers and duties of Grand Deacons, Grand Sword Bearer, and Grand Standard Bearers. No objection can be taken to the omission of the paragraphs concerning the penalties for non-attendance to which the first two are liable under the existing law; but why omit the proviso that, to be eligible for the office of Grand Deacon, a brother "must have regularly served the office of warden of a private lodge?" As a matter of fact, those appointed to the Grand Deaconships have invariably, though not necessarily, passed the chair, but under the proposed law, and in the absence of anything laid down to the contrary, a M.M. is eligible as a Grand Deacon. Here, and without apparent reason is an extension of the sphere of selection for this office, which extension is not noticeable, because nothing is said upon the subject. Again, under the existing law provision is made for the absence of the Grand Deacons—"if the grand deacons be absent, the grand master may appoint the master of any lodge to officiate pro tempore." There is some inconsistency in requiring a substitute to be of higher rank in the Craft than may be the officer for whom he is acting. On this ground we think the omission of any such or similar provision is an act of prudence. As to the G. Standard Bearers, no mention is made of them. In the existing edition is the following: "grand standard bearers may be appointed by the grand master as occasion shall require. They must be master masons, and are to carry the standards of grand lodge, grand patron, and grand master, on all grand ceremonies. They are not, however, by their appointment, members of the grand lodge, nor are they to wear the clothing of a grand officer." And there is this paragraph likewise: "Any grand officer, entitled to have a standard, may, whenever it shall be necessary, appoint a standard bearer, who must be a master mason." Last week we were inclined to consider the omission from Rule 6—"Rank and precedence of members" of Grand Lodge—of the Grand Standard Bearers and Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies as accidental, especially as they were included in the list of the Grand Officers to be appointed by the Grand Master at his installation—Rule 18. We are not disposed to alter this opinion, having in mind the grounds on which the recent increase in the number of Grand Officers was made to rest. It is obvious, however, that some insertions in respect of these are necessary in order to make the law clear beyond the possibility of question.

Rules 36, 37, and 38, severally concerning the Grand Superintendent of Works, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and the Grand Pursuivant, are substantially the same as in the existing Book. No. 39 concerns the Grand Tyler, and is the same as Art. 2, p 41, except that the words "or post," are inserted, thus giving him the option of delivering or posting all summonses to Grand Lodge, &c. Art. 1, and Art. 3, p 41, the former defining his status and the manner of his appointment, and the latter describing the penalties he is liable to in certain flagrant derelictions of duty, have no place in the proposed code. Nos. 40-49 affect the Grand Stewards, and on comparison with Arts. 1-11, "Of Stewards," pp 42-44, will be found to all intents and purposes the same, Art. 8, p 43, as to his liability to fine for non-attendance, being omitted. The Rules, however, are re-arranged, and, we think, with advantage.

Rules 50-60 concern the "Business of Grand Lodge," and their counterpart in the existing code will, in the main, be found at its pp 20-22. It will be as well, perhaps, if we reproduce them side by side.

REVISED EDITION.	PRESENT EDITION.
"50. All business to be brought under the consideration of the grand lodge must be previously communicated to a general committee, consisting of the present and past grand officers, and the master of every regular lodge, which shall meet on the fourteenth day immediately preceding each quarterly communication."	"8. *It being essential to the interests of the craft that all matters of business to be brought under the consideration of the grand lodge should be previously known to the grand officers and masters of lodges, that, through them all the representatives of lodges may be apprised of such business, and be prepared to decide thereon, without being taken by surprise,* a general committee, consisting of the present and past grand officers, and the master of every regular lodge, shall meet on the Wednesday fortnight immediately preceding each quarterly communication." . . . .
"51. If the master of any lodge cannot attend the general committee, the immediate past master may supply his place; should that brother be unable to attend, some other past master of such lodge may act for him, but in every case the past master must be a subscribing member of that Lodge."	"9. *The general committee, when assembled, shall be governed by the laws enacted for preserving order in the grand lodge during the time of business.* If the master of any lodge cannot attend, the immediate past master may supply his place; should that brother be unable to attend, some other past master of such lodge may act for him, but in every case the past master must be a subscribing member of that lodge."
"52. At this meeting all reports and representations from the grand master, or the board of general purposes, or any board or committee appointed by the grand lodge, shall be read; and any member of the grand lodge intending to make motion therein, or to submit any matter to its consideration shall, at such general committee, state, in writing, the nature of such intended motion or matter, that notice thereof may be printed on the paper of business."	8. . . . . "at which meeting all reports or representations from the most worshipful grand master, or the board of general purposes, or any board or committee appointed by the grand lodge, shall be read; and any member of the grand lodge intending to make motion therein, and to submit any matter to its consideration, shall, at such general committee, state, in writing, the nature of his intended motion or business, that the same may be read."
"53. No motion, or other matter, shall be brought into discussion in the grand lodge, unless it shall have been previously communicated to the general committee, but *it shall be competent for any member of the grand lodge to move, without previous notice being given, the adoption or otherwise of any report or recommendation contained in such*	8. . . . . "No motion, or other matter, shall be brought into discussion in the grand lodge, unless it shall have been previously communicated to this general committee."

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report, of any board or committee appointed, either by the grand lodge or by the grand lodge and grand master conjointly."

"54. The chairman of the general committee shall direct that any notice of motion which, in his judgment, is not within the cognizance of the grand lodge, shall be omitted from the list of business to be brought before the grand lodge, and in such case, he is specially to report the same, with a copy of the notice, to the grand master; the member who gave notice of the motion shall also be informed thereof before the meeting of the grand lodge."

[N.B.—No such law as that proposed is in the existing code.]

"55. All nominations for boards or committees must be given to the general committee in writing, signed by a member of the grand lodge, and stating the masonic rank of every proposed candidate, and whether a master or a past master at the time of his nomination, together with the name and number of his Lodge, and in the case of a master adding also the date of his installation."

8 . . . "No nomination for any board or Committee shall be received, unless it be in writing, signed by a member of grand lodge: the masonic rank of every proposed candidate, with the name and number of his lodge, must be stated."

"56. Notices of motion shall be set down for consideration in the order in which they were given, and, if renewed at the general committee, shall stand on the paper of business in precedence of all subsequent notices, and shall, so long as renewed, maintain such precedence until they have been considered by grand lodge, or otherwise disposed of."

8 . . . "Notices of motion once given shall stand on the paper of business in their order of precedency, if renewed at the general committee, until they have been considered by grand lodge, or otherwise disposed of."

"57. The printed report of the proceedings of the last grand lodge and a printed copy of the notices of motion for the ensuing grand lodge, with the names of all candidates nominated for any board or committee, shall be sent to all grand officers and masters of lodges in England and to the members of the Board of General Purposes and the Colonial Board at least ten days before each quarterly communication."

11 (p 22). "In order that all lodges may be duly informed of the business to come before grand lodge, the printed report of the proceedings of the last grand lodge, and a printed copy of the notices of motion for the ensuing grand lodge, shall be sent to all lodges in England at least ten days before each quarterly communication."

"58. All members of the grand lodge may have such papers of business and notices of special grand lodge meetings, together with all reports of the quarterly communications forwarded to them by post on registering their addresses and paying a fee of five shillings per annum in advance."

11 . . . "All brethren, being members of grand lodge, may have such papers of business and notices of special grand lodge meetings, together with all reports of the quarterly communications forwarded to them by post on registering their addresses and paying a fee of five shillings per annum in advance."

"59. A paper of the business to be transacted in the grand lodge shall be placed in the hands of each member on his entrance into the hall."

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"60. At the general committee, six masters or past masters of lodges shall be nominated, who shall attend, within the porch of the grand lodge, at the subsequent quarterly communication, for the purpose of assisting the grand pursuivant in the discharge of his duties (38). In addition to the six brethren so nominated, four grand stewards of the year shall also be summoned to attend for the same purpose in rotation, according to the numbers of the lodges which they represent. The grand master shall nominate six brethren to attend in the porch of the grand lodge, for the purpose of assisting the grand pursuivant on the day of the grand festival, and also on any special meeting of the grand lodge."

10 (21). "At such committee, three masters or past masters of lodges shall be nominated who shall attend, within the porch of the grand lodge, at the subsequent quarterly communication, for the purpose of guarding, under the superintendence of the grand pursuivant, against the admission of any but those who are qualified, have their proper clothing and jewels, have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are in all respects entitled to admission. The three brethren so nominated shall be assisted by three grand stewards of the year, who shall be summoned to attend for that purpose in rotation, according to the numbers of the lodges which they represent. For the like purpose the grand master shall nominate six brethren to attend in the porch of the grand lodge, on the day of the grand festival, and also on any special meeting of the grand lodge."

As regards this group of Rules as proposed, we may state generally, that the arrangement shows a great improvement, while the omission of the preamble to Art. 8, p 20, which, for the sake of perspicuity, we have given in italics, is unobjectionable. Proposed Rule 50 needs verbal alteration. Many may think us hypercritical, when we question the correctness of a "which" or similar apparently unimportant word. But it is impossible to be too exact in the wording of laws and regulations, and this rule, though we all know its intent and meaning, is liable to misconstruction. Thus the word "which" at the beginning of the last clause is intended to refer to the "general committee," but, grammatically, its proper antecedent is "lodge." The chance of such a misconstruction may be done away with by wording the Rule thus: "All business to be brought . . . . must be previously communicated to a general committee, which shall consist of the present and past grand officers, and the master of every lodge, and meet on the fourteenth . . . ." Moreover, it seems desirable that the first part of Art. 9, p 21, which is rightly enough omitted from Rule 51, should be added to the proposed Rule 50, when, with the verbal amendments just pointed out, and this addition, it would read compactly and clearly, as follows:—

"All business to be brought under the consideration of the grand lodge must be previously communicated to a general committee, *which shall consist* of the present and past grand officers, and the master of every regular lodge, and *meet* on the fourteenth day immediately preceding each quarterly communication. *This general committee, when assembled, shall be governed by the laws enacted for preserving order in the grand lodge during the time of business.*"

The last part is almost verbatim the same as that portion of Art. 9, p 21, for which no place is found either in Rule 51 or elsewhere. Now the general committee, when assembled, must be under some kind of government during its conduct of business, and the character of that government should, with as much reason, be indicated in the proposed as in the existing edition. Certainly the rules for the management of business in General Committee ought not to be left to any one's imagination.

Nos. 51 and 52 are unaltered. In No. 53, what we have printed in italics is added, for the purpose, we presume, of placing it beyond question that it is open to any member of Grand Lodge to move, without previous notice, the acceptance or rejection of such reports as those of the Lodge of Benevolence or Board of General Purposes, or of the recommendations contained in such reports. We see no reason for taking any exception to this addition, which, if it errs at all, errs through excess of caution, not through any lack of it. To Rule No. 54 it is certain that grave objections will be raised. It is unreasonable to expect that brethren will be content with leaving it to the "judgment" of the "chairman of the general committee" to determine what does, and does not, come "within the cognizance of the grand lodge;" nor is it a safeguard worth speaking of against the erroneous exercise of his judgment that it is provided he is "specially to report the same,"—that is, the motion he rejects—"with a copy of the notice, to the grand master." The chairman of the general committee may or may not be capable of exercising a just discrimination in matters of doubt and difficulty, but were he a perfect Solomon, he ought not to possess the preponderating authority which it is proposed to invest him with under this Rule. The general committee itself is left in the unenviable position of being an absolute nonentity in respect of this class of question, and it is the prerogative of the chairman alone to accept or reject such notices of motion as may be submitted to the committee. The Rule does not even say that he shall report the notice of the rejected motion to the grand master for the latter's endorsement, so that his power of rejection cannot even be reviewed by the highest functionary in the Craft. We trust to see this Rule materially altered in the direction of greater liberality, and that some other means will be found of exercising that supervision over notices of motion which all are prepared to admit is necessary. As to the other Rules in this group, they need no further remark than this: Where the language has been modified, it has been for the better, especially in the case of No. 56, the existing Art. 8, p 21, being incomprehensible as it stands.

We next come to the Rules which affect the "Proceedings in Grand Lodge." Nos. 61, providing for the

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absence of the grand master, and 62, as to the "Opening of the lodge," correspond with Art. 14, p 23, and Nos. 63, "Reading of the minutes," and 64, "Communications and reports," with Art. 1, p 26. No. 65 is Art. 19, p 25, clothed in somewhat different language. The two read side by side thus:—

REVISED EDITION.	EXISTING EDITION.
"65. No memorial, petition, or other document shall be presented to the grand lodge, which shall contain improper matter, or offensive or indecorous language."	19 (25). "When any memorial, petition, or other document shall be presented by a member of the grand lodge, either on behalf of himself or another, he shall declare that such document does not contain improper matter, or offensive or indecorous language."

No. 66—"Irregular propositions"—agrees with a part of Art. 8, p 27, and is to the following effect: "If it shall appear to the grand master that any proposed resolution contains anything contrary to the antient landmarks of the order, he may refuse to permit the same to be discussed." This is only a natural sequel to the Rule immediately preceding.

Nos. 67 and 68, as to "Silence to be observed," and "Members to keep their seats," comprise substantially Art. 2 and Art. 3, p 26, but No. 69 is new, and certainly necessary. It concerns the "distribution and collection of balloting papers," and is to the following effect: "Whenever a ballot is to be taken for a member or members of any board or committee, the balloting papers shall be distributed under the superintendence of the grand director of ceremonies immediately after the opening of the grand lodge, and the brethren shall keep their seats until the balloting papers are collected." It is surprising that such a rule as this should have been omitted all these years.

"Rule 70—"No member to speak twice"—is a decided improvement on Art. 4, p 27.

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"70. The mover of an original resolution shall have the right of reply, but no other brother shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation. This rule does not apply to the grand registrar, who is the adviser of the grand lodge."	4 (27). "No brother shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply."

Nos. 71—"To stand while speaking, &c.;" 72—Transgressing the rules;" and 73—"Hissing prohibited"—are substantially the same as Arts. 5, 6 and 7, p 27, while No. 74, on "Motions for erasure or expulsion," differs verbally from Art. 17, p 25.

REVISED EDITION.	EXISTING EDITION.
"74. No motion for the erasure of a lodge, or the expulsion of a brother, shall be made, unless the master and officers of the lodge, or the brother incriminated, shall have been first summoned to the grand lodge, to answer the complaint and be heard in person or make answer in writing as they or he may desire."	17 (p 25). "No lodge shall be erased, nor any brother expelled, until the master or officers of the lodge, or the offending brother, shall have been summoned to show cause, in the grand lodge, why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced."

For our own part, we think the latter part of the existing law would be preferable if it read thus—"shall have been summoned to the grand lodge to show cause in person or by writing why such erasure or expulsion should not be enforced."

No. 75, as to "grants of money, or alterations in the law," calls for no comment, nor does No. 77, as to the "Termination of business," but No. 76, which provides when and how the voting shall be carried out in Grand Lodge, will require to be altered so as to meet the resolutions submitted by Bro. Baron de Ferrières, M.P., in June last, and accepted and since confirmed.

"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."

This brings us to the close of our task as regards the Rules relating to Grand Lodge.

(To be continued.)

MONUMENTAL FAME.

A SHORT time since we published an excerpt from an American paper, in which were given some particulars respecting the dedication of a monument to the notorious Morgan, an impostor who lived after the manner of his species in the State of New York in the third decade of this century, and having threatened to reveal the secrets of Freemasonry, is said to have been deliberately murdered by sundry of the brethren. The rest of the excerpt consisted of a sketch, by one of our most distinguished American Craftsmen, of this same Morgan, and some particulars referring to this alleged abduction. It is, we admit, a very old story, which has been told almost times without number, and in spite of the lapse of over half a century—perhaps by reason of it—and of the most strenuous efforts made by leading Masons to discover the truth, the fate of this—to use one of the mildest terms—discreditable fellow is still enshrouded in mystery. It may be this mystery will never be cleared up. He was murdered, he was not murdered. His body was found, his body was not found, but that of somebody else was conveniently fished out of the pool below the Falls of Niagara, and made to serve the purpose of a party during a fierce political campaign. He was seen, we believe, after his alleged murder in Canada, and even within the last few years we have heard of the fellow having been found alive in one of the cities of the Turkish empire in Asia. One thing is certain, this Morgan, like many other good-for-nothing fellows, disappeared about 1826. His disappearance caused an immense amount of excitement at the time. Sundry people, including Sheriff Bruce, were tried for the murder, and acquitted. Thurlow Weed, who headed the Anti-Masonic party, when told the body found was not Morgan's, remarked "that it was a good enough Morgan body till the election was over"—unscrupulous politicians stand at nothing to gain their ends. All this and much else has been known to the whole world, and yet, on the 13th September last, a monument to the memory of this man was ceremoniously unveiled at Batavia, N.Y., under the auspices of a body styling itself "the National Christian Association." The said monument, we are told, cost 25,000 dollars (£500)—the price paid for the memorial busts to the late Earl of Beaconsfield, K.G., and the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P., Prime Minister of England, a few days since unveiled in Guildhall by the Lord Mayor, and one of the inscriptions on it describes the person to whom it is erected as "a Respectable Citizen of Batavia," and "a Martyr to Writing, Printing, and Speaking the Truth," who "was abducted from near this spot" in 1826 "by Free Masons, and murdered for Revealing the Secrets of their Order." We are also told that on the occasion of its being unveiled, the exercises included "a hymn, composed for the occasion" and "prayers by the President, J. Blanchard, of the National Christian Association," both of these being, we presume, addressed to the God of Christianity, who is the God of Truth and of Love; together with a presentation and other addresses, some of these being delivered by personal acquaintances of Morgan or "survivors of the Morgan affair."

Bro. Robert Macoy writes, "Morgan was a blacksmith, living in Batavia. He was a thief, drunkard, and wife-beater,"—facts not known till after he had been made a Mason. "As a Mason, he was an impostor, working his way among Masons by the grossest falsehoods." When it became known that he was about making public exposition of certain Masonic mysteries, he was publicly denounced by the Craft in the newspapers. On 12th September 1826, he was arrested for theft, and taken to Canandaigha. After a confinement of four days he was taken, at his own

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request, to Fort Niagara, and confined a few days in a disused powder magazine, after which he disappeared.

These are the rival versions—that of the "National Christian Association" of America—and that of a respected citizen of the U.S.A., who is also a Mason. We will dismiss the latter as being that of a partisan of Masonry, but what shall be said of a *Christian* (?) Association, which, in direct opposition to the sacred principles of Christianity, has deliberately and in public lent itself to the perpetuation of a lie on behalf of a man, who, when you have said of him the utmost in his favour, must and will remain forever as vile a specimen of the perjured liar as ever breathed. It has never been proved that this Morgan was murdered at all, or, if he was, that the deed was done by a Mason or Masons. Those charged with the murder were acquitted, and, according to every known principle of justice, an accusation, which cannot be established, should not be laid against any man or body of men, whether they happen to be benighted and bloodthirsty "Freemasons" or enlightened and liberal-minded members of a "National Christian Association." It has never been proved that Morgan was murdered by the Freemasons, but it is a fact, which even his friends have never disputed, that Morgan, having voluntarily sought admission into our ranks, and taken the obligation to keep the secrets entrusted to him, did prepare for publication an "Exposition" of some of those secrets, and was publicly denounced in newspapers for such intended purjury. We repeat, the best that can be said of him is that he was prepared to appear before the public in the character of a perjured scoundrel. And this is the man whom the "National Christian Association" has delighted to honour, at an outlay of £500, and with as much ceremony as if he had been a man of unblemished character.

Who, after this, will care to be enrolled among the recipients of monumental fame? To be placed in the same category with such as this William Morgan will be an eternal disgrace, even if it should be done under the auspices of a Christian Association.

LODGE MOTHER KILWINNING, SCOTLAND.

IF Freemasonry in Scotland, in the early days before the Reformation, as well as now, was honoured by the great, the noble and the illustrious, with their patronage and zeal, it was because Freemasonry commended itself to their honourable notice, and in becoming patrons of the Craft they became also wise Masters, and industrious, zealous and faithful Craftsmen. If they, on the one hand, looked with gracious favour upon, and participated with the Brotherhood in their good works, then, on the other hand, the Fraternity reflected honour upon them.

Freemasonry honoured her illustrious brethren. The illustrious names upon the roll of Mother Kilwinning, and other ancient Lodges, are haloed with an evergreen memory throughout the Fraternity around the world. The monasteries they founded and endowed may crumble to ruins, their castles may fall into dust, their chapels may vanish away, and even their estates may decay, and their titles become extinct; but, enshrined in the memories of Masons, they shall live throughout all time as members of the great Brotherhood, and their example of zeal and devotion to the cause become more and more felt as the years of Masonry go on.

The fraternity of Freemasons in Scotland always owned their King and Sovereign as their Grand Master, and to his authority they submitted all disputes that happened among the brethren. Accordingly we find King James I., that patron of learning and art, countenancing the Lodge with his presence as the Royal Grand Master, till he settled a yearly revenue of four pounds Scots, to be paid by every Master Mason in Scotland, to a Grand Master chosen by the Brethren, and approved by the Crown—one nobly born or an eminent clergyman, who had his Deputies in cities and counties; and every new brother, at entrance, paid him also a fee. His office empowered him to regulate in the Fraternity what should not come under the cognizance of law courts. To him appealed both Mason and lord, or builder and founder when at variance.

William St. Clair, Earl of Orkney and Caithness, Baron of Roslyn, received a grant of the office of Grand Master from King James II. He was a Grand Master indeed. He visited the Lodges, propagated the Royal Art, and built the Chapel of Roslyn, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture. Under him Masonry spread its benign influence through the country, and many noble and stately buildings were reared by princes and nobles during his time. By another deed of grant of King James II., the office of Grand Master was made hereditary to William St. Clair, and his heirs and successors in the barony of Roslyn, in which noble family it continued without any interruption until comparatively late years, the Barons of Roslyn supporting with dignity the character and office of Grand Master Mason over all Scotland.

The last Grand Master St. Clair, in 1736, being the last heir of the barony in the direct male line, represented to the Lodge the benefits which would result to the Fraternity by their election of a Grand Master to govern and protect the Craft; and in order to promote so laudable a design, he proposed to resign into the hands of the brethren, or whomsoever they should be pleased to elect, all right, or claim whatever, which he or his successors might have to preside as Grand Master in Scotland. After due deliberation this proposition was acceded to, and the Lodges being assembled, the Grand Lodge was constituted and erected on the 30th day of November 1736.

The Mother Lodge Kilwinning, however, did not acquiesce in the proceedings erecting a Grand Lodge, but continued herself to hold an independent Lodge as formerly, and grant charters to new Lodges.

It was not till the year 1807 that the differences between Mother Kilwinning and the Grand Lodge were adjusted finally by an agreement, in which Mother Kilwinning recognised the Grand Lodge on the one hand, while on the other she was honoured with the recognition of her supreme claims to be the first Masonic Lodge of Scotland, and was recognised by the Grand Lodge, on its roll of Lodges, as the first Lodge, without a number, and to be named Mother Lodge Kilwinning, with this concession also, that the Master of Mother Kilwinning should be Provincial Grand Master for the District of Ayrshire.

The elegant Chapel of Roslyn, and the old Baronial Castle, will impress the mind of the visitor with the opulence and highly cultivated art-taste of the noble family of Roslyn.

At the Reformation Roslyn was spoiled of its revenues. On the 11th of December 1688, the splendid chapel, to which no description of its elegance would do justice, was defaced by a mob; and during the early part of the last century it was in danger of falling into ruins. It was however, repaired by General St. Clair, and his successors have contributed much to the preservation of the building.

The family vault lies beneath the the pavement of the Chapel. Barons were anciently buried in their armour without any coffin.

Hay, writing about the beginning of the eighteenth century, says: "Late Rosline, my gud father, was the first that was buried in a coffin, against the sentiments of King James VII., who was then in Scotland, and several other persons well versed in antiquity, to whom my mother would not hearken, thinking it beggarly to be buried after that manner. The great expense she was at in burying her husband, occasioned the sumptuary acts which were made in the following Parliament."

A superstitious belief prevailed that the Chapel appeared on fire previous to the death of any of the Roslyn family. Sir Walter Scott, in his ballad of Rosabella, makes happy use of this belief, and alludes to the un-coffined mode of sepulture:

O'er Roslyn all that dreary night
A wondrous blaze was seen to gleam;
'Twas broader than the watch-fire's light,
And redder than the bright moonbeam.

It glared on Roslyn's castled rock,
It ruddied all the copsewood glen;
'Twas seen from Dryden's groves of oak,
And seen from caverned Hawthornden.

Seemed all on fire that chapel proud,
Where Roslyn's Chiefs uncoffined lie—
Each Baron, for a sable shroud,
Sheathed in his iron panoply.

Seemed all on fire within, around,
Deep sacristy and altar's pale:
Shone every pillar, foliage-bound,
And glimmer'd all the dead men's mail.

Blazed battlement and pinnet high,
Blazed every rose-carved buttress fair—
So still they blaze when fate is nigh
The lordly line of high St. Clair.

Bro. Sir Garnet Wolseley, on his return to London, has received a welcome in all respects worthy of his recent great achievements in Egypt. On his arrival at Charing Cross, on Saturday, H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief, the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P., Bro. the Earl of Granville, Foreign Secretary of State, Mr. Childers, H.R.H. Princess Mary of Cambridge, Duchess, and the Duke of Teck, and Col. Clarke, representative of the Prince and Princess of Wales, were awaiting him. He has since had the honour of waiting on Her Majesty at Balmoral.

A new Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees, to be called the Four Kings' Council, No. 7, will be consecrated by R.W. Bro. Chas. F. Matier D.G.M., at the Masonic Hall, 8A Red Lion-square, on Saturday, the 11th inst., at three o'clock p.m. Bro. J. L. Mather is the Worshipful Master designate.

Bro. Kuhe's Brighton Musical Festival is arranged to open on Tuesday next, and will last throughout the rest of the week. There is a prospect of some rare music, to be interpreted by some of our best artists, in store for the Brightonians and their friends and visitors.

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THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am pleased to see that you have begun the task of comparing, and commenting on, the New Rules and the Present Edition. Nothing could be more desirable for the benefit of those members of the Craft who are too indifferent, or too much occupied to consider or digest the matter for themselves. I think the correspondent you allude to was right as to the relegating Rule 6 to Rule 3, and adjusting the others accordingly, and not, as you suggest, simply transposing them, because by so doing you destroy the natural sequence in which those rules should arise. Your comments on Nos. 5 and 6 are to the point, and worthy of adoption. A further proviso in No. 7 is much required, viz., that, besides being "brethren of eminence and ability, who have done service to the Craft," they must have passed the chair of a Lodge before being eligible for Grand Lodge or any post of distinction therein. I particularly call attention to this, because, on looking over the names of the Present and Past Grand Officers, and the names of the contributors to our Institutions, we find that a large proportion of the former are conspicuous by their absence, and however much the powers that be may try to draw the line of distinction between the Craft and the Institutions, they are so incorporated the one with the other that the head may as well be said to be capable of existence without the body as Masonry without its Institutions. Charity is our grand characteristic; Brotherly Love and Relief are two of the principles upon which our Order is founded, and the finger of Truth can be extended with pride towards our noble Institutions. Let then those whom the G.A.O.T.U. has prompted to contribute to, and support, these glorious undertakings, receive the just reward of their benevolent actions, and not be passed over by those who have done little or nothing to support the foundations of the Order to which they profess to belong; and as each member of a private Lodge should only rise to the highest honour in it by merit and ability, so should the honours in Grand Lodge be conferred only on those who have proved their proficiency by their deeds as well as words. I agree with you that in Clause 18 the Grand Registrar should stand apart, the same as Grand Treasurer; also that the verbal alterations in No. 26 are not so good as the present reading. The liability to fines by certain G. Officers for absence from duty never having been enforced, it would have been a farce to have retained the same. With regard to No. 35, in my opinion the Grand Secretary having undertaken the responsible duties of the G. Treasurer, for which he (the G. Treasurer), according to the present rules, was required to find security for the due performance thereof, a similar bond should be required of the Grand Secretary. Nobody, I am sure, would have foreseen or expected the calamity which overtook our late highly respected Grand Treasurer; the most unexpected event often happens; therefore, as a double safeguard and security, no Grand Secretary, or an elect to that office, could object to enter into the same bond as all Grand Treasurers have hitherto done.

Yours truly,

ST. AUGUSTINE.

THE BANQUET AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—All must admire the loyalty to Craft customs exhibited by recent Craft Lord Mayors, and their earnest desire to extend Civic hospitality to representatives of Masonry. Lord Mayor Ellis this year, like Lord Mayor Truscott in 1880, has entertained the Officers, past and present, of Grand Lodge, and the Officers and members of Lodge No. 1, at the Mansion House. The two banquets are such as to arouse a feeling of pride and respect among all brethren. But how is it invitations have been so sparsely distributed among the representatives of City Lodges? And why, in particular, has The Great City Lodge been apparently left, on both occasions, out in the cold? This Lodge, I would remind your readers, entertained Bro. Lord Mayor Stone and the Sheriffs at a grand banquet in March 1875, and thus set the example of this interchange of cordialities between the City and Freemasonry. Yet those who had charge of the duty of arranging the recent invitations appear to have ignored the claims to representation on such occasions of this particular Lodge, and thus, entirely against their inclination, both Sir J. Ellis and Sir F. Truscott have been made to offer a slight to a most worthy section of the Craft.

Fraternally yours,

NOT A "GREAT CITY" BROTHER.

THE VALUE OF OUR BOYS' SCHOOL VOTES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My attention has just been called to your article on this subject, and I shall be glad of a little space to point out that (1) there is no force in the reasoning, and (2) that no object is to be gained by writing such an article.

(1) The voting question in its naked simplicity is one of exchange. The School says to the Craft—We depend for our existence on your subscriptions; and, to encourage you to give, as well as to sustain, your interest in our welfare, we offer you votes in exchange for your money, according to a certain tariff. The donor of a guinea shall have one vote at each of the two elections occurring during the year of his donation, or two at one election. The donor of five guineas shall be called a Life Subscriber, and have a vote at every election during his lifetime, while ten guineas will qualify a brother for a Life Governorship with two votes at each election during his life, and so on with the Vice-Presidents and Vice-Patrons, who respectively give more and receive more in exchange. What has this to do with the value of votes, which depends not on the amounts subscribed by individual brethren, but on the number of candidates, and a variety of other circumstances affecting their candidature? But you say, in your article, with reference to the election now passed, "It seems pretty certain that at the election, on Monday next, nothing short of 2,500 votes will be safe for a boy's case," and you then proceeded to reckon up their value. I suppose every one will agree with you that if two votes equal one guinea, 2500 votes equal 1250 guineas, or £1312 10s. The most diminutive pupil in the Boys' School probably knows that much. But what then? Oh, say you, but a purchased admission costs only 170 guineas (£178 10s), and therefore, there must be something wrong somewhere. With all due deference, there is nothing wrong anywhere. The 170 guineas is the present average value of the sum annually expended on each pupil during the year he is in the School, and has no doubt been determined by an actuary or equally competent authority. At all events, any average arithmetician, with the data before him, could determine the value of a purchased presentation. Hence, to suppose any one would be guilty of the absurdity of subscribing 1250 guineas to secure his *protégé's* election is to set him down as a proper candidate for admission into Colney Hatch or other lunatic asylum. I need not say that your attempted argument about the Life Governors is equally obnoxious to common sense.

(2.) What is gained by thus writing? Does it help the School? Does it secure a candidate's success? Does it promote satisfaction among the subscribers? In a word, does it do any good of any description whatever to anybody? To all these queries I take upon myself to answer most emphatically, No! Subscribers are satisfied with the tariff of votes, and the purchase price of a presentation has been fixed by authority, which no one with the slightest knowledge of figures dare call in question. If you gave an annual subscriber twenty votes in his year of subscription, a life subscriber twenty votes per annum for life, a life governor forty votes per annum, and so on, the same difficulty in carrying a candidate would occur, because instead of requiring 2,500 votes, you would have to poll 25,000, while the value of a purchased presentation must remain unalterable. Kindly take my advice, and imagine you have not written the article to which this refers.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

[There is some force, perhaps, in Bro. "Q.'s" criticism, but we think he has written in a more fiery style than is usual even with him.—ED. F.C.]

At the meeting of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Bro. J. Roberts, the Worshipful Master, announced his intention to act as Steward for the Lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. We may also state the brethren have resolved to give a ball next month in aid of the Masonic Charitable Institutions.

We have personally tested the different cocoas and chocolates manufactured by Messrs. F. Allen and Son, of Canal-road, Mile End, and have great pleasure in testifying to their excellence and undoubted nutritive properties. They rightly claim for their Essential Extract of Cocoa, which is made from the finest nibs, that it retains no oily matter, and is suited to the most delicate palate, while their Homœopathic Cocoa is in all respects as palatable as any of a similar kind we have ever tasted. There are, of course, certain well known cocoas which will always maintain their reputation, so long as they are prepared with the skill and care hitherto shown. We do not suppose Messrs. Allen and Son's cocoas will supersede these, but they will jog along side by side with them in honourable rivalry for the public support. Their chocolates are equally to be commended, and will be sure to find increasing patronage as Christmastide approaches us more nearly. We may add that we are likewise much struck with the neatness and prettiness of the boxes containing their Chocolate Bonbons.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Provision.—As autumn treads on winter, slender, delicate, and pale-faced youths become listless, languid, and debilitated, unless an alterative, combined with some tonic, be administered to quicken their enfeebled organs. This precise requirement is supplied in these noted Pills, which can and will accomplish all that is wanted, provided the printed instructions surrounding them meet with scrupulous attention. Holloway's Pills are especially adapted to supply the medical wants of youth, because his medicine acts gently, though surely, as a purifier, regulator, alterative, tonic, and mild aperient. A very few doses of these Pills will convince any discouraged invalid that his cure lies in his own hands, and a little perseverance only is demanded for its completion.

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GRAND MARK LODGE OF CORNWALL.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Mark Master Masons of Cornwall was held on Tuesday last, at the Assembly Rooms, St. Austell. R.W. Bro. Charles Bruno Graves-Sawle, Bart., the Prov. G.M.M.M. presided, supported by the following Officers:—R. W. Bro. W. J. Hughan Past G.W. of England, V.W. Bros. T. Chirgwin, J.P., ex-Mayor of Truro, Major W. E. Mitchell 206, Dr. William Mason 78, Harry Tilley 94, Bryant Wellington 206, Wilson Lloyd Fox 94, W. J. Johns 78, W. Bros. W. Trembath 175 P.G.S.M.D., Samuel Harvey P.G.M.D.C., W. Guy 275 P.G.M.A.D.C., W. Rookes 78 P.G.M. I.G., W. Wearne 175, I. T. Tillman 78, J. W. Higman 275 Prov. G.M. Stewards, J. Langdon P.G.M. Tyler.

The Report of the Prov. Grand Mark Treasurer showed a satisfactory balance in favour of the Lodge. Reports were submitted from seven out of eight Lodges of the Province. Meridian 73, Redruth, from some unknown cause, was not represented. The reports were favourable, showing satisfactory financial positions and increased membership. The only difficulty to submit was the case of 206, held at Newquay. W. Bro. Hicks said a large proportion of the members of that Lodge resided at St. Columb. The members of the Lodge generally were desirous of knowing if they could hold the Lodge two quarters of the year at Newquay, and the other two quarters at St. Columb.

The Prov. G.M.M. said that the change could not be made without the consent of the Grand Lodge in London, and he did not know but that giving permission might be thought there to be allowing migratory Lodges.

On the proposition of Bro. Hughan, three guineas from the Provincial funds were voted towards the expenses of the St. Austell Lodge. Five guineas were voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Widows of Freemasons. Five pounds were voted towards the publishing a Directory of the Mark and other high degrees of Masonry in the Province. Bro. Hughan said there was no doubt but that the Knights Templar Encampment and the Rose Croix Chapter might be induced to share the expenses. The Bye-Laws of the Provincial Mark Lodge and the private Mark Lodges might be printed with the Directory. The Lodges might thus be induced to subscribe towards the expenses, and the major part of the money returned, the Prov. Grand Lodge only making good the deficiency, should there be one. Bro. Hughan undertook the editorship. One guinea was voted to the Mark Degree present to the Duchess of Albany. Brother William Tweedy was re-elected the Treasurer of the Province.

The Prov. G.M.M.M. then invested the following brethren as the Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Thomas Chirgwin	Prov. D.G. Master
N. J. West	P.G. Senior Warden
William Guy	P.G. Junior Warden
James Pool	P.G. Master Overseer
Wilson L. Fox	P.G. Senior Overseer
T. Hicks	P.G. Junior Overseer
Rev. William Hammerton ...	P.G. Chaplain
W. Tweedy	P.G. Treasurer
A. Luke	P.G. Registrar
W. J. Johns...	P.G. Secretary
J. T. Tillman	P.G. Senior Deacon
T. J. Joyce	P.G. Junior Deacon
R. Carter	P.G. Supt. of Works
Samuel Harvey	P.G. Director of Ceremonies
W. H. Lukes	P.G. Asst. D.C.
Lieut. F. B. Williams	P.G. Sword Bearer
W. Rooks	P.G. Inner Guard
J. Langdon	P.G. Tyler
J. de Cressy Treffry	P.G. Stewards
H. F. Whitefield	
J. G. Osborne —	

In reply to a suggestion of R.W. Bro. Hughan, the Prov. Grand M.M.M. said it would give him great pleasure to attend the meetings of the Lodges if he was furnished with due notice from the Masters when their meetings were about to be held. It was accordingly arranged that the Secretary of each Lodge should include the P.G.M. in their list of brethren to be furnished with the notices of meetings. This concluded the business.

SLANDER

IF there is one trait more despicable than another it is Slander. The man that indulges in so gross a vice is invariably a sneak and a coward. We can, and do, respect him who boldly advances his opinions and fights us with weapons sharp "as Damascus steel," but we have the greatest contempt for the poltroon who stabs us in the dark, endeavours to injure our character behind our back, and insinuates falsehoods, although he dare not openly lie.

Now, if slander in the ordinary individual is so contemptible, how much more so is it in the Freemason, who has sworn in the presence of his brethren, and before high Heaven, to vindicate a brother's character, to uphold his fair name, to protect his honour, to guard with watchful eye those near and dear to him, to remember him when he bends the knee to offer up his prayers and oblations to the Great Creator? It is almost incredible that men, calling themselves brethren, dare to thus violate their obligations. There must, of course, be differences of opinion. Masons are but men, and view many matters from very different standpoints. In our Lodge-room we meet upon the square, but that does not necessitate our giving up our political opinions, or yielding in any of those peculiar religious views that we deem necessary for salvation. We leave the Lodge-room and we are still brothers, still linked together by the indissoluble chain of Faith, Love and Charity, and yet—yes, and yet, Masons at times dare to slander one another.

We have recently seen a notable instance of this, to which we have elsewhere referred, and which has caused the blush of shame and indignation to mantle on the cheek of every honest Craftsman in Ontario who noticed it. It is high time this system of thus stabbing in the dark, and attempting by such means to injure the name and character of a brother under some *nom de plume* were checked. If there is any cause for discontent, or provocation for public comment, let the writer do so openly and above-board, and not go sneakingly to work to damn a man, without giving him the opportunity of defending himself face to face.

If any Mason in this country has any grievances to adjust, he has every opportunity of "airing" them at the proper time, and in the proper place. We have no "hole and corner" arrangements, in which "dark and mysterious deeds" are done. In the G. Lodge every brother can be represented, either by himself or some friend, if he himself has not attained the proper qualification for a seat in that body, and there every consideration will be given to his views. Again, he has the Masonic press, with its columns ever open to the vindication of the principles of the Craft; but there is no reason or excuse for any Mason in Canada making a low, base, scurrilous attack upon another under a *nom de plume*, thus not only possibly injuring the person attacked, but perchance casting suspicion upon those who would scorn to take such an undue advantage of a brother Hiramite, or, in fact, of any honest man. We trust the foul tongue of slander will cease, at least for a time, in the land of the beaver and the maple.—*Canadian Craftsman.*

THE UNITY THEORY.

THE *Voice of Masonry* continues its Unity Theory doctrine with a perseverence worthy of a better cause. We cannot understand how any brother, of the well-known ability of the editor of that journal, can advocate a system which would, in many instances, absolutely prevent the formation of Grand Lodges in such territorial jurisdictions as had Lodges working in the same under different Grand Lodges. Does the *Voice of Masonry* pretend to assert that in a Province like Quebec a Grand Lodge is not to be formed, or, if organised, not to be recognised, until all the Lodges unite in the movement? If so, Masonry would have remained in a state of chaos and discontent there for years and years. Why is Quebec to be deprived of the rights, titles, privileges and prestige of a Grand Lodge, because three English Lodges, that Bro. Hughan admits are not in as flourishing condition as formerly, are obstinate, and refuse to unite in a movement for a self-governing body? Yet Quebec—priest-ridden Quebec—that requires a Masonic executive and legislative head more than any other Province in the Dominion, is to be robbed of her Masonic rights because, forsooth, a few worthy old fogyish gentlemen think they would rather have a Lodge or two to themselves—run on a sort of independent basis—a kind of independent, irresponsible association.

Note the trouble and discord concurrent jurisdiction produces. A man is rejected in a Quebec Lodge and at once may be accepted in an English Lodge in Montreal. Dare the *Voice of Masonry* say it is advisable to uphold such a state of affairs? Lodges in Ontario under foreign jurisdictions constantly did this, both before and after the Grand Lodge of Canada was organised, and it is only after years of labour that this crying injustice has ceased. Yet the *Voice of Masonry* argues that we are to allow this state of affairs to exist rather than attempt, after every other means have failed, to enforce such Lodges to unite with the Grand Body of the jurisdiction in which they are working, or surrender their charters.

If the theory of the *Voice of Masonry* is correct, then one insignificant country Lodge, composed of eight or ten members, can prevent one hundred Lodges, with a membership of two thousand, from organising into a Grand Lodge; they can say: "Your funds shall go to a foreign country; you shall pay salaries to officials appointed by a distant jurisdiction; you shall not be permitted to make your own laws or regulate your own fees; in a word, you shall be ruled by those who care little about you, and shall pay your money over to those who will, in all probability, never interest themselves in any way as to your actions." This is exactly the position in which every colony in Australia, New Zealand and Canada would have been placed, if this Unity Theory had been adopted in these countries.

If we in Canada had waited before we organised a Grand Lodge till we had every Lodge of one mind, we should have been sending our money to England, Ireland and Scotland to-day, yet we can proudly point to our Fund of Benevolence, such as few Grand Lodges in the United States can equal; our yearly charities, amounting to thousands of dollars, are now annually running up to the five figures; and to the fact that the Grand Lodge of Canada has never refused assistance in a single instance, during her existence of over a quarter of a century, to an applicant worthy of relief. If the Unity Theory of the *Voice of Masonry* had been held by Canadian Masons, there would not have been a Grand Lodge of Canada to-day, and our funds would have gone to swell the coffers of the Grand Lodges of Great Britain. Let the *Voice of Masonry* note the enormous sums now sent annually from Australia and New Zealand for charters, diplomas, &c., to the Mother Country. Would it not be better to keep their money in their own respective jurisdictions, to be applied as they saw fit?

The Unity Theory is simply a theory. We note the list of Grand Lodges that the *Voice* gives, and what is the result? Two of these Grand Lodges were organised by two Lodges each, viz., Rhode Island and Vermont; twelve by three Lodges each, viz., California, Colorada, Florida, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, Texas, Utah and Wisconsin; five by four Lodges each, viz., Arkansas (either three or four), Idaho, Iowa, Mississippi and Washington Territory; three by five each, viz., Kentucky,

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Louisiana and Ohio. Thus we see in the case of these twenty-two Grand Lodges organised on the Unity Theory system, although we do not admit Ohio was, there could scarcely be anything else but unity, considering the "smallness" of the number of the Lodges in each jurisdiction. In the list of thirty-five Grand Lodges organised on the Unity Theory system, as given in the *Voice*, in no case was the number of Lodges in any given jurisdiction more than twelve, excepting in Maine, which was merely a quiet and peaceful separation from Massachusetts. What we maintain is, that if the Unity Theory is to be the only dogma by which a Grand Lodge can be organised, it will be dozens of years before any of the colonies of Australia or New Zealand can obtain a Grand Lodge of their own.

The *Voice of Masonry* must admit it is a very simple matter to have Unity in the foundation of a Grand Lodge where only two or three Lodges exist in the jurisdiction, but how different when there are forty, fifty, seventy, or one hundred working under totally different, if not opposing, forms of Constitution. Then the Unity Theory falls to the ground, and proves its utter inability to meet the requirements of the case. If everything in Masonry is to be based upon "our (the 'Voice's') doctrine, the Lord's doctrine, Freemasonry's doctrine of Unity," then our Officers must be unanimously elected, and then no subject can be settled without unity.

The whole thing is utter nonsense from beginning to end, and, with all due deference to the learned editor of the *Voice of Masonry*, merely a little hobby of his own, that he has started to make himself and his journal somewhat prominent. We again ask the *Voice of Masonry* to answer the question—"Is the Grand Lodge of Scotland a legitimate and legally constituted Sovereign Body, and one which it will recognise as such?" The "Voice" says, again and again, we will not recognise the Grand Lodge of Quebec as a Grand Lodge because there are three Lodges working within its jurisdiction that do not recognise its authority. Well, then, if it will not recognise the Grand Lodge of Quebec for that reason, how can it acknowledge the Grand Lodge of Scotland as Sovereign when it well knows Melrose Lodge works independently of that Grand Body, claiming the privilege of so doing on its Time Immemorial rights. Let the *Voice of Masonry* answer this question fairly and squarely; then we will be able to appreciate its consistency or comprehend its inconsistency.

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THE PYRAMIDS.

IT would seem as though we are only beginning to learn something of the hitherto secret things contained in the Pyramids. Whether Freemasons will have greater reason for congratulation than other persons or societies, because of these later discoveries, must remain for future developments, but certain it is they cannot fail to have a lively interest in what is already known. The labours of M. Mariette and of Brugsch are being materially enhanced by those of M. Maspero, successor of the former, who says, "that the texts of the newly opened pyramids will revolutionize Egyptology." He declares that the great pyramid fields of Sakkara, Ghiza and Darbour present a symmetrical historical map of the kings of the earliest Egyptian era. Not every pyramid, but groups of pyramids are so placed that the position of any given pyramid of any given period can be determined beforehand. Three new pyramids have been opened. M. Maspero further says, "Mariette has found Pepi I. and Rameron II., and between us we have nearly completed the sixth dynasty. The excavations are to continue in my absence. In June and July 1882 three new pyramids are to be opened.

Dr. Brugsch, the well-known Egyptologist, recently lectured in Vienna on the latest discoveries in the Nile country, especially the finding of the Theban antiquities and the inscriptions in the pyramids. He said that through all antiquity could be traced a spirit of reverence towards the dead. Among the Egyptians three laws were prominent in religion, the first of which was to praise and thank God, the second to love all mankind, and the third to honour the dead. Hence their dead were buried with great solemnity and ceremony. The Egyptians, however, were not the grave and gloomy people they are commonly represented to have been, but were extremely cheerful and fond of enjoyment. Of this he found proof in an inscription on the tomb of a woman who died in the year 25 B.C: "Oh, my brothers, my spouse, my friends," she is represented as saying, "drink, love and be joyful, for the dead are dead, and for them there is no return nor union with the living."

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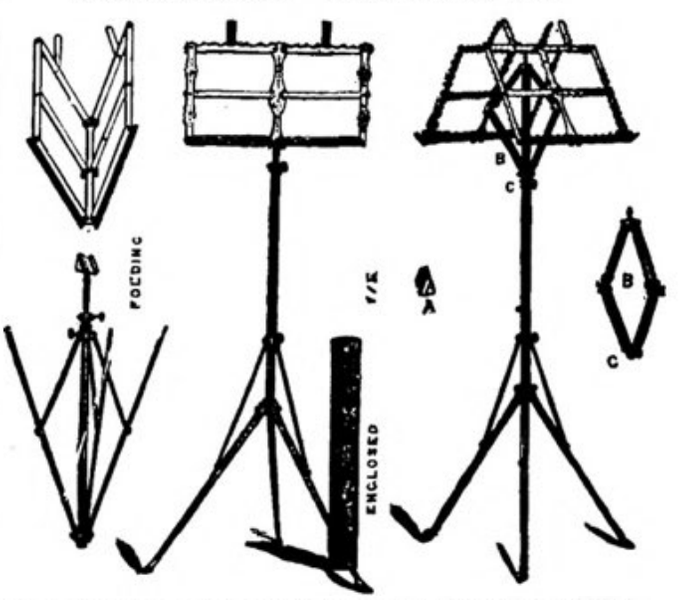

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, was held on Wednesday, the 1st instant, at Freemasons' Hall. The First Principal's chair was occupied by Companion E. E. Wendt, D.C.L., the Second by Colonel Creaton Grand Treasurer, and the Third by Companion James Glaisher. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E., Major Penrice S.N., Rev. H. Adair Pickard, M.A., as P.S., W. G. Harrison, Q.C., 1st A.S., Rev. Thomas Robinson 2nd A.S., C. A. Murton, Charles Greenwood D.C., J. March Case, Rev. C. W. Arnold, Robert Grey, Peter de Lande Long, Thomas Fenn, J. Lewis Thomas, J. Sampson Peirce, Rev. A. W. Hall, Joshua Nunn, H. J. P. Dumas, A. W. Royds Grand Sword Bearer, John Messent, Wilhelm Ganz G. Organist, and H. G. Buss Past Grand Standard Bearer, were also present; besides the Principals and Past Principals of several subordinate Chapters. After the reading, and confirmation of the minutes, charters were, on the motion of Colonel Creaton, seconded by the Rev. C. W. Arnold, granted to—

1st. Companions William Thompson Beanland as Z., George Hesketh as H., John Edward Wordsworth as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Wharncliffe Lodge, No. 1462, Penistone, Yorkshire, to be called "The Wharncliffe Chapter, and to meet at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Peniston, in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

2nd. Companions Henry George Thompson, M.D., as Z., Stampa Walter Lambert as H., Frederick Thomas Mullett as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Addiscombe Lodge, No. 1556, Croydon, to be called "The Addiscombe Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Croydon, in the County of Surrey.

3rd. Companions George Greenwell as Z., George Bailes as H., Jacob Barker as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Norman Lodge, No. 1334, Durham, to be called "The Norman Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Durham.

4th. Companions Jesse Gustavus Redman as Z., Charles Burley as H., John Matthew Goldfinch as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 1273, Sittingbourne, to

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be called "The St. Michael's Chapter," and to meet at the Town Hall, Sittingbourne, in the County of Kent.

5th. Companions John Harvey Askham as Z., William Hayward Allen as H., George Payne as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. John's Lodge, No. 1564, Knaphill, Woking, Surrey, to be called "The Brownrigg Chapter," and to meet at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, St. John's, Woking, in the County of Surrey.

A charter of confirmation was granted to the Principals and other members of the "Holy Zion Chapter," No. 486, Calcutta, the original Charter having become illegible through damp and other unavoidable causes.

A charter was also granted to the Companions of the "Chapter of Charity," No. 187, Bristol, authorising them to wear a Centenary Jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st of February 1882, the Chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years.

The Jerusalem Chapter, No. 444, Starcross, had neglected for several years to hold meetings or make returns, and not replied to a Summons calling upon it for explanation of the same—and the Grand Superintendent of Devon having thereon recommended to Grand Chapter that the Chapter be erased from the Roll under Article 72, Royal Arch Regulations, the Chapter not having showed cause to Grand Chapter, why it should not be erased from the list of Chapters, was ordered to be erased, and Grand Chapter was then closed.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—This eminent Chapter of Improvement has resumed its weekly meetings for the season, at its old quarters, in the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, and, as of yore, its convocations are well attended, notwithstanding the comparatively early hour (6,30) at which the Companions assemble; this, however, has been arranged to suit the convenience of members living at a distance from the City. Comp. F. Brown still fulfils the duties of Preceptor, and it is needless to say the Ritual of Freemasonry, under his auspices, is correctly interpreted. The meeting on Tuesday last was well attended, when the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, with the following Officers: Companions Briggs Z., Fraser H., Webb J., Cottrell N., Haynes P.S., Edmonds candidate. Comps. Rosenthall 1260, and Allen 742 were elected members. The following were appointed Officers for the ensuing fortnight: Edmonds Z., Rowe H., Lilley J., Cottrell N., and Allen P.S.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—An emergency meeting was held on Thursday, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bros. W. H. Gulliford M.E.Z., H. P. Isaac H., W. Littaur P.Z. as J., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., A. Henochsberg P.S., Brooke 1st Asst., Dewsnap 2nd Asst.; P.Z.'s S. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, L. Lazarus, W. Littaur; Comps. G. T. Mann, G. Ellis, J. Hobinstock, Dewsnap, Brooke, W. G. Jennings, Meiter, and W. Howard. The Chapter was opened, and a ballot taken for the admission of Bro. Feilden No. 1839. This being unanimous in his favour, he was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry by Comp. L. Lazarus P.Z., who, by the courtesy of the M.E.Z., officiated. It is gratifying to state that every Officer was perfect in his working. The Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to the Moorgate Restaurant, Moorgate-street, where Bro. Kingston supplied an excellent supper, that gave great satisfaction. The M.E.Z. stated it was not his intention to propose the usual toasts, this being an emergency meeting; but as they had met in such force he would propose the health of their newly-exalted Companion. Companion Fielden was one who we were proud to have among us. The newly-exalted Companion acknowledged the compliment; this was a day to be remembered by him with pleasure; he hoped to be among them for many years. Comp. J. Lazarus P.Z. and Treasurer proposed the health of the M.E.Z., and Comp. Gulliford, in reply, said although this was but an impromptu meeting, it was nevertheless a very enjoyable one; he was always pleased to be with them, no matter in what capacity. The proceedings shortly afterwards were brought to a close. Comps. Hobinstock, Henochsberg and H. P. Isaac contributed to the harmony.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Chapter, No. 1602.—Held at the Highbury-station Hotel, on Friday, 27 ult., on which occasion there were present Comps. Weston M.E.Z., Osborn H., Cogan J., Greenfield S.E., Pearcy acting S.N., Bird acting P.S.; also Comps. Hobbs, Perry, Dillon, &c. The Convocation was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Edwin Woodman S.D. 1950 and J.D. 1897, and Bro. S. J. Millin; the result was unanimous in their favour; Bros. Woodman and Willin being in attendance, were then admitted and exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the ceremony being performed in a most perfect and impressive manner. This being installation night, Comp. Osborn was duly installed into the chair of M.E.Z. by Comp. Terry; the chairs of H. and J. being filled by Comps. Weston and Pearcy; the other Officers were Comps. Hirst S.E., Bird P.S., who appointed Comps. Dillon and Trewinnard Assistants. After the Chapter was closed, the Companions adjourned to an admirably served banquet, superintended by Bro. J. Baker. Amongst the visitors were Comps. T. G. Baker P.Z. 753, J. E. Sheffield 733, G. R. Soper M.E.Z. 1365, J. G. Humphreys 705, &c.

At the North London Chapter of Improvement, Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's-road, on the evening of the 26th ult., Comp. Brown, of the Vaue Chapter, occupied the chair of Z., Hunter H., Holness J., supported by the members of the Islington Chapter, who attended by special invitation. A large number of R.A. Masons assembled on the occasion. The duties were carried out in a praiseworthy manner, and quite an enjoyable evening was spent. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Comp. Brown and the Companions of the Islington Chapter for their kindness in visiting this Chapter of Improvement. On Thursday last, the chair of the First Principal was occupied by Comp. Halford, that of H. by Comp. Gillard, and that of J. by Comp. Killick; the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed.

UNION CHAPTER ROSE CROIX.

AT a meeting of this Chapter, held at the Masonic Hall, Georgetown, British Guiana, on Thursday, 5th October 1882, Ill. Bro. Joseph Klien 31 M.W. Sov. presiding, Ill. Bro. Captain W. F. Portlock Dodson 32, P.M. W.S., was duly installed in office as M.W. Sov. for the ensuing year, and the following Officers were appointed:

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E. Bro.	E. Dalton	First General
	Pieter Van Eaden	Second General
Ill. Bro.	Colonel Imlack 30	Recorder and Treasurer
E. Bro.	D. C. Cameron	Grand Marshal
	Colonel Daley	Raphael
	The Hon. T. Mulligan ...	Herald
	C. Ross	Captain of the Guard

E. Bro. Michael Bugle was elected as an honorary member of the Chapter.

The Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, held its installation meeting on Wednesday, 26th ult., when Bro. Sir John Monckton, Town Clerk of the City of London (who, by the way, was the first Master of the Lodge), installed Bro. Wildey Wright, barrister-at-law, as the Master for the ensuing year, performing the ceremony with his customary care and precision. Later in the evening he proposed the name of Mr. Gabriel Prior Goldney, the City Remembrancer, as a joining member of the Alliance Lodge. Bro. Goldney is a P.M. of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, and is also a Past Grand Steward.

The installation meeting of the Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, will take place at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday next, the 8th inst. Bro. Richard Dowsett is the W.M. elect.

There is some discussion going on just now in Masonic circles as to who is the oldest Freemason living in England. It arose consequent upon the death of Bro. Fawcett of Durham, who having been initiated in 1820, claimed to be the oldest member of the Craft. It is, however, now asserted that this honour pertains to Bro. Joseph Chetham of Stockport, who joined the Lodge of Peace in 1811. Neither of the gentlemen named is really entitled to be regarded as the "oldest Freemason." That distinction we claim for a member of our own community, whose association with the Brotherhood is not generally known. Very few Masons, and still fewer of the outside public, are aware of the fact that our venerated philanthrophist Sir Moses Montefiore—who just celebrated the 98th anniversary of his birth—is a member of the Craft. And for him we claim the distinction of being the Nestor of English Freemasonry and the oldest Mason living. He was initiated in the Moira Lodge early in the present century. The books of this old Lodge, prior to 1813 are missing; so that the exact year of his initiation cannot with certainty be established. But the records extant show "M. Montefiore" to have been a member of some standing at that time, and we have reason to believe that he joined in the year 1807. Sir Moses Montefiore's claim is in any case indisputable, and we are assured that Freemasons, Jewish and non-Jewish, who were hitherto ignorant of his connection with the Craft, will be glad to know that the venerable philanthropist whose conduct has throughout so perfectly squared with the principles professed upon entry by all good Masons, has a double claim upon their regard as a man and a brother.—*Jewish World.*

The Scottish brethren have many pleasant evenings in their Lodges, derived from the formal visits of all the local Lodges to the Lodge that is meeting. It is a custom which might well be introduced south of the Tweed if the members of the Lodges were not quite so numerous, and if less expense were incurred in entertainment than is customary in London Lodges. If the Lodges met, and after working, had only light refreshment instead of expensive banquets, they might be enabled to introduce a system which is in high favour with Scottish brethren. Lodge Busby St. John, No. 458, Glasgow, had one of these meetings a few days ago, when as many as eighty brethren were present. Deputations from Lodges—Mother Kilwinning, Thistle and Rose, No. 73, Royal Arch Rutherglen, No. 116, Scotia No. 178, Royal Arch Pollokshaws, No. 153, St. John's Greenock, and Sir George Cathcart, No. 617,—were received. The Lodge was opened in the Mark Degree, and thirty-five of the brethren were advanced to that degree by the Deputy Master Mr. Findlay. At the conclusion of the work several good Masonic addresses were given by the leaders of the various deputations. The evening was most enjoyable.—*Evening News.*

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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.

SATURDAY, 4th NOVEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (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 Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

MONDAY, 6th NOVEMBER.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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.
176—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (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)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-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.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley.
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
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
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)
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
1440—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
1793—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley

TUESDAY, 7th NOVEMBER.

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
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.
111—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)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
534—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
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)
1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1457—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1549—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
802—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
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. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.C.—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
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 (Instruction)
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastl
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 8. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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

WEDNESDAY, 8th NOVEMBER.

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
72—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
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, Barlett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
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., at 8
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)
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
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.
R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
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
668—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, Torteth 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, Horncastle, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llandiloes, Trewythen Arms, Llandiloes
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, San Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 258—Amphibalus, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 9th NOVEMBER.

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.
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
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.

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657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
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
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
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.)
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
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1523—St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
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 (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.)
1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 140—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath
R.A. 538—Vane, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
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.
113—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
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.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
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.
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. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
R.A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonian-road, Batley
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.

FRIDAY, 10th NOVEMBER.

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.
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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. (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.C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

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-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, Harriogate
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 11th NOVEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
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)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green

On Thursday evening last the Lord Mayor elect (Bro. Alderman Knight) in accordance with ancient custom, entertained his brethren of the Court of Aldermen, the high officers of the Corporation, and some private friends, at a banquet which took place at Haberdashers' Hall.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF HOPE, No. 433.

THE Installation Festival of this Lodge took place at Brightlingsea, on 23rd October. Additional interest had been given to the occasion from the fact that the W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., the D.P.G.M. of the Province under the late Lord Tenterden, had consented to perform the Installation ceremony, and in order that better accommodation might be given than that afforded by the room in which the Lodge holds its monthly meetings, the Public Hall was fitted up for the purpose, and, being hung with a plentiful supply of bunting, looked exceedingly pretty. Great disappointment, therefore, was felt at the receipt of a telegram from Brother Philbrick to the effect that he was confined to the house with rheumatism, and that he greatly regretted he could not get down to Brightlingsea. In this dilemma Wor. Brother the Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M. 697, P.P.G.C. kindly undertook the work of the day, and very ably installed the W.M. Elect, the Rev. A. Pertwee (the popular Vicar of Brightlingsea), into the chair. The Officers of the year were then appointed and invested as follows:—Bros. R. D. Poppleton I.P.M., C. Blyth S.W., John Dows J.W., the Rev. J. P. Britton Chaplain, W. Clarey Treasurer, J. E. Wiseman Secretary and M.C., Adam Smith S.D., Jas. French J.D., A. Went Organist, C. Fisher I.G., T. Wilson Tyler. At the close of the ceremony a hearty vote of thanks was passed to W. Bro. the Rev. E. H. Crate for his kindness in undertaking, at so short a notice, the duties of I.M., and the Rev. Brother in response, remarked that while regretting the absence of the distinguished Brother who was to have installed their W.M., as well as the cause of it, he had felt much pleasure in undertaking the part, as apart from the fact that himself and Bro. the Rev. A. Pertwee had enjoyed long and close personal friendship, their W.M. was a Masonic child of his. A vote of thanks was also passed with acclamation to W. Bro. Poppleton for his able conduct of the Lodge business during the past twelve months, but specially for his handsome present of a chequered carpet for the floor of the Lodge, used for the first time that day. Bro. Poppleton returned thanks, and said he should never forget the kindness that had been shown him by the brethren of the Lodge of Hope, and he should always be ready to do anything in his power to assist the Lodge or individual members of it. The usual Masonic greetings having been given to the new W.M., Lodge was closed, and the Brethren adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where a banquet, excellently served by the Hostess, Mrs. Harmer, was partaken of. After dinner the usual toasts were proposed and drunk, and regret was again expressed at the absence of Wor. Bro. Philbrick, and best wishes expressed for his speedy recovery. Bros. C. Osmond, J. J. C. Turner, E. Gowers, W. Sowman, and A. S. B. Sparling, kindly contributed a number of songs, glees, &c., greatly enlivening the after-dinner proceedings. Among those present, in addition to the names already mentioned, were:—Bros. T. J. Ralling, E. Hennemeyer, Thos. Rix, Thomas Eustace, G. A. Eustace, J. T. Bailey, C. H. Snelgar, Hervey, Norman, and the following members of the Lodge:—Bros. John Dean, W. S. Ling, R. C. Athill, G. Riches, H. York, Joseph Ames, J. Richardson, W. Bragg, W. Minter, Jos. Lake, J. Lewis, Brasch, G. Angier, Thomas Angier, J. Fance, J. Skinner, E. Frost, Larman, F. Cross, W. Wallis, J. Goddard, Joseph Eagle, W. Nicholls, &c.

Loughboro' Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—The usual weekly meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 30th ult., at Bro. McDiarmaid's, Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughboro' Junction. Present:—Bros. Warren W.M., Westley S.W., Westmore J.W., Banks S.D., Long J.D., Perkins I.G., Johnson Preceptor, McKinley Secretary; also Bros. Cornock, Bellis and McDiarmaid. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was afterwards opened in the second and third degrees, when the J.W. worked the first section of the lecture, the brethren answering the various questions in a satisfactory manner. Bro. Cornock having offered himself a candidate to be raised to the degree of M.M., the ceremony was ably rehearsed by the W.M. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned till the 6th inst., at 7.30 p.m. The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, the 28th October. Present—Bros. T. Cull W.M., Sparrow S.W., G. H. Hunter J.W., R. Pearcy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, C. Lorkin Treasurer, Brasted, Darnell, D. Moss, Archer, Wolf, Cobb, Glass, Crawley, E. D. Hatch, Strugnell, Robinson, Cooke, A. J. Dixie, F. Ashton, Chipperfield, Bevan, C. C. Turner, Rhodes, Airey, Carr, Marks, Weeden, Ferrar, Edmonds, R. M. Jones, Geer, Houghton, Meckham, Gribbell, Parkes, Osborn, Forge, Wright, Galer, Richardson, Killick senior, Killick jun., Williams sen., Davis, R. W. Pearcy. Lodge was opened with due formalities, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. The Fifteen Sections were then worked by the Worshipful Master in his usual masterly manner, assisted by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Cooke, Glass, Cobb, G. H. Hunter, D. Moss, Sparrow, T. Cull. Second Lecture—Bros. G. H. Hunter, Powell, Airey, Davis, R. P. Forge. Third Lecture—Bros. Strugnell, Osborn, Edmonds. The following brethren were then proposed as members, and duly elected:—Bros. Ashton Loyal Wye 1807, Bevan Belgrave 749, Cobb Farringdon Without 1745, Cooke Industry 186, Davis St. Johns 167, A. J. Dixie Chigwell 453, Edmonds Metropolitan 1507, E. D. Hatch St. Johns 357 (Nicaragua), Meckham Finsbury Park 1288, John Rhodes Duke of Connaught 1524, Strugnell Farringdon Without 1745, C. C. Turner Crusaders 1677, and Wright Citadel 1897. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded to Brother Cull for presiding, and also to those brethren who had so kindly assisted him, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

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United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—Meeting held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, the 27th ult. The Lodge was opened at 7.30 by Bro. C. H. Nevill W.M., and there were present, amongst others, Bros. H. Stokes S.W., Lucas J.W., G. W. Knight S.D., F. Thurston J.D., C. H. Phillips I.G., James Stevens P.M. Preceptor, J. S. Eidmanns, Pooler, &c. The previous minutes having been confirmed, the first section was worked, and the ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Nevill affording great promise of efficiency. The ceremony was also worked in sections, and Bro. Stokes having been elected as W.M. for the ensuing week, the Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—Held its usual meeting at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, on Wednesday evening last, when there were present Bros. P.M. Trewinnard W.M., Marks S.W., Dixie J.W., Hsggar S.D., Weeden J.D., Gibbs I.G., P.M. Cusworth Preceptor, R. P. Forge Secretary; Bros. W. F. Potter, P.M. Killick, Flack, Chubb, Ashton, &c. The Lodge was opened with due formality, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the initiation ceremony, and then in a very able manner delivered the lecture on the first tracing board, much to the edification of the brethren present. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Flack answered the questions leading to the third, but was not entrusted (he being a Fellow Craft only). Lodge resumed to the first, when the offices of Secretary and Treasurer were filled for the ensuing year, Bro. A. Perl being elected as Treasurer, and F. Perl as Secretary, Bro. R. P. Forge retiring, on account of the numerous other Masonic duties he has to perform. A vote of thanks to Bro. Forge for his past services was unanimously passed; also to Bro. P.M. Cusworth Preceptor, for his kindness during the past year. Bro. Marks was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting, and Lodge was then closed and adjourned until Wednesday next, at the hour of eight p.m. We may here mention that in this Lodge of Instruction the rehearsal of the ceremonies is rendered more effective by an accompaniment of music. The Lodge room has also been re-furnished, and is now one of the most comfortable in the north of London.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—A meeting was held on the 1st inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner. Present—Bros. Galer W.M., Wolf S.W., Austin J.W., Mullord P.M. Treasurer, J. Rothschild Secretary, Trick S.D., Matthews J.D., Cooke I.G.; Bro. R. Pearcy P.M. Preceptor. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremonies of raising and passing, Brother A. Hickman being the candidate. Bro. Galer conducted the business of the evening most efficiently, and the customary vote of thanks was passed to him, this being the first time he had presided at this Lodge. The Annual Supper of this Lodge of Instruction will take place on Wednesday next, the 8th inst. On the 15th, Bro. Wolf will preside.

West Midddlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Meeting held at the Institute, Ealing, on Tuesday, 31st October, Bros. Smith W.M., Seward S.W., E. C. Porter J.W., Danby S.D., Geflowski J.D., Owen I.G., J. Wells Secretary, H. E. Tucker Treas. and Preceptor, J. Wills, and Henning. 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, Brother Henning candidate. Bro. Henning was unanimously elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. The Secretary called attention to the resolution passed at a previous meeting, respecting the bye-laws of the Lodge, and on the motion of Bro. Wills, it was agreed that a Committee should be appointed at the next meeting of the Officers, to consider and report upon the bye-laws. Bro. W. Seward was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting (7th November), and the Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned to that date.

Castle Lodge, No. 1621.—A Lodge of emergency was held on Friday, 27th October, at the Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth, when the Treasurer's balance sheet was submitted, after which Bro. E. M. Southwell S.W. proposed, and Bro. T. Pratt I.P.M. seconded, that Bro. J. W. Lister P.P.A.G.D.C. be elected an honorary member of the Lodge. Bro. Southwell said that Bro. Lister was the first J.W. of the Castle Lodge, and although living several miles distant, had been a most regular attendant at their meetings. He had, by many acts in this Lodge and elsewhere, proved himself a thorough Mason, and was well worthy to receive this, the highest honour the Lodge could confer. The motion was carried by acclamation. At three o'clock the installation meeting was held, the Lodge being opened by Bros. W. Simms W.M., E. M. Southwell S.W. W.M. elect, T. Whitefoot jun. J.W., Hubert Smith Treasurer, H. E. Roberts Secretary, W. L. Southwell J.D., J. Sewell Organist, J. H. Cooksey I.G., T. F. Nock and W. Westcott Stewards; there being also present Bros. T. Pratt I.P.M., J. Stokes P.M., E. J. Chitty P.M. T. F. Higgs W.M. 252, George Stevenson W.M. 1120, A. Green W.M. 498, S. Boddington W.M. 1016, J. W. McMichael 938, J. W. Chadwick J.W. 397 560, G. Westcott, H. J. Skelding, A. S. Trevor, T. Whitefoot, Ernest Cooper, A. Bethell, C. A. Haslewood. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes read. Lodge being advanced, the W.M. vacated the chair, which was then occupied by Bro. Jos. Stokes P.M. P.P.G.R., who proceeded to instal Bro. E. M. Southwell into the office of W.M. Bro. Stokes was the first W.M. of the Lodge, and has been Installing Master each successive year, and on this occasion performed his duties in a faultless manner. The W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. T. Whitefoot jun. S.W., W. L. Southwell J.W., H. Smith Treasurer, H. E. Roberts Secretary, J. H. Cooksey S.D., T. F. Nock J.D., J. Sewell Organist, W. Westcott I.G., A. Bethell and George Westcott Stewards, and Henry Goodall Tyler. Before closing the Lodge, the Worshipful Master presented Bro. W. Simms I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, which had been voted by the Lodge, and in doing so, complimented Bro. Simms upon the perseverance he had shown, and the excellent manner in which he had presided over the Lodge during the past year. In returning thanks, Bro. Simms testified to the manner in which all the Officers had supported him, and expressed his gratitude, especially to the Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary, upon whom the burden had principally fallen. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to the banqnetting room, where an excellent spread awaited them. The brethren having duly refreshed themselves after labour, did honour to the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, concluding a most agreeable and harmonious meeting with fraternal greetings. We have been favoured with a copy of the Lodge Summons, Invitation Card, and Menu used on this occasion, and have been much gratified with an inspection of the same.

West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623.—Notwithstanding the terribly stormy weather, a large number of the brethren put in an appearance on Monday last, when the working of the Fifteen Sections took place. Bros. J. Davidson P.M. 299 W.M., W. Martin S.D. 879 S.W., G. Perkins 765 J.W., H. J. Lardner S.D., J. W. Ewens J.D., Freyer I.G., W. Pennefather P.M. 879, 1623 Preceptor, J. Laurence I.G. 1326 Secretary. The following brethren assisted the W.M. in the work:—First Lecture—Bros. G. Perkins, Freyer, J. Laurence, W. Pennefather, J. Davis, W. Martin, H. J. Lardner. Second Lecture—Bros. R. J. Greenwood, G. Perkins, W. Pennefather, W. Martin, H. J. Lardner. Third Lecture—Bros. J. Strugnell, W. Pennefather, J. Davis. At seven o'clock sharp Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed, after which Lodge was opened in the three degrees and resumed. The sections having been completed and Lodge resumed in the first degree the W. Master rose, when it was proposed that a vote of thanks be accorded to the W.M. (Bro. J. Davison) for the very able manner in which he had conducted the business of the Lodge, and also that the thanks of the Lodge be given to Bro. W. Martin, who had so admirably filled the office of S.W. This resolution was carried unanimously, as also was that of making them honorary members with full privileges. They thanked the brethren, in very feeling terms, expressing their hope that as honorary members they might not be overlooked, being always ready to work when wanted. A vote of thanks was also accorded to the brethren who had assisted the W.M. in working the sections. The following brethren were then elected members:—Bros. R. White, Stone, G. Perkins, Freyer, J. Strugnell, H. D'Arcy, H. Scurr. The Secretary announced that probably on the fourth Monday in January next the annual dinner would take place, on which occasion no doubt a large concourse would attend.

Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901.—The above Lodge of Instruction, which is held at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green, celebrated its first anniversary on Thursday evening last, the 26th ult., when, notwithstanding the inclement weather, the brethren assembled in large numbers to hear the ceremonies of consecration and installation rehearsed by Bro. James Terry Prov. S.G.W. Norths and Hunts, &c., and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Lodge was opened in due form at seven p.m., and the chair was taken by Bro. Terry, who appointed his Officers pro tem as under:—Bros. Shaw P.M. 834 S.W., Taffs S.W. 186 J.W., Rowan 1901, S. D. Gauntlett 1901 J.D., Taylor Secretary 1531 I.G., Powell 1185 Organist, Bowler Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Terry proceeded with the ceremony of consecration, which it is quite unnecessary to observe was rendered in a most able and impressive manner. The ceremony of installation followed, when Bro. W. H. Hook I.P.M. of the Selwyn Lodge 1901 was installed as W.M., Shaw S.W., Barnett J.W., Eagle Treasurer, Bellis Secretary, Ronan S.D., Gauntlett J.D., Taylor I.G., Bowler Tyler. The charges were then delivered by Bro. Terry in the most able manner. Several of the visitors present were elected members, and a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Terry for his kindness in presiding on this occasion. The Lodge was then closed. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent supper provided by the host, Bro. J. S. Gurney, and were enlivened with songs and recitations in an effective manner by Bros. L. Eagle, Hook, St. Leger, Campbell, Dawson, and Powell, and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—On Tuesday evening last, the 31st ult., at Bro. Geo. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, where there was a good attendance. Bros. R. Poore W.M., C. H. Phillips Treasurer S.W., H. Hooper J.W., E. A. Francis Preceptor, H. M. Williams Secretary, W. Lucas S.D., W. Croucher J.D., F. A. Smith I.G.; also Bros. Hy. Lovegrove W.M. 1949, Thos. Poore P.M., &c., G. W. Knight, R. W. Pooler, J. A. Danks, E. A. Albert, G. Monk, J. Harling P.M. United Mariners 30, S. Richards S.D. Unity 183. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed, in a very excellent manner, the ceremony of passing, Bro. Richardson acting as candidate. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Pooler as candidate. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree. Bros. J. Harling P.M. Treasurer United Mariners 30, and S. Richardson J.D. Unity 183, were unanimously elected members. Bro. Phillips Treasurer, being duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week, appointed Officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to Tuesday next, 7th inst., at eight o'clock.

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Grove Lodge, No. 410, Kingston, Surrey.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday last, at the Sun Hotel, Kingston, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Charles Greenwood jun., who was supported numerously by his Officers and the members, and had the further honour of being supported by General Brownrigg, C.B., Grand Master of the Province, the Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and his father, Bro. Charles Greenwood sen., P.G.S.B. and Prov. G.S. Warden. The duties of the day were comparatively light, and were, in the main, confined to the passing of Bro. J. Eustace Smith to the degree of Fellow Craft, the ceremony being most ably carried out by Bro. Greenwood. The brethren afterwards sat down to a capital banquet, which was excellently served, and at which the Worshipful Master presided with his accustomed geniality. The earlier toasts having been acknowledged by General Brownrigg, who expressed the satisfaction he had derived from attending the Lodge, Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold responded for the Provincial Grand Officers, who, like himself, were most anxious to fulfil their duties. He had frequent opportunities of visiting the Lodges in Surrey, and he confessed he was very proud of the manner in which they carried out their work. The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed, and received most cordially, and in returning thanks, Bro. Greenwood spoke very feelingly of the reception the toast had met with, and also expressed his gratification at the references that had been made to his father, and the hope that he should always have the strength to follow in his footsteps, and gain for himself the respect with which he was received on all occasions. The toast of the Visitors was acknowledged by Bros. Jeffries W.M. St. John's Lodge, No. 795, Maidenhead, Usher Back, Worshipful Master of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, Nye, of Brighton, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, &c., each and all of them dilating upon the pleasure they had derived from the meeting. The toast of the Officers, &c. having been given and responded to, the brethren rose and separated. It remains to be added that the meeting did not pass without a reference to the chairmanship of General Brownrigg, at the approaching Festival of the R.M.B.I., and it gives us the utmost pleasure to state that Bro. Greenwood has expressed his intention of acting as Steward on the occasion. That General Brownrigg may rely with confidence on the hearty support of his Province is a proposition which it is hardly necessary to lay before our readers in so many words; and Bro. Greenwood jun. is to be complimented on having, at this early date, set so worthy an example to his brethren of the Province. The intervals between the toasts were enlivened by songs and recitations, which enhanced the pleasure of the gathering.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. Present—Bros. A. W. Fenner W.M., J. A. Powell S.W., R. W. Pearcy J.W., D. Moss acting as Preceptor, C. J. Free Secretary, while Ford and Horley acted as J.D. and I.G. respectively. There were also present Bros. A. M. Marks, G. H. Cobb, J. W. Price, J. E. Gilbert, C. Geer, E. Winch, J. West, F. Ashton, Pringle, R. Pringle, Kent, Stewart, J. Grey, Richardson, Bull, Macdonald, Wright, Oxley, Stroud, Myers, Perkins, G. H. Stephens, and Gieseke. Lodge was opened in regular form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first, when the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Grey, J. West, Pearcy, Richardson, Pringle, D. Moss, Stewart. Second Lecture—Bros. Horley, J. A. Powell, West, Myers, Hopkins. Third Lecture—Bros. D. Moss, Stewart, Stephens. On the motion of Brother Moss, seconded by Bro. Pearcy, a cordial vote of thanks was awarded Brother Fenner for the manner he had worked the Sections, this being his first attempt. A vote of thanks was also ordered to be entered on the minutes to those brethren who had assisted the W.M. to work the Sections. The following visitors were elected members:—Bros. Myers 1445, F. Ashton 1507, Price 1043, Bull 781, West 933, Cobb 1745, Geer 1524, Winch 1524, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned. We congratulate Brother Fenner on the successful manner he has worked the Sections, for the first time, and we trust to have the pleasure of hearing him perform the same duty ere long.

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10. To be supplied by G. Secretary with forms of certificate in blank.

11. Returns to be made in duplicate to the G. Secretary.

We cannot say we are altogether satisfied with the revised arrangement as proposed. We admit the existing edition will be the better for some alterations and amendments, but there is a certain method in the arrangements. We have first the rules relating to Provincial or District Grand Master, with a foot note defining the latter, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and other Provincial Grand Officers, and Provincial Grand Stewards. In all these, with the said foot note as our guide, we presume the terms Provincial and District are interchangeable, unless otherwise stated, or where such interchange is obviously inadmissible. Then follow the rules relating to Provincial Grand Lodges, and then those affecting District Grand Lodges. In the proposed re-arrangement the same order and method are not observed. For instance, the whole of the group of regulations is headed "Provincial and District Grand Lodges." No. 78 refers to Provincial Grand Lodges, No. 79 to District Grand Lodges, and Nos. 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 94, 95, 96, 98 concern equally Provincial and District Grand Lodges, Masters, and Officers. Yet it is not till we reach No. 104 that we arrive at a definition of what District Grand Lodges and Masters are. Again, we have the Deputy Provincial Grand Master or Deputy District Grand Master referred to or specified in Nos. 78, 79, 80, 83, 88, and 89, but the power of the Provincial Grand Master to appoint a Deputy is not mentioned till No. 90. In Nos. 88 and 89, the Deputy spoken of is that of the Provincial Grand Master, and the same is the case with Nos. 91 and 92, the latter giving the qualifications for the office, while nothing is said as to the Deputy District Grand Master. If the foot note in the existing Constitutions were either preserved as it is, or incorporated earlier in the text of the new edition; and if in all the rules we have cited, here and elsewhere, so far as may be necessary, the words or "District" were inserted after "Deputy Provincial," the laws would be clearer and more accurate. These amendments will entail, comparatively speaking, no great amount of time or trouble.

Taking the new rules seriatim, we find No. 79 in two sections, the first concerning the origin and conditions of existence of Provincial Grand Lodges, and the other their condition on the death, resignation, &c., of the Provincial Grand Masters. This corresponds with Art. 7, page 54, and is far more compact, while it contains a new and salutary provision likewise.

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"78. Provincial grand lodges emanate from provincial grand masters by virtue of the authority vested in them by their patents of appointment from the grand master. It therefore follows that provincial grand lodges possess no other powers than those specified in these laws and regulations, and cannot meet but by the sanction of the provincial grand master or his deputy.	7. (54). "The provincial grand lodge emanates from the authority vested in the provincial grand master, and possesses no other powers than those specified. It therefore follows that no provincial grand lodge can meet but by the sanction of the provincial grand master or his deputy; and that it ceases to exist on the death, resignation, suspension, or removal of the provincial grand master, until a brother is duly appointed or empowered to perform the functions of provincial grand master, by whose authority the provincial grand lodge may be again established.
"On the death, resignation, suspension, or removal of the provincial grand master, his deputy shall perform all the functions of provincial grand master until a brother is duly appointed provincial grand master, or empowered to act as such by patent from the grand master, (33), but such deputy shall not thereby acquire the right to any additional rank."	

From this it will be seen that, under the proposed new law, if it comes into force, the death, resignation, removal, &c., of the Prov. Grand Master does not destroy the organisation of the Prov. Grand Lodge, as is the case now. His Deputy may act in his stead until the appointment of a new P.G.M., or until the Grand Master has by patent placed the Province in charge of the Grand Registrar. This will necessarily save much trouble, as may be judged by the case of Essex, which but the other day had a complete Provincial organisation, which is now determined by the unexpected death of Lord Tenterden. We are curious, however, to know how it is possible to prolong the patent of appointment during pleasure of the appointee of a chief who is either deceased, or has been permanently or temporarily discharged of his functions. Rule No. 88 begins, "The provincial grand master, holding his office at the pleasure of the grand master, and the power of the deputy as well as of the provincial grand lodge emanating from the authority vested in the provincial grand master." When, therefore, through death or from some other cause, there is no longer a Provincial Grand Master, the power of the Deputy, and of Provincial Grand Lodge, which have emanated from the authority vested in the Provincial Grand Master, must of itself cease and determine. Common sense suggests the adoption of such an arrangement as is proposed under the law as revised, but something will have to be done to prevent legal difficulties arising out of a legally-impossible extension of powers that have ceased.

The same query will arise in connection with No. 79, which provides for the continuance of the Dist. G. Lodge and the exercise of the Dist. G. Master's functions on the death, or removal through other cause, of the Dist. G. Master. This law is substantially the same as Art. 7, p 58.

Rule No. 80—"Members of provincial or district grand lodge"—is better worded than Art 2, p 52, and No. 81 is verbally the same with Art. 1, p 45, but with the addition of "and until such installation he shall not be qualified to perform any of the functions of his office." This is a wise provision, as it necessitates the early installation of the new Prov. or Dist. G. Master in order that the Prov. or Dist. G. Lodge may be constituted.

Rule No. 82 is the closing sentence of the foot note at p 45, and enacts that a Prov. or Dist. G. Master, to be entitled to past rank, must have served five years from the date of his installation. This makes it impossible for brethren to become entitled to a seat in G. Lodge who have played only a trifling part in the direction of their Provinces or Districts.

Rule No. 83 has a decided advantage over Art. 2, p 45, which merely says, "He"—the Prov. or Dist. G. Master—"is impowered to appoint for his province a deputy, two wardens, two deacons, and other grand officers (except the treasurer, who is to be elected), and also provincial stewards not exceeding six in number." The proposed rule gives a list of the Prov. or Dist. Grand Officers he may appoint, and where more than one of each rank, the number of each to be so appointed. It is also added, "nor can he confer on any brother the rank of a past provincial or district grand officer." Rule No. 84 provides that in Provinces or Districts where there are more than forty Lodges, there shall be two additional Prov. or Dist. Grand Deacons and a Prov. or Dist. Dep. G. Director of Ceremonies.

Rule No. 85 corresponds in all essential particulars with Art. 6, p 47, and Nos. 86 and 87 with Art. 4, p 46, but an important function, as will be seen, is altogether omitted here. The two read thus:

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"86. He"—the provincial or district grand master—"shall hear and determine all subjects of masonic complaint or irregularity, respecting lodges or individual masons, within his province or district, and may proceed to admonition, fine, or suspension. A minute of such proceedings, stating the offence and the law applicable to it, together with the decision, is to be transmitted to the grand master."	4. (46). "He shall hear and determine all subjects of masonic complaint or irregularity, respecting lodges or individual masons, within his district, and may proceed to admonition, fine, or suspension, according to the general laws of the craft. A minute of such proceedings, stating the offence and the law applicable to it, together with the decision, is to be transmitted to the grand master."
"87. The provincial grand master has no power to erase a lodge or expel a mason; when, therefore, the case is of so flagrant a nature as, in his judgment to require the erasure of a	4. (46). . . . "When the case is of so flagrant a nature as, in the judgment of the provincial grand master, to require the erasure of a lodge, or the expulsion of a brother, he shall make

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lodge, or the expulsion of a brother, be shall make a special report to the grand lodge, with his opinion thereon."

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"The provincial grand master has no power to expel a mason, *though he may, when satisfied that any brother has been illegally excluded from any of his masonic functions or privileges, by a lodge within his district, order him to be immediately restored, and may suspend, until the next quarterly communication, the lodge or brother who shall refuse to comply with such order.*"

What we have printed in italics is, as we have said, excluded from this head or division, just as the existing law (Art. 9, p 32) conferring a similar power on the Grand Master had been omitted from the heading "Grand Lodge." The latter excluded law, and the above excluded clause, will be found grouped together under proposed new Regulation No. 208, under "Private Lodges." It is a fair criticism whether it would not have been better to group all the functions of the Grand Master under the head of "Grand Lodge," and all those of the Prov. and Dist. G. Master under that of "Provincial and District Grand Lodges," though it would be perhaps equally necessary even in that case to have some rule as to illegally-excluded members and their reinstatement, as in No. 208, which, of course, would contain the necessary references to the previous corresponding rules. If the object of publishing a revised Book of Constitutions is to make it as brief as possible, the present arrangement will be the better. But if clearness and compactness, under the several divisions, as well as brevity, are held to be the principal object, then our suggestion has a decided advantage.

Rule No. 88 compares with Art. 12, p 49, and is, in fact, that article reproduced almost word for word, and the same may be said of Rules Nos. 89. "To report proceeding to grand secretary"— 90. "May appoint a deputy"—91. "Notice of appointment" of Deputy P.G.M. 92. "Must be a past master." 93. "Dispensation for non-residence." 94. "Provincial and district grand officers have no rank out of their province or district." 95. "Qualification for office." 96. "Provincial or district grand stewards." 97. "Meetings of provincial grand lodge." 98. "Opening of provincial or district grand lodge." 99. "By-laws." 100. "Minutes." 101. "Provincial grand lodge may advise, but cannot adjudicate." 102. "Local fund." 103. "Treasurer to be elected annually." These correspond with the following, in the order in which they are given, in the existing edition, namely :—Art. 9, p 48; Art. 10, p 49; Art. 11, p 49; Art. 1, p 50, "Of D.P.G. Masters," part; Art. 1, p 50, "Of D.P.G.M," part; and Art. 1, p 50, "Of the other Prov. G. Officers," part; Art. 2, p 50, part, and Art. 2 p 51, part, the words "and shall possess within their district, the rank and privileges of grand officers" being omitted from the latter; Art. 3, p 51; law *re* Prov. G. Stewards, p 51, except as to clothing; Art. 8, p 48; Art. 1, p 52; Art. 3, p 52; Art. 6, p 54; Art. 8, p 55; Art. 4, p 53; and Art. 5, p 54. We have just noted the omission of certain words which were misleading in their definition of the status of Prov. G. Officers "within their district," and which, indeed, not long since caused some differences of opinion. We may add that the provision for non-residence under dispensation is now extended to Deputy Prov. G. Masters as well as the other Prov. G. Officers.

We have already remarked of No. 104, which corresponds with the first part of foot note at p 45, that, seeing it defines a District G. Lodge and District Grand Master and that these had already been frequently mentioned in the proposed rules under this head, it would have stood better at, or as nearly as possible at, the beginning of the division, either as a foot note or as incorporated in the text. No. 105—"additional powers" of D.G. Lodges—is to all intents and purposes the first part of Art. 1, p 55, while Nos. 106 and 107 correspond with Art. 3 and Art 2, p 56. Nos. 108, "Meetings of district grand lodges," 109 "Rules and regulations," and 110, "Payment to district fund," call for no observation, nor is there much to say as to Nos. 111 "District grand master may issue certificates," 112 "Blank certificates furnished," 113 "Duplicate returns to the Grand Secretary, 114 "Remittance of dues," and 115 "Dispensation to confer degrees at short intervals," except that Nos. 113 and 114 are together equivalent to Art. 11' p 60, and No. 115 to the second section of Art. 1, p 55.

We shall enter on our consideration of "Private Lodges" next week.

LORD MAYORS AND FREEMASONRY.

LE Roi est mort; Vive le Roi. On Thursday Bro. Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart, Grand Junior Warden, laid aside the insignia of his office as Lord Mayor of the City of London, and Bro. Alderman Knight was formally inducted into the Civic Chair in his stead, amid those manifestations of the London citizens' loyalty to old and respected customs which are customary on such occasions. The grand inaugural banquet in the Guildhall followed in the evening, and was, as usual, attended by many of the principal members of the ministry. The loyal, patriotic, and other toasts were introduced and followed by speeches of varying merit. Everything, indeed, passed off in a manner worthy of such a gathering of Englishmen of the well-to-do classes, all bent on enjoying themselves around the festive board, and we may now be said to have fairly settled ourselves down to the work of a new Civic year under the tutelary care of Bro. Alderman Knight, Citizen and Freemason.

Ordinarily, of course, Lord Mayor's day and its celebration are matters outside the ken of a Masonic journal. There are many Lodges, it is true, which meet within the precincts of the city, and some of them have more immediately about them a certain added lustre from their connection, real or imaginary, with members of the great Corporation. These facts alone would not have induced us to make Lord Mayor's Day the subject of editorial comment. But latterly Freemasonry has played a more than usually conspicuous part in Civic celebrations. In two out of the last three Lord Mayoralties, the Mansion House has been the scene of brilliant Masonic gatherings, not of an informal character, but held there by dispensation from the Grand Master, in a close-tyled Lodge room, and the members all wearing the clothing and insignia of their rank. One of these meetings was honoured by the presence of His Royal Highness the Grand Master, and the other no doubt would have experienced the same good fortune, but for the multiplicity of the Prince's engagements. Then, in Alderman Stone's Mayoralty, Lord Mayor Stone and the Sheriffs, of whom Sir J. W. Ellis was one, paid a sort of state visit to The Great City Lodge; and other Lodges, but especially the Alliance, No. 1827, have been similarly, though perhaps less ceremoniously, honoured by Lord Mayors who have also been members of the Craft. In short, a strong feeling of mutual respect appears to have grown up of late years between the City and our Fraternity, and it need hardly be said to their mutual satisfaction and even advantage. There is reason for this. No municipality in the world dispenses its charity of every kind with a more liberal hand than the City of London, nor is there a more benevolent and beneficent body than the Freemasons, whose splendid support of the Institutions they have established is constantly being made the subject of eulogy by the outside world. Under these circumstances, we may justly ask to be excused if we have gone somewhat out of our usual course to record the succession of one Masonic Lord Mayor by another. We have no means of foreseeing what may happen during Bro. Knight's year of office. He may not have the same opportunities as his predecessor and Sir F. W. Truscott enjoyed of manifesting, as it were, semi-officially, his sympathy with our Society, but of his hearty goodwill towards it we are as certain as that he is at this present time the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of London. And, what will be regarded with equal satisfaction by our readers, the two aldermen who stand next in order for election to the Civic Chair are both Masons, so that, in all human probability, the next three years, like the year which closed on Thursday, will see the destinies of London City entrusted to gentlemen who are Craftsmen as well as citizens. We will content ourselves with adding the expression of our hearty good wishes to Bro. Lord Mayor Knight on his accession to power, and the hope that his year of office may be as prosperous as that of his immediate predecessor, Bro. Alderman Ellis, and his predecessors, Bro. Sir F. W. Truscott, Sir Thomas White, and Alderman Stone.

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WHY I BECAME A MASON.

I remember, with an admiration that increases with coming years, my grandfather on my mother's side. The bottle-green coat with brass buttons that glistened in the sunlight, the snow-white collar that almost hid his ears, the ruffled shirt, the high-cut satin vest, the velvet pants reaching the knee and clasped with bright silver buckles, and the shapely foot encased in the softest leather shoe. His was an appearance that would have satisfied the most sanguine expectations of the most ardent æsthete. I can hear his rich mellow voice as he called "Horace! Horace!" and see the bright black eyes sparkle, when in answer to the call I made my appearance. I was his namesake—his almost constant companion. Oft has he told me that when calling my name the re-echo sounding through the halls carried him back to the hours of his youth, and brought recollections of his earliest days. The pleasant hours spent with him only made his company, to me, the more desirable, for I well knew that I was to be entertained with glowing descriptions of sights seen in foreign lands, or the varied experiences of "A life on the ocean deep." It was a clear bright September day, the leaves were just beginning to show that fall was fast approaching, and there was hardly breeze enough to blow the long curls back from my face. Grandpapa and I were sitting on the doorstep, he had just finished one of his most interesting stories, when I heard in the distance the soft sweet notes of "Nearer, my God, to Thee." As it approached, we saw a funeral train headed by men wearing collars and aprons, and bearing other insignia indicative of secret organisation. With boyish curiosity I asked him what they were, his eyes brightened, a smile, that made his dear old face appear the happier, played round his shapely mouth as he almost whispered, "they are Masons."

I had often heard the word, and as often desired to know its meaning. My opportunity had come. Grandpa—my store-house of wisdom, my cyclopædia of all that was to be known—could and would tell me.

"Grandpa," I said, "what do they do?"

"Horace," he asked, "have you never noticed in my room the picture that hangs just at the foot of my bed?" He had hardly finished the question when I recalled the many times that I had stood before it trying to spell the long words and decipher the meaning of the ladder reaching, Jacob's like, unto heaven; the trowel, square and compass, and the great eye that seemed to follow me around the room; I had seen and wondered often about it, and now told him so.

"Well," continued he, "that announces my right to claim membership in a brotherhood that has existed from time immemorial, and whose object is to better the condition of mankind."

"Is it of any use?" I asked.

"Have I never told you of the one benefit it was to me?"

I nestled closer to him, leaned my head on his breast, looked up into his face with boyish admiration, and then said that something good was in store for me. After patting my cheek, he began: "I was sailing the good ship 'Flora' when war was declared between England and the United States. I had left Bombay with a valuable cargo of merchandise, bound for New York. One morning shortly after eight, the look-out announced a vessel astern that seemed to be making directly for us. Nearer and nearer she came, until we could see that it was a man-of-war carrying the English flag. It was evident that she was chasing us. If there was doubt in the mind of any one it was soon dispelled by a ball that came hissing over us. I saw that to attempt flight was useless, that "discretion was the better part of valour," and ordering the sails to be furled I calmly waited the approach of my captors. It was not long before they were abreast of us, the gig lowered, and in a moment more there stood on my vessel's deck an officer, whose uniform told his high rank. He approached, asked for my papers, and on receiving them announced that we were his prisoners. We were transferred from the 'Flora' to the prisoners' quarters on board the 'Destroyer,' and there left to reflect upon the horrors of an English dungeon and the anxiety and earnest longings of friends in our native land.

"We had been there some time sweltering in the heat, and almost choked by the musty atmosphere, when a marine came to the door and announced that I was wanted in the commander's room. He led the way, and I followed, and in a second or so I was standing before the man to whom I delivered my papers, and who had conveyed to me the news 'of capture. He addressed me as 'Captain,' and in response to my respectful 'Sir,' told me his intention and what would be my final destination. I looked him full in the face, he coloured up, and in a moment I knew that he recognised that I was a Mason. He extended his hand, took mine and shook it heartily. I was sent back to my quarters. After a little while I was again summoned into his presence. This time he invited me to be seated, extended the hospitality of his cabin, and said that I should be assigned better quarters.

"I thanked him for his kindness, but said that I would share the fate of my men. I was again sent back. Within one hour from this last interview we were aboard the 'Flora,' my papers were given me, and with all sail set we again sped homeward.

"The joy of all knew no bounds, the crew gave vent to theirs in shouting, 'God save the King,' while I sat down and wept like a child at thoughts of what might have been.

"The mystery of their escape was to the crew a source of continual wonder, and often, unknown to them, I heard their speculations and mysterious tales as to the reason for it. I never knew my benefactor's name, but am quite sure that if earnest prayer ever secured any heavenly guidance in this life, and an immortal existence hereafter, that was and is his fate."

"Horace," some one called I hardly heard it, so great was my interest in what had been told me. "Mother's calling," grandpa said. I kissed him, and ran off, with his promise to tell me at another time something more about Masons.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last, when there were present Bros. W. Roebuck Past Grand Steward (in the chair), C. F. Matier, John L. Mather, Edgar Bowyer, G. P. Britten, C. H. Webb, E. E. Barrett-Kidder, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), Frederick Adlard, Donald M. Dewar, H. Massey, James Terry, W. Mann, Alfred Williams, W. Maple, H. S. Goodall, W. Paas, and F. Binckes (Secretary). After the confirmation of the minutes, the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques in payment of sums due. It was also resolved to invest £1,000 in Indian Three Per Cents. Petitions were examined on behalf of five boys as candidates for admission to the School, who were placed on the list. Two grants of £5 each were made to two former pupils of the Institution, and a grant of £10 was made to another. The Committee then adjourned.

Thursday was the forty-first anniversary of the birth of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who first saw the light at Buckingham Palace, on the 9th of November 1841. The County Ball, given at Sandringham, in honour of this auspicious event was arranged to take place yesterday (Friday). It should also be added that on the day itself there were the customary demonstrations in honour of the anniversary in London, at Windsor, Sandringham, Balmoral, and elsewhere in the United Kingdom.

Bro. Kuhe's twelfth annual Musical Festival at Brighton commenced on Tuesday, under favourable circumstances as regards attendance, though the weather was far from being satisfactory. Mr. Sullivan's "Martyr of Antioch," and Mr. Cowen's Scandinavian Symphony constituted the programme. Wednesday was devoted to the performance of miscellaneous classical music, and on Thursday "Elijah" was presented.

During the recent Egyptian campaign, according to the *Portsmouth Times*, there were no less than fourteen members of one Lodge among the British soldiers engaged. The Lodge in question was the Roman Eagle, No. 160, held at the Iona Hotel, Edinburgh, and the fourteen members were in the Royal Horse Guards, the Scots Guards, the Royal Marine Artillery, the Royal Marine Light Infantry, and the Royal Highlanders (Black Watch).

The Installation meeting of the Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, Reading, took place on Wednesday. There was a large attendance of Craftsmen, and the proceedings throughout were of a very agreeable character. Brother Richard Dowsett is the new Worshipful Master, and the ceremony of the day was performed by Brother Morbay P.M. A full report shall appear in our next.

A FREEMASONS' HALL AT BANBURY.

On Friday next, the 17th inst., H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., will hold his Provincial Grand Lodge at Banbury, for the purpose of laying the stone of a Freemasons' Hall, now being erected by the brethren of the Cherwell Lodge, 599. His Royal Highness will be escorted by a squadron of the Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars to the building, and will afterwards hold his Lodge, and preside at a luncheon in the Exchange Hall.

From the *Lifeboat Journal* we learn that casualties to ships in our rivers and harbours continue to be numerous; the number during the year having been 821, of which 31 were total losses, and 790 were partial casualties. Of these, collisions numbered 540, founderings 14, strandings 180, and miscellaneous 87. The 821 casualties caused the loss of or damage to 1397 vessels, of which 727 were British sailing vessels, 562 British steam vessels, 80 foreign sailing vessels, and 28 foreign steam vessels. The lives lost in these casualties were, happily, only 13.

There was a capital gathering at the Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933, at Bro. Clayton's, Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, on Friday, 3rd November, under the able presidency of Brother C. H. Bardouleau, who was ably supported by Bros. B. Cundick P.M. Preceptor, William Musto P.M. Secretary, and numerous brethren. The evening was devoted to rehearsing the first ceremony, which was ably rendered, especially when we remember that our Brother Bardouleau is but a young Mason. Some sections were also worked from the chair, and a capital evening's instruction was enjoyed.

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THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very glad to notice that you are taking up for criticism the revised Constitutions and I venture to point out what seems an anomaly in one at least of the appointments, which must be cleared up now or never.

In the Province of Staffordshire, for the last sixteen years to my knowledge, it has been the custom of the D.G.M. to hand a jewel of office to, and receive fees of honour from, the Provincial Grand Standard Bearer. These have been invariably Past Masters, and some of them have done excellent work in their Lodges. It has also been usual for these Officers to wear the purple in common with other Prov. Grand Lodge Officers.

One of these brethren a year or two ago visited a Lodge in London at which some G.L. Officers were present; to his surprise he was informed that the office conveyed no right to the clothing, and that, whatever might be the intention of the Prov. Grand Master to confer honour, it certainly ceased at the boundary of his Province.

My friend's position, as you may imagine, was no pleasant one. He had Provincial clothing only, and the consequence has been that the brother must compromise the matter by carrying *two sets of clothing* for the very doubtful honour.

I trust the issue of the new Constitutions will either prevent the future granting of these honours, or give the position a recognised status in the Grand and Provincial Lodges.

I am, yours fraternally,

A. B.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I cannot agree with your correspondent, ST. AUGUSTINE, "that another of your clients" was right as to the relegating Rule 6 to Rule 3, and adjusting the others accordingly, and not, as you suggest, simply transposing them, because, by so doing, you destroy the natural sequence in which those rules should arise." Premising that I am not quite sure I understand what he means by "the natural sequence" in which the rules "should arise," I would point out that if Nos. 3 and 6 are transposed, as you suggest, then the rules Nos. 2 to 6, according to their subject matter, will follow thus: No. 2, Grand Lodge; No. 3—now No. 6—members of Grand Lodge; No. 4, Grand Lodge's power of enacting laws; No. 5, Grand Lodge's power of final decision; No. 6—now No. 3—Powers of substituted authorities in Grand and other Lodges. Then would follow, as now, No. 7, members of Grand Lodge, *honoris causa*; No. 8, Grand Master's representatives and representatives from sister Grand Lodges; No. 9, Past Masters when members of Grand Lodge, when not members, &c. &c. &c. I see nothing whatever unnatural about this sequence.

I also disagree with him as to the proviso he would have inserted in Rule No. 7, which provides for "brethren of eminence and ability" being "constituted members of the grand lodge," either "by the appointment of the Grand Master," or "by a vote of the grand lodge duly confirmed." He would have the brethren thus honoured Installed Masters, as if it were impossible for any who has not passed the chair to exhibit unusual eminence and ability. I have no wish to depreciate Past Masters, but I wish it were more generally recognised that it is not necessary to be a Past Master in order to be an eminent and able Craftsman.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

"CRITIC."

THE VALUE OF OUR BOYS' SCHOOL VOTES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—No doubt, as you suggest, "Q." has written on this subject more warmly than he need have done, but I think he is right in the main. There is really no connection between the value of votes at any given election, and the price paid for them, while the cost of a purchased presentation has nothing to do with either, it being, as "Q." very properly points out, a known quantity determined by a competent authority. Taking the latter point first, and assuming a boy's stay extends on an average five years and a-half—the maximum period is seven, and the minimum four years—at an average annual cost of forty guineas, the total outlay at this rate for the period stated would be 220 guineas (£231). Leaving minute arithmetical calculation out of the question, will any one venture to suggest that 170 guineas (£178 10s) paid in advance is not a just equivalent for an annuity of £42 spread over five years and a-half?

Turning to the value of votes, I imagine it will be found to vary in an inverse ratio to the number of vacancies. If, for instance, there are ten vacancies and twenty candidates, then, all other things being equal, each of the latter starts with half a chance in his favour; if ten vacancies and thirty candidates, he has a one-third chance; and if ten vacancies and forty candidates, he has only a one-fourth. As a matter of fact, however, all other things are rarely, if ever, equal, and the niceties of arithmetical calculation as to a candidate's prospects of success at a given election are liable to be disturbed by a number, more or less great, of outside circumstances. One has plenty of influence, another has not; one brings forward votes, another does not. In fine, you cannot, in cases of this kind, determine a result which is indeterminable, or rather, which is liable to be influenced by so many outside chances, by the ordinary rule of three. My advice is pretty much the same as Q.'s,—leave this question of value to take care of itself.

Fraternally yours,

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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE meeting of the General Committee was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, under presidency of Bro. J. M. Case. There were also present Bros. Tate, Leggott, Dilley, Bolton, Brett, Berry, Goodall, Cottebrune, Edgar Bowyer, Bush, Webb, Stedwell, Adlard, Cubitt, Murlis, Lacey, Clarke, Gallant, Moore, Willing jun., and E. C. Massey. The Secretary reported that five deaths had occurred amongst the annuitants since the previous meeting of the Committee—three males and two females; the aggregate amount received by the five while on the funds being £940. The Warden's report stated that on the 11th ultimo an entertainment had been provided by Bro. Festa for the residents of the Institution at Croydon, to commemorate the occasion of his entering on his year of office as Master of the Montague Guest Lodge. The sum of £2000 now on deposit at Bank was ordered to be transferred to current account to provide for payments falling due, and the chairman was authorised to sign cheques, of which a list was read by the Secretary. Of two applications from annuitants' widows for moieties of their late husband's annuities, one was granted, but the other gave rise to some discussion, as it appeared that the applicant had not been married for the full term of five years prescribed by the rules as a condition of eligibility. It was found that the Committee, who had in some similar cases waived this requirement, had in so doing contravened the rules, and it was therefore moved, seconded, and carried that Mrs. Lever was ineligible for the reduced annuity asked for. In reply to an inquiry, the Secretary stated that in some instances of this kind grants had been made by the Committee towards the support of the applicants until they could apply to be themselves elected annuitants, but that a notice of motion was requisite when it was desired to do this; whereupon Brother Dilley gave notice that he would, at the December meeting, propose that a sum of £10 be granted to Mrs. Lever. Nine petitions were presented on behalf of candidates for annuities to have their names placed on the list, from which selection will be made at next election. Of this eight were approved, and the names ordered to be added to the list; but the remaining petition gave rise to considerable discussion, and after the motion that it be received had been proposed, it was met by an amendment to the contrary effect, which was carried by a large majority. There being no other business before the Committee, the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

STANDARD THEATRE.

BRO. James Willing jun.'s new sensational and emotional drama, entitled "The Ruling Passion," was produced on Monday evening at the National Standard Theatre, under the able auspices of the Bros. Douglass. It is replete with the strongest interest, and will, doubtless, when it has undergone some of the modifications and excisions the necessity for which only become apparent after a public presentation, secure a long period of popularity. Its reception on Monday was most favourable, though the scenes in the madhouse were too terribly realistic to exactly meet the taste of the audience. The scenery was of a character worthy in every respect of the reputation of the Standard and its energetic proprietors, and the stage accessories were equally to be commended. The acting of Mr. Edmund Leathes as the villain, and of Miss Louise Moodie as the twin sisters—Minnie Doone and Laurie Swaine—showed a complete appreciation on their part of the characters allotted, nor must we pass over the Nat Grey of Mr. Arthur Goodrich, the Dr. Dwining, keeper of the private asylum at Norwood, of Mr. Odell; while the Laura of Miss Katie Neville especially deserves praise. These several parts were most ably and felicitously interpreted. Those who think the height of dramatic representation consists in abundance of realistic situations will, we are sure, be pleased with "The Ruling Passion," the scene in which the heroine escapes in the balloon being especially terrible. By the way, we have seen it suggested in some of the criticisms on Bro. Willing's latest production, that the usual net to which the car lines of the balloon are attached was wanting. This is an error, and we may add that, in order to ensure a correct representation, the services of Mr. Wright, the well-known aeronaut, were called in, and he expressed his full approval of the balloon, and the arrangements for working it.

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TOO MANY DEGREES.

A MIDDLE-AGED lady, with a black alpaca dress, worn shiny at the elbows, a cheap shawl and bonnet, and her hands puckered up blue, as though she had just got her washing out, went into the office of a prominent Mason a few mornings since, and took a chair. She wiped her nose, and the perspiration from her face on a blue checked apron, and when the Mason looked at her with an interested brotherly look, as though she was in trouble, she said—

"Are you the Boss Mason?"

He blushed, told her he was a Mason, but not the highest in the land. She hesitated a moment, fingered the corner of her apron, and curled it up like a boy speaking a piece in school, and asked:—

"Have you taken the whole 233 degrees of Masonry?"

The man laughed and told her there were only thirty-three degrees, and that he had only taken thirty-two. The other degree could only be taken by a very few, who were recommended by the Grand Lodge, and they had to go to New York to get the thirty-third degree. The lady studied a minute, unpinned the safety pin that held her shawl together, put it in her mouth, took a long breath, and said—

"Where does my husband get the other two hundred degrees, then?"

The prominent Mason said she guessed her husband never got two hundred degrees, unless he had a degree factory. He said he did not understand the lady.

"Does my husband have to set up with a corpse three nights a week?" she asked, her eyes flashing fire. "Do you keep a lot of sick Masons on tap for my husband to set up with the other three nights?"

The prominent Mason said he was thankful that few Masons died, and only occasionally was one sick enough to call for Masonic assistance. When a Mason was sick, and away from home, or when his family desired it, the brethren were only too glad to sit up with him, but there were so many Masons, and so few sick, that it was only once in two or three months that a brother was called upon to sit up with anybody. "But why do you ask these questions, madam," said the prominent Mason.

The woman picked the fringe off her shawl, hung her head down, and said:

"Well, my husband began to join the Masons about two years ago, and he has been taking degrees or sitting up with people every night since, and he comes home at all times of the night, smelling of beer and cheese. I thought at first that the cheese was the result of his going to the Morgues to help carry Brother Masons home after they had been found in the river. He has come twice with the wrong pair of drawers on, and when I asked him how it was, he said it was a secret he could not reveal under penalty of being shot with a cannon. All he would say was that he took a degree. I have kept a little track of it, and I figure that he has taken 233 degrees, including the Grand Sky Fugle degree, which he took the night he came home with his lip cut, and his ear hanging by a piece of skin."

"Oh, madam," said the prominent Mason, "there is no Sky Fugle degree in Masonry. Your husband has lied to you."

"That's what I think," said she, as a baleful light appeared in her eye. "He said he was taking the Sky Fugle degree, and fell through the skylight. I had him sewed up, and he was ready for more degrees. After he had taken, I should believe, about a hundred and fifty degrees, I told him I should think he would let upon it, and put some potatoes in the cellar for winter, but he said when a man once got started on the degrees he had to take them all, or he did not amount to anything. One time I wanted a hat to wear to church, with a feather on, and he said feathers were all nonsense, and the next day he brought home a leather case with a felt coal scuttle in it, and a feather on it that could not have cost less than ten dollars, the way I figure millinery. And when he put it on, and I laughed at his ridiculous appearance, he began to throw his arms around, and I asked him what was the matter, and he said that was the grand hailing sign of distress, and if I did not look out an avenger would appear from a dark closet and run a toad sticker through me for a scoffer. He must have spent a fortune on the last hundred and fifty degrees. One morning he came home with his coat tail split right up his back, and his pants torn just as though a dog had chewed him, and one eye closed up, and a wad of hair pulled right out of his head, and he said he had been taking the 200th degree, but he would not tell me how it happened, because it was a dead secret. Sometimes a brother Mason comes home with him along in the morning, and they talk about a 'full flush,' and they both act full as they stand on the steps and talk about their 'pat hands,' and 'raising 'em out,' and 'calling,' and 'bob tail flush.' One night when he was asleep, I heard him whisper, 'I raise you ten dollars,' and when I asked him what it meant, he said they had been raising a purse for a poor widow. Another time he raised up in bed, after he had been asleep, and shouted, 'I stand pat,' and when I asked him what it meant, he said he was ruined if I told it. He said he had spoken the pass word, and if the brethren heard of it they would put him out of the way, even as Morgan was put out of the way. Mister, is 'I stand pat,' your pass word?"

The Mason told her it was not. That the words she had spoken was an expression used by men when playing draw poker, and he added that he did not believe her husband was a Mason at all, but that he had been lying to her all these years.

She sighed and said, "That's what I thought when he came home with a lot of ivory chips in his pocket. He said they used them at the Lodge to vote on candidates, and that a white chip elects and a blue chips rejects a candidate. If you will look the matter up and see if he has joined the Masons, I will be obliged to you. He says he has taken all the two hundred and thirty degrees, and now the boys want him to join the Knights of Pythias. I want to get out an injunction to prevent him from joining anything else until we get some under clothes for the winter. I will tell you what I will do. The next time he says anything about Sky Fugle degrees, and consistory nonsense, I will take a wash-board and make him think there is one degree on Masonry that he has skipped, and now good-bye. You have comforted me greatly, and I will lay awake to-night till my husband comes from the Lodge with his pat hand, and I will make him think he has forgot his ante."

The lady went out to a grocery to buy some bar soap, and the prominent Mason resumed his business with a feeling that we are not all truly good, and there is cheating going on all around.—*Geo. Peck.*

The many friends of Bro. Jacob Norton will be deeply grieved to hear that for the last three months he has been stricken with a severe illness. From a letter just to hand from his son we learn that our worthy brother is now on the way to recovery, but when we bear in mind the age of Brother Norton, we can scarcely hope he will regain strength so rapidly as we feel all our readers could desire. Bro. Norton requests those of his correspondents who may deem him somewhat remiss in replying to their communications to accept this statement as a reason for any apparent discourtesy. We tender our deep sympathy with him in his affliction, and feel assured all English Craftsmen join us in the hope he may be spared for many years to continue the literary labours he has hitherto so ardently followed.

ROYAL KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1267.

THE installation meeting of this popular Lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of Bro. J. Stevens W.M., Eugéne Delacoste S.W., J. L. Mather P.M. as J.W., Soppet P.M. Treasurer, D. M. Dewar P.M. Secretary, Waters S.D., Tanner J.D., Hay I.G., Higgins Steward, P.M. Cramer, Percy Leith P.G.D., and a numerous attendance of members and Visitors, amongst the latter being the Grand Secretary Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, and several distinguished Provincial Grand Officers. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Charles Toope, Corinthian Lodge No. 448, New York, was proposed as a joining member. Bros. Driver, Waters, Cowie and Rumsey were passed to the second degree, the work being ably carried out by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Eugéne Delacoste S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge and, in the presence of thirty W.M.'s and P.M.'s, duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M. Bro. Stevens, who carried out the duties in an impressive manner, that merited the encomiums passed on him by the brethren and Visitors at the conclusion of the ceremony. Bro. Dewar P.M. very efficiently acted as M.C. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. J. B. Stevens I.P.M., C. Waters S.W., W. Tanner J.W., Soppet P.M. Treasurer, D. M. Dewar P.M. Secretary, H. P. Hay S.D., H. Langridge J.D., T. L. Higgins I.G., C. Richardson Steward, Potter Tylor. The selection of Officers seemed to give every satisfaction. Letters of apology were read from Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett P.G.M. Middlesex, Col. Creaton G. Treasurer, Sir John Monckton President of the Board of General Purposes, and Bro. Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., regretting their inability to be present. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the several Visitors. Bro. Percy Leith P.G.D. proposed that a Lodge of Instruction be established, to work under the warrant of this Lodge. The W.M. seconded, and the proposition was carried unanimously. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, seventy-eight in number, sat down to a récherché banquet and dessert, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), which was superintended by Brother Dawkins. The repast gave unqualified satisfaction, the tables were artistically decorated, and buttonholes provided for every one present by the W.M. Grace having been sung, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, and Madame Worrell sang the solo verses of the National Anthem. This was followed by that of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. Bro. Egbert Roberts sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales." With the toast of the Grand Officers was coupled the name of Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, and Bro. Percy Leith P.G.D. Here Miss Isabella Stone sang a popular selection, with great taste and feeling, and was deservedly applauded. Colonel Shadwell Clerke said it was a great pleasure to return thanks on behalf of the distinguished Craftsmen the Grand Officers. There are only nine or ten offices in the gift of the Grand Master, and those brethren who receive them have to bear the heat and burden of the day. Personally he thanked them for inviting him. He had the pleasure of knowing the W.M. before he was a Mason, and was pleased to see him in the chair; he was also gratified to see how ably the I.P.M. had performed the ceremonies of passing and installation. On behalf of the Grand Officers, he tendered them his sincere thanks. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. followed. At this part of the evening Bro. Egbert Robert's sonorous voice was heard to great advantage in his popular song, "Big Ben." Bro. Stevens said he had wielded the gavel for two years, and need not take up their time in speaking of the merits of the W.M. He is a pattern to many in the Craft. He has been popular in every office he has been called on to perform, and the brethren would not have any cause to regret having elected him their Worshipful Master. The W.M., in reply thanked Bro. Stevens for his kind words. Whatever he had done he thought was but his duty, and for that he desired no thanks; he hoped their future would be such as the Lodge would be equally satisfied with. The next toast was one all the members would be pleased to receive; it was the health of the Installing

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Master—Bro. Stevens. The W.M. might say he had never seen the ceremony better performed. Bro. Stevens had ably occupied the chair for two years, and he (Bro. Delacoste) hoped to follow in such able footsteps. Again a musical treat awaited the brethren. "Melodie," by Gounod, was sung by Miss Isabella Stone, while a violoncello obligato, by J. A. Brousil was given. Brother Stevens I.P.M., after acknowledging the honour done, said he was introduced to the Lodge by their respected Brother Hyde Pullen, and initiated by Brother Soppet. He then thought there must be something good in Freemasonry. The kindness he had received he should never forget. He passed through the chair, but, unfortunately, they lost by death the W.M. elect, and he was compelled to occupy it for a second year. He felt a great amount of pleasure in having the privilege to instal their W.M., and hoped he had gained his approbation. The words uttered by the Grand Secretary it was a great satisfaction to him to hear; they would make a lasting impression on him. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Visitors. Brother Ramsay responded. Bro. Cramer returned thanks for the Past Masters, and Bro. F. Binckes made a forcible appeal in responding to the toast of the Masonic Institutions. The other toasts comprised the Treasurer and Secretary, the Wardens and Officers, &c., &c. To each full honour was done. The W.M. exhibited great judgment in selecting a musical party to add to the enjoyment of the meeting. To Bro. Edwin M. Lott was entrusted the arrangements, and he had secured the services of the popular favourite Madame Worrell, Miss Isabella Stone, and Bros. Egbert Roberts and J. Brousil; these artistes exerted themselves most creditably. During the evening Bro. Pigache, by particular request, sang "The Chalet." The following is a list of the Visitors:—Bros. Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Dr. Ramsay, Mather, Hurdy, Jordan, Dunkley, Higgins, Lott, Ruf, Green, Toope, Hobbs, De Grabowski, Kidder, Lemaitre, Festa, Cockerell, Delacroix, H. Wilde, Dickets, Armstrong, Sband, Coffin, Lintell, Wilde, Nicols, Dudley Rolls, Scott, Pigache, Binckes, Green, Armstrong, Kempster, Roberts, Graham, Berkeley, Hubinet, Levy.

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ADELPHI.—At 7.15, FAMILIES SUPPLIED. At 7.45, DRINK.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7.30, AUNT CHARLOTTE'S MAID. At 8, THE ROMANY RYE. (Last night).

VAUDEVILLE.—At 8, MONEY. This day, at 2.30 also.

OLYMPIC.—At 8, FUN ON THE BRISTOL. (Last night).

GLOBE.—At 8, A FAIR ENCOUNTER At 8.45, THE PROMISE OF MAY.

CRITERION.—At 8, BRAVE HEARTS. At 9, BETSY.

LYCEUM.—At 7.45, MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. This day, at 2 also.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES. At 8.30, PATIENCE. This day (Saturday), at 2.30, also.

COMEDY.—At 8, RIP VAN WINKLE.

HAYMARKET.—At 7.50, NEARLY SEVEN. At 8.10, THE OVERLAND ROUTE.

OPERA COMIQUE.—ON CONDITION. At 9.45, SOMETHING NEW.

TOOLE'S.—At 7.20, WAITING CONSENT. At 8, GIRLS AND BOYS; a Nursery Tale.

AVENUE.—At 7.30, WEDDING BLISS. At 8.15, MANTEAUX NOIRS.

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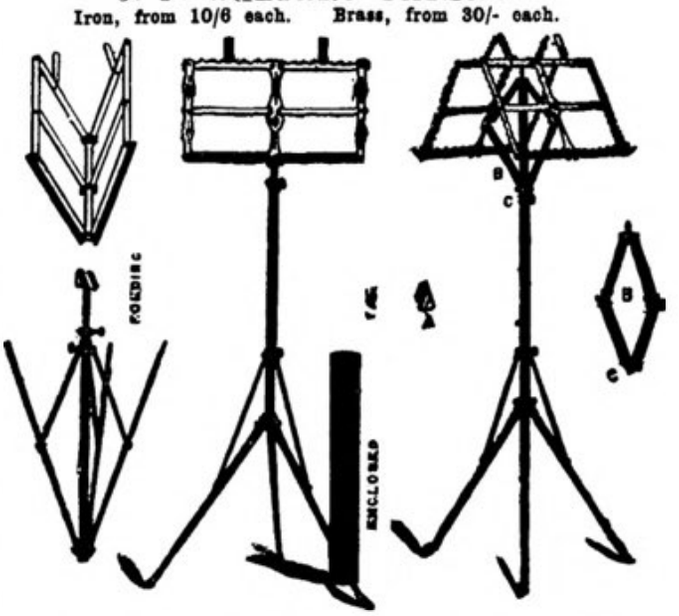

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

THE annual meeting was held on Friday, 3rd inst., at the Town Hall, Swindon, the receiving Lodge being the Gooch Lodge, No. 1295, New Swindon. The Provincial Grand Master, Lord Methuen, presided, and was supported by Bros. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., M.P., D.P.G.M., Lord Harry F. Thynne, M.P., Prov. G.W. P.P.S.G.W., Rev. J. A. Lloyd P.G. Chaplain, F. H. Goldney Past G. Steward P.G. Treasurer, T. Ponting P.G. Reg., Henry C. Tombs Past G.D. P.G. Sec., W. T. Briscoe P.G. Sup. of Works, J. Chandler P.P.S.G.W. P.G.D.C., James Sparks, A. J. Benvan P.G. Pursuivant, William Nott P.P.G.J.W. Prov. Char. Sec., Alf. Plummer P.P.G.J.W., T. Graham P.P.G.J.W., C. F. Marshall P.P.G.S.W., T. S. Futcher P.P.G.J.D., Rev. A. Law P.P.G. Chaplain, Rev. G. E. Gardiner P.P.G. Chaplain, S. Gauntlett P.P.G.J.D., J. H. Chandler P.P.G.O., W. H. Brinckworth P.P.G.O., W. S. Bambridge P.P.G.O., S. Badham P.P.G.O., Edwin Eyres P.P.G. Pur., E. Browne P.P.G.S.B., Robert Cook P.P.G.S.B., and many other brethren. There were comparatively few Visitors present, amongst them being Bros. Clement Tudway P.M. 592 P.P.G.D.C. Gloucester, C. E. Botley 780, &c. The roll of the various Lodges was called, and all were found to be duly represented. The Provincial Grand Master—Lord Methuen—after expressing his pleasure at again meeting the brethren, called upon the Prov. G. Secretary—Brother H. C. Tombs—to read the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and also of a Lodge of emergency held on the 19th July last, at Devizes, principally for the consecration of a new Masonic Hall there for the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663. These minutes, which

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were rather voluminous, having been duly read and confirmed, the Prov. Grand Treasurer—Brother F. H. Goldney—read an abstract of his accounts for the past year, which had been duly audited, the Charity account showing a balance in hand of upwards of £50 in addition to £100 invested in pursuance of the directions of the last Prov. G. Lodge. The accounts were approved. The Prov. G. Secretary then read the minutes of a meeting of the Charity Committee, held that morning. The Committee recommended a donation of £10 to the Prov. Benevolent Fund, and that two brethren who had offered their services should be approved as Stewards to represent the Province at the Festivals of two of the Masonic Institutions in the coming year, viz., Bros. Dr. Theobald Ringer 1533 P.M. 1303 for the Benevolent Institution, and Bro. James Sparks 1271 P.G.O. for the Boys' School. The Report of the Charity Committee and its recommendations were unanimously approved and adopted. A considerable discussion then took place as to the disposal of the balance on the Charity Fund account, and eventually it was resolved that £10 10s be placed on the list of each of the two Stewards named. The P.G. Master, before calling for the reading of the other reports, said that these were rather lengthy, and contained much valuable information which he thought would be much better appreciated if the reports were for the future printed and circulated with the Provincial Grand Lodge summons and agenda paper. The brethren would thus have time to consider them, and it would not then be necessary that such reports should be read in full at the Prov. Grand Lodge. This suggestion was unanimously approved. The Prov. G. Registrar—Bro. T. Ponting—read his usual annual report, which showed that the number of subscribing members in the Province, now 444, was practically the same as for the last two or three years. The report called attention to the fact that the outstanding subscriptions in arrear showed a very slight decrease, whilst the outstanding liabilities were considerably less, but that there was no other alteration in the main feature of the returns. It was especially noted that for the past three years two of the Lodges had neither outstanding assets nor liabilities. Accompanying the report the Registrar submitted an abstract, and the Lodge returns, dealing fully with the accounts both financially and otherwise, and made out on the averages for three years as had been done by his predecessors, and, in submitting it, he suggested that a summary, showing the totals of each Lodge return, would be more useful than one showing the averages for three years, as it would state accurately the position of each Lodge, and consequently of the Province at the date of the return, instead of only its general average position throughout a period of three years. The Provincial Grand Registrar's report was approved, and his suggestion adopted. Bro. William Nott, Provincial Charity Secretary, then read his report on behalf of the Provincial Charity Organisation and Benevolent Fund Committee, which was as follows:—

Charity Organization.

On behalf of the Committee I beg to lay before this Provincial Grand Lodge an account of its work during the past year.

This Province having no candidate for either the Boys' or the Girls' School, was enabled to so dispose of its votes as to more than cancel its indebtedness, and leave a small balance of votes owing to it.

On the Benevolent Fund account matters were different. It having been decided that the case of Mrs. Roach, the candidate adopted by the Committee, should, if possible, be carried at the election last May, arrangements were made by which this object was effected. Owing to the increase in the number of Wiltshire votes sent in to the Committee, to the good help given by outside friends of the candidate, and to certain advantageous arrangements which your Secretary was enabled to make, our candidate's success was secured with only a comparatively small debt being incurred by this Province on the Benevolent Fund account. Our candidate was seventh on the list of the thirteen successful candidates, with a total of 1448 votes.

Thus far as regards this Province more especially, it may be mentioned as regards the other Provinces with which Wiltshire is associated, that at the Boys' School election in April, out of the twelve successful candidates, four were from the allied Provinces, namely, one each from Lincoln, Worcester, Somerset and Leicester, whilst at the election for the same Institution in October now just past, the only case in which the association was interested, a Gloucester case, came in at the head of the poll. As to the Girls' School election, in April, the whole of the candidates were declared elected without ballot; in October the allied Provinces determined to run one candidate only, a Worcester case, and succeeded in carrying it, while the surplus votes beyond the number necessary were polled for a Somersetshire case which has been adopted for the election next spring.

As regards the Benevolent Fund and the other Provinces alluded to, a Widow's case from Bristol would, in addition to the Wiltshire case, have been successfully carried had it not been for some unfortunate mischance in the counting of the votes sent in. As it was, she was highest on the unsuccessful list, and at the next election there will, doubtless, be little difficulty in carrying her case, together with, it is hoped, those of two other candidates, one from Monmouth and one from Worcester.

Your Committee highly appreciates the hearty co-operation received from the representatives of other Provinces, and would more especially mention Bros. Capt. S. G. Homfray D.P.G.M. Monmouth, R. C. Else D.P.G.M. Somerset, W. H. Bowden Bristol, Geo. Taylor P.G. Sec. Worcester, Rev. W. Langley Leicester and Col. Basevi and his successor R. Vassar Smith, Gloucester.

In order to carry out the work which has been recapitulated, your Charity Secretary attended at three of the elections during the year.

The votes the Committee has had placed at its disposal by the Lodges in the Province, and voters connected therewith, during the last three years, have been as follows:—

	1880	1881	1882
Royal Masonic Institution for Boys ...	372	407	475
" " Girls ...	350	372	356
" Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons ...	222	219	235
" " " for Widows	127	119	153
	1071	1117	1219

being an increase in this year over last year of 102 votes, and being considerably more than in any previous year.

The voting power of the Province is thus shown to be increasing, and it is very necessary that it should increase if Wiltshire is to hold its own at the elections, the number of votes necessary to carry a candidate at either of the Institutions having increased something like fifty per cent. during the past few years.

Wiltshire Recipients of Masonic Charities.

As it may be interesting to the brethren to know what advantages are being derived by this Province from the various Masonic Charitable Institutions, the following particulars have been gathered together:—

Benevolent Institution.

Three widows are now enjoying annuities of £32 each, or a total of £96 per annum. One (whose husband belonged to the Trowbridge Lodge 632) having been in enjoyment of her annuity for six years. Another (Devizes 663) for four years, the other (Chippendale 626) being the annuitant elected in May last.

THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

The Wiltshire Scholars, with the Lodges to which their fathers belonged are as follows, and against the name of each is an extract from the Report of the Governess or Master of the School respecting them:—

Girls' School.

A. M. C. (Old Swindon 355), age 13, elected 1879, leaves the School 1885. "Will rise to third class after Christmas. Is a good girl."

A. L. W. (New Swindon 1295), age 13, elected 1879, leaves 1885. "In fourth class; has lost time through delicate health, but is stronger, and likely to make more progress; is a good girl."

E. M. G. (Salisbury 586), age 11, elected 1879, leaves 1886. "In fifth class and backward, but is a good little girl."

F. J. N. (Old Swindon 355), age 11, elected 1880, leaves 1887. (No report.)

G. E. B. (Old Swindon 355), age 11, elected 1880, leaves 1886. "In fifth class, but is likely to make progress; is a good girl."

G. M. S. (Old Swindon 355), age 9, admitted 1882. "Is a nice little girl admitted this September; is backward."

L. M. S. S. (Trowbridge 632), aged 10, admitted 1882. (No report.)

Boys' School.

H. V. N. S. S. (Trowbridge 632), aged 12, elected 1877, leaves 1886. "Conduct satisfactory, ability and industry fair, and has much improved of late."

It will thus be seen that there are at present no less than eight Wiltshire children enjoying the advantages of education at these Schools, an education which must represent a money value of some £400 per annum and which, added to the annuities, gives a total of about £500 a year.

Stewardships for the Charities.

During the year the following amounts have been taken up to the Festivals of the different Masonic Institutions by the following Stewards from this Province:—

Bro. Martin, Benevolent Institution	89	5	0
Dr. Ringer, Girls' School	56	3	0
William Nott, Boys' School	147	0	0
Dr. Ringer, "	15	15	0
Total	£308	3	0

Benevolent Fund.

No claim as yet has been made upon this fund. The Committee has therefore been enabled to invest the whole of the income, thus helping to form a Capital Fund, which will in a short time be sufficiently large to afford from its investment a substantial annual income.

In last year's report the Committee was only able to furnish a provisional account of receipts and payments, but a complete account, for the year ending 31st December 1881 is appended hereto.

Your Committee in its last year's report ventured to express an opinion that the number of contributing Lodges would this year be increased. Such anticipation has been realised, and there is every reason to hope that next year the whole, or nearly the whole, of the Lodges in the Province will be direct contributors to this fund.

Under the rules of this fund the Provincial Grand Lodge is entitled to nominate one of its Officers as a Life Governor of the fund, in respect of the donation of £50 voted to it last year. The R.W. the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., the P.G. Treasurer, the P.G. Reg., the P.G. Secretary, and the Charity Secretary are already *ex officio* members of the Committee. It is therefore suggested whether it would be desirable that this Provincial Grand Lodge should name another of its Officers to be a member of the Committee as Life Governor.

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The Report was unanimously approved, but the consideration of the suggestion contained in the last paragraph thereof was postponed.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Tombs, produced the report of the Bye-laws Committee, accompanied by the Draft of the Bye-laws, which such Committee recommended for adoption. These Bye-laws having been already well discussed in the Province, and generally approved, no discussion now took place upon them.

On the motion of Sir G. Goldney, seconded by Lord H. F. Thynne, the report of the Committee was adopted, and the Bye-laws, as presented, were approved and passed, and ordered to be submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge; and it was resolved that if, and when, such Bye-laws were so approved, they should be printed and circulated in the Province.

Bro. James Powell W.M. of the receiving Lodge—the Gooch Lodge, No. 1295—asked permission to introduce for the approval of the Provincial Grand Master a banner which had been presented to the Gooch Lodge, the device thereon being the armorial bearings of the esteemed brother from whom that Lodge was named—Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart.—formerly D.P.G.M. of Wilts, but now the R.W. Prov. G.M. of Berks and Bucks. Permission having been granted, Bro. Powell, accompanied by the Past Masters of the Lodge, retired, and re-entered with the banner in question. He begged leave to present their banner to the Provincial Grand Master, and to ask his sanction to its being used as the banner of the Gooch Lodge.

Lord Methuen, in reply, said that he most willingly gave his sanction, and that it would have given him additional pleasure if their dear friend, Sir Daniel Gooch, whose name they saw on the banner before them, could himself have been present on the occasion.

Bro. Powell thanked the P.G.M., and the banner was hung in its proper situation on the walls of the Lodge room.

Lord Methuen then said that a very pleasurable duty devolved upon him, and that was to recognise the services to the cause of Charity of two brethren, who during the past year had acted as Stewards for two of the Masonic Charities. He called upon Bro. W. Nott Prov. Charity Secretary, who having in previous years twice filled the office of Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and once the like office for the Girls' School, and thereby become the possessor of the Charity jewel, and one bar, had in 1882 acted as Steward for the Boys' School (with a list of nearly £150), and thus entitled to a second bar. This bar the P.G.M. now, in the name of the Provincial Grand Lodge, presented to Bro. Nott, coupling the presentation with the remark that all the brethren were deeply indebted to him for his successful efforts during many years past in the furtherance of the cause of Masonic Charity in Wiltshire, and the hope that the Province would long have the benefit of his services.

Bro. Nott briefly returned thanks for the presentation, and expressed his gratification that his efforts in the cause of charity had been so well supported, and hoped that in the future he might still merit the approbation of his lordship and the brethren of the Province.

The P.G.M. next called up Bro. Deputy Surgeon General Theobald Ringer, of Lodge 1533, Marlborough (and P.M. of Lodge 1308), who had, during the past year, filled the office of Steward, both for the Girls' School and for the Boys' School, taking up for the former fifty-five, and for the latter fifteen guineas. This entitled him to the Charity Jewel, and such jewel the P.G.M. then, in accordance with the practice in the Province, presented on behalf of the P.G. Lodge to Bro. Ringer. Lord Methuen expressed the pleasure it gave him to thus recognise Bro. Ringer's exertions, and that it was with still further pleasure he found that brother's name down as one of the Stewards of the Province for the ensuing year.

Bro. Ringer thanked his Lordship and the brethren for this recognition of his services.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read the letter issued by the Grand Secretary, dated 9th November 1881, declaring the precedence of Grand Officers over all Provincial Grand Officers (except Prov. G. Masters), whether in their own provinces or not. This letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The Committee as to Revised Book of Constitutions presented a report, in which certain alterations were recommended. This report was unanimously adopted, and the alterations recommended were directed to be submitted to Grand Lodge for consideration.

The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master then addressed the meeting, congratulating himself and Masonry on the excellent attendance that day. Masonry in this Province, fostered as it had been by such Deputy Grand Masters as Sir Daniel Gooch in the past, and Sir Gabriel Goldney in the present, still maintained its position, and showed that their influence on the Province had not been impaired by time. He himself felt deeply indebted to those Provincial Grand Officers, more especially to the Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. Tombs, who so kindly took so much of the labour of the Province off his hands, and he hoped that when he met them again he should be able, thanks to the valuable assistance of those Officers, to again congratulate them on the progress of Masonry in Wiltshire.

The P.G.M. in alluding to several matters which had been brought before them, more especially called attention to that part of the minutes of a preceding P.G.L. which expressed disagreement with Bro. Clabon's proposition to increase the dues to the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence payable by Provincial brethren, and expressed a hope that the members of that P.G.L. would as far as possible make a point of attending Grand Lodge when the subject came on for discussion there, in order to support the resolution of the P.G.L. of Wiltshire.

Lord Methuen then declared all offices vacant.

On the proposition of Lord H. F. Thynne, seconded by the Rev. G. E. Gardiner, Bro. F. H. Goldney was re-elected by acclamation as Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested as follow:—

Bro. Henry J. Birch 1295	... ...	P.G. Senior Warden
Col. J. R. Ford 335	... ...	P.G. Junior Warden
Rev. Canon Millar 626	... ...	P.G. Chaplain
F. H. Goldney 626 (reelected)	...	P.G. Treasurer
Thomas Ponting 1478 (reappointed)		P.G. Registrar
Henry C. Tombs 355 (reappointed)		P.G. Secretary
George Lopes 626 ...	... ...	P.G. Senior Deacon
Edwin Browne 1295	... ...	P.G. Junior Deacon
J. H. Chandler 663	... ...	P G. Supt. of Works
John Chandler 355 (reappointed)		P.G.D.C.
James Powell 1295	... ...	P.G.A.D.C.
T. C. P. Calley 355	... ...	P.G.S.B.
Frederick Harding 355	... ...	P.G. Organist
Joseph Goudge 1295	... ...	P.G. Pursuivant
John Savory 355 (reelected)	...	P.G. Tyler

This ended the business of the meeting, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was duly closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Goddard Arms Hotel, under the presidency of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and warmly responded to.

We beg to draw our readers' attention to a modest little Masonic work published this week, and entitled "Occasional Papers on the History of Freemasonry." We cannot take upon ourselves to say much as to the "Papers" themselves, which have already appeared in our columns, nor need we lay much stress on the object in view in reproducing them in book form. They were compiled for the express purpose of being read in Lodges, and in Lodges of Instruction, and it is worthy of remark that, whenever any of them have been so read, they have met with a most flattering reception from all present. Now that they are before the Masonic public, they will, we trust, remove a complaint that has been often made in connection with the said Lodges of Instruction, to the effect that brethren would more regularly attend those useful Lodges, and take a greater interest in their proceedings, if there were occasional departures from the ordinary routine of work. These Papers, if utilised, will afford the much-needed relief from the monotony complained of. We have described the new publication as a modest little work, and modest it is, undoubtedly, in the important essential of price, which is only One Shilling. Our publisher has reason to be proud of this, when we bear in mind that the great obstacle to the free spread of useful Masonic literature has always been the exorbitant prices charged for works of no greater pretensions, and oftentimes possessing less interesting and instructive matter than this.

On Thursday, the 2nd instant, the members of the Lechmere Lodge, No. 1874, meeting at the Masonic Hall, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, paid a tribute of their respect to Bro. George Taylor, Prov. Grand Secretary, and Prov. Charity Secretary, who was first W.M. of this Lodge, by presenting him with a magnificent Past Master's jewel, specially manufactured by Bro. H. T. Lamb, of St. John's Square, Clerkenwell. The design embodies the Borough Arms, and the Arms and Crest of Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Worcestershire, after whom the Lodge is named. The following is the inscription:—

Presented to Bro. George Taylor,
P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Secretary, P.M. 377 and 1874, and W.M. 560,
on the termination of his year of office as W.M. of the Lechmere
Lodge, No. 1874, in recognition of his labours in promoting
its foundation, March 1882.

On Thursday Bro. Richard Wilder was elected Mayor of Wallingford.

Mr. Paul Meritt, the well-known dramatist, whose name has become a household word throughout the entire English-speaking world in connection with such extraordinary dramatic successes as "Youth," "The World," "New Babylon," "Stolen Kisses," "Mankind," and "For Ever," has just completed an original ultra-sensational story of domestic interest, called "The Hidden Million," which has just been secured by the proprietors of the Pictorial World, and will form the entire Christmas number of that paper. The Story will be illustrated, by such distinguished artists as Robert Macbeth, Frederick Barnard, Hal Ludlow, Wal Paget, F. Barton, F. Barraud, W. B. Wollen, Charles Wyllie, M. Greiffenhagen, Lucien Davis, E. F. Brewtnall, Sidney Paget, and John Leighton, F.S.A.

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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, 11th NOVEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (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)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green

MONDAY, 13th NOVEMBER.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel,
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
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 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-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)
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
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 862—Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
298—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—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
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
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
M.M.—Egerton, 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 NOVEMBER.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Annual Supper of the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7
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
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
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)
1361—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)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
1668—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
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
1960—Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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 Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
408—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Inst.)
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
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
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
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
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 265—Judes, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 15th NOVEMBER.

Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.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.)
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
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
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)
1624—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)
R.A. 1593—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone

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
248—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
325—St. John's 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
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
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
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
962—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
1088—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.
1596—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

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THURSDAY, 16th NOVEMBER.

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—Gihon, 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.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. Johns Wood
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
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, Horns Tavern, Kennington
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.)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
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.)
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel Fleet-street
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
R.A. 742—Crystal Palace, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 834—Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith Road
R.A. 1216—Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
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
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
96—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
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 17th NOVEMBER.

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.)
143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
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)
1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1366—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 78—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 92—Moira, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.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
903—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1036—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1393—Hanover, 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
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marchioness of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
K.T.—Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 18th NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Canon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (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, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Loughboro' Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 6th inst., at Bro. McDiarmaid's, Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughboro' Junction. Present:—Bros. Westley W.M., Westmore S.W., Banks J.W., Johnson Preceptor, Perkins S.D., Taffs J.D., Cornock I.G.; also Bros. Heinrich, Littlewood, Philps, Denning, Keyse, McDiarmaid, Carter, Skinner, Harvey, and Lowden. After preliminaries, the W.M. most efficiently rehearsed the ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising, Bro. Keyse acting as candidate. Bros. Harvey 177 and Lowden 1348, were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Westmore was elected W.M. for ensuing fortnight. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned till the 20th inst. There will be no Lodge held next week, as on the 13th inst. the annual supper will take place, on which occasion Bro. Taffs S.W. 186, Lodge of Industry, will preside.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge met at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, on Saturday the 4th inst. Present Bros. R. M. Jones W.M., Gribbell S.W., Galer J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Parkes S.D., A. M. Marks J.D., Ashton I.G.; also Bros. Gush, Houghton, Brasted, Rhodes, Nicholls, R. W. Pearcy, and others. Lodge was opened in regular form. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gush being the candidate. The first, second, and third sections were worked by Brother Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Brother Gribbell was elected to preside at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was awarded to Brother R. M. Jones the W.M., this being the first time he had presided in this Lodge of Instruction.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No 382—Meeting held on Monday, 6th inst., at the Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge. Bros. Cotton W.M., Taplin S.W., Brooks J.W., Rowles S.D., Taylor J.D., Bailey I.G. and Tyler, Tucker W.M. 1612 Preceptor; and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Andrews P.M., who had previously given proof of his proficiency, being the candidate. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees, when Bro. Andrews P.M. worked the second section of the first lecture. Bro. Taplin was unanimously elected to the chair for the next meeting. Lodge was subsequently closed, with the usual formalities, and adjourned until the 13th inst.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—There was a good meeting of this Lodge of Instruction on Friday, the 3rd instant, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Bro. Stokes W.M. was supported by Bros. Knight S.W., Payne J.W., Phillips S.D., Thurston J.D., Williams I.G., Terry P.M. Secretary, and a number of other brethren. Bro. Stevens P.M. and Preceptor was, owing to temporary indisposition, absent. The Lodge having been opened and minutes read, Bro. Stokes ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, and subsequently a portion of the sections in the first degree were worked by the brethren. Bro. Knight was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 3rd inst., at 8 p.m. Bros. Tucker W.M., F. Botley S.W., Gomm P.M. J.W., Monson S.D., Geflowski J.D., Thomas I.G.; W. Goss P.M., &c.; Bros. Hadley 1612, A. Turner, S. Turner, Maton, C. E. Botley. The minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. S. Turner candidate. Bro. Hadley answered the questions leading to the second degree, and retired. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. A. Turner candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Hadley 1612 was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Brother Goss proposed Bro. F. Botley be W.M. for the next meeting; this was seconded by Bro. Gomm, and carried unanimously. Bro. Goss having stated that he should unfortunately be prevented from attending the Lodge of Instruction in the future, Bro. Tucker proposed, and Bro. C. E. Botley seconded, that a vote of thanks be accorded to Brother Goss for his past services to the Lodge. This was carried unanimously, and the brethren expressed their regret that Bro. Goss was leaving the neighbourhood. Lodge was then closed and adjourned till Friday, the 10th inst., at 8 p.m.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—The usual weekly meeting was held at its new quarters, the Norfolk-square Hotel, Paddington, on Monday, 6th inst. Present—Bros. Chalfont W.M., Cuthbertson S.W., Smith J.W., Mote S.D., Douglas-Smith J.D., Hardy I.G., Taylor W.S.; also Bros. Dehane, Thomas, Wickens, Cursons, Simpson, Craig, Hart, Mitchell, Holland, Wood. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of raising and initiation were rehearsed, Bros. Craig and Cursons being the candidates. The Bye-laws having been read, the ballot was taken for the Officers for the ensuing twelve months, and was declared in favour of Bro. G. Read as Treasurer and Preceptor, and Bro. H. Dehane as Hon. Sec., Bro. Mote being appointed Assist. Secretary. Bros. Craig, Holland and Wickens were elected the Audit Committee. The Lodge was adjourned until Monday, 13th November, at 8 p.m., when Bro. Chalfont S.W. 1425 will be W.M.

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Joppa Lodge, No. 188.—A regular meeting of this numerous and excellent working Lodge, was held on 6th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Bros. Myers W.M., Benjamin S.W., Martin J.W., Lyon Treasurer, Albert Past Grand Pursuivant Secretary, Bean S.D., Walls I.G., S. B. Alexander and Dewsnap Stewards, Van Noorden Organist, Lazarus M.C.; P.M.'s M. Alexander, L. Alexander, Levy, Roberts, Hickman. Visitors—Davis 1222, Fletcher 180, Hart, Salmon, 1043, Dunlop 1138, Hirschman 609, Tucker 130, Antill 720, Posener 15. After the Lodge had been opened and the minutes confirmed, Bros. Salinger, Deering, Lack, W. R. Davis 1422, and Beauchamp Roorkee (the latter by the courtesy of the W.M.) were raised to the third degree, and Bros. Lorie and L. Davis were passed. Both ceremonies were excellently and perfectly rendered. It was unanimously agreed that a letter of condolence be sent to Bro. G. A. Dodson P.M. on his recent bereavement,—the death of his mother. A notice of motion was given in by Bro. M. Alexander P.M., to be seconded by Bro. L. Alexander P.M., that the Lodge be removed, and that its future meetings take place on the third Mondays. On this an amendment was proposed by Bro. A. Roberts P.M., and seconded by Bro. S. Hickman, that the Lodge be removed and meet, as hitherto, on the first Monday in the month. After some discussion this was carried by a majority of eighteen. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Worshipful Master and those who had organised the removal of the Joppa Lodge. Brother W. Davis was proposed as a joining member. He, in reply, made a few pertinent remarks respecting his initiation in India, in the year 1873. He was present in Lodge when the M.W. G. Master visited it. He had been a Doctor in the army, and wished to become an active member of the Joppa Lodge. Shortly after this Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to light refreshments, when fifty-five, including Visitors, enjoyed their so-called off-night. The customary toasts were done full justice to.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—The usual meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, on Wednesday evening last, when there were present Bros. Perl W.M., Dixie S.W., F. Perl J.W., Forge J.D., Weeden S.D., P.M. Killick, W. F. Potter I.G., and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Potter answered the usual questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Potter acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Dixie was unanimously elected to fill the chair on Wednesday evening next, and the brethren then dispersed, after spending a pleasant evening. The annual supper will take place at the Cock Tavern, Highbury (Bro. Baker's), on the second Wednesday in December.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 7th inst. Present—Bros. Catlin W.M., Robinson S.W., Clark J.W., Forss S.D., Baker J.D., Dignam I.G., Carr Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Smyth, Christian, Holsworth, Cracknell, Wardell, Darnell. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Smyth acting as candidate. The Lodge was called off, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties by Bro. Christian working the first, and Bro. Forss the third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Robinson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned. By invitation, the brethren of the Doric Lodge of Instruction will work the Fifteen Sections at the above Lodge on the 28th of November inst.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the meeting held at the Institute, Ealing, on Tuesday last, there were present Bros. Seward W.M., Dyer S.W., Coop J.W., Smith J.D., Owen S.D., Wells Secretary, Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, Bellerby I.G., Andrews P.M., Hadley, Henning. Lodge was opened with due formalities, and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Henning candidate. Bro. Jones delivered the charge. Bro. Coop, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the first and second sections of the first lecture. Bro. Hadley was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Dyer was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Lodge was closed and adjourned to Tuesday, 14th November.

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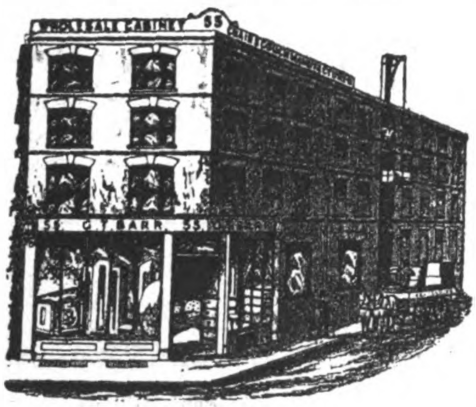

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IT is a good quarter of a century since the Queen has held a review of troops on their return home after having been engaged in warlike operations. In 1856 the three battalions of the Guards on their return from the Crimea were inspected by Her Majesty in Hyde Park, the other four battalions of the same corps being likewise on the ground and marching past the saluting point. The year following our gracious Sovereign was the central figure in another imposing military ceremony, namely, the distribution of Victoria Crosses to the gallant officers and men who had been recommended to receive it for their personal exhibition of distinguished valour in the field. The Order had only a short time previously been created, and to mark the Sovereign's sense of the importance she attached to this first distribution of the Cross, there was a considerable gathering of troops on the occasion, who were under the command, we believe, of the late Lord Clyde, then Sir Colin Campbell, among other distinguished persons who were present being the late Earl of Cardigan, the gallant leader of the Light Brigade. Since then no other military ceremony has taken place in London, or, indeed, as far as we know, in any part of the country in which soldiers returning from a campaign have passed in review before the Queen. The ceremony, therefore, which has been arranged for to-day (Saturday) on the parade ground at the back of the Horse Guards is one which cannot fail to bring together vast multitudes not only of Londoners, but also of people from all parts of the country. Preparations are being made to give all possible *éclat* to the review. Accommodation has been provided so far as the limited space at the disposal of the authorities will permit, for all who, officially or otherwise, have a claim to be present, and no doubt, if we are favoured with what is familiarly known as "Queen's weather," the spectacle will be as imposing as it is rare. Bro. Sir Garnet Wolseley, who commanded the expeditionary force to Egypt, will necessarily be the central figure. With him will be present Sir John Adye, his chief of the Staff, General Willis, who commanded the first division, Major-General Drury-Lowe, who commanded the cavalry, Major-General H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught at the head of his brigade of Guards, and Brother Sir Evelyn Wood in command of the second brigade. The Seamen, Marine Artillery, Marine Light Infantry, the Engineers, the Commissariat, Transport, and Postal Corps will also be represented. In short, every branch of the sister services lately engaged in Egypt will take part in the Review, including of course the small contingent of officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Indian contingent now visiting this country. The Review itself will be a most simple operation, and will be confined to a march past of the troops on the ground, but the Queen has resolved on doing her utmost to make the display as attractive and as honourable as possible to the naval and military professions by personally distributing medals to selected representatives of the different regiments and detachments that took part in the campaign.

To the Craft, who must have many friends among our victorious soldiery and seamen, such a display will necessarily commend itself. As loyal subjects they admire all who have successfully discharged any public duty, and as individual members of the community, they, in common with all others, will be only too delighted to have this opportunity of paying Honour to the Brave.

THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

(Continued from page 323.)

THE subject of Private Lodges is dealt with in the third principal head or subdivision of the Revised Edition, and a mere glance at this and the existing edition will suffice to show that it has undergone the process of re-arrangement to a very considerable extent. Thus, in the present Book, it is first of all laid down who are the Officers of a Lodge, &c.; how, and how often, they shall be elected or appointed; what office shall not be held concurrently by the same brother in two Lodges, except under what conditions; what brethren shall not hold office except under what conditions; that Lodges may frame their own bye-laws," &c. &c. &c. In the Revised Edition we start with the "Application for a warrant for a new lodge;" "Provisional warrants from district grand masters;" "Must be exchanged for regular warrants;" "Form of petition for a warrant;" "A lodge must be regularly constituted;" all which are taken from the heading in the present Book "OF CONSTITUTING A NEW LODGE." This re-arrangement may justly be described as a violent disturbance of the Order of our Regulations, for which, as far as we can see, no sufficient justification can be shown. We are told in the "Synopsis" which accompanies the Revised Constitutions, that "the Rules are arranged methodically, having regard to their bearing and sequence," but the constitution of a new Lodge is merely an ordinary incident in the every-day life of Freemasonry, for which of course it is necessary to make provision in our Regulations, but which cannot be said to be entitled to any priority of "bearing or sequence" over the laws that affect all Lodges, both those already constituted, and those which may hereafter be constituted. If "bearing or sequence" are to be our guides in the arrangement of our Constitutions, it must be clear to every one that our first duty is to lay down the definition of a Lodge, and then to describe its organisation. Of course, the primary business of a number of brethren who are desirous of setting up a new Lodge is to obtain the necessary authority in the shape of a Warrant of Constitution from the Grand Master. But the petitioners must be registered Masons, who are or have been members of regular Lodges, and the prayer "must be recommended by the master and wardens of a regular lodge." The new Lodge is thus an offshoot from a Lodge or Lodges already in existence, and it seems a curious kind of methodical arrangement which gives priority of "bearing and sequence" to the rules for constituting a new Lodge over those which concern the existence and organisation of Lodges already in existence. It must likewise be borne in mind, as still further confirming our

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views as to the impropriety of the present arrangement, that new Lodges are organised exactly after the manner of old Lodges. We should, therefore, be told first of all what this organisation is, and then it will be time to describe the steps that must be taken in order to constitute a new Lodge. For our own part, this constituting of a new Lodge being, as we have said, a mere ordinary Masonic incident, we should prefer seeing the regulations affecting it placed in a group by themselves as a kind of Appendix to the division, "Private Lodges." There is, indeed, no sufficient reason, as far as we can see, why the existing head "OF CONSTITUTING A NEW LODGE" should not be retained, so much of the Ceremonial and Directions as are obsolete being omitted, and their place supplied by the directions now observed.

As to the rules for the establishment of new Lodges, they are an improvement on those now in existence. See the first, second, and third paragraphs "OF CONSTITUTING A NEW LODGE," at pp 126-7.

REVISED EDITION.	EXISTING EDITION.
"116. Every application for a warrant to hold a new lodge must be by petition to the grand master, signed by at least seven master masons regularly registered under the constitution of the grand lodge of England, and specifying the lodges to which they belong, or formerly belonged. The petition must be recommended by the master and wardens of a regular lodge, and be transmitted to the grand secretary; *and in the case of any petitioner who is not a present subscribing member of a lodge, his clearance certificate from his last lodge must also be transmitted to the grand secretary.* If the lodge is proposed to be holden in a province, or district, the petition *and certificates* are to be forwarded in the first instance to the provincial or district grand master, as the case may be, or to his deputy, who is to forward them with his recommendation or opinion thereon to the grand secretary for the decision of the grand master."	P 126. "Every application for a warrant to hold a new lodge must be by petition to the grand master, signed by at least seven regularly registered masons; and the lodges to which they belong, or formerly belonged, must be specified. The petition must be recommended by the officers of a regular lodge, and be transmitted to the grand secretary, unless there be a provincial grand master of the district or province in which the lodge is proposed to be holden, in which case it is first to be sent to him, or to his deputy, who is to forward it, with his recommendation or opinion thereon for the grand master."
"117. The grand master may authorise district grand masters, in such districts as he shall think proper, to grant provisional warrants for the formation of new lodges within their respective districts upon the petition of any seven master masons regularly registered under the constitution of the grand lodge of England. The authority when given to continue during the pleasure of the grand master."	"The M.W. grand master may authorise district grand masters, in such districts as he shall think proper, to grant provisional warrants for the formation of new lodges within their respective districts upon the petition of any seven regularly registered masons, who shall have fully complied with the rules and regulations in force relating to the constituting new lodges. The authority when given to continue during the pleasure of the grand master.
"118. Whenever such provisional warrant shall have been granted, the master of the new lodge shall, within one month, apply by petition to the grand master for a regular warrant of constitution; and upon receipt of such petition, which must state the fact that a provisional warrant has been granted and be countersigned by the district grand master, a regular warrant shall be issued."	"Whenever such provisional warrant shall have been granted, the master of the new lodge shall, within one month, apply by petition to the grand master for a regular warrant of constitution; and upon receipt of such petition, which must state the fact that a provisional warrant has been granted and be countersigned by the district grand master, a regular warrant shall be issued."

The clause in italics in No. 116 is an additional, and at the same time a most important, provision. Without such certificates to guide him, the Grand Master might grant a warrant on the petition of unworthy brethren. It is further to be noticed that the petitioners must, at least to the number of seven, be Master Masons, which will also secure a stronger class of brethren as the founders of a new Lodge.

With reference to No. 119, which contains the "form of petition for a warrant to hold a new lodge," we would observe that what we will call the preamble—"We, the undersigned, being regular registered masons of the lodges mentioned against our respective names, having the prosperity of the craft at heart"—is not strictly in accordance with the Rules Nos. 116 and 117, which prescribe that the petition must be "signed by at least seven master masons regularly registered under the," &c. It is true nothing has been said as to the exclusion of F.C. and E.A.P. Masons from the category of petitioners for a new Lodge, and the term "regular registered masons" may apply with equal force to them as well as to Master Masons. But we necessarily attach importance to the substitution in the said Nos. 116 and 117 of the words "Master Masons" for "regularly registered Masons." A careful comparison of the proposed with the present regulations induces us to believe that the qualifying words, "at least seven," are not intended to imply that, whatever the number and status of the petitioners may be, "at least seven" of them must be "master masons," but rather that the petitioners must be all Master Masons, of whom, however, there need not be more than "seven" to justify the petition. For this reason, therefore, we would insert in the form of petition the word "Master," so that the proposed Rule should begin, "We, the undersigned, being regular registered *Master* Masons of the," &c.

No. 120 corresponds with the paragraph at p 128, which immediately follows "the form of petition for a warrant," and with Art. 10, p 64, with the exception of the first sentence. Side by side they read thus:—

"120. In order to avoid irregularities, every new lodge should be solemnly constituted, according to antient usage, by the grand master, with his deputy and wardens; or, in the absence of the grand master, by his deputy, who shall choose some master of a lodge to assist him. If the deputy be absent, the grand master may appoint some other grand officer or master or past master of a lodge to act as deputy *pro tempore*. No lodge shall be acknowledged, nor its officers admitted into the grand lodge or a provincial grand lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the fund of benevolence or other masonic privilege, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered."	P. 128. "In order to avoid irregularities, every new lodge should be solemnly constituted by the grand master, with his deputy and wardens; or, in the absence of the grand master, by his deputy, who shall choose some master of a lodge to assist him. If the deputy be absent, the grand master may appoint some other grand officer or master of a lodge to act as deputy pro tempore. 10. (p. 64). . . . . "No lodge shall be acknowledged, nor its officers admitted into the grand lodge or a provincial grand lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the general charity or other masonic privilege, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered."

The only remark we need offer upon this is that, according to the proposed Rule, a "past master," as well as a "master," may act as "deputy *pro tempore*" in the absence of that officer. Under the existing law the deputy's place can only be taken by a "master"—"some other grand officer" being common to both rules. There can be no objection to this extension of the present rule, but in such case, if a deputy's place can be occupied by a "master or past master of a lodge," why should not the law allow the said deputy to "choose some master or past master of a lodge to assist him?" If a "past master" is held competent to discharge the functions of deputy, he must be equally competent to "assist" him. Or, if he is incompetent to "assist" him, *à fortiori* must he be incompetent to take his place. No doubt the omission to which we have called attention is an oversight, and will be made good, when the Revised Edition comes to be carefully considered rule by rule, and clause by clause.

Rule No. 121 is new, and, in our opinion, is quite superfluous, while the marginal note flatly contradicts the purport of the proposed law. It lays it down that "No brother shall be installed as master or invested as a warden of a new lodge, except the brother named in the warrant for such office, unless by special sanction of the grand master." The marginal note reads—"The officers named in the warrant cannot be altered," notwithstanding the law itself says they can be altered "by special sanction of the grand master."

Rule No. 122 must be read with the first sentence of Art. 10, p 64, and Art. 1, p 44. These fit together appropriately enough, as will be seen when they are placed side by side with the existing separate rules.

"122. Lodges shall rank in precedence in the order of their numbers as registered in the books of the grand lodge. The grand stewards' lodge shall not have a number, but shall be registered in the books of the grand lodge, and placed in the printed list, at the head of all other lodges, and rank accordingly."	10 (p 64). "The precedency of lodges is derived from their constitution, as recorded in the books of the grand lodge." . . . . 1 (p 44). "The grand stewards' lodge shall not have a number, but shall be registered in the books of the grand lodge, and placed in the printed list, at the head of all other lodges, and rank accordingly."

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The first sentence of the proposed rule is a decided improvement, in respect of language, on the existing part of the said Art. 10, and is, historically, more accurate, as the dates of "their constitution," as they concern the surviving lodges of the Union, are no criterion of their "precedency." We have said the two parts of No. 122, as taken from Art. 10, p 64, and Art. I, p 44, fit well enough together, but, in our opinion, a still better arrangement might have been made. We would have joined Rule No. 123 as to the "Peculiar constitution of the grand stewards' lodge," with so much of No. 122 as determines the precedence of the said lodge, and made out of them one concise rule as to the "rank and constitution of grand stewards' lodge." Then we would have taken the first part of No. 122, as to the general "precedence of lodges," and combined with it No. 124, as to the "Local precedence of provincial" (or district) "lodges." Thus our Rule No. 122 would stand thus :—

"The grand stewards' lodge, which, being constituted as a master masons' lodge, has no power of making, passing, or raising masons, shall not have a number, but shall be registered in the books of the grand lodge, and placed in the printed list, at the head of all other lodges, and rank accordingly."

What in such case would be Rule No. 123, we propose should be made up of the first part of No. 122 and 124, and would be to the following effect :—"The other Lodges shall take precedence in Grand Lodge in the order of their numbers as registered in the books of the Grand Lodge. But every Provincial or District Lodge shall have a local as well as a general rank," &c., &c. Or, better still, perhaps as it would necessitate no further alteration of the Rule numbers, we might have No. 123 close with the words, "in the books of the Grand Lodge," while No. 124 would stand as proposed.

As to this Rule No. 124, it is substantially Art. 4, p 73, reproduced, but it is made applicable to Districts as well as Provinces. Thus, instead of beginning, "Every country lodge shall have a local," &c., the proposed rule reads, "Every provincial or district lodge shall have," &c., the words "or district" being inserted after "province" whenever the latter occurs. Be it added that, in order to be in harmony with the Rule, the marginal note should read, "Local precedence of provincial and district lodges."

Nos. 125 and 126 are new rules, the former enacting that "A lodge cannot act without a warrant," and the latter providing for the contingency of a warrant being lost or withheld. Thus, according to No. 125, "No lodge, except while acting under dispensation in the colonies or foreign parts, can meet without a warrant of constitution from the grand master, which is to be specially intrusted to the master for the time being at his installation, who is responsible for its safe custody and shall produce it at every meeting of the lodge. This regulation does not apply to the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, and the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, which act under immemorial constitutions." No. 126 is to the effect that "If a warrant be lost, or withheld by competent masonic authority, the lodge must suspend its meetings until a warrant of confirmation has been applied for and granted by the grand master, or until the warrant so withheld be restored." As to the former of these rules we will merely ask why, if the printed list of Lodges in the Grand Lodge Calendar is intended to serve as our guide to their "dates of origin," Lodges Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 15, which are described in the said list as "T.I." Lodges, are not also excluded from the operation of this law? Or, if this law is to be our guide, and it is authoritatively determined by it that the only Lodges "which act under immemorial constitutions" are Nos. 2 and 4, then we shall gladly be informed why the Calendar Committee of the Board of General Purposes is bent on misleading us into the belief there are nine instead of two Time Immemorials. We should like to know, in other words, if Lodges "Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 15 are to be considered as working under warrants of constitution from the Grand Master; if the said warrants are "specially intrusted" to the respective Masters of the Lodges; andif is is intended the said Masters shall produce the said warrants at the several meetings of the said Lodges. Also, in the event of the warrants of any of these Lodges being lost, if they are to "suspend" their meetings until warrants of "confirmation" have been applied for and "granted by the grand master." This may seem a formidable array of questions to propound, but if the Book of Constitutions and the Grand Lodge Calendar, both of which are published under the authority of Grand Lodge itself, are distinctly at variance, it will be necessary we should have the variance cleared up. As to No. 126, we have nothing further to suggest than that the marginal note should read "warrant lost or withheld."

No. 127, we are led to believe, is directed against the sale of a Lodge warrant; and so it is, but in part only. It is also directed against the equally, or, perhaps even more, heinous offence of procuring a warrant "by any other means than through the regular channel of petition to the grand master or district grand master." Here again, therefore, the marginal note, "Warrant not to be sold," is insufficient, and to rightly describe the purport of the law, there should be added the words "or irregularly procured." Those who have had a hand in framing the Revised Regulations must or should know that it is quite possible for a *précis* to be too precise. This No. 127 is a case in point. It deals with two distinct offences, one being the sale of a Lodge warrant, the other the procuring such a warrant through an improper channel. The marginal note takes cognisance only of the former. As to the Rule itself, it must be read with Art. 28, p 70, there being, however, an additional clause which greatly strengthens the law now in force. This addition is printed in italics.

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"127. If the warrant of a lodge be sold, or procured by any other means than through the regular channel of petition to the grand master or district grand master, such warrant shall be forfeited, and the lodge erased, *and all brethren concerned in such sale or irregularity shall be deemed to have committed a masonic offence.*"	28 (p 70). "If the warrant of a lodge be sold, or procured by any other means than through the regular channel of petition to the grand master, or district grand master, such warrant shall be forfeited, and the lodge erased."

The addition, as we have said, greatly strengthens the existing law. The forfeiture of the warrant, and the erasure of the Lodge, are a severe punishment, but they do not touch the wrongdoers. When the latter know they are "deemed to have committed a masonic offence," they will have before them the fear of individual Masonic punishment.

No. 128 is absolute in the prescriptions it lays down, whereas the law it is intended to supersede (Art. 11, p 65) is optional. They compare thus :—

PROPOSED EDITION.	EXISTING EDITION.
"128. Every lodge must be distinguished by a name or title, as well as a number, and no lodge shall be permitted to make any alteration in its name or title without the approval of the grand master, and in provinces or districts, also that of the provincial or district grand master. Any such alteration must be immediately communicated to the grand secretary for registration."	11 (p 65). "Any lodge which may not be distinguished by a name or title, being desirous of taking one, must, for that purpose, procure the approbation of the grand master, or provincial grand master, and the name must be registered with the grand secretary. No lodge shall be permitted to alter its name without the like approbation."

In No. 129 are enumerated the Officers of a Lodge, both those who are necessary to its proper organisation, and those whom it rests with the Master to appoint or not, at his pleasure. There is also attached to the law as proposed the proviso that no brother shall hold at one time more than one office. The proposed and present rules read side by side thus :—

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"129. The regular officers of a lodge consist of the master and his two wardens, a treasurer, a secretary, two deacons, an inner guard, and a tyler. The master may also appoint a chaplain, a director of the ceremonies, an organist, and stewards. No brother can hold more than one office in the lodge at one and the same time."	1 (p 61). "The officers of the lodge are the master and his two wardens, with their assistants the two deacons, inner guard, and tyler. There must also be a treasurer and a secretary. A chaplain, a master of the ceremonies, and stewards may be appointed."

We are glad to see the word "director" substituted for "master" of the ceremonies. It will secure uniformity in our official titles, whereas under the existing law a certain confusion is constantly arising, and the term "director of ceremonies," which properly describes certain Officers in Grand Lodge, and Provincial or District Grand Lodges, is applied indifferently to the Officers in private lodges, who

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are charged with similar functions. Nothing, however, is said about a Past Master; for whom provision is customarily made in our lodges, there being always, in the case of a new Lodge, some Installed Master enrolled for the office.

No. 130 is constructed partly out of Art. 2, p 62, and partly from Art. 1, p 76, as will be seen from the following comparison:—

PROPOSED EDITION.	EXISTING EDITION.
"130. Every lodge shall annually, at a stated period, proceed to elect its master by ballot from among those of its members who have duly served the office of warden in a regular lodge warranted under the English constitution. At the next regular meeting the first business after the opening of the Lodge shall be the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting, and if they be confirmed so far, at least, as relates to the election of master, he shall be deemed to be elected, and shall be duly installed in the chair according to antient usage. No master elect shall assume the master's chair until he has been regularly installed. Should the minutes of the election of master not be confirmed, then a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the lodge, setting forth that the brethren will again proceed to elect a master, and on the confirmation of the minutes of that election at the following regular meeting of the lodge, the installation of the master shall follow."	2 (p 62). "Every lodge shall annually elect its master . . . . by ballot, such master having regularly served as a warden of a warranted lodge for one year, and, at the next meeting after his election, when the minutes are confirmed, he shall be duly installed in the chair according to antient usage." . . . . 1 (p 76). . . . . Previously to the installation of the master, the minutes of the preceding meeting of the lodge must be read and confirmed, so far at least as to the election of the master, after which the usual ceremonies of installation are to be performed, and no master elect shall assume the master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed, though he may in the interim rule the lodge. Should the minutes of the election of master not be confirmed, then a summons must be issued for the following *regular meeting* of the lodge, setting forth that the brethren were again to proceed to elect a master, and on the confirmation of the minutes of that election at the following regular meeting of the lodge, the installation of the master will follow."

Speaking in general terms, the proposed rule is preferable to the parts of rules it is intended to supersede. It brings the whole subject before the reader lucidly and in a compact form, instead of distributing it under two heads. Taking the parts of the proposed rule severally in the order of their occurrence, we notice, as regards the first sentence, that it fixes "a stated period" for the election of Master, who must be chosen from among the members "who have duly served the office of warden," not simply "of a warranted lodge," but "in a regular lodge warranted under the English Constitution." This is an improvement. Under the existing law a brother who has served the office of Warden in a regular Scotch or Irish Lodge is eligible, and the limitation to English Lodges is to be commended. On the other hand, the words "for one year" in the existing law have no place in the proposed law, which merely requires that the members from whom the Master is eligible shall have "duly" served the said office of Warden. We do not think the proposed clause, as worded, is satisfactory. There is nothing in this rule, or elsewhere, so far as we have carried our researches, to indicate that "duly" and "in one year" have equal force. Such may be the intention of the compilers, but, in the absence of a distinct definition, "duly" may be made to bear different meanings by different brethren. We would certainly substitute for the present clause, "who have served the office of Warden for one year in a regular Lodge warranted under the English Constitution." As to the next sentence, we would suggest that it might with advantage be curtailed. The first business at every regular Lodge meeting, "after the opening of the lodge," is the reading and confirmation of the minutes. We would suggest it should run thus: "At the next regular meeting, if, after the opening of the Lodge, the minutes of the preceding meeting be confirmed so far, at least, as relates to the election of Master, he shall be," &c. &c. &c. The omission from the next sentence of the words "though he may in the interim rule the lodge" is necessary, as a Master continues in office until his successor has been installed. The last sentence only calls for a note of minor importance. It will read the better if the words "of the lodge" are omitted from the phrases "for the following regular meeting of the lodge" and "at the following regular meeting of the lodge."

No. 131 provides for the case of "a prince of the blood royal" accepting the office of Master of a private Lodge.—See second part of Art. 1, p 61, with which it corresponds almost *verbatim*. No. 132, "The master's obligation," is Art. 2, p 77, and No. 133 compares with part of Art. 5, p 78, over which it has a decided advantage as regards sense.

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"133. The master is responsible for the due observance of the laws, by the lodge over which he presides."	5 (p 78) "The master is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to private lodges."

We see no necessity, in the proposed law, for a comma between the words "laws" and "by." He is responsible not "for the due observance of the laws," which would be exacting too much of him, but for their due observance by the lodge over which he presides.

Nos. 134, providing that a brother "cannot be Master of two Lodges at same time," and 135, defining the "period of office" he may serve continuously, need no comment. No. 136 provides for the appointment of Wardens, &c. the election of Treasurer, and the choice of Tyler, a portion of Art. 1, p 94, referring to the removal of the last mentioned being incorporated with part of Art. 2, p 62. The proposed and the present rules compare thus:—

PROPOSED EDITION.	EXISTING EDITION.
"136. Upon his installation the master shall appoint his wardens and other officers, except the treasurer, who shall be annually elected by ballot on the regular day of election of master, and the tyler who is to be chosen by the members of the lodge and may at any time be removed for cause deemed sufficient by a majority of the brethren present at a regular meeting of the Lodge."	2 (p 62) . . . . "after which"—that is, his installation—"he shall appoint his wardens and other officers, except the treasurer; the tyler is to be chosen by the members of the Lodge." 1 (p 94) . . . . "and may at any time be removed, for cause deemed sufficient by a majority of the brethren present, at a regular meeting of the Lodge."

No. 137, as to "master and wardens to sign in grand lodge book," is substantially the same as Art. 7, p 78, with the addition of the clause, "and no master, past master or warden of any London lodge shall be entitled to enter the grand lodge unless he shall have previously signed his name in such book." No. 138 disqualifies the master of the house at which a Lodge meets from holding office in such Lodge, except under proper dispensation, while No. 139, "master and wardens to attend summonses," embodies all that relates to the subject in Art. 23, p 69; Art. 8, p 31; Arts. 5 and 8, p 78; and Art. 30, p 71. No. 140—"Removal of officers"—fits with Art. 9, p 79, but the improvement will be more apparent if we place the two side by side.

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"140. Should the master be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his officers, he may lay the cause of complaint before the lodge at a regular meeting; and if it shall appear to the majority of the brethren present that the complaint be well founded, the master shall have power to displace such officer, and to appoint another. *If a vacancy shall occur in any office other than that of treasurer or tyler, the master shall appoint a brother to serve such office for the remainder of the year, and if the vacancy be in the office of treasurer or tyler the lodge shall, after due notice in the summons, elect a successor for the remainder of the year.*"	"9 (p 79). The wardens and officers of a lodge cannot be removed, unless for a cause which appears to the lodge sufficient; but the master, if he be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his officers, may lay the cause of complaint before the lodge; and if it shall appear to the majority of the brethren present that the complaint be well founded, he shall have power to displace such officer, and appoint another."

So much of proposed No. 140 as we print in italics constitutes a necessary addition, as the existing law does not recognise any distinction as between Officers appointed by the Master, and those elected or chosen by the Lodge.

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THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—While every one must sympathise with the friend of your correspondent A. B., it must be obvious he had only himself to blame for the unpleasant predicament in which he found himself on the occasion specified. Assuming that A. B.'s friend was a Past Master, and had done some "excellent work" in his Lodge, I hope I am justified in assuming further that, at some period of his career, he had occasionally consulted the Book of Constitutions. In it there is a special heading "Of Grand Standard Bearers" which I will quote in full:—

"Grand standard bearers may be appointed by the grand master as occasion shall require. They must be master masons and are to carry the standards of the grand lodge, grand patron, and grand master, on all grand ceremonies. They are not, however, by their appointment, members of the grand lodge, nor are they to wear the clothing of a grand officer.

"Any grand officer, entitled to have a standard, may, whenever it shall be necessary, appoint a standard bearer, who must be a master mason."

That for the last sixteen years great laxity in this particular respect must have prevailed in the Province of Staffordshire is evident from A. B.'s letter. Otherwise Prov. Grand Standard Bearers would not have been appointed, nor would they have received jewels of office from, or paid fees of honour to, the D. Prov. G. Master, or worn the purple "in common with other Provincial Grand Lodge Officers."

In the Book of Constitutions as revised, provision is made in Rule 18 for the appointment by the Grand Master of two Grand Standard Bearers. According to Rule No. 288, the jewel of a Grand Standard Bearer is "Two staves in saltire tied by a ribbon; flowing from the dexter a standard of the arms of the grand lodge, and from the sinister a standard of the arms of the grand master for the time being." Under Rule No. 307, he is to pay to the Fund of Benevolence, a fee of Five Guineas (£5 5s). There is, however, nothing said in Rule No. 88 in which are enumerated the Provincial or District Grand Officers whom a Provincial or District Grand Master may appoint. Consequently, if the list remains unaltered, there will be no Prov. or District G. Standard Bearer.

Very faithfully and fraternally yours,

LONDON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I think you are quite right in prominently drawing attention to the omission of certain functions belonging to the Grand Master and to Provincial and District Grand Masters from what I conceive to be their proper places under the respective heads of "Grand Lodge," and "Provincial and District Grand Lodges." You say, with reference to the proposed new Rule, No. 81, in the latter division: "It is a fair criticism whether it would not have been better to group all the functions of the Grand Master under the head of 'Grand Lodge,' and all those of the Provincial and District Grand Master under that of 'Provincial and District Grand Lodges.'" You further suggest, in the particular case under notice, that it might perhaps be necessary to have some corresponding law under "Private Lodges," reference being made in such law to the law or laws already enacted under the previous heading or headings. Passing over this suggestion, I would point out that proposed new laws Nos. 142 and 143, the former of which provides that "the grand master has full authority to preside in any lodge" he may visit, and the latter that, in the Grand Master's absence, the Deputy Grand Master has the same authority, ought most decidedly to have a place in the division, "Grand Lodge," while Nos. 144 and 145, which provide similar enactments in the cases, first, of a Provincial or District Grand Master, and then of his Deputy, belong rightly to the division, "Provincial and District Grand Lodges." I should like to hear what, if any, justification the Committee of Revision—I suppose it is a committee which has undertaken, and thus far carried out, this work—can offer for excluding from the divisions "Grand Lodge," and "Provincial and District Grand Lodges," laws which especially assign these functions to the chiefs of those bodies, and, in certain circumstances, to their deputies. In the four rules, in their order of sequence, which I have quoted, the subjects which severally govern them, are the Grand Master, who "has full authority to preside in any lodge;" the Deputy Grand Master who, in the Grand Master's absence, has the same authority; the Provincial or District Grand Master, who "may preside in every Lodge he visits within his province or district;" and in the absence of the Provincial or District Grand Master, his Deputy who, in that case, "may preside," &c. &c. These, in fact, are the central figures, while the Lodges they visit occupy an absolutely subordinate position. In the present Book of Constitutions, Art. 5, p 31, providing that the Grand Master has full authority to preside in any Lodge, is placed under the heading "Of Grand Master and Pro Grand Master;" Art. 2, p 33, makes similar provision for the Dep. G. Master, and is placed under the heading appropriated to that functionary. Art. 3, p 46, similarly concerns the Provincial Grand Master, and is classed under "Provincial or District Grand Master," while part of Art. 2, p 50, makes similar provision for the Dep. Prov. G. Master. You will gather from what I have said that I consider the four existing provisions are rightly classified as stated, and that the new rules corresponding with them should not be included under the heading of "Private Lodges." There can, of course, be no objection to a rule or rules being included under that head, in which the private Lodge will occupy the place of subject, while the Grand Master, and the rest of them will play—that is, in a syntactical sense—only subordinate parts.

If I take proposed rule No. 166, which lays down the conditions necessary to the removal of Lodges, I shall perhaps succeed in making my meaning more clear. In this the Lodge, whether London, Provincial, or District, is the subject or central figure, and very properly so. It is the Lodge which initiates the idea of a removal from the place in which it was warranted to meet to some other and more convenient place. To carry out this removal the consent of the Grand Master, &c. is necessary, but I repeat, it is the Lodge which in this instance takes the initiative, and, consequently, it is round and about the Lodge that every person mentioned, and everything to be done under the provisions of this law, centres. It is otherwise in the case of the Grand Master, &c. visiting a Lodge, for he it is who takes the initiative, and becomes the central figure, while all other persons and things are absolutely dependent on him.

So far as the little leisure time at my disposal has enabled me I have carefully, and, to the best of my ability, studied the proposed code of Regulations. I see everywhere signs of the great care bestowed upon the work, and you can hardly turn over a page without feeling called upon to recognise some improvement; but I feel sure that you and others will agree with me that much remains to be done before this new code shall be adopted.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

Bro. Kuhe's Brighton Festival concluded on Saturday last, with a very successful performance of M. Gounod's Oratorio of the "Redemption," the Dome being crowded in every part with people eager to hear and judge of its merits. The day previous had been set apart by our worthy brother for his benefit, and consequently a very full and interesting programme of vocal and instrumental music was arranged for the occasion. With hardly an exception the numbers chosen gave satisfaction to the audience, Miss Kuhe especially distinguishing herself by her brilliant performance of Weber's "Concertstücke," the general effect of which was greatly enhanced by the able manner in which she was supported by the orchestra.

Bro. Alfred Judd, 605, of the Birkenhead Police Force has been re-appointed Treasurer of the West Cheshire Provident Dispensaries.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland will be held next Tuesday, under the auspices of the Vale of Catmos Lodge, No. 1265, at the Agricultural Hall, Oakham, when, under the Provincial Grand Mastership of Earl Ferrers, the new Provincial Grand Officers will be appointed. The brethren have plenty of work before them, among which is the consideration of the proposal to increase the quarterages to the Fund of Benevolence, the Prince of Wales's scheme for the Royal College of Music, and the draft of the proposed Revision of the Book of Constitutions. The fourth annual report of the Leicestershire and Rutland Masonic Charity Association, which will be submitted to the Provincial Grand Lodge on Tuesday, shows that two half yearly drawings have taken place during twelve months: one on the 23rd December last, and the other on the 22nd July. Twenty-three life subscriberships to the Masonic Charities were drawn. Since the formation of the Association in 1878 ninety-three of these have been drawn, which represents a considerable permanent accession to the voting strength of the Province. The number of members is now 134. During the year just closed the number of nominations drawn has been less than in either of the preceding two years, the falling off being due to the neglect of the members in allowing their subscriptions to get in arrear. The necessity for the Association, and such as it, is deduced from the fact that whereas five or six years ago one thousand votes or less would get a boy into the Boys' School, and a very much less number than a thousand take a girl into the Girls' School, at the last October election of the Boys' School any number under 2,164 votes was unsuccessful, and at the Girls' election a less number than 2,212. If local candidates, therefore, are to be successful in future the brethren must support these local Associations. There will be another drawing on the 15th December.—*Evening News.*

A complimentary Benefit will be given, through the graceful courtesy of Bro. Henry Irving, at the Lyceum Theatre, on Wednesday morning, 22nd Nov., to the respected veteran actor Bro. Wm. Creswick (Urban Lodge), on the occasion of his attaining the 50th year of his professional avocations. The successful comedy of "Much Ado about Nothing" will be played, the ladies and gentlemen of the company giving their services. After the play Bro. Creswick will address the audience.

Bro. J. H. Jennings, the manager of the "Oxford," announces his Annual Benefit for the 22nd inst., the principal artists of the day have promised him their valuable assistance.

The Secretary of State for War has appointed Bro. J. L. Thomas P.A.G.D.C., F.S.A., late Deputy Surveyor, to be Chief Surveyor War Department, vice Mr. J. Atwool retired.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—A meeting was held on Tuesday last, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Usher Back W.M., Young S.W., Hentsch J.W., Greenwood P.M. P.G.S.B. Treasurer, W. W. Morgan Secretary, T. H. Peirce S.D., H. Martin J.D., E. Thring I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. W. Radcliffe, A. Green, John Laver; also Bros. Crapper, Burr, Skipp, Aires, Dixon, H. Green, Pembroke, Frohawk, &c. Visitors—Bros. General J. Studholme Brownrigg Provincial Grand Master Surrey, C. Greenwood jun. Provincial Grand Secretary Surrey, B. E. Blasby P.M. 780, A. J. Abthorpe 442, H. J. P. Dumas 99 P.G.D. After the minutes of last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, Brother Pembroke was raised to the sublime degree by Past Master W. Radcliffe, who carried out the ceremony in a very impressive manner. A pleasing incident then took place; the members presented their Treasurer with a very neat diamond ring. Brother Back in placing it upon the finger of Brother Charles Greenwood, remarked that it was a pleasant duty that devolved upon him, he being the medium through which the members of St. Michael's desired to convey this pretty jewel. He trusted Brother Greenwood might live long to wear it, and continue to give this Lodge the advice and assistance he had for so many years vouchsafed it. Brother Greenwood seemed thoroughly to appreciate the kind remarks of the Worshipful Master. He said he could scarcely find words to express his thanks. Hehad been, as Brother Back had stated, associated with the Lodge for many, many years. When he looked back, he almost feared too many. In that eventful time he had seen many a gap made in their ranks; many had gone to that bourn whence no traveller returns. When he joined the St. Michael's Lodge, they met at the George and Blue Boar. He now, with the exception of the father of their esteemed Senior Warden, was the oldest member of the Lodge. Whenever he looked round, he was reminded of many dear friends who had been called away, at the same time he could but be impressed with the true Masonic feeling that prevailed amongst the members. He should, when wearing their gift, be reminded of the circle of eternity which it symbolised, and could assure the members it would tend to wed him still more closely to his duties. Bro. Greenwood concluded a well-conceived speech by again thanking the brethren for their bounty. A sum of 21s was voted from the Lodge funds for the Royal College of Music, and shortly after Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was served under the superintendence of Bro. W. G. Jennings, the manager of the Albion. The after proceedings were of the most enjoyable character.

New Concord Lodge, No. 813.—A meeting of this popular Lodge was held on Thursday, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. Haslip W.M., T. J. Cusworth P.M. S.W., George P.M. J.W., Bolton Treasurer, Harper P.M. Secretary, A. J. Potter S.D., Harnett J.D., Weeden I.G., C. T. Speight Tyler, &c. After the Lodge had been opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, the W.M., at the request of the W.M. of St. Michael's Lodge, conferred the degree of Fellow Craft on Bro. Francis N. Frohawk, an E.A. of 211. Bro. Frohawk, who is Chief Officer of the screw steamer Manora, only returned from Brisbane on Friday last, and was unable to attend the meeting of his own Lodge at the time fixed for the ceremony; hence the request of Bro. Usher Back to the Worshipful Master of No. 813. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. Haslip in a most creditable manner, and the Officers fulfilled their duties excellently. On the completion of the ceremony Bro. Morgan, on behalf of the members of St. Michael's, thanked the W.M. for his courtesy, and Bro. Haslip, in acknowledgment, expressed the gratification it had afforded him to carry out the request of the Worshipful Master of St. Michael's. Amongst other matters that were brought under consideration was the advisability of repeating the Annual Ball, which has proved so successful in previous years. It was agreed this should be done, and a Committee was appointed to make arrangements. The names of two candidates for initiation at next meeting having been handed in, Lodge was closed, and adjourned till the third Thursday in December.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate Road, on Wednesday last. Present—Bros. Dixie W.M., Haslip S.W., Fenner P.M. J.W., Dixie S.D., Weeden J.D., Marks I.G., Cusworth P.M. Preceptor, F. Perl Sec., Killick P.M., W. Potter, R. M. Jones, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jones acting as candidate. This brother also answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. F. C. Dixie was elected a member. Bro. Cusworth proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M. of the evening for his able rendering of the ceremonies, for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction; carried unanimously. Bro. Haslip will preside on Wednesday next.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Institute, Ealing, on Tuesday, 14th instant, Bros. G. Coop W.M., Henning S.W., Hadley J.W., Fernee S.D., Fryers I.G., J. Wells Secretary, P.M. Andrews, and Cammell Lodge No. 15. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., with the assistance of the brethren, worked the first section of the first lecture. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Wells candidate. Bro. Andrews P.M., with the assistance of the brethren, worked the fourth section of the lecture. Bro. Henning was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was closed with the usual formalities, and the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 21st November.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 11th inst. Present—Bros. Gribbell W.M., Galer S.W., Parkes J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, A. M. Marks S.D., Archer J.D., Ashton I.G.; also Bros. Houghton, Spencer, Weeden, A. Ferrar and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Ferrar, who had previously been examined, being the candidate. Lodge was called off and on. The second section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Pearcy, the third by Bro. Fenner. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Weeden being the candidate. Both ceremonies were ably conducted by Bro. Gribbell. Bro. Galer was elected to preside next Saturday, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Gallery Lodge, No. 1928.—The "Press" Lodge, which was established for the convenience of the literary staff of newspapers, and received its name from the Reporters' Gallery of the Houses of Parliament, held an emergency meeting at the Brixton Hall, on the 11th instant, when two members received the third degree. This clears the way for the installation of a new Master, which will take place on 9th December, Brother H. E. F. Bussey is the Worshipful Master elect. The brethren passed a very enjoyable evening, and after supper, arranged that the Gallery Lodge ball, which was so successful on the 13th January last, should be repeated next January.

We have received specimen copy of the menu card at the recent installation of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, York. It is a most artistic work, and reflects credit on Bro. Whytehead and the brethren who had a part in designing it. Each toast has an appropriate sentiment attached, which has been selected from some well-known Masonic luminary. This shows an advance upon the menu card we had occasion to refer to the other day, in which the sentiments affixed to the several toasts had been continued from the preceding year.

At a meeting of the North London Chapter of Improvement, at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's-road, on Thursday, 16th inst., the First Principal's chair was occupied by Comp. Halford, Dean H., Sheffield J., Hunter S.N., Bird P.S., Edmonds Preceptor. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed; after which the Convocation was adjourned until Thursday evening next, the 23rd inst., at the hour of eight.

PRESENTATION TO BROTHER ACKLAND.

A VERY gratifying incident occurred a few days ago at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, when a valuable testimonial was presented to Bro. Charles Robert Ackland, of Israel Lodge, 205, for some years the respected manager of the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, but who has just relinquished that position to assume the management of the "Manchester." The esteem in which Bro. Ackland was held amongst the many representatives of the Manchester and Scotch trades, and others having their headquarters at both these first-class metropolitan hotels, found tangible expression on the occasion, when upwards of sixty gentlemen, including many brethren assembled, under the presidency of Bro. Broderick Mackay, who presided in the absence of Mr. Bullen, Chairman of the Testimonial Committee, who was detained at Gosport on an important legal matter. Supporting the Chairman were Bro. Charles Robert Ackland, "the guest of the evening," Rev. Dr. Morgan (Hon. Secr of the Testimonial Committee), Mr. Peter Tocher (Hon. Treasurer), Bros. S. Pannell C.C., Felton C.C., Pearse Morrison C.C., McDonald C.C., and one of the directors, R. J. Jameson, of Edinburgh (vice-chairman); Messrs. Philp, Davis, Captain P. Rose-Innes, Newlands, Ormeston, Brand, Skinner, Allbutt, McCleod, of Glasgow, Ackland sen., Messrs. Bolton, Liversedge, and Berwick (representing the firm of Messrs. Salt and Co., the eminent brewers), Mr. J. Webb, Messrs. Brew and Claris (of Finsbury), Mr. Painter, Mr. G. F. Brooke, Mr. Montague Hawkins, Mr. W. Randle (from Australia), Dr. C. E. Ashton, Mr. H. Davis, Mr. C. Ashton jun., Mr. Ashwin, Bro. J. J. Slater, Captain Matthews (high bailiff of Chester), Mr. H. Redgrave (of Worcester), Mr. Williamson, Mr. Bremner, Mr. Rich, Bro. Herbert Rymill (of the well-known Horse Repository, Barbican), Mr. Hardy, Mr. H. Farra (of Deal), Mr. Eccles, Mr. Gallie (of Calcutta), Dr. Allen, Mr. G. H. Tipper, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Barton, and many others. Captain J. Fernyhough was unavoidably prevented from attending. At the conclusion of a sumptuous repast, which reflected the highest credit upon the cuisine of this comparatively new, but immensely popular commercial establishment, the customary loyal and patriotic toasts were given from the chair. On giving the toast of the evening, the Chairman referred to the high esteem and regard in which Brother Ackland was held by a very wide circle of commercial and other friends. It did not require any eloquence on his part to remind the company Bro. Ackland was what he appeared to be, a sound, substantial, thorough good fellow. Many of them had had experience of the manner in which he had conducted his business, and all must have admired his ability and tact in dealing with the complaints of his multitudinous customers who came to the hotel. The discernment he had displayed on all occasions showed he had the knack of seeing whether such complaints were merely flimsy, or whether there was any real foundation for them. At any rate he had

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the happy tact of satisfying all concerned, and had thus surrounded himself with a host of friends. He had not only succeeded in making substantial profit for the employers by whom he had been engaged, earning their hearty goodwill for the services he had rendered them, but he had also earned the hearty goodwill of all with whom he had come into contact by his urbanity, ability, and admirable business judgment. He (the speaker) had no hesitation in saying that the house in which they were now assembled had taken a step in advance in securing the services of a manager who is so universally esteemed; and he felt Bro. Ackland would not only maintain the prestige he had gained in the past, but would do his utmost to raise the Manchester to the position of one of the best and most successful hotels in London. He then begged Brother Ackland's acceptance of a slight testimonial of their esteem and regard, and hoped be would value it, not merely for its intrinsic worth, but as an expression of their genuine and heartfelt esteem. Amidst loud cheering, the chairman then presented to Bro. Ackland a magnificent silver claret jug, richly chased, and bearing a suitable inscription, together with a cheque for a hundred guineas, and a valuable bracelet for Mrs. Ackland. After the applause had subsided, Bro. Ackland suitably acknowledged the compliment which had been paid to his wife and himself, and observed that the expressions of their kindness were far greater than he had expected, and were, therefore, all the more gratifying. He was extremely grateful to his many friends, who had done so much in getting up this splendid testimonial, and felt it a great honour to be favoured with so large and influential a company on that occasion. It was quite refreshing to see so many of his old acquaintances, whose friendship he hoped he might long continue to deserve, and he assured them all he should strive to do so in his new sphere of labour.

It is proposed to erect a Kursaal off the Chain Pier, which will be a great improvement to the town of Brighton. The entrance to the Pier will be widened 14 feet. The promenade will be 116 feet wide, and at the head a construction, 630 feet long from east to west, and 148 feet wide.

Bro. Alderman H. Cox (Chairman Royal Aquarium), was elected Mayor of Brighton for the ensuing year, but the worthy brother being unable to attend the Committee through indisposition, the late Mayor, Bro. Alderman Hallett, proceeded to his residence, where he was invested, and the customary declaration was made. The thanks of the Council were unanimously voted to the late Mayor, Bro. Alderman Hallett, and the Mayoress, for services rendered, and in recognition of the efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties during his year of office. Bro. Hallett has been twice Mayor of Brighton.

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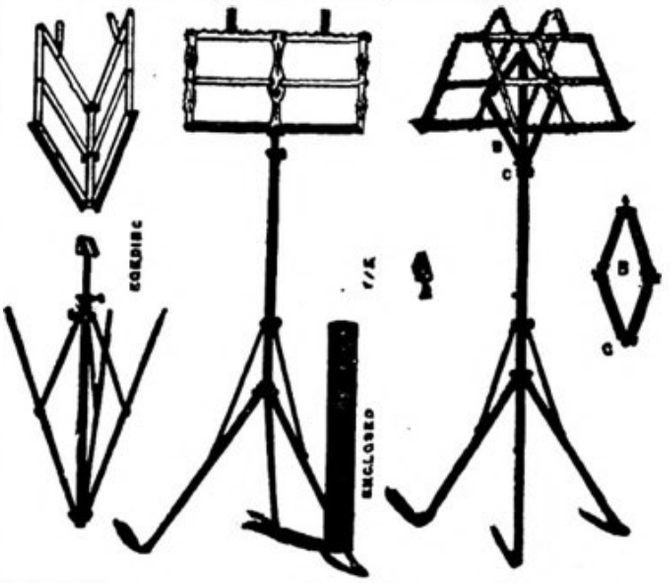

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ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN MAINE.

THE Report of the Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Main has been received, and an examination of it shows much of interest and of satisfaction.

The Grand High Priest said, in his address, "I do not think there has ever been a time in the history of Capitular Masonry in this State when the Companions of the several Chapters were more closely allied together than the present." He also said, during his remarks, that though there were sixty more exaltations this year than last, the present membership is not as large. This he attributes to neglect in paying dues, and the consequent purging of Chapter rolls of membership, but notwithstanding this, he considers Royal Arch Masonry stronger in the State than ever before.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows the yearly income to have been 1,580·01 dols., and a balance on hand, after paying expenses of 714·79 dols. The Charity Fund amounts to 4,302·00 well invested.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence appears in the body of the Proceedings, and not as an Appendix. It is a review of the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Chapters, by Companion Josiah H. Drummond, and is in keeping with the familiar qualities of this ardent correspondent.

A liberal part of this report is taken up with a discussion of the question of nonpayment of dues, as regulated by the Grand Lodge

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and Grand Chapter of Maine; in trying to make their position clear to a brother correspondent, he discourses as follows:—

He does not understand the difference between "suspension' and "suspension from membership" under the laws of our Grand Lodge. We will try to explain. Our Companion doubtless knows the difference between an unaffiliated Mason and one suspended from all his Masonic rights; under the law of the Grand Lodge of Maine, a Mason deprived of membership is an unaffiliated Mason, who can regain membership only upon petition and unanimous ballot, a Mason suspended from membership is better off than one deprived of membership, as he can, if suspended for non-payment of dues, by payment of his dues regain membership, or if for any other cause, by performing the condition attached to his suspension from membership. In other words, deprivation of membership absolutely unaffiliates him, while suspension from membership merely unaffiliates him for the time being. This may not be any explanation after all, as we see that he holds an unaffiliated Mason is not in good standing. So that in Wisconsin there practically may be no difference in the status of unaffiliated and suspended Masons, except that the suspended Mason may recover good standing by a *two-thirds* vote, and an unaffiliated Mason can regain it only by a *unanimous* vote!

Companion Drummond has paid close attention to statistics, as the following quotation will show:

The figures for Florida, Rhode Island, South Carolina and West Virginia, are the same as given in our report of last year, as we have no later advices.

Those from some other jurisdictions are not as accurate as is desirable, because in some cases an estimate of the membership of Chapters not making returns is included, and in other cases it is not.

The total membership is 128,557 against 127,105 in 1881, and 127,025 in 1880, the Exaltations are 7,424 against 6,733 in 1881, and 5,733 in 1880; the Admissions and Restorations are 1868 against 1900 in 1881, and 1742 in 1880; the Dismissions are 2,818 against 3,073 in 1881, and 3,183 in 1880; the Expulsions are 75 against 85 in 1881 and 122 in 1880; the Suspensions (including suspensions from membership) are 2,859 against 3,762 in 1881, and 4,293 in 1880; and the Deaths are 1633 against 1496 in 1881, and 1602 in 1880.

We thus find an increase of nearly 1500 in the total membership' and while it is gratifying to find that this increase comes in part (692) from an increase of exaltations, still the great cause for rejoicing is found in the decrease of dimissions, and especially in the decrease of nearly 1000 in suspensions. It is evident that suspension for non-payment of dues has reached its maximum, and we have, therefore, reason to look for an increase of membership in the future.

The number of Royal Arch Masons in Maine, is 4,040, of whom 213 were exalted during the year.

Companion Joseph A. Locke of Portland, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and Ira Berry Grand Secretary.—*Liberal Freemason.*

Patriotic Chapter, No. 51.—The annual installation meeting of this Chapter was held at the Cups Hotel, Colchester, on Thursday evening, 9th instant, when E. Companions Ralling, Hennemeyer, and Wiseman were respectively installed into the three chairs, the ceremonies being most impressively performed by E. Companion James Terry P.Z. Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The other Officers of the Chapter were invested as follows:—Companions Turner S.E., Sparling S.N., Sowman P.S., Marshall 1st A.S., Clowes 2nd A.S., Lewis P.Z. Treasurer, Munson Janitor. The Companions afterwards adjourned to the festive board, where the health of the newly-installed Principals, &c. were duly honoured.

St. John's Chapter, No. 70.—The annual meeting was held on 10th inst., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. The installation was admirably conducted by Ex-Companion James Gidley P.Z. 70, assisted by Ex-Companions J. B. Gover, L. D. Westcott, J. Russell Lord, in a Board of installed Principals, amongst whom were Ex-Companions R. Pengelly, S. Jew, J. H. Hifley, E. Aitken-Davies, W. D. Thomas, T. Goodall, W. Coath, R. Cawsey, G. R. Barrett, S. J. Hearle, W. H. Pike. The officers installed, invested and appointed were, Companions John Russell Lord I.P.M., A. E. Lean Z., J. G. Kevern H., James Griffin J., Richard Pengelly S.E., F. B. Westlake S.N., L. D. Westcott Treas., J. Kinton Bond P.S., George Sercombe 1st A., J. D. Barker 2nd A., George Dyke O., Thomas King sen. M.C., W. H. Symons A.M.C., William Yeo S.S., William Daw J.S., W. H. Phillips Janitor. The Treasurer reported that the Chapter was never in a better position as regards its funds. The usual business consequent on the finish of one year and the commencement of another having been finished, the Companions adjourned to the Globe Hotel. The dinner was well served and thoroughly enjoyed. The Principals—Companions Lean, Kevern and Griffin—presided, ably supported by Companion J. Kinton Bond. The usual toasts were duly honoured, the special ones were those of the I.P.Z. Companion Lord, and the installing Z. Companion J. Gidley.

Brunswick Chapter, No. 159.—The annual installation meeting was held at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Stonehouse, on Wednesday, 8th inst., when Ex-Comp. W. Travena Past Zerubbabel P.P.G. Director of Ceremonies, was duly installed in the chair of Z., and Ex-Comp. E. S. Johns as H., the ceremonies being performed by Ex-Comp. E. Aitken-Davies P.Z. P.P.G. Reg., and the following Board of Installed Principals:—Ex-Companions R. Lose, A. R. Lethbridge, W. D. Thomas, James Bartlett, T. Goodall, Richard Pike, J. R. Lord, Baxter, J. Gidley. The following were invested in the respective offices, viz.:—J. H. Stephens I.P.Z., E. Aitken-Davies Scr. E., R. H. Carter Scr. N., C. Marshall P.S., H. Mortimer 1st A.S., J. J. Garland 2nd A.S., R. Hurrell Treasurer, R. Lose P.Z. Chaplain, A. Soper M.C., D. Curno Steward, J. Bartlett P.Z. Janitor. At the close of the Chapter the usual banquet was held at Bro. Thomas's, Great Western Hotel, and it reflected great credit on the management, and Bro. Thomas was especially thanked for his admirable catering. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the evening was very pleasant until a fire next door prematurely broke up the gathering.

Friendship Chapter, No. 202.—The annual meeting was held at the Friendship Masonic Hall, Granby-street, Devonport, on the 1th instant. There was a good attendance of Past Principals, amongst whom were Excellent Comps. V. Bird (who performed the ceremony of installation), E. March, E. J. Knight, E. D. Parnell, Henry Welch (all of 202), J. R. H. Harris, R. Pike, T. Searle, J. Baxter. The Officers who were installed and invested were Excellent Comps. W. Terrell Z., R. Grills H., R. Lavers J., E. Binding I.P.Z., John D. Sandy S.E., H. Langmead S.N., E. March Treasurer, T. J. F. Burns P.S., J. Viggers 1st A.S., J. L. Leonard 2nd A.S., Joseph Benney Janitor. The funds were reported to be in a satisfactory state, and one guinea was voted to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. Business having been finished, the Companions retired to their refectory. The newly-installed Principals presided, and proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. As is usual at this old Chapter, a very pleasant evening was spent.

Huyshe Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 91.—The installation meeting was held at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, when W. Bros. Thomas Searle P.M. 100, P.P.G.A.D.C., and John W. Trevan P.M. 48 P.P.G.D., assisted by the following Board of installed Masters—Bros. John Baxter, John Lynn, J. R. H. Harris, C. Watson, A. Rowe, Henry Miller—installed Bro. R. G. Goodyear as W. Master, a special dispensation having been granted. The Officers appointed for the ensuing year were:—Bros. R. Ellis P.G.S.D. I.P.M., H. Miller S.W., T. Towan J. W., John Lynn Treasurer, T. Veale Secretary and Organist, R. Coleman M.O., A. Maddock S.O., J. R. H. Harris J.O., A. Rowe I.G., William Coath P.M. P.P.G.S.B. S.D., John Blackler P.M. P.P.G.J.O. J.D., John Rodgers P.M. P.G. Tyler T. Simple refreshments, provided in their own rooms, followed. The W. Master presided, and the usual toasts were drunk.

THE LATE BROTHER WILLIAM DUNHAM.

THE funeral of this worthy member of the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, took place on the 7th instant, at Kensal Green Cemetery. The procession left Seymour-place about eleven o'clock, amidst signs of deep sorrow and regret, as evidenced by the large number of neighbours and friends who partially closed their establishments during the progress of the funeral. The coffin, of polished oak, and ornamented with brass mountings, was borne on a handsome open car, drawn by four horses, and was almost hidden by the numerous wreaths, crosses and other emblems of affection and regret, sent as a last honour to the deceased by his many friends and relations. The square and compasses, very artistically formed of white flowers, which was sent by the brethren of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction (of which the late Brother Dunham was Treasurer), as a last tribute of respect, and to mark their appreciation of his worth as a man and a Mason. The five mourning coaches following the hearse carried the widow and family of the deceased, besides a numerous company of relatives and friends. The Rev. H. C. Johnston, who officiated, read the service in a most impressive manner, and a large gathering of brethren assembled round the grave, amongst whom were Bros. Staton, Tribble, Kennard, Gordon, Halley, Hart, Reed, Guignard, Shackel, Moore, Hall, &c. The deceased was particularly well known amongst the Odd Fellows, having been a member of the City of Pride Lodge for more than thirty years, during which period he has filled on many occasions all the offices connected with the Lodge. At the time of his death he was Treasurer and Trustee. The brethren deeply regret the severe loss they have sustained by the death of one of their oldest and most respected members.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the brethren of the Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933, on Tuesday, 28th November, at the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Musto P.M. 1344 W.M., Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 S.W., Cundick P.M. 1421 J.W., Wallington P.M. 860 I.P.M., Carr S.W. 1607 Hon. Sec. First Lecture—Bros. Gray, Stephens, Hirst, Musto jun., West, McDonald, Barnes. Second Lecture—Bros. Loane, Moss, Richardson, Cundick, Webb. Third Lecture—Bros. Hopkins, Job, Taylor. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock precisely.

By the brethren of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, on Thursday evening, 30th November, at the Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate E.C. Bros. H. J. Lardner P.M. 1745 W.M., W. Martin S.D. 879 S.W., J. Davidson P.M. 299 J.W., James Pinder P.M. No. 15 W.M. 1662 Preceptor, C. W. Rowe Hon. Secretary. First Lecture—Bros. J. F. Rumball, T. McButt, G. W. Rowe, W. Pennefather, J. Davis, J. Davison, G. H. Stephens. Second Lecture—Bros. G. Perkins, Charles Patrick, J. Lawrence, W. Martin, J. Clark. Third Lecture—Bros. J. Strugnell, C. W. Kent, T. Butt. The Lodge will be opened at seven precisely.

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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, 18th NOVEMBER.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (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, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

MONDAY, 20th NOVEMBER.

8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
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.
1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
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.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-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)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1563—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
331—Phœnix Public Room Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, 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.
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 21st NOVEMBER.

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)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
194—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.)
1319—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
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)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (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
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. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
M.M. 214—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)
349—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
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
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—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.
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.)
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Checquers, 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. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W.

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Osmskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER.

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—Gresham, Freemasons' Hall, 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)
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (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.)
1503—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1638—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
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 657—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue
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. 1491—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth

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344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
463—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
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)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
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 NOVEMBER.

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, 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)
1296—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.
1643—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
R.A. 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden-square, W.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
458—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
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 153—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 25th NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gosling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1482—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1494—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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UNITED BROTHERS, No. 1069.

ON Monday evening, Bro. William E. Aitkins was installed as the Worshipful Master of the above Lodge, held at the Royal Beach Mansions Hotel, Southsea. There was a large attendance of the members, including Bros. Frost P.M. P.G. Treasurer, Gieve acting I.P.M., Cawte P.M. P.P.G.W., Bond P.M., Barnes P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Rastrick P.M. Treasurer, Guy P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Good M.A., Mumby, Cook, Dupree, German, Lobb, Hyams, Emanuel, House, Lawrence, Ford and Jenkins. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Capt. St. Clair, R.N., W.M. 257, Murrell P.M. 1776, Hayman W.M. 309, P.G. Reg., Laverty W.M. 1428 P.P.G.D.C., Pearce P.M. 130 P.P.G.S.D., Threadingham P.M. 487 P.P G. Sup. Wks., Holbrook P.M. 309, Williams W.M. 1776, Parkhouse W.M. 1834, Page W.M. 1903, Powell W.M. 903, Groves P.M. 487 Past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Ernest Hall S.W. 257, Arthur Jolliffe J.D. 257, Pates 1705, Fraser, 1705, &c. The ceremony of installation was efficiently carried out by Bro. Mark E. Frost P.P.G. Treasurer, and the newly installed W.M. afterwards appointed his officers as follow:—Bros. Albert Wendover I.P.M., Mumby S.W., Cook J.W., Rev. P. H. Good, M.A., Chaplain, Rastrick P.M. Treasurer, Dupree Secretary, Emanuel S.D., German J.D., Hyams M.C., Lawrence I.G., Lobb and House Stewards, Exall and Smith Tylers. The brethren subsequently adjourned to a récherché banquet, at which Bro. W. E. Atkins W.M. presided.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

THE annual meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 8th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. There was a very large attendance to support the W.M. Bro. E. J. Blackwell, Provincial Grand Junior Deacon Berks and Bucks; the Past Masters of the Lodge being represented by Bros. W. P. Ivey (Secretary), R. C. Hurley, E. Margrett, W. Ferguson, J. E. Danks, and J. T. Brown. Amongst those present as Visitors were Bros. Robert Bradley Prov. Grand Secretary Berks and Bucks, R. Nicholson Wor. Master 1566, V.W. R. P. Bent P.G.C. W.M. 1894, C. H. Hunt W.M. 1501, R. Barton W.M. 771, R. B. Bateman W.M. 591, H. Jowett S.W. 591, F. H. Cozens Org. 907, H. Higgs 414, H. R. Holland P.M. 1349, S. Bradley P.M. 414, W. H. Staff Organist 1900, C. W. Radway P.M. 41 P.P.S.G.W. Somerset, R. B. Cater W.M. 41, James Robinson 41, G. Gadd 1247, H. Blackwell J.W. 1540, F. Blackwell I.G. 414, M. J. Withers Sec. 414, J. Fisher M.C. 340, C. G. Butler M.C. 414, E. Horne W. Master 1887, W. T. Day 179, R. T. Hodge W.M. 1895, R. C. Mount W.M. 414, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211. After the Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. William Margrett, a candidate for passing, was then interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the W.M. conferred the degree of Fellow Craft on Bro. Margrett. The members of the Reading Lodges are to some extent fortunately circumstanced, inasmuch as they have with them an esteemed brother who, for several years, has taken upon himself the duties of Installing Master. These duties he has fulfilled, and we trust will continue to be able to fulfil, in an eminently satisfactory manner, but we take the liberty of urging on Bro. Moxhay that in the present day, our rulers, notably Provincial Grand Masters, are continually impressing on Craftsmen that outgoing Masters should qualify themselves in every case to instal their successors. We are aware that once upon a time it was absolutely necessary to bespeak the services of an Installing Master some considerable interval before the day fixed for an installation meeting, and we also have it on record it has occurred that the installation of a Worshipful Master has had to be postponed because Bro. Leading Man had other important functions to fulfil. These things, however, are of the past, and are never likely to occur again. Were it necessary, we think we should have no difficulty, in Reading alone, in finding a dozen brethren who could creditably instal a Master, and that with honour to the Lodge to which they belong. Where we find such skill displayed in the various Lodge duties, we cannot but think frequent cause of disappointment must be felt when a suggestion is thrown out that it is not customary to entertain the idea of performing the crowning act of a Master who desires to carry out his duties in their entirety. We feel assured our excellent Bro. Moxhay will pardon us for this digression, but we are writing in the interests of the Craft, and we are convinced every encouragement should be given to those who desire to do all the work apportioned them. The W. Master elect was presented by Bro. Blackwell, and Bro. Moxhay having administered the obligation, Lodge was opened in the third, and all below the degree of Installed Master were requested to retire. A Board was then opened and the ceremony was proceeded with. On the readmission of the brethren the new W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees. He then proceeded to invest the Officers, the collars being allotted as follows:—Bros. W. W. Ridley S.W., J. H. Hawkes J.W., Rev. C. R. Honey Chaplain, J. T. Stransom Treasurer, W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., R. C. Prickett S.D., W. Ravenscroft J.D., Cordery M.C., Hickie Org., Hemmings Prov. G. Tyler Tyler, Tegg S.S., Bowles J.S. The ceremony was brought to a conclusion by the Installing Master calling on the members to salute their new Officers; the customary addresses on this occasion, for want of time, being omitted. The first duty Bro. Dowsett had to perform was to present, on behalf of the Lodge, a P.M.'s jewel to his predecessor. He did this with much pleasure, and he trusted Brother Blackwell might live many years to wear it, and assist the Lodge with his counsel and advice. In acknowledging the honour done him, Bro. Blackwell said he could hardly find words adequately to express his thanks. His year of office had been a very agreeable one; true they had not had much heavy work; still they had had enough to keep them together. His labours, however, had been much lightened by the assistance he had received from his Officers, all of whom had been most zealous in the fulfilment of their duties. All had worked with unanimity, and this tended to promote the harmony which happily existed in the Lodge. He thanked the members one and all for their handsome gift, which he had pleasure in accepting as a testimony of their esteem. Before closing his remarks Bro. Blackwell referred to a custom which prevails in the Reading Lodges, where the outgoing Masters are in the habit of making a presentation—generally of some article of Lodge furniture, or whatever may be required. He was desirous to continue this laudable custom, but, on looking round, he thought their Lodge was so well supplied that it was not easy to find anything which the Lodge did not already possess. However, he should be pleased to receive a suggestion from any of the brethren as to what he should do in this regard. A cordial and unanimous vote of thanks was then passed to Bro. Moxhay for his services, and this having been acknowledged, several letters regretting inability to be present were read, a proposition for a joining member was handed in, and after customary greetings were tendered, Lodge was closed. The banquet took place at the Great Western Hotel, where Brother W. Flanagan exerted himself most successfully to promote the comforts of his guests. A capital bill of fare was provided, and every attention was paid to the service, which called forth considerable commendation. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. proposed the Loyal toast, and the National Anthem was sung. With the second toast—"His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master; the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers of Grand Lodge of England"—was associated the name of V.W. Bro. Bent Past G. Chaplain, who acknowledged the compliment. In proposing the toast of—"The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P.; the V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., and Grand Officers of the Province, Past and Present"—the Worshipful Master said he had received a letter from Sir Daniel Gooch, regretting his inability to be present. He would call

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on Brother Robert Bradley to respond to this toast. After a song by Brother Fred. H. Cozens, who is deservedly a popular favorite with the Reading brethren, Bro. Bradley rose. He briefly reviewed the progress Freemasonry was making in the Province, as illustrated more fully at the last meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Reading in June last. He spoke of what was being done by way of the establishment of Masonic Halls, and expressed gratification at the consideration that was being given to this matter. The members of the Grey Friars were happily circumstanced in holding their banquet at the Great Western Hotel. Bro. Bradley next referred to the attention given to the review of the Book of Constitutions, and to Bro. Clabon's proposal to increase the payments to the Fund of Benevolence, and urged on the brethren to attend Grand Lodge when the question came on for discussion, and continue the opposition they agreed on at last Provincial Grand Lodge, to bring to bear on this proposal. In conclusion, he complimented the Lodge on its working and prosperous condition, and expressed his pleasure at seeing Bro. Ridley in the Senior Warden's chair. In proposing the health of the W.M., Bro. Blackwell was assured Bro. Dowsett would do all in his power to uphold the prestige of his Lodge. After a song by Bro. Hickie, Bro. Dowsett rose. The encouragement he had hitherto received would give him zest to persevere. At the same time, he felt that without the assistance of those who had preceded him he feared he should fall short of what he desired. One thing he felt he could urge on behalf of the Lodge,—it was not number, but quality, that was desired. For the Visitors, Bros. Cater and Hodge replied. In responding to the toast of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Blackwell, after recognising the heavy responsibilities attached to his late position, thanked one and all for the assistance he had received in behalf of his Stewardship, and impressed on the brethren the desirability of continuing their support to the new Master. He thought that the brilliant assemblage that had gathered together that day might be accepted as a happy augury for Brother Dowsett's success in the future. Brother Rev. J. M. Guilding, Vicar of St. Lawrence, in a forcible speech, made an appeal on behalf of the Masonic Charities, and Brother J. Early Danks P.M. responded. The other toasts comprised The Installing Master, Brother Moxbay P.P.G.S.W.; The Worshipful Master, Past Masters, and Brethren of the Lodge of Union, replied to by Brother Mount W.M. 414; The Past Masters of the Grey Friars Lodge, 1101, for which Brother Ivey replied; The Treasurer and Officers of the Grey Friars Lodge, and last of all The Tyler's Toast. The proceedings throughout were enhanced by some capital songs, and a recitation given by Bro. Morgan was especially well received.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge, for the installation of W.M., took place on Monday, 13th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, York. The W.M. elect had issued a large number of invitations, and at the time of opening the Lodge there was a very full room, the army of Past Masters being unusually large. The outgoing Master Bro. G. Simpson assumed the gavel, and was supported by Bros. Kay S.W., Millington J.W. W.M. elect, Humphreys Sec., Balmford P.M. Treasurer, Turner S.D., Blenkin J.D., Whytehead P.M. M.C., Davies Org., Cumberland P.M., Seller P.M., Padel P.M., Starkey, Dalton, Stephenson, Ware, Chapman, Rev. S. Edge, York, Smith, Stubbs and others, and by the following Visitors:—Bros. McGachen P.M. 236, J. Barker P.M. 1102, Chadwick W.M. 1040, Gibson P.M. 1042, Smith P.M. 302 Provincial Grand Secretary West Yorks, Banks P.M. 570, Gifford W.M. 570, Rymer W.M. 236, Todd P.M. 236, P.M.'s Strachan 24, Pendelow, Rev. W. C. Lukis 837, Smith W.M. 837, Howarth 242, Take 236, Smith 236, Short 670, Thompson 570, Kendall 570, Speers 570, Dent 236, Rev. E. Hewett 236, Kirby S.W. 236, White 236, Garbutt J.W. 238, De Solis 1381, Knight 570, Baldrey 570, Morgan 570, and others. The minutes having been read and confirmed, and successful ballots taken for three candidates, the chair was taken by the Installing Master, Bro. Whytehead, who appointed as his wardens Bros. Seller P.M., and G. Balmford P.M. The W.M. elect was then presented by the outgoing master, and having replied to the necessary questions was duly obligated. A Board of Installed Masters was opened in full form, Bro. Cumberland acting as Chaplain. The W.M. elect having been admitted and installed in the chair of K.S., was saluted and greeted, and the Board was closed, the working tools in each degree being presented by Bro. Cumberland, who also gave the individual addresses to the Officers on their respective investments. The three final charges having been delivered by the Installing Master, the ceremony was completed. The Officers of the Lodge were then appointed as follow—Bros. Simpson I.P.M., Blenkin S.W., Turner J.W., Rev. Edge, B.A., Chap., Balmford P.M. Treas., Humphries Sec., Dyson S.D., York J.D., Whytehead P.M. M.C., Davis Organist, Chapman I.G., Stephenson and Dalton Stewards, and Pearson Tyler. Bro. Cumberland P.M. again accepted the post of Preceptor. Bro. Whytehead P.M. was re-elected Charity Representative of the Lodge on the Provincial Board, and subsequently proposed as a joining member Bro. Reynard 1040. The Lodge was then closed amid "hearty good wishes" from all the brethren. The brethren afterwards sat down to a capital banquet, at which the W.M. presided, supported by sixty-five brethren. The tables were adorned bountifully with plants, lent by members, and by numbers of bouquets of exotic flowers, contributed by the lady friends of the W.M. The toast list was a complete novelty, and was got up in the classical antique style, after a design by Bro. T. B. Whytehead. The musical arrangements were most admirable, supplying quite a concert of part music, performed by the Lodge quartette and the Lodge glee party, interspersed with songs. The Eboracum Lodge has always been celebrated for its musical talent, but this last effort surpassed all previous occasions. The toast of Queen and Craft was followed by the song "Victoria," by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, that of The Prince of Wales Grand Master, drew forth "God Bless the Prince of Wales," from Brother J. E. Wilkinson, and The Pro Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, was followed by the glee "The two Roses," by the Lodge Quartette. Brother the Rev. W. C. Lukis P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain West Yorkshire gave the toast of The Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Lodge, and, after Hatton's glee, "The Hemlock Tree," by the Lodge Quartette, Brother J. S. Cumberland P.M. Past Provincial Grand Warden responded. Bro. T. B. Whytehead gave The health of the Worshipful Master, and said there was every reason to look forward to a happy and prosperous year under his rule; and, after the performance of "Life's a Bumper," by the Lodge Glee Party, the W.M. responded. He thanked the brethren very cordially for their kindness to him, and assured them that as he had begun so he intended to go on, and to spare nothing to promote the best interests of the Lodge. He concluded by proposing The Installing Master and the Past Masters. Then came Haynes Bayley's charming old song, "The Carrier Dove," by Brother Wilkinson, and the response on the part of Bro. Whytehead and of Brother Seller, on behalf of the Past Masters. Brother Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O. proposed The Eboracum Lodge and its Officers, and, after the Lodge Glee Party had given "Mynheer Van Dunck," with great spirit, Brother S.W. responded. Brother Padel P.M. proposed the Visitors, congratulating the Lodge upon the splendid array of distinguished brethren gathered under its banner that day. The Lodge Quartette sang "Of a' the Airts," and responses were given to the toast by Bros. Pendelow P.P.G.W. of Staffordshire, Strachan P.P.G. Warden of Northumberland, Rymer W.M. 236 (Sheriff of York), and Captain Gifford W. Master 507 (I.C), attached to the 5th Dragoon Guards Regiment, now stationed in York. Brother Todd P.M. 236 P.P.G. Registrar proposed The Masonic Charities," and congratulated the Eboracum Lodge on the work it had done as a young Lodge for the three great Charities of the Order. Macfarren's song, "My own my guiding star," here followed, and Bros. W. Child and J. S. Cumberland Provincial Charity Steward responded, entering at some length into several matters affecting the interests of the Province in the matter of the elections to the Benevolent Institution and Schools. Brother T. B. Whytehead gave the Memory of Our Honoured Dead in a few appropriate words, and the toast was drunk standing and in silence, the quartette singing the chant, "May we all meet together in the Grand Lodge above," silent honours following. Bro. Turner gave the Ladies, in a speech that excited much merriment. The quartette gave Hatton's glee—"Beware"—and Brother Dyson responded. Brother Wilkinson gave, by special request, "She wore a wreath of roses," and Brother Humphries proposed "Our Absent Friends," alluding to the scattered members of the Lodge in New York, Dakotah, South Africa, South Australia, and Egypt. Then came the glee, "Hail, smiling morn," followed by the health of the Host—Brother H. Churchill, and the Tyler's toast, the evening being most appropriately wound up by Bros. J. S. Cumberland giving in his telling manner, "A lift on the way," and the glee party completed their excellent performances with "As the moments roll." A more successful gathering has never taken place under the banner of this Lodge, and both members and visitors expressed themselves greatly pleased both with the ceremonies and festivities. Amongst the numerous apologies for absence enumerated by the Worshipful Master, were letters or telegrams from the following brethren:—Bros. the Earl of Zetland Provincial Grand Master, Dr. Bell Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Don. M. Dewar, George Taylor Provincial Grand Secretary Worcester, Canon Tristram, James Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Rev. J. Harrison, Oldham, G. P. Brockbank, Bolton, the Dean of York, Rev. W. Valentine, Whixley, D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary Scotland, R. F. Gould P.G.D., J. W. Woodall P.P.G.W., J. Young P.M. 523, J. A. Bindley Burton-on-Trent, Anderson Prov. Grand Treasurer Northumberland, E. Davis Newcastle, Thompson Prov. G. Sec. Northumberland, Peek Prov. G. Sec. N. and E. Yorks, B. 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United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—The usual weekly meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday evening, the 10th instant, was presided over by Bros. G. W. Knight W.M., and was attended by Bros. J. N. Bate S.W., C. H. Nevill J.W., James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor, F. Thurston Treasurer, C. H. Phillips S.D., H. M. Williams J.D., J. Lotchford I.G., E. A. Francis, H. Stokes, R. Poore, M. E. Stokes, J. Wilmot, A. J. Styles, R. W. Pooler and others. Lodge having been duly opened and minutes confirmed, Bro. R. Poore, as candidate, was proved, and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by Bro. Knight. The F.C. charge was effectively delivered by Bro. Bate. Three of the five sections of the second lecture were worked by the brethren, and Lodge closed down to E.A. degree and called off. Entry drill was practised, and the Lodge called on. Bro. Bate was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—Held at the Jacob's Well, 15 George-street, Manchester-square, on Friday, 3rd inst. Bro. C. W. Fromholtz W.M. was supported by the following—Bros. Tribble, Wilson, T. Smith, G. Hart, F. Smith, G. Coop Preceptor, H. Moore Secretary; also Bros. Davis, Bellerby, Cox, Littlewood, Higgs, &c. &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Davis being the candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the Preceptor worked the first and second sections of the lecture. Two new members were elected. The Secretary announced the death of the Treasurer, Bro. William Dunham, which took place on the 1st inst. The Secretary was desired by the W.M., on behalf of the brethren,

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to write a letter of condolence to the widow and family of our late Bro. Dunham, expressing their deep regret, and sincere sympathy with them in the hour of their great affliction. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

On Friday, 10th inst., Bros. Wilson W.M., Bellerby S.W., Hart J.W., F. Smith S.D., F. Smith J.D., Brander I.G.; also Bros. Dairy, R. D. Smith, Cursons, G. Cooper Preceptor and H. Moore Secretary. After preliminaries, the Preceptor worked the third section of the first lecture. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. D. Smith candidate. The death of Bro. Walter Heath, Londesborough, 1681, was reported. Bro. Coop proposed, Bro. Dairy seconded, that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of the late Bro. Heath, expressive of the sincere regret, sorrow and sympathy of the brethren with her in her sad bereavement, was carried unanimously. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till Friday, 17th inst., when the Officers of the mother Lodge will be invited to assist in the labours of the evening.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 14th inst. Present—Bros. Robinson W.M., Glass S.W., Clark J.W., Darnell S.D., Catlin J.D., Larter I.G., Carr Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Wardell, Bunker, Gray, Christian, Smyth, Webb, Brasted. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Christian acting as candidate. Lodge was called off, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties. Bro. Robinson vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wallington Preceptor, who interrogated and entrusted Brother Wardell. Lodge opened in the second, and Bro. Wardell was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Robin again occupied the chair, and Bro. Webb worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed in the first degree. Bro. Glass was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Robinson, this being the first time he had filled the position of W.M. in this Lodge. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Meeting held at the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, on 16th November. Present—Bros. Pearcy W.M., Moss S.W., Oxley J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Gieseke Treas., Free Secretary, Perkins S.D., Chitson J.D., Pringle I.G.; also Smith, Kramm, Cobb, Simmonds, Horley, Grey. Lodge opened and minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second degree. Brother Smith answered the questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Smith being candidate. Lodge resumed to first degree, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Perkins candidate. Both ceremonies were performed in Brother Pearcy's usual correct manner. Brother Moss was elected to preside at the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned. The annual supper of this Lodge of Instruction will take place on the second Friday in December.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—On Tuesday evening last, the 14th inst., at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, a goodly number of brethren attended, including Bros. G. W. Knight W.M., G. Harling S.W., E. Bye jun. J.W., E. A. Francis Preceptor, C. H. Phillips Treasurer, H. M. Williams, Secretary, F. A. Smith S.D., S. Richardson J.D., E. Newby I.G., Richard Poore, R. W. Pooler, and W. Croucher. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of previous meeting were read by the Secretary, and unanimously confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was well rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Phillips as candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Poore proved his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the W.M. worked the ceremony of raising, in an impressive manner, Bro. Poore being the candidate. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree, and on the motion of the Preceptor, seconded by Bro. Smith, Bro. Harling was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Harling thanked the brethren, and appointed his Officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry in general, or the Lodge of Instruction in particular, after hearty good wishes, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned, in perfect harmony, until Tuesday, 21st inst., at 8 p.m.

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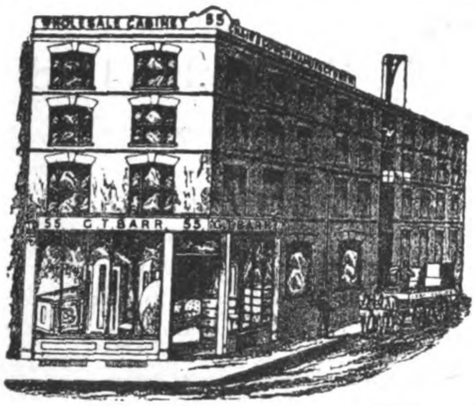

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RULE No. 141 provides for the "Death or incapacity of the Master," his removal from office, and his absence from the Lodge, so that, in this instance likewise, the marginal note is not sufficiently descriptive of the tenour of the law. The Rule itself compares with Art. 6, p 78, with which it agrees almost word for word, but there is added the following sentence embodying certain important reservations in the case of a Warden ruling a Lodge: "When a warden rules the lodge he shall not occupy the master's chair, nor can initiations take place, or degrees be conferred unless the chair be occupied by a brother who is a master or past master in the craft." It were as well perhaps if the Rule stated authoritatively the position to be occupied by the ruling Warden, and also if, in respect of Lodges in remote districts, especially in the colonies and foreign countries, some conditional latitude were allowed for the initiation of candidates for Masonic light, and the conferring of degrees by a Warden. It must be remembered that in India, South Africa, and our Australian Colonies, for instance, there are Lodges in very out-of-the-way places, and by no means easily accessible. In such cases, in the absence of the Master and Past Masters, which might easily happen, neither initiations could take place nor degrees be conferred, and worthy men or members might be very seriously disappointed, and perhaps even disgusted, at the very outset of their career, because the Master chanced to have a sharp attack, say, of influenza or gout, and the business obligations of the Past Masters precluded them from acting in his stead. This difficulty would be felt principally by young Lodges of two or three years standing only. Dr. Oliver, who, in matters of this kind, is a safe guide to follow, remarks, in his "Jurisprudence," that, in the case of such Lodges, initiation and the conferring of a degree by a Warden would not be viewed with disfavour by the authorities. Moreover, it would be easy to provide safeguards against the abuse of such a relaxation.

Rules Nos. 142-146, both inclusive, treat of private Lodges when visited by the Grand Master or his Deputy (Nos. 142, 143), the Provincial or District Grand Master or his Deputy (Nos. 144, 145), and by Grand Officers deputed by the Grand Master. Our remarks on these Rules have been in great measure anticipated by a correspondent's letter published last week, the writer of which considers, for reasons he is at the pains of explaining at considerable length, that they should more properly have been placed, Nos. 142 and 143 under the head of "Grand Lodge," and Nos. 144 and 145 under that of "Provincial and District Grand Lodges;" No. 146 being unnoticed by him. He argues, and we entirely agree with him in his argument, that as it is the Grand Master, or Provincial or District Grand Master, who takes the initiative in visiting a Lodge or Lodges, and as, consequently, the latter has no voice in the matter; or, to put the case still more forcibly, as these Rules ascribe to the Grand Master and his Deputy, and the Provincial or District Grand Master and his Deputy, certain powers which, in the exercise of their discretion, it is lawful in the case of the first two, and permissible in that of the last two, for them to exercise, they belong only indirectly, and in a very subordinate way, to the category of Rules for "Private Lodges." Primarily, they concern the Grand Master and his representatives at home and abroad, and for that reason their proper place in the Book of Constitutions is, as already pointed out by our correspondent, and endorsed by us—as regards Nos. 142, 143, under "Grand Lodge," and as to Nos. 144, 145, under "Provincial and District Grand Lodges." To this we would add, that No. 146, which gives the Grand Master power "to send his grand officers to visit any lodge he may think proper," should also be removed from this division and placed under that of the "Grand Lodge." One point, as being apparently outside the scope of our said correspondent's remarks, is deserving of notice. No. 142 states that the Grand Master, and No. 143 that in his absence the Deputy Grand Master, "has full authority to preside in any lodge," while No. 144, as to the Provincial or District Grand Master, and No. 145, as to, in his absence, the Deputy Provincial or District Grand Master, lay it down, the former that he "may preside in every lodge he visits within his province or district," and the latter that he "may preside in any lodge he visits within his province or district." We see no reason why there should be any difference in the wording of these laws. The Grand Master or, in his absence, his Deputy "has full authority to preside," but he is not compelled to exercise that authority. A Provincial or District Grand Master, or, in his absence, his Deputy "may preside" if he chooses, but he need not so choose. There is, therefore, really no difference in the powers ascribed to either group, and there should consequently be no difference in the language ascribing such powers, especially as the Provincial or District Grand Master is as supreme in some respects in his Province or District as the Grand Master is in the whole Craft. We may add that No. 142 must be compared with Art. 5, p 31; No. 143 with Art. 2, p 33; No. 144 with Art. 3, p 46; No. 145 with Art. 2, p 50; and No. 146 with Art. 6, p 31. The proposed laws do not differ materially from the present Regulations.

No. 147 treats of visiting, and is much briefer than Art. 19, p 67, with which it corresponds:—

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"147. The master and wardens of a lodge are enjoined to visit other lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the craft, and a good understanding cultivated among freemasons.	19 (p 67). "All lodges are particularly bound to observe the same usages and customs; every deviation, therefore, from the established mode of working is highly improper, and cannot be justified or countenanced. In order to preserve this uniformity, and to cultivate a good understanding among free-masons, some members of every lodge should be deputed to visit other lodges as often as may be convenient."

The proposed Rule has the merit of compactness, but what it has gained in this respect it has lost in emphasis and comprehensiveness. But few, if any, of those who are accustomed to compare different readings will deny that the existing law states its purpose clearly, emphatically,

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and thoroughly, while the proposed law is silent as to the most material object which justifies visiting. There is a mode of working established in accordance with ancient usages and customs, but the said mode of working is no more one and the same thing with the said usages and customs than a superstructure is one and the same with the foundation on which it rests. We are told that "every deviation" from the established mode of working "is highly improper, and cannot be justified or counteranced." The proposed law takes no notice of there being an established mode of working, and says nothing as to deviations from it being improper and unjustifiable. It may be that certain recent motions and counter motions in Grand Lodge have made the word "uniformity," and the idea it conveys distasteful to the Revision Committee, but that cannot be accepted as a justification for ignoring the necessity for a uniform mode of working. In one other respect we think the existing law preferable. It may be better that visits should be paid by the Masters and Wardens of a lodge, they are its rulers and official representatives; but we see no reason why the Past Masters and other members should be excluded from the operation of the rule.

No. 148 affects the "Admission of visitors" and corresponds with Article 1, p 89.

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"148. No visitor shall be admitted into a lodge unless he be personally known to, or recommended, or well vouched for by one of the brethren present, or until he has produced the certificate of the Grand Lodge to which he claims to belong, and has given satisfactory proof that he is the brother named in the certificate, or other proper vouchers of his having been initiated in a regular lodge. Every visitor during his continuance in the lodge is subject to the by-laws of the lodge."	1 (p 89). "No visitor shall be admitted into a lodge unless he be personally known, recommended, or well vouched for, after due examination by one of the present brethren; and during his continuance in the lodge he must be subject to the by-laws of the lodge. The master of the lodge is bound to enforce these regulations."

The proposed Rule is fuller and more satisfactory than that in existence, but in places it is awkwardly worded, as in the clause beginning "or until he has" to the end of the sentence. Without committing ourselves absolutely to the words, we would suggest "or until he has produced his Grand Lodge certificate"—which is, of course, the certificate of, or issued by, the Grand Lodge to which he claims to belong—"and given satisfactory proof he is the brother named therein, or has furnished evidence of his initiation in a regular Lodge." We would also suggest the last sentence should read, "Every visitor during his stay [or presence] in the Lodge is subject to its by-laws."

No. 149, "Refusal of Admission" is Art. 2, p 89, extended, so as to justify the Master's refusal of admission in the case of a visitor "whose presence he has reason to believe will disturb the harmony of the lodge," as well as of a "visitor of known bad character." No. 150, like Art. 3, p 89, disqualifies a non-subscribing Mason from visiting a Lodge "more than once until he again become a subscribing member of some lodge;" but the manner in which the proposed Rule is worded, "to visit any one lodge," is an improvement on the existing Rule, which forbids him "to visit any lodge in the town or place where he resides more than once during his secession from the Craft." Under the existing law there is nothing to prevent a brother who has seceded from visiting other Lodges than those "in the town or place where he resides" as often as they meet.

Nos. 151 and 152 respectively define what are "London Lodges" and what "Provincial or district Lodges." Lodges Nos. 153, 154, and 155 concern Military Lodges, and call for certain remarks. We say nothing as to the omission from the proposed Rules of the introductory article at p 74 on the subject "of Military Lodges." It is to the effect that, "It being essential to the interest of the craft, that all military lodges should be strictly confined to the purposes for which their warrants were originally obtained; and very great abuses having arisen from the improper initiation of masons by such Lodges, every warrant, therefore, which is held by a military lodge shall be forfeited unless the following laws be complied with, in addition to those specified under the head of 'Private Lodges.'" There is no objection to such a statement, but, on the other hand, it is unnecessary. There is, however, it seems to us, fair ground for objecting to the omission of Art. 1, p 75, which lays it down that "No warrant shall be granted for the establishment of a military lodge without the consent of the commanding officer of the regiment, battalion, or company to which it is to be attached." There is, in fact, every reason why this law should not be excised. We may take it for granted that such a Lodge could not be established in connection with any military body without the consent of the commanding officer; and that such consent is notified in the petition and repeated in the warrant. But this is a different thing from assuming that every body of petitioners for a military warrant has obtained the consent of the proper authority, or that no such body of petitioners will ever apply for such a warrant without having first of all obtained such authority. Indeed, the omission of this law might lead to the commission of the irregularity it is designed to prevent. Brethren are expected to know what is in the Book of Constitutions, but they cannot be expected to know what is not in it. Therefore, say we, let Art. 1, p 75, have its place in the Revised Book. As to the proposed laws, No. 153 corresponds, in all essential particulars, indeed, almost word for word, with Art. 3, p 75; No. 154 with Art. 2, p 75; and No. 155 with Art. 4, p 76.

Nos. 156, 157, 158, and 159 relate to Lodges of Instruction, and correspond respectively with Art. 1, p 88, first part; Art. 1, p 88, second part; Art. 2, p 88; and Art. 3, p 88. But few comments are needed. No. 157 is to the effect that "Notice of the times and places of meeting of lodges of instruction shall be given within the London district to the grand secretary, and in provinces and districts to the provincial or district grand secretaries respectively"—query, Why not "provincial *and* district?"—while the present law takes no notice of Lodges of Instruction in Provinces and Districts. As a consequence, No. 158, which like Art. 2, p 88, enacts that minutes shall be kept, requires further that "such minutes shall be produced when called for by the grand master, the provincial or district grand master, the board of general purposes," &c. We would remark, with a view to strengthen and make more obvious our remarks on proposed new Rule No. 147, by which visiting is enjoined, that according to Rule No. 156, as according to the existing rule, "The lodge giving its sanction, and the brethren to whom such licence is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings, and responsible that the mode of working adopted has received the sanction of the grand lodge." It seems, therefore, that, after all, there is some importance attaching to the "mode of working" which has "received the sanction of the grand lodge." Consequently, there can be no reason why a desire to study this mode of working, so as to avoid all improper and unjustifiable deviations from it, should not be as conspicuous among the reasons for visiting lodges under the proposed law (No. 147) as under the existing law (Art. 19, p 67).

Nos. 160 and 161 deal with the by-laws of a Lodge, and together constitute Art. 5, p 63, from which they do not widely differ, as will be seen from the following comparison:—

"160. Every lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its government, provided they are not inconsistent with the regulations of the grand lodge. The by-laws must be submitted to the grand master, and when approved, a printed copy must be sent to the grand secretary, and in the case of a provincial or district lodge, also to the provincial or district grand master; and when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must, in like manner, be submitted. No law or alteration will be valid until so submitted and approved. The by-laws of the lodge shall be printed, and a copy shall be delivered to the master on his installation, who by his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to solemnly pledge himself to observe and enforce them." "161. Every brother shall be supplied with a printed copy of the by-laws of the lodge when he becomes a member, and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to be a declaration of his submission to them."	5 (p 63). "Every lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its government, provided they are not inconsistent with the regulations of the grand lodge. The by-laws must be submitted to the grand master, or the provincial grand master, and when approved, a fair copy must be sent to the grand secretary, and, in the case of a country lodge, also to the provincial grand master; and, when any material alteration shall be made, such alteration must, in like manner, be submitted. No law or alteration will be valid until so submitted and approved. The by-laws of the lodge shall be fairly written in a book, which shall be delivered to the master on his installation, when he shall solemnly pledge himself to observe and enforce them. Every brother shall sign them when he becomes a member of the lodge, as a declaration of his submission to them, and shall at all reasonable times have access to them, and be allowed to take copies."

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As regards the proposed law No. 160, we think it would be better if the first clause of the second sentence ran thus: "The by-laws must be submitted *to* the grand master, and, in the case of provincial or district lodges, to the provincial or district grand master, before final submission to the grand master for his approval." It seems to us that to exclude the Provincial or District Grand Master from any voice in the approval of the by-laws of Lodges in his Province or District is to cast upon him an unnecessary slight. In all the organisations we are acquainted with, the sub-departmental heads approve first of all the recommendations of their subordinates, and then such recommendations are passed on to the departmental head for his crowning sanction and approval. Such a system has a decided advantage, in this respect, that it prevents improper or unnecessary recommendations from being laid before the supreme authority, while those that do come under his notice have the impress of the intermediate functionary's approbation to recommend them. We would further amend the latter portion of the same sentence, so that it may read "and when any alteration or addition shall be made, such alteration or addition must, in like manner, be submitted." In such case, the next sentence would read "no law, or alteration or addition, will be valid until so submitted and approved." With respect to the presentation of a printed copy of the by-laws to the master on his installation, we are of opinion that the present law is preferable. It is more in accordance with the nature of a solemn pledge that it should be taken, not "deemed" to be taken, as though it were the observance of a mere form. Let us take for instance the "*Summary of the* ANTIENT CHARGES AND REGULATIONS" which is "*read by the Secretary (or acting Secretary), to the* MASTER ELECT, *prior to his Installation into the Chair of a Lodge.*" When the reading has been concluded, we are told, at p VIII., "the Installing Officer addresses the Master Elect as follows:—'Do you submit to and promise to support these Charges and Regulations as Masters have done in all Ages?' Upon his answering in the affirmative the Ceremony of Installation proceeds." We ask our readers if it is not more in accordance with their idea of a solemn pledge that this summary of Charges and Regulations should be read, and the Master Elect be called upon to express verbally, in open Lodge, his readiness to "submit to and promise to support" them than that a printed copy of them should be delivered to him, and that, "by his acceptance thereof," he "shall be deemed" to express his readiness. The bye-laws of a private Lodge are not of the same importance as the "Antient Charges and Regulations" of the Craft, but they are of sufficient importance, as regards the limited sphere in which they operate, to be worthy of the Master's solemn verbal pledge "to observe and enforce them." So likewise as regards No. 161. A grave formality, which is the outward and visible sign of a solemn undertaking, is observed, when a brother signs the code of by-laws on becoming a member of a Lodge. But his mere acceptance of a copy of such by-laws, which is "deemed to be a declaration of his submission to them," is a formality which we can hardly conceive it possible will awaken in the mind of the recipient any serious sense of the responsibility he has undertaken.

No. 162 treats of the time and place of meeting, and corresponds with the first three lines of Art. 7, p 64, the words "except as herein otherwise provided" being rightly deemed a sufficient substitute for the remaining section of the present law. No. 163, stating under what authority "Lodges of emergency" may be held, agrees with Art. 9, p 64, the only difference in the provisions of the two laws being that the present law requires that the "business to be transacted" at such a Lodge shall be "recorded on the minutes" as well as "expressed in the summons," while the present law is content with requiring that it shall be "expressed in the summons" only. We do not think the omission is an improvement, though, doubtless, No. 169 is held to provide sufficiently for the "record on the minutes."

Nos. 164, 165, 166, and 167 concern the "Removal of Lodges." It will be seen from the proposed and present rules, when placed as under, in juxtaposition, that there is a considerable divergence between them, the alterations, whether of omission or commission, being for the most part improvements.

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"164. Unless otherwise specified in the warrant, any lodge may be removed from one house to another provided the following regulations be strictly complied with.	(92). "Any lodge may be removed from one house to another, within the same town or place, at the discretion of its members; but, in order to prevent disputes, and to ascertain how this power is to be exercised, the following regulations must be strictly complied with.
"If at any regular meeting a notice of motion for the removal of the lodge be given and signed by not fewer than seven subscribing members the master shall summon a special meeting of the lodge for considering and finally deciding the question; such meeting to be at least one week after the issuing of the summons. The proposition shall not be carried unless two-thirds of the members voting shall agree to the removal. If the master should fail or refuse to issue the summons that duty shall devolve on the senior warden, or failing him the junior warden."	"1. No lodge shall be removed without the master's knowledge, nor shall any motion for removal be made in his absence; but, if the motion be regularly made and seconded, the master shall order summonses to be sent to every member, specifying the business and appointing a day for hearing and deciding the question; such day to be at least one week after the issuing of the summonses. The majority present shall determine the question, provided the master be one of that majority; but, if he be against removing, the lodge shall not be removed, unless the majority consist of two-thirds of the members present. "If the master should refuse to issue the summonses, either of the wardens may do so, and if the master neglect to attend, the senior or junior warden may preside in determining the question."

The proposed law has two decided advantages over the existing law. In the first place it provides that the proposition for removal must be signed by the respectable number of at least "seven subscribing members," and in the next place the complex provision for voting the removal in accordance with which a mere majority is sufficient if it includes the Master, but if it does not, a two-thirds majority—gives place to the simple plan that the removal shall not take place unless it is supported by two-thirds of the members. No. 165 deals with "Temporary Removal under special circumstances," and must be read with Art 2, p 93.

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"165. If the meeting of a lodge at its regular place should, by any circumstance, be rendered impracticable or improper, the master shall forthwith apply to the grand master or provincial or district grand master for a dispensation to hold a temporary meeting, or meetings, at a specified place, and there, if so authorised by the terms of the dispensation, to carry on the general business of the lodge or to determine in the manner of voting above prescribed, whether the lodge shall be permanently removed."	2 (93). "If the meeting of a lodge at its usual place should, by any circumstance, be rendered impracticable or improper, the master may appoint any other place for a meeting, to consult his brethren on the occasion, and whether a permanent removal may be expedient."

We see no objection to the Master, in the circumstances stated, retaining the right to "appoint any other place for a meeting." A Lodge might find it impracticable, for instance, to meet at its usual place on a single occasion, without the necessity arising, or being likely to arise, for removal to other quarters. To meet such a case as this it should be in the power of the Master to select "any other place for meeting." But in the more complex case, where removal becomes necessary or expedient, the request for a dispensation, as provided by the new Rule, should be imperative. In the latter part of the Rule, there appears to be a slip in the grammar. It should read, "and there, if so authorised by the terms of the dispensation, carry on the general business of the lodge or determine," &c.

No. 166 embodies the provisions of Art. 7, p 47, Art. 5, p 74, and Art. 4, p 93, so far as they affect the "Consent required for removals." We place the proposed and present Rules side by side for comparison.

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"166. No London lodge, or lodge in the colonies or foreign parts not within a district, can be removed without the consent of the grand master, and no provincial lodge can be removed without the consent of the grand master and the provincial grand	7 (p 47). "He"—the provincial grand master—"has power, with the concurrence of the grand master, to give or to refuse consent for the removal of a lodge from town to town within his district, or from his district into another, or from another district

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master. If the proposed removal should be from one province or district into another, the consent of the provincial or district grand master of each province or district must be obtained. With respect to lodges within districts the consent of the district grand master is alone required for the removal of a lodge from one place to another within the same district."

into his own, providing that in all cases the laws relating to the removal of lodges shall have been complied with."

5 (p 74). "No country lodge shall be removed out of its province, nor from place to place within the same province, without the consent of the provincial grand master, nor if the M.W. grand master shall deem such removal inexpedient; and no lodge shall be moved into another province without the consent of the provincial grand master of that province, and also of the grand master."

4 (p 93). "No lodge can be removed from one town or place to another, nor the warrant transferred, without the consent of the grand master, or of the provincial grand master with the concurrence of the grand master. But in the colonies and foreign parts the concurrence of the grand master is not required for the removal of a lodge from one place to another within the same district."

It will be generally allowed that the proposed Rule embodies all the essential requirements of the three existing Rules, and that it is a great advantage to have the several regulations affecting removals thus conveniently brought into so modest a compass. We may also remark that the observations of our correspondent of last week, already referred to, with respect to No. 166—and had he deemed it necessary for his purpose they might have been made applicable to No. 165 as well—are completely in accordance with our own views as to its being appropriately placed under the head of "Private Lodges," and for the reasons assigned by him.

Rule No. 167 requires the removal to be recorded as under Art. 8, p 64, and Art. 3, p 93.

REVISED EDITION.

"167. When a lodge shall have resolved to alter its place or day of meeting a copy of the minutes of the lodge relating to such alteration shall be forthwith sent to the grand secretary, and when the lodge is held in a province or district, also to the provincial or district grand master that it may be ascertained whether the laws have been strictly complied with, and in order that the alteration may be duly recorded. The officers of a removed lodge shall not be permitted to attend the grand lodge or provincial or district grand lodge until these regulations have been complied with."

EXISTING EDITION.

8 (p 64). "Every lodge, when removed to a new place of meeting, or whenever the day of assembling shall be altered, shall immediately send notice thereof to the grand secretary, and, if a country lodge, also to the provincial grand master. The officers of a removed lodge shall not be permitted to attend the grand lodge or provincial grand lodge until the removal be properly notified."

3 (p 93). "When a lodge shall have resolved to remove, or to alter the day of meeting, the master or a warden shall forthwith send a copy of the minutes of the lodge for such alteration to the grand secretary, and also to the provincial grand master or his deputy, that it may be ascertained whether the above laws have been strictly complied with, and that the alteration may be duly recorded."

Here, again, the proposed law is a decided improvement on the existing laws, and for the reasons stated in respect of the Rule No. 166. At the same time we would suggest the retention in the new law of the words "his deputy" in Art. 3, p 93, at least in reference to the Provincial Grand Master. Proposed Rule No. 91 lays it down that, in notifying to the Grand Secretary the appointment of a Deputy, the Provincial Grand Master shall, "at the same time, specify whether he intends the business of the province to be transacted by himself or his deputy." If, then, the business is to be transacted by the Deputy, the notice of removal should be forwarded to that officer.

No. 168—"Furniture in trust for the lodge"—is almost *verbatim* the same as the first part of Art. 22, p 68, the second part of the latter with Art. 2, p 118. corresponding with Rule No. 188 on "Prohibited jewels."

No. 169, concerning "The minutes," compares favourably in clearness and precision with Art. 6, p 63, as will be seen from a comparison of the two.

REVISED EDITION.

"169. Every lodge shall keep a book, to be called the minute book, in which the master or the brother appointed by him as secretary, shall regularly enter from time to time:—

"Firstly,—The names of all persons initiated, passed, or raised in the lodge, or who shall become members thereof, with the dates of their proposal, initiation, passing, and raising, or admission respectively, together with their addresses, titles, professions, or occupations.

"Secondly,—The names of all members present at each meeting of the lodge, together with those of all visiting brethren, with particulars showing to which lodge they belong, and their Masonic rank.

"Thirdly,—Minutes of all such transactions of the lodge as are proper to be written.

"The minutes can only be confirmed at a subsequent regular meeting of the lodge."

EXISTING EDITION.

6 (p 63). "A book shall be kept in every lodge, in which shall be entered the names of its members, and of all persons admitted therein, with the dates of their proposal, admission, or initiation, passing and raising; their ages, titles, professions, or trades, together with such other transactions of the lodge as are proper to be written. The master is responsible for the observance of this law."

(To be continued.)

THE MARK GRAND LODGE.

THE Winter Half-yearly Communication of the Mark Grand Lodge will be held in the Great Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday the 5th December proximo, when the proceedings will be of an unusually interesting character. As a matter of course, the election of the G.M.M.M. will be one of the items in the programme of business, and there will be the other agenda of the usual character. There are, however, two events arranged to take place on this occasion which will make it a veritable red letter day in the history of this degree. Last year it was our privilege to record the installation of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, as a Past Grand Mark Master Mason, and there can be no question that His Royal Highness's acceptance of that high office has done much to advance a section of Masonry, which, albeit it is held to be outside the pale of pure Antient and Accepted Masonry, has nevertheless received the willing and earnest support of many of our most distinguished Craft Masons. On the eventful Tuesday now so near at hand the exceptional business to be transacted will be the presentation to the Duke of Albany of the gift voted by Mark Grand Lodge on the occasion of his wedding, after which His Royal Highness will proceed to consecrate a "Grand Master's Lodge," the principal Officers designate of which are M.W. Brother the Earl of Lathom Past G.M.M.M. W.M., M.W. Lord Henniker G.M.M.M. S.W., and R.W. the Earl of Kintore D.G.M.M.M. as Junior Warden. A Lodge which starts under such favourable auspices, and which has already enlisted the support of so many distinguished brethren of the Mark Degree, cannot fail to enhance the respect in which the Mark is held among the leading members of the Craft. There may be differences of opinion as to whether this Degree should be recognised as a part of Masonry pure and simple. But there can be no such differences of opinion as to its having advanced with marvellous rapidity in the estimation of brethren. A body which, after an existence of but little over a quarter of a century, already musters over 13,000 members, has a considerable balance at its disposal, and a Benevolent and Educational Fund, which has proved of material assistance to those in need of help, cannot be otherwise described than as being in a most flourishing condition. It has firmly established itself in all parts of the country; it has a strong array of Lodges in our colonies and abroad, and there appears to be every prospect that the prosperity which has hitherto attended it will go on increasing. Our hope is that it may go on and prosper, and with reason may be always in a position to adopt as its prayer —*Floreat æternum.*

BIRTH.

MORGAN.—At Russell Villas, Seven Sisters' Road, Stamford Hill, on Saturday the 18th instant, the wife of Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. of a son.

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THE CARE OF LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your issue of the 23rd September, a correspondent, "ARGUS," invited expressions of opinion on the above subject, I am therefore tempted to lay before your readers the system which I adopted whilst in the chair, and which was found to be a very satisfactory solution of this question.

In accordance with the By-laws of our Lodge, the Secretary collected the monies, and banked them, to the credit of the trustees, taking a receipt from the Bank for each deposit. At the end of each month these receipts were handed to the Treasurer, who compared the amount with the cash received per the Secretary's receipt book. The Secretary then filled in the summonses and handed them to the Treasurer, who inserted the amount of dues, &c., owing by each brother, thus forming a complete audit of each account, by enabling the brethren to see that monies paid by them had duly been placed to their credit. The Treasurer not having had the cash actually pass through his hands would have no object in inserting an incorrect amount in the summonses; unless he were acting in collusion with the Secretary, which is a case very unlikely to occur.

This monthly balance greatly simplified the labours of the Auditors at the six-monthly audits of the Lodge accounts.

I hope that this explanation of a system, which has been found to work exceedingly well, will prove of service to some of the brethren.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

P.D.G.W.

26th October 1882.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101, AND ITS INSTALLING OFFICER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read your report of the Installation meeting of this Lodge with some interest, and confess I am pleased with the tenour of your remarks on the subject of its Installing Officer. To his zeal and ability you have borne willing testimony, and your remarks as to Reading alone being in a position to furnish "a dozen brethren who could creditably instal a Master," is, I am convinced, no less true than it is complimentary. At the same time you are quite right in saying that "every encouragement should be given to those who desire to do all the work apportioned to them," and in hinting that if the retiring Worshipful Master is desirous of installing his successor, he should be allowed, as I think he has the undoubted right, to do so. It is quite true there was a time when "it was absolutely necessary to bespeak the services of an installing Master some considerable interval before the day fixed for an installation meeting"—if I remember rightly, you will find a case or cases cited in Bro. Kelly's History of Freemasonry in Leicestershire and Rutland—but matters have greatly changed for the better since those days of laxity, and there is hardly a Lodge in England which cannot boast of several brethren in all respects capable of working all our ceremonies, that of installation being included. I admit that, at first sight, it may seem unkind to prefer the services of a new and comparatively untried man to those of the veteran, but, on the other hand, discouragement, and even dissatisfaction will sooner or later follow if only the veteran is to be permitted to fulfil a particular duty. For my part, I think the veteran who encourages his younger brethren to emulate his success does more good than he who claims as a right what has been accorded to him only through successive acts of courtesy.

I have purposely framed my remarks so that they may be looked upon as of general, not individual, application and I trust the brother to whom you referred, in your said report, but whose name I have studiously avoided introducing, will regard this letter as being so intended and void of all offence to him personally.

I remain,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

ASPIRANT.

THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—With reference to "LONDON'S" letter, published in last week's number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and the irregularity he speaks of in connection with Staffordshire and its so-called Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, I would suggest that every Province and District should be authorised to include among its Grand Officers at least one Standard Bearer, who should enjoy the rank and wear the clothing of a Prov. Grand Officer. I take it that a Provincial or District Grand Master is a "grand officer entitled to have a standard;" and if so, there should be a Prov. or District G. Standard Bearer, who certainly ought not to be less esteemed, according to his rank, than a Prov. or District G. Sword Bearer. I am not in favour of multiplying appointments, but though Staffordshire had no right to have a Standard Bearer, it certainly had reason on its side in appointing one.

Fraternally yours,

A. PROVINCIAL.

The Review by the Queen, on Saturday last, of the expeditionary force recently returned from Egypt passed off most successfully. The streets along which the troops passed were thronged with enthusiastic spectators, and our gallant fellows received a most cordial welcome from all classes. As usual, the event was favoured by the Clerk of the Weather. In the morning there was a dense fog, in the afternoon a most unpleasant rain; but in the interim the sun shone out bravely, and once again London had the good fortune to enjoy a brief spell of "Queen's Weather."

On Tuesday Windsor was in a state of excitement. Some three hundred officers, non-commissioned officers, and men were received at Windsor Castle, and personally presented by Her Majesty with the medals awarded to all who took part in the recent campaign. Sir Garnet, now Lord Wolseley, Sir John Adye, Sir Evelyn Wood, the Duke of Connaught, were among those who took part in this brilliant spectacle, the representatives of the Indian force which took part in the campaign being also honoured with invitations to be present.

We take an early opportunity of drawing attention to the approaching annual supper of the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813, which has been fixed for the evening of Wednesday, the 13th December next, at 7·30 p.m. precisely, at Bro. Baker's well-known hostelry, the Cock, at Highbury. The New Concord Lodge of Instruction has worked most successfully for years past, and has done much to promote an exact knowledge of our ritual and ceremonies. The attendance is always numerous, and visitors receive a right hearty welcome. We feel confident, under the circumstances, that the annual supper will be a success as regards the number of those present. We know it will be so as regards Bro. Baker, whose readiness and ability to cater for his guests are too well known to need comment.

At the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, Bro. James Terry will rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation on Tuesday, 5th December next, at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, Finsbury Park. Brethren are invited to attend. Lodge will be opened at eight o'clock precisely. Masonic clothing to be worn.

The banquet to commemorate the return of the Guards from Egypt took place in the Royal Aquarium, on the 20th inst., the Right Hon. W. H. Smith, M.P., in the chair. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught attended, and there were present about 1850 of the Guards, 80 officers and 200 visitors. The Committee thanked Messrs. Moet and Chandon for a quantity of magnums of Brut Imperial, and Messrs. Deutz and Geldermann for a large supply of Gold Lack Champagne, both of which were much appreciated.

The German Freemasons are taking a step, the first which foreign Freemasons have taken, which will place Continental Masonry on the same footing as English Masonry has assumed within the last hundred years. Germany will henceforth have, it is to be hoped, three charitable institutions similar to those in England. It is going to start with one of them. But German Masonry will begin where English Masonry ended, for whereas the Institution for the Aged was the last of the three Masonic Institutions founded in England, it will be the first in Germany. The news comes from Berlin that a movement has been set on foot by the Freemasons of that country to celebrate the silver wedding of the German Crown Prince and Princess (our Princess Royal) in a manner highly befitting the Craft. A home for destitute widows and daughters of deceased brethren is to be founded by means of subscriptions in honour of the occasion. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding is on the 25th of January next.—*Evening News.*

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The stomach and its troubles cause more discomfort and bring more unhappiness than is commonly supposed. The thousand ills that settle there may be prevented or dislodged by the judicious use of these purifying Pills, which act as a sure, gentle anti-acid aperient, without annoying the nerves of the most susceptible or irritating the most delicate organization. Holloway's Pills will bestow comfort and confer relief on every headache, dyspeptic, and sickly sufferer, whose tortures make him a burden to himself and a bugbear to his friends. These Pills have long been the popular remedy for a weak stomach, for a disordered liver, or a paralysed digestion, which yield without difficulty to their regulating, purifying, and tonic qualities.

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For some weeks past we have been engaged in comparing the Revised with the Existing Code of Regulations for the government of the Craft, and the task is far from being completed. We are of the old-fashioned opinion that, if a thing is worthy doing at all, it is worthy doing thoroughly, and hence the length to which our comments have run, and are likely to run. Some of our readers, perhaps, not being specially interested in, or impressed with the importance of, the proposed revision, may consider we should have done better had we dismissed it briefly, and devoted the bulk of our space to the usual comments on passing events connected with Freemasonry. On the other hand, there are those who hold that we have acted wisely in the course we have adopted, and it is from their many and kind communications we have derived encouragement to proceed with our labours, so that when we have completed them, we have experienced the satisfaction of having, to the best of our ability, contrasted the proposed with the present laws. There is another reason, of some slight importance, which has impelled us to do what we have done. Though there is much activity in the Craft during the present season, there are few questions which appear to demand editorial comment, and in the absence of such questions, we cannot say our space has been ill occupied with the series of articles, now current, on the "Revised Book of Constitutions." It must be remembered that Revisions of a work so essential to our well-being and good government cannot be engaged in at frequent intervals. It is close on ten years since the last Revision took place, and we cannot look forward to another until at least an equal interval of time has passed. Every care, therefore, should be taken to make the proposed Code as thoroughly calculated to meet the necessities of the Craft as possible. There is no doubt the work of revision has been carefully done, and that in many important particulars the proposed Book of Constitutions is an improvement on the existing edition. But there is equally no doubt—in our judgment, at least—that amendments are needed in order to secure a nearer approach to perfection, and we are not without hope that some of our views may find favour with the Revision Committee.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The three chairs of President and Senior and Junior Vice Presidents were occupied by Bros. Joshua Nunn, James Brett, and C. A. Cottebrune. There was a very large attendance of brethren, among whom were Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M. Warwickshire; Frank Richardson, Rev. Edmund J. Cox, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, H. G. Buss Asst. G.S. The Board of Masters, which was first held, settled the paper of business for Grand Lodge of 6th December. The Lodge of Benevolence was then opened, and commenced by confirming grants to the amount of £160, recommended to the Grand Master at the former meeting. The new list contained the unprecedented number of fifty-six cases. Forty-eight of these were relieved, with a total of £1340. One case was dismissed, and the remainder were deferred.

A Meeting of the Members of the Grand Master's Council, No. 1, of the Degree of Royal and Select Masters, will be held at the Masonic Hall, 8A Red Lion-square, on Thursday, the 30th instant, at five o'clock in the afternoon.

A meeting of the Old Kent Royal Ark Mariner Lodge, attached to Old Kent Masters' Lodge, will be held at the Masonic Rooms, 8a Red Lion-square, on Wednesday next, the 29th inst., at 5.30 o'clock p.m. Besides other business that will be transacted, the members will elect a W.C.N. in place of Bro. Henry Venn, who has completed his term of office.

A meeting of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on the 23rd inst., at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's-road, N., when Comps. Osborn filled the chair of Z., Hunter H., Sheffield J., Gregory S.N., Edmonds P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, after which it was proposed by Comp. Edmonds, and seconded by Comp. Hunter, that the entrance fee be reduced to 1s 6d, and on each night of attendance the fee be 3d. This was duly carried by the Companions present. The Convocation was then closed and adjourned until Thursday, the 30th inst., at the hour of eight.

FESTIVAL OF THE HIGH CROSS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

THE tenth anniversary festival of the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, was held at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, on Wednesday, 15th instant, when Brother W. M. Tegg the W.M. of the mother Lodge officiated as President, with Brother E. Poore W.M. 1237 as Vice President. The first part of the programme was, as usual on these occasions, a dinner, and to this the brethren sat down at the appointed time. Great credit is due to the proprietor for the way in which the viands were placed on the table, and although this was, we believe, one of the first attempts in this house, it showed he had acquired knowledge and experience elsewhere. At the conclusion of the dinner, the customary toasts were given and fully honoured, that of Prosperity to the High Cross Lodge of Instruction coming immediately after the loyal ones. The President, in proposing it, referred to the past history of the Lodge. It was established some ten years back, and during the whole of the time that had since elapsed had gone on most prosperously. Its objects and worth were so well known to those present as not to need special reference on the present occasion, suffice it to say, that the Lodge was known, far and wide, and was considered one of the best. He regretted he had not been able to avail himself of its instruction more than he had done, but recommended all aspiring brethren to regularly attend, as he had already learnt to value its teachings. Another important feature in connection with this Lodge of Instruction was, the work carried out by it so zealously on behalf of the Masonic Institutions. What it had done entitled it to foremost rank as regarded our own noble Charities. The toast having been enthusiastically received, was acknowledged by some of the founders then present, and then Bro. Poore proposed the health of the President. Bro. Tegg briefly replied; he hoped he should merit the good words that had been said of him. The toast of the Vice-President followed, being proposed from the chair. Bro. Tegg referred to the respect and esteem in which Bro. Poore was held by all who knew him. Personally he had always found him a most genial and affable gentleman. He had visited the Enfield Lodge, of which Brother Poore was Master, and there he found the same sentiments expressed. Bro. Poore having replied, the health of the Officers of the Lodge was drunk. Good Officers were as necessary, or perhaps more necessary, than in an ordinary Lodge. Those connected with the High Cross were most energetic men, and contributed in no small degree to its success. Bro. Miller was the first to reply. He felt proud of the position in which he was placed, and hoped to enjoy the confidence of the members for many years to come. He felt that Lodges of Instruction were most desirable institutions; without them he felt that Masters could not efficiently carry out their duties. Bro. Garrod also felt it a great pleasure to assist in the working of the Lodge. The present was the tenth anniversary of the Lodge which had been held in that house, and looking back during that time, one continued stream of prosperity presented itself. The Lodge had prospered in the past, and was still doing so, fresh members constantly enrolling themselves. As regarded the work done in the Lodge, there were numerous instances to which he could refer, of brethren who had carried out the work required of them in their respective Lodges most creditably, and who had learnt all in the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, while, as regarded its contributions to the Charities, as the W.M. of the evening had said, it had won foremost rank in that respect. The President next gave the toast of the Charities. The great idea of Freemasonry was charity, and this was thoroughly carried out in the High Cross Lodge of Instruction. Three Charity Associations had already been formed in connection with it, from each of which large amounts had been sent up to the several institutions. He hoped the charitable spirit of the members would ever continue. Brother Fiddler, whose name was associated with the toast, replied, giving some details of the extent to which the Lodge donations had amounted; to the first association £500 was contributed, to the second £700, while from the third, which was commenced in March last, fifty guineas had already been paid to the Institutions, with a further sum of twenty guineas voted but not yet appropriated. The Vice President proposed the toast of the Visitors, and the President that of the Press, each of which were acknowledged, and then the neighbouring Lodges were complimented. The toast of the Mother Lodge was also honoured, as was that of the host and hostess—Bro. and Mrs. Barnes. In proposing this latter toast, reference was made to the satisfactory way in which Brother Barnes had carried out his part of the programme; every thing he had done had given the greatest satisfaction. The brethren kept up the enjoyment till a late hour, most of those present trying their ability to add to the harmony by songs or recitations.

Union Lodge, No 414.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Tuesday, 21st instant. Present—Bros. Mount W.M., Ferguson S.W., Wheeler jun. J.W., Withers Secretary, Parry S.D., Witherington J.D., Butler M.C., Blackwell I.G., Martin Steward, Hemmings Tyler, Stephens I.P.M.; P.M.'s Morris, Bradley, Hounslow; also Cave, Dodd, George, Tirbutt, Higgs, Rayner, Tench, McDowell, Hawkes, Albury, Sherwood, Hart. Visitors—Bros. Dowsett, Ivey. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. In those minutes we noticed that the Lodge had decided "not to approve of the motion of Brother Clabon," also that the Lodge had voted two guineas to the Royal College of Music. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Brother Tirbutt being a candidate for raising, gave satisfactory proof of his efficiency and was entrusted. After he had retired, Lodge was opened in the third, and Bro. Tirbutt was re-admitted and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The ceremony was correctly performed by the W.M. and his Officers. After closing to the first degree and balloting for members, Lodge was closed, according to antient form, and adjourned.

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Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 18th instant. Bros. Galer W.M., Marks S.W., Spencer J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Lorkin Treasurer, Ferrar S.D., Gribbell J.D., Ashton I.G.; also Bros. Lardner, Gibbs, Houghton, Hawkins, Archer, Burtonshaw, Payne, Catling, Nicholls, Woodman, Rhodes, Pearcy, &c. The usual formalities were complied with in opening the Lodge, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second degree, and Bro. Gibbs proved his qualification for raising, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Gibbs being the candidate. The ceremony included the traditional history. The third section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Lardner, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to the first degree, and Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Lardner worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Marks was elected Master for the next week, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—At the weekly meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, held at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell-road, S.E., on Friday evening, the 17th inst., Bro. J. N. Bate presided as W.M. Amongst others present were Bros. C. H. Nevill S.W., C. H. Phillips J.W., James Stevens P.M. Preceptor, John S. Terry P.M. Secretary, H. M. Williams S.D., M. E. Stokes J.D., H. Baldwin I.G., E. A. Francis, R. Poore, W. D. Payne, G. W. Knight, R. W. Pooler, Henry Gebicker, and J. M. Romey of Lodge No. 72, &c. The evening's work comprised the opening of the Lodge in the three degrees; the rehearsal of the ceremony of raising, and the delivery of the M.M. charge by the W.M.; the explanation of the Six Grand Periods, and the Tracing Board in the second degree by Bros. James Stevens and E. A. Francis; the practice of entry drill in E.A. degree: and the several ceremonies of closing. Bro. C. H. Nevill was nominated by the Preceptor to occupy the chair of K.S. on the 24th inst., and no further Masonic business offering, the brethren separated.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—Held at the Jacob's Well, George-street, Manchester-square, S.W., on Friday, 17th inst. On this occasion (Officers' night) the W.M. of the mother Lodge—Bro. Smart—occupied the chair, and, assisted by several of his brother Officers, rehearsed the second ceremony, as well as the ceremony of installation; Bro. Moore, being candidate for that high and honourable position, was duly installed into the chair of K.S., with the usual formalities, the brethren saluting him in the various degrees. Bro. Miller 766 gave the addresses, and the brethren listened to him with much pleasure, his delivery and perfect elocution being particularly noticeable. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Fleet Smart W.M. 766, Braun, Miller, Boete, Cox, Stickleback, Davis, Smith, Moore, Hart, Wilson, Brander, &c.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—The members met at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, on Wednesday last. There were present Bros. Weeden W.M., Marks S.W., Ferrar J.W., Cusworth Preceptor, Perl Secretary, Dixie S.D., Thomson J.D., Ashton I.G., and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Thomson candidate. Bro. Jones proved himself an efficient candidate for the degree of F.C., and Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Marks was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

The Duke of Albany presided, on the 17th instant, as Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, at the Provincial Grand Lodge, which was held at the Town Hall, Banbury, when there was a large assemblage of the Freemasons of that Province and the Province of Warwickshire. His Royal Highness went down from London to Banbury by the 10 a.m. train, accompanied by Col. Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, Sir John B. Monckton President of the Board of General Purposes, and other Officers of Grand Lodge. He was received at Banbury by the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and escorted by a guard of honour to the Town Hall, where, after the Grand Lodge had been opened by Bro. Reginald Bird, M.A., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, a procession was formed, and the Freemasons, with their Provincial Grand Master, marched to Marlborough-street, to the site of a new Masonic Hall proposed to be erected by the Cherwell Lodge, No. 599. Arrived at the site of the new building, the Prince delivered a very neat little speech, and then laid the foundation stone in due Masonic form. The Mayor of Banbury then presented His Royal Highness with an address of welcome, which was graciously accepted. The procession then returned to the Town Hall. Crowds of spectators lined the way, and greeted their Royal visitor with the heartiest cheers. The houses were gaily decorated with flags and ornamental devices, and the whole town wore a very gay appearance. The proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge were concluded on the return to the Town Hall, and included grants of ten guineas to local charities, ten guineas to the Boys' School, and, upon the motion of His Royal Highness, a grant of ten guineas to the Royal College of Music. Subsequently his Royal Highness presided at a banquet served in the Corn Exchange, after which the Prince made, as usual, a very good speech—a speech which must have been most encouraging to all who are anxious to promote the spread of Freemasonry in the Province of Oxfordshire; for, in expressing his regret that it had been impossible for him to be present at the consecration of the Henley-on-Thames Lodge, which had been added to the roll since he had last been present with them, he assured them "that if any need arose in the future of forming a new Lodge, nothing should prevent his being present to consecrate it in person." Freemasonry on the whole seems to prosper in Oxfordshire, for although there is one Lodge which appears to have had no meetings during the year, and whose members have dwindled to fourteen in number, there is another which has had as many as thirty-eight initiations, besides receiving two joining members.—*Evening News.*

Bro. James Stevens P.M. 1426, &c., has been invited to deliver his lecture explanatory of the rituals and ceremonies of the first degree, at the Royal York Lodge of Instruction, No. 315, to be held in the Masonic Rooms at the Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday, the 4th of December. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, M.P., has been pleased to grant permission for the brethren to wear Craft clothing on the occasion, and a large gathering of local Freemasons is expected.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No. 766.

THE installation meeting took place on Thursday, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Lodge was opened at 3.30 by the W.M., Bro. W. Fleet Smart, who was supported by Bros. William Drake S.W., W. J. Collens J.W., W. Jerrett Miller P.M. Treasurer, W. Worrell P.M. Sec., A. Le Grand J.D., A. Ramsey I.G.; P.M.'s E. Kidman, A. Braun, J. Pringle, C. R. Cutmore; Visitors—Bros. A. J. P. Stevens W.M. 1298, Julien Hooper 1515, E. B. Grabham P.M. 19, R. Leaman W.M. 1707, W. F. Walton J.D. 1608, H. Dale 902, W. C. Worley 275, G. J. Jenkin I.G. 72, W. Hopekirk P.M. 179, H. Moore 1257, J. L. Apsey 534, Thomas Nettleship 1641, H. Von Joel J.W. 957, Andrew Brolochan 1314, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. H. Heck was passed to the second degree by the W.M. Bro. P.M. Miller then took the chair, and after the candidates—Bros. J. Greenslade and H. F. Stoddard—had exhibited such knowledge as warranted them seeking preferment, the third degree was conferred upon them, the ceremony being most impressively rendered by Bro. Miller. The ballot was then brought into requisition for Mr. John Goode, who was proposed by Bro. W. J. Miller P.M., and seconded by Bro. E. Kidman P.M. The result was unanimously in favour of the candidate, who was introduced, and the ceremony of initiation was worked by Bro. Miller. Bro. Smart next resumed the chair to perform the ceremony of initiation, and the W.M. elect—Bro. William Drake—was presented by Bro. Miller, and the obligation was regularly administered. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and, this part of the ceremony completed, in due course the members below the rank of Installed Master were admitted, and the new W.M. saluted in the three degrees. The Officers were invested as follow:—Bros. W. J. Collens S.W., A. Le Grand J.W., W. Miller P.M. Treasurer, W. Worrell P.M. Secretary, J. H. Brookes S.D., A. C. Rees P.M. J.D., J. Turle Lee I.G., C. Pay M.C., Reinhardt Tyler, E. Kidman P.M. and W. Johnston Stewards. The charges to the W.M., Officers, and the brethren, were delivered with great fervour by Bro. Miller, and after the Auditor's report had been presented and adopted, routine work was brought on, and Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was partaken of by the brethren, about 60 sitting down to table. On removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the toast of the Queen and the Craft, and the National Anthem was sung. On rising to propose the second toast, the Wor. Master said the Most Worshipful Grand Master not only took a deep interest in Freemasonry himself, but had been instrumental in bringing into the Order two of his brothers, who were both shining lights in Freemasonry. After a song—"Dream Faces"—sung with great feeling by Miss Matilda Roby, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Present Past and, Brother Drake speaking to the toast in a few well chosen words. "The King's Highway," which was entrusted to Brother Thomas Nettleship, was marked on the programme to follow this toast, and was most creditably rendered by this popular singer. The Charity Box was now handed round;—a laudable custom, which we should be pleased to see more frequently carried out. The result in this case was most satisfactory, and reflected credit on the benevolent tendencies of the brethren of the William Preston Lodge. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Brother Smart, in terse and complimentary phrase, and then Miss Davey sang, with great taste, Smart's popular song, "The Sailor's Story." The W.M. replied, assuring the brethren of his appreciation of the honour they had conferred upon him in elevating him to his present position. He was one of the initiates of their Lodge, and he would strive in every way to maintain its prestige. After a pianoforte solo, by Brother Turle Lee, the heath of the Initiate was the toast brought next under notice. The W.M. stated that as Brother Goode represented the 50th member on their roll, he was the only gentleman introduced to the Lodge that night. Madame Worrell sang the next song—"In life and in death I am thine"—and was most deservedly applauded. After Brother Goode had acknowledged the honour done him, Miss Roby favoured the company with "Robin Adair," and again secured the unanimous approval of the audience. The Visitors' toast was next introduced by the W.M. After enumerating those who were present, the W.M. remarked that much good was to be secured by the interchange of visits, and called on the members to do full honour to the toast. After a song by Bro. Nettleship, Bros. Hopekirk, Worley, Stevens, Morgan, and Moore acknowledged the toast. Here Miss Davey, by her singing of "Darby and Joan," added to the enjoyment of the evening. In introducing the toast of the Immediate Past and Installing Master, Brother Smart, the W.M., said it must ever be gratifying to a Master leaving the chair to know that his Lodge was in a better position, financially and in point of number as regards membership, than when he entered on his duties. This, fortunately, was what Brother Smart could pride himself upon. He had now to perform a duty which perhaps might better have been done earlier in the evening; it was to present Brother Smart with the handsome Past Master's jewel, which had unanimously been voted by the members. To Madame Worrell was again entrusted the pleasurable duty of entertaining the company, and she sang, with intense spirit, "Never, ah, nevermore." In replying, Brother Smart said he stood there, eight years after his initiation, a Past Master of the Lodge. He had striven to the best of his ability to do his duty, and he laid the flattering unction to his soul that he had been successful. He thanked one and all for the assistance he had received, and hoped he might long be spared to continue a member of the Lodge. The remaining toasts were the Treasurer and Secretary; replied to by Bro. Miller, who gave a brief sketch of the career of the Lodge during the past fifteen years; and by Bro. Worrell, who confined his remarks more closely to the position in which the Lodge stood at the present time. Bros. Braun and Cutmore replied for the "Past Masters," and the "Officers" elicited response from Bros. Collens and others. In due course the Tyler was summoned, and the brethren separated, highly pleased with the evening's entertainment.

St. AUGUSTINE'S LODGE, No. 972.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury, on Wednesday, 15th November, when the ceremony of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year, T. B. Rossiter, was most impressively performed by his immediate predecessor Bro. S. F. Pringuer. There was a very large gathering of brethren, including the following visitors:—Bros. Eastes D.P.G.M., Thorp P.G. Treasurer, Taylor P.P.G.S.B., Wilson P.P.G.S.B., Hall P.P.G. Assistant Secretary, Wiltshier P.G.S.Wks., Eve P.P.G.A.D.C., Smith P.P.G.S.D., Taylor P.P.G.S.D. Sussex, Horner W.M. 31, Vantier W.M. 1449, Wilson 199, Prescott 199, Saunders 1915, Walthew 1915, Gaun J.W. 1915, Tomkinson P.M. 1110, Howie S.W. 1110, Gowland Secretary 1110, Wilton 1203, Jordan 1184, Marks S.D. 76, Marks 76, Carter S.W. 1449, Blamiers Treasurer 1449, Cockersell 1449, Payn W.M. 133, Thomas 199, Richardson 720. After the W.M. had been duly installed, according to ancient custom, he appointed the following brethren as Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. Pringuer I.P.M., Crump S.W., Price J.W., Pilcher P.M. Treasurer, Pringuer Secretary, Plant S.D., Newman J.D., Welsh P.M. M.C., R. Westwood I.G., Moulding and Fagg Stewards. Bro. P.M. Pilcher, on behalf of the brethren, presented the I.P.M. Bro. S. F. Pringuer with a valuable P.M.'s jewel, which had been subscribed for by them as a slight token of the regard they felt for him, and the manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year. After the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the Guildhall Hotel, where they sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided in the worthy host's (Bro. Shaxby's) usual first-class style. The W.M took the chair, supported by V.W. Bro. J. S. Eastes D.P.G.M., and the Mayor of Canterbury. After the brethren had done justice to the good things provided, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, interspersed with glees, songs, &c., by Bros. Plant, Moulding, Higgins, Rhodes and Smith.

SPHINX LODGE, No. 1329.

ON Saturday last the annual meeting of this popular and prosperous Lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. There was a large attendance, both of the members of the Lodge and visiting brethren. Among the former were Bros. Richards W.M. (in the chair), Mansell S.W., Middlemass J.W., Reynolds Treasurer, Hernaman Secretary, Brinton J.D., Forbes Steward, Marsden jun. I.G.; P.M.'s Sugden, Bickerstaff, Martin, Bickerton, Bryant, Lyon and Perceval Nairne M.C.; Lewin, Lye, Cooker, Britton, Parnacott, Mercer, Andrews, Biggs, Chabot, Tyrrell, Brooks, J. Brooks, Voisey, Goodinge, Bradley, Hall, Gross, Anstey, Irvine, Pernewan, Woodward, Wilson, Heller, Turney, Allen and Stevens. Among the latter were Bros. Colven G.S. P.G.S. Felicity 58, Gauntlett Selwyn 1901, Duckett P.M. Sec. United Pilgrims 507, Rogers P.M. Kent 15, Greenwood J.D. Crichton 1641, Miller, Goss P.M. Caveac 176, Hogard Israel P.P.G.S. Essex, Groombridge P.M. Unity 183, Baxter P.M. East Surrey of Concord 463, Flenkers of Temple Bar 1728 W.M. elect Kent 15, Perring Maggeridge 1679, Benedetti 1679, Brand P.M. St. Pauls 194, Wrigglesworth P.M. Rose of Denmark 975, Jackson Gihon 49, Diaper Gihon 49 J.W. Royal Leopold 1669, Rose P.M. Mount Lebanon 73, Dunn P.M. Royal Jubilee 72, Seymour Smith Org. Crystal Palace 742, Cooper P.M. Mount Lebanon 73, Estoclet 1641, Bradly P.M. Royal Leopold 1669, Butler Urban 1196, Vickery P.M. Peckham 1476, and T. Cooke J.D. Musgrove 1597. After the Lodge had been opened in due form, the Secretary read the minutes of previous meeting, which were confirmed. After some other matters had been proceeded with, the W.W. elect was presented by Bro. Nairne, and the usual obligation having been duly administered and pledged, Lodge was opened in the third degree, when all below the degree of Installed Master were called on to withdraw. A Board was then opened, and the impressive ceremony proceeded. The outside brethren were afterwards re-admitted, who saluted the W.M. in the three degrees, under the direction of Brother Bickerton. This having been done with great precision and ability, the W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, to whom collars were allotted as under, Bros. Richards I.P.M., Nairne M.C., Middlemass S.W., Reynolds jun. J.W., Reynolds sen. Treasurer, Hernaman Secretary, Brinton S.D., Marsden J.D., Forbes Steward, and Hall Organist; Brother Walker not being present, the appointment of Inner Guard was deferred. The new Officers were then saluted, and the W.M. presented, on behalf of the Lodge, a Past Master's jewel to his predecessor. At intervals, during the installation, anthems were sung, in a manner seldom heard inside a Lodge when close tyled. We understand that it is intended to continue this practice, and we hope that Brother Hall, who has entered on his duties as Organist, for which position he is eminently qualified, will do all in his power to cultivate a taste for music in his Lodge. Most

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heartily do we congratulate him on his accession to office, and we hope that the supplication contained in one of the odes may be abundantly answered, namely—

"God of light, whose love, unceasing,
Doth to all Thy works extend,
Crown our Order with Thy blessing,
Build, sustain us to the end."

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren after labour adjourned to the large hall, where Bro. Slawson, of 736 Old Kent-road, had in readiness a sumptuous banquet, which was much appreciated, and to which ample justice was done. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the Loyal toast, and then followed that of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master, the Pro G. Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, the Worshipful Master, the Visitors, the Immediate Past Master, the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary of the Lodge, which was followed by that of the Stewards, and the Tyler's toast. The music and singing, under the direction of Bro. Hall, was excellent. Bros. Voisey, Hall, Goodinge, Seymour Smith, and Messrs. Colbourne, Abbott and Blaikie were unusually good. As a matter of course, Bro. Seymour Smith, in rendering "Lord Mayor's Day" and the "Happy Family," was inimitable, and elicited encores. The evening was spent in a most agreeable manner, Bro. Forbes, as on former occasions, with a great deal of self-abnegation, bestowing incessant attention on all present. This is now his seventh year of office, we believe, as Steward; he is the right brother in the right place, "a faithful and good Steward;" may he remain where he is, until he shall be called upon to render his account as a Steward to a tribunal other than that of an earthly one. So mote it be!

CRIPPLEGATE LODGE, No. 1613.

THE distinguishing feature at the regular meeting, held on the 16th inst., and which will, no doubt, constitute one of the red letter days in the history of the Lodge, was the visit of one of its honorary members, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor. The Lodge has its usual quarters at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C., and there the brethren assembled, under the presidentship of Bro. William Medwin W.M., who, with the assistance of his Wardens and the rest of the Officers, disposed of the usual business, which included one raising and two initiations. From an unforseen circumstance the large banqetting room of the Albion was not available on that special evening: it was therefore necessary to seek accommodation elsewhere. But, as it was deemed fitting to receive the honoured guest in state, and with proper regalia and personal decorations, a dispensation from the Grand Master had to be obtained to enable the brethren to display their Craft and other adornments outside their own "valley of Jehoshaphat." The work of the Lodge being over, the brethren adjourned to the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., where a large reception-room had been prepared. It was a brave sight to see the brethren ranged aronnd the room, the W. Master and Wardens at the upper end, and the Deacons, with their wands of office, at the entrance, ready to receive the expected guest, who, with accustomed punctuality (a well-known characteristic of his Lordship in the Ward of Cripplegate), made his appearance at the appointed time, and was conducted, amidst acclamations, to the left of the W.M. After hearty salutations, the brethren proceeded to partake of a luxurious banquet, where a commendable moderation in the matter of exciting fluids was noticeable. After grace, the W.M. gave the health of the Queen and Craft, and the professional party present, which consisted of Bros. W. Sexton, G. T. Carter, J. Kempton, W. Winn, under the direction of Fred H. Cozens, sang the National Anthem. The health of the M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was heartily responded to. Bro. J. R. Foulger, Past Master and Secretary, proposed the toast of the Pro Grand Master, Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, than whom, he thought, none were more energetic in their zeal for the best interests of the Craft, and none more willing to assist when difficulty arises. He would couple with the toast their highly esteemed Grand Secretary Brother Colonel Shadwell Clerke. The Grand Secretary expressed his sincere thanks for the kindly and fraternal way this toast was received, on the present and all similar occasions. The Grand Officers always endeavoured to perform their duties as efficiently as possible, but had not yet arrived at a Masonic millennium. It was impossible, even with the best will, to satisfy everybody. There were many brethren not altogether unworthy of some recognition for their services, but the fact was, the Grand Master had, comparatively, few favours to bestow. He could assure them that the future conduct of the Grand Officers would be regulated by the past. He was highly gratified to be present on that auspicious occasion, and was proud to have been invited to meet at that Masonic board the chief magistrate of the greatest city in the world, who was also an old and respected P.M. of the Craft. The W.M. next proposed the health of Brother the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, who was so well known in Cripplegate as to need no eulogy from him. The Lodge congratulated him on his accession to the highest dignity it was in the power of his fellow citizens to bestow. Bro. the Lord Mayor, who was received with long and continued cheering, said he rose with great pleasure to respond to the toast. It was a source of unfeigned gratification to meet the brethren of the Cripplegate Ward, who for many years past had shown a perfectly sincere esteem and kindness to him. The Cripplegate Lodge had always his special regard. When started he was invited to be the first Master. He always regretted to have been unable to accept the highly-prized offer. But they would probably recollect that just about that time he was Sheriff, and what with other duties, besides being Master of another Lodge, he felt unequal to accept the responsibility. They had paid him the compliment of electing him an honorary member, and in all his visits he had been extremely gratified with the careful way in which the work of the Lodge was conducted. The Craft stood high in the estimation of brethren, and even non-Masons were constrained to acknowledge its merits. The example set by their illustrious Grand Master showed them that they ought to be guided in all things by the great Masonic principle of doing as they would be done by, and to regard every man as a brother. Referring to his exalted office, he was proud to occupy the position of Lord Mayor, for which he was deeply indebted to his fellow citizens and brother Freemasons, with whom he had been associated during a tolerably long commercial life. When his health was so kindly proposed and heartily received, he could only assure them that his best energies would always be devoted to their service. The Lord Mayor then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, remarking that he had had the pleasure of his acquaintance for a quarter of a century, and always found him a good neighbour, and a straightforward man of business. The Worshipful Master briefly acknowledged the compliment. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bros. Coombs and Wright. For the Past Masters Brother J. R. Foulger replied, remarking that Cripplegate Ward had produced Lord Mayors before, notably Sir Matthew Wood, who twice occupied the high office, and what reason can be urged against their honoured Alderman being again elected. Brother B. Groner P.M., to whom the toast of the Charities had been entrusted, said that Bro. Wildey Wright, in his response for the Visitors, poetically illustrated the great principles of Freemasonry, and glorious heritage of the past, imposing the duty of perpetuating, the Charitable Institutions. The Cripplegate Lodge, he was glad to say, had done all in its power in that direction. The Worshipful Master, taking upon himself the duty of acting as Steward at the coming Festival of the Benevolent Institution, the Lodge immediately voted £21 on his list. The same had been done previously, and he remembered when the first Worshipful Master announced his intention of representing the Lodge in a similar capacity, in about three months the sum of £50 was subscribed by the brethren. The Lodge being only six years old, he thought it had not failed in doing its duty. He would call upon Brother Terry, who he knew had all the facts and figures at his fingers' end, to respond to the toast. Brother Terry, in his accustomed forcible and elegant manner, advocated the claims of all the Charities, but as a matter of course dwelt more especially upon the Institution which is dependent upon the zeal, energy, and devotion which he so lavishly bestows. The Tyler's toast ended the proceedings. The Visitors numbered fifty-six, among whom were the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (Alderman Knight), Colonel Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, Buss A.G.S., Jas. Terry Sec. B.I., J. L. Mather P.P.D.G.C., N. Gluckstein P.M. 185, Rickwood P.M. 192, R. Coombs I.P.M. 12, J. Harvey, C.C., P.M. Domatic, A. Westerby 182, H. Wildey Wright, Q.C., 1827, Feller 1056, E. Gottheil P.M. 185, &c. &c.

LANDPORT LODGE, No. 1776.

THERE was an unusually large gathering of the members of the Masonic Craft in the borough on Thursday evening, when Bro. Williams was re-invested as W.M. of this Lodge. The ceremony took place in the Lodge room at the Freemasons' Hall, Landport, and was most efficiently carried out by Bro. Main P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Bro. Williams appointed the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. Green I.P.M., Niven S.W., Drake J.W., Hancox Treasurer, Byrbidge and T. A. Casey Sec., Miles S.D., Foster J.D., Brown M.C., Marshallsay I.G., Bramsdon and Hann Stewards, Parkinson Tyler. The musical portion of the ceremony was exceedingly well conducted, Bro. Bradbear P.G.O. officiating as Organist. An interesting feature of the evening's business was the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Williams, in recognition of the very able and zealous manner in which he had presided over the Lodge during the past twelve months. The presentation was made by Bro. Main, and acknowledged in appropriate terms.

Lodge of Israel, No. 1502.—This Lodge, which so happily comprehends both Jewish and Christian brethren—thus showing in some degree the comprehensive character of the Masonic Order—has held a prominent position amongst the numerous Lodges of the Province since its consecration, and the works of charity which it has been the means of carrying out have greatly enhanced its place on the long list of similar fraternal bodies. The annual installation is invariably attended by enthusiasm, and that which took place on the 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where there were upwards of 80 members and visitors present, proved no exception to the general rule. The chair at the opening of the proceedings was occupied by Bro. Maurice Aronsberg, the retiring W.M., who was supported by a full complement of P.M.'s and Officers, including Bros. P.M.'s Henochsberg, Schonstadt acting as S.W., Jones acting as J.W., Robinson W.M. elect, Tobias, Levy P.P.G.S., Henochsberg, Hart Treasurer, &c. After some preliminary business Bro. Robinson P.P.G. Reg., presented by Bro. Hart P.G.S. and Bro. Henochsberg P.M., was duly installed Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the second time during a most honourable Masonic career, an appointment which has given the greatest satisfaction to the whole of the brethren. The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Bro. Aronsberg, and the addresses to the following Officers were given with much impressiveness by Bro. Henochsberg P.M., who came from London to take part in the interesting ceremony:—Bros. Aronsberg I.P.M., Tobias P.P.G.S.W. S.W., Henochsberg P.M. appointed J.W., M. Hart P.G.S. Treasurer and M.C., Gabriel-en Secretary, Silver S.D., Baum J.D., Dr. Stern Chaplain, Bryan Organist, Levy I.G., Archer S.S., Capstick J.S. Bro. Ball was re-elected Tyler. The first degree was given by the newly-installed W.M., and afterwards the brethren adjourned to a banquet. The catering was entrusted to Bro. Woodhouse, No. 1075, the house steward, whose serving was in every respect of the most satisfactory nature, showing how wisely the committee have selected a chief of their Masonic establishment. In the course of the evening a very artistic and valuable P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Aronsberg, in recognition of the admirable services he has rendered to the Lodge of Israel as W.M. and in other offices.

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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, 25th NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Contts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 176—Cavsac, Albion, Aldersgate Street

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 27th NOVEMBER.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
1429—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 8. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (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.
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge (Instruction)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
909—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
R.A. 211—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 28th NOVEMBER.

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.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
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.
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
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.)
880—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)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
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)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (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.
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 21—Cerus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
493—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
498—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 29th NOVEMBER.

73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
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, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
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)
1682—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)

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1284—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
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, 30th NOVEMBER.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
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.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (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.)
1521—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
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.)
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.)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Mill
R.A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T.—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale
K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 1st DECEMBER.

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)
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
1288—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clanton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Perfect Observance, Portland Hotel, Lea Bridge-road, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's

41—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

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443—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
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
998—Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30

SATURDAY, 2nd DECEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
198—Percy Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1569—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Loughboro' Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Monday evening, 20th inst., at Bro. Mc.Diarmaid's, the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughboro'-junction, when there were present Bros. Westmore W.M., Banks S.W., Perkins J.W., Cormock S.D., Littlewood J.D., Sherring I.G.; also Bros. Johnson Preceptor, McKinley Secretary, Warren, Westley, Allison, Keyes, &c. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were ably rehearsed by the W.M. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree and closed to the first, when the dues having been collected, Bro. Banks was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Westmore for the admirable way in which he had filled the chair of K.S., for the first time. A committee was appointed to revise the by-laws. All Masonic business being ended the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned till 28th inst. The usual harmony meeting followed.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—The members of this young and prosperous Lodge of Instruction held their second winter dinner on Tuesday evening at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate street, when Bro. Dodson P.M., the esteemed Preceptor, presided, supported by Bros. Chillingworth P.M. Treasurer, Wimble S.W., Nightingale J.W., Benjamin I.G., Dodds Secretary, Gardner, Hughes, Hodges, Dunlop, Amphlett, Davy, Midgley, Deering, Pigé, Lanham, and others. Various causes were assigned for the comparatively small attendance, contrary to what had been anticipated. Amongst them being the public interest taken in the School Board elections, which engage the attention of many of the members of the Lodge. However, the gathering lacked nothing short of that hearty and fraternal spirit which invariably characterises the meetings at the Champion, and the proceedings were of a very harmonious and enjoyable description. After opening and closing in the first degree, there being no special business to transact, the brethren and Visitors adjourned to the dining-room, where a sumptuous repast had been provided by Bro. Chillingworth P.M., the esteemed proprietor of the Hotel, and Treasurer of the Lodge of Instruction, whose arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the guests elicited expressions of unqualified satisfaction. Dessert having been placed on the tables, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured, the President referring in felicitous terms to the valuable services rendered to the Craft by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, Earl Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and other Grand Officers Past and Present. All of them were really good workers, and were not merely ornaments to the Craft, but Masons truly at heart. In proposing Success to the Joppa Lodge, the President observed that it had been the custom at all their festive assemblies to wish prosperity to the parent Lodge, and he therefore had peculiar pleasure in submitting that toast for acceptance by the company present. In doing so he expressed his sincere regret, which would be shared by the whole company, at the unavoidable absence of Brother Myers the Worshipful Master, and other members of the parent Lodge, who would have had much pleasure in acknowledging the toast. In their absence he would call upon Bro. Benjamin, the Senior Warden of the Joppa Lodge, to respond. The toast was heartily received, and Bro. Benjamin said he rose, with a vast amount of diffidence, to reply to the toast, as if other members of the parent Lodge had been present they would have discharged the task much more satisfactorily. He had thought that the members of the Lodge, who were always solicitous for the intellectual advancement and instruction of their younger brethren, would have mustered in force that evening, but unforeseen circumstances, over which they had little or no control, prevented them. However, he knew they, one and all, felt delighted that this Lodge of Instruction was bringing forward so many intelligent and industrious members, under the guidance of Bro. Dodson, who had rendered such able and substantial service to the Lodge of Instruction, with whom they were now assembled. The President, in proposing the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Joppa Lodge of Instruction," said, although their numbers were comparatively small that evening, yet the deficiency was in some measure compensated for by the zeal and assiduity of those brethren whom he saw around him at the festive board. He referred to the proficiency displayed by many of the regular attendants at the Lodge of Instruction, and congratulated the members upon the excellent master invariably witnessed at the monthly gatherings at the Champion. He regretted the fact that more of the brethren of the parent Lodge had not joined them in the fourth degree, but the letters that had been read by the worthy Secretary explained that absence on that festive occasion was from no lack of interest in their Lodge of Instruction. He associated with the toast the name of Bro. J. Hughes. Bro. Hughes, who on rising to reply was warmly received, said he had always felt pleasure in visiting this excellent Lodge of Instruction, and if they traced its history from the commencement they would find that he had attended most regularly, much to his own personal edification and advancement. It was greatly due to the wise and intelligent instruction imparted by their esteemed President Bro. Dodson, that he (the speaker) had attained to the proud position of being W. Master of the Victoria Park Lodge, and he considered the old Joppa ought to be proud that she had in her ranks so astute and accomplished a Past Master as was represented by the worthy Preceptor of this Lodge of Instruction. So far as he could judge, this Lodge was one of the most successful and useful he attended, and it was satisfactory to know that during the whole of the two years it had existed they had never failed in making up a good meeting. He could not say so much for some other Lodges of Instruction he had been in the habit of frequenting. It was only by being thus bound together, and cultivating an *esprit de corps* amongst the brethren that any such Lodge could succeed; and he wished for the Joppa Lodge of Instruction a long career of future prosperity. Bro. W. Gardner next proposed the health of their worthy President, a task which afforded him considerable amount of sincere and heartfelt pleasure. All who knew Bro. Dodson outside the Lodge appreciated him as a man, and those who were brought into most intimate contact with him in the Craft esteemed him still more as a thoroughly good Mason. On a recent occasion it was his pleasurable duty to present Bro. Dodson with a slight testimonial of esteem and regard on behalf of the members of the Joppa Lodge of Instruction, and in doing so he only expressed the sentiments of one and all the brethren of the Lodge. He was quite sure that, had they searched England through they would have had difficulty in finding a more competent or willing Preceptor, or one better fitted to act as their President. He was always ready to assist them, whether in or out of the Lodge, by giving his time and experience in instructing and coaching those brethren who were working up for office, and thus enabling them to undertake their duties with satisfaction to themselves, and with credit to their Lodge. Brother Dodson might regret that the company was smaller to-night than he had reason to anticipate; but, no doubt, those present would make up in the fervour with which they received the toast all that was deficient in point of attendance. The President, after suitably thanking the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received the mention of his name, begged to be excused from making a lengthy speech, in consequence of the bereavement he had recently sustained by the death of his mother. But though his thoughts were far away, his heart was bound up in the success of the Lodge of Instruction, and he again briefly expressed his sense of the high honour they had done him by so cordially recognising the toast proposed by Bro. Gardner. Bro. Nightingale next gave the health of the Visitors, in doing which he regretted they were not more numerous, though no doubt the interest just now manifested in the School Board elections had prevented many from attending who otherwise would have done so. At the same time they extended a hearty welcome to those brethren who had honoured them with their company that evening, and he assured them that if they attended the Lodge of Instruction they would find that the work was invariably well performed, under the direction of their zealous and esteemed Preceptor Bro. Dodson. The Lodge had only been in existence two years, yet it had so rapidly progressed that, in addition to their festive gatherings, they had been enabled to establish three Life-subscriberships to the Masonic Charities, which he thought spoke well for the vitality and importance of the Joppa Lodge of Instruction. The toast was suitably acknowledged by Bros. Hodges and Gannister. The President next proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, than whom no better Officers could anywhere be found. Bro. Dodds was most energetic and zealous in the discharge of his duties, and had won for himself the esteem of all the brethren of the Lodge. The worthy Treasurer, Bro. Chillingworth, took the greatest care of the funds entrusted to him, and never parted with any money except to the successful winner of a ballot for a Life-subscribership of one of the Masonic Institutions. Within a year and ten months, during which this Lodge of Instruction had been in operation, they had created three of these Life-subscriberships, and he was happy to know that within another short time another similar ballot would take place. Bro. Chillingworth briefly responded, and in doing so expressed the pleasure it afforded him to act as Treasurer to this prosperous and useful Lodge of Instruction, and to observe how energetically the members combined to support the Charitable Institutions of the Order. They had been particularly fortunate in this respect, having, as the President had stated, created three Life-subscriberships, with a fourth nearly accomplished. He hoped the time would soon come when he should have to ask one of the Collectors for the Charities to attend their Lodge and receive at their hands another similar amount. Bro. Dodds also suitably replied, as Secretary, and several other toasts, including the Masonic Press—acknowledged by the representative of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE—were duly honoured. The proceedings were varied by some capital songs and recitations, and altogether a most harmonious and agreeable evening was enjoyed.

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Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday last. Present—Bros. Glass W.M., Catlin S.W., Christian J.W., Smyth S.D., Cracknell J.D., Larter I.G., Carr Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Webb, Robinson, Biggs. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Carr offered himself as candidate for raising, was interrogated and entrusted, and in due course raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The W.M. gave the traditional history. Bro. Webb worked the first section of the lecture assisted by the brethren. Bro. Catlin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—The usual weekly meeting was held at the new quarters of the Lodge, the Norfolk Square Hotel, Paddington, on Monday, 20th inst. Present—Bros. Mote W.M., Hardy S.W., Smith J.W., Holland S.D., Mitchell J.D., Morse I.G., Debane Secretary; Cursons, White, Wickens, Simpson. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meetin were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Brother Cursons candidate. After the Lodge had been called on and off, Brother White 1637 was elected a member. Brother Wickins, on behalf of the Audit Committee, read a satisfactory statement of accounts. Bro. Smith then presented the Lodge with three handsome pedestals, and trusted that the brethren, who in future might preside at them, would do so in a truly Masonic spirit. A hearty vote of thanks was then recorded to Brother Smith for his gift. The Lodge was adjourned until Monday, 27th instant, when Bro. Hardy 201 will be W.M.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, 20th November 1882. Bros. West W.M., Musto jun. S.W., Austin J.W., Shingfield S.D., Knight J.D., Clement I.G., Moss Preceptor, Baum Treasurer, Stewart Hon. Sec.; also Bros. Glass, Picking, Hopkins, Maud, Peterkin, Kendal, Hubbert, Anning, Clark, Myers. After preliminaries the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a very able manner, Bro. Hopkins candidate. The brethren first practised entry drill, then steps in the third degree. Bro. Myers worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was regularly closed down. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which Bro. West had worked the ceremony for the first time in the Lodge. Bro. Musto jun. was unanimously elected W.M. for the meeting on the second Monday in December. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Monday, 27th instant. The Lodge was closed in due form.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday evening Bro. Matthews presided; he was supported by Bros. Gilham S.W., Pearcy P.M. J.W., Woodman S.D., Woolf J.D., Thompson I.G., Forge Secretary, Trewinnard P.M. Preceptor. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Collingridge, a candidate for passing, answered the questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. carefully rehearsed the ceremony. Lodge was resumed; Bro. Gribbell offered himself as candidate, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of the first degree. Bro. Gilham was appointed to preside on the 4th December, as on Monday next, the 27th instant, the installation ceremony will be rehearsed by Bro. Forge, W.M. Southgate Lodge, No. 1950.

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At the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, Royal Hotel, Mile End Road, on 27th inst. Bros. W. H. Myers P.M. 820 and 1445 will preside, supported by T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 S.W., W. Musto P.M. 1349 J.W., D. Moss S.D. 1275 I.P.M., B. Stewart 1278 Secretary. First Lecture—Hirst, Hubbert, Musto jun., Richardson, Barnes, McDonald, Cundick. Second Lecture—Loane, Moss, West, Pringle, Hopkins. Third Lecture—Musto, Job, Taylor. At 7 o'clock.

By the brethren of the Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933, on Tuesday, 28th November, at the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Musto P.M. 1349 W.M., Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 S.W., Cundick P.M. 1421 J.W., Wallington P.M. 860 I.P.M., Carr S.W. 1607 Hon. Sec. First Lecture—Bros. Gray, Stephens, Hirst, Musto jun., West, McDonald, Barnes. Second Lecture—Bros. Loane, Moss, Richardson, Cundick, Webb. Third Lecture—Bros. Hopkins, Job, Taylor. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock precisely.

By the brethren of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, on Thursday evening, 30th November, at the Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate, E.C. Bros. H. J. Lardner P.M. 1745 W.M., W. Martin S.D. 879 S.W., J. Davidson P.M. 299 J.W., James Pinder P.M. No. 15 W.M. 1662 Preceptor, C. W. Rowe Hon. Secretary. First Lecture—Bros. J. F. Rumball, T. McButt, G. W. Rowe, W. Pennefather, J. Davis, J. Davison, G. H. Stephens. Second Lecture—Bros. G. Perkins, Charles Patrick, J. Lawrence, W. Martin, J. Clark. Third Lecture—Bros. J. Strugnell, C. W. Kent, T. Butt. The Lodge will be opened at seven precisely.

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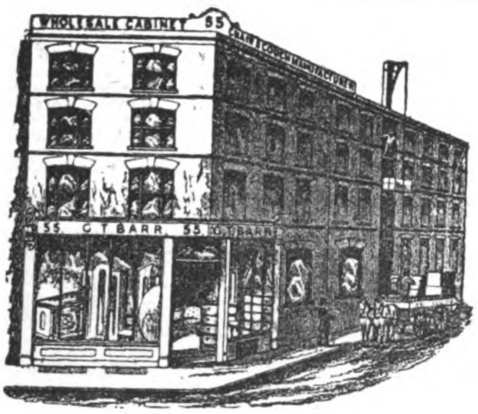

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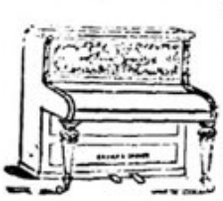

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RULE No. 170 concerns the "Annual return of members," and is in agreement with the first portion of Art. 26, p 69, and Rule No. 171—"Remittance of Fees, &c."—corresponds with the latter section of Art. 1, p 90, and a clause of Art. 26, p 69. They compare as follows, the new Rule being clearly much more precise:—

REVISED EDITION.	EXISTING EDITION.
"171. Every lodge when it makes the return of its contributing members, and of the brethren whom it has initiated or admitted, shall make a remittance for the registration fees, joining fees, fees for certificates, and quarterly contributions from each of its contributing members to the Fund of Benevolence (307, 308)."	26 (69). . . . "and at the same time remit all moneys due to the grand lodge." . . . . 1 (89) . . . . "Each lodge, therefore, when it makes a return of the masons whom it has initiated, or admitted to join from lodges under other constitutions, shall, in addition to the register fees, make a remittance for the certificates, which may either be taken out of the initiation or joining fee, or charged separately to the brothers for whom the certificates are obtained at the discretion of the lodge."

The existing Rule has the demerit of vagueness in the latter part, while, as regards the expression "or admitted to join from lodges under other constitutions," it is manifestly faulty, as it leaves unnoticed altogether brethren who may be admitted into the lodge from other lodges under the same constitution.

No. 172 is a new and wise regulation, to the effect that "No lodge shall pay the quarterly contribution for a member who is in arrear, but his name shall nevertheless be returned with the words 'in arrear' written against it." Such a rule as this is not uncalled for, and is calculated to have the effect of arousing Lodges to a more regular collection of the moneys due from members. We have seen some Lodge accounts in which the annual subscriptions were terribly in arrear, while it is within the experience of almost every-one that when arrears are allowed to accumulate, they become in time hopelessly irrecoverable.

No. 173 provides for the "Return by provincial" (and district) "lodges" to the Provincial or District Grand Master of the particulars enumerated in No. 170, and the transmission of all moneys payable to the Provincial or District Grand Lodge. It agrees with Art. 2, p 73. Rule No. 174, as to the "Treasurer's accounts," is the same with Art. 15, p 66, but in a very reduced form.

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"174. All money received or paid for or on account of a lodge shall be from time to time regularly entered in proper books, which shall be the property of the lodge. The accounts of the lodge shall be audited, at least once in every year, by a committee appointed by the lodge."	15 (p 66). All moneys received or paid on account of the lodge shall be entered in proper books. *The fees or dues received on account of, and payable to, the grand lodge, and provincial grand lodge, shall be kept separate and distinct from the moneys belonging to the lodge, and shall be deposited in the hands of the master instead of the treasurer of the lodge, and shall be transmitted to the grand lodge, and provincial grand lodge at such time as the laws require.* The accounts of the lodge shall be audited, at least once in every year, by a committee to be appointed by the lodge."

The sentence in italics is very properly omitted. There is, in the first place, no reason why the Treasurer should not have the charge of all the Lodge moneys, whatever their ultimate destination may be, while, in the next, as regards the transmission of moneys due to Grand Lodge and Provincial or District Grand Lodge, it has already been provided for under Rules Nos. 171 and 173.

No. 175—"Rights of initiated brethren not prejudiced by neglect to make returns"—is substantially the same as the second paragraph of Art. 14, p 66. The introductory paragraph of the latter—"Every lodge must be particularly careful in registering the names of the brethren initiated therein, and in making the returns of its members, as no person is regularly entitled to partake of the general charity unless his name be duly registered"—is omitted, nor do we see any reason for its retention. As to the second paragraph, with which, as we have said, the new Rule corresponds, the neglect indicated consists not only "in not registering their names," but also in not "paying their grand lodge dues."

No. 176—"Annual return of masters, past masters and wardens"—embodies Art. 25, p 69, and Art. 5, p 19. It differs from the existing Law in fixing the time for the annual return to be made, namely, "immediately after the installation of the master." So far as this will have the effect of distributing over the year the work to be done in the Grand Secretary's office in connection with these returns, the introduction of this provision is a wise one. There is also this additional requirement at the end of the proposed Rule:—"This return shall also contain the full name and address of the secretary of the lodge."

Rule No. 177 concerns the "Penalty for neglect of returns," and embodies what of Art. 4, p 19, Art. 26, pp 69, 70, and Art. 4, p 90, relates to the subject. Much repetition is saved by this embodiment of the existing laws in one law, and we shall only quote the latter, leaving it to our readers to compare it with the former. It reads thus: "If any lodge shall during the space of twelve months neglect to make its return and payments to the grand lodge according to these regulations, it shall be liable to erasure, and the master, past masters, and wardens, shall not be permitted to attend the grand lodge, or sit upon any board or committee, by virtue of any qualification derived from such lodge. This disqualification shall cease when the returns and payments shall be made." In the existing laws there is a certain degree of inconsistency. Art. 4, p 19, mentions "the master, wardens, and past masters" as not being, in these circumstances, permitted to attend grand lodge. Art. 26, pp 69, 70, confines the penalty to "the master, immediate past master, and wardens," so that, if this law stood alone, the other past masters would not be deprived of the privilege of attending Grand Lodge. It

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is needless to say that we consider the new rule preferable; it is a great improvement on the existing Rules, both as regards completeness and clearness.

Rule No. 178, like Art. 4, p 80, of which it is almost a verbal reproduction, provides that a "Lodge may regulate its own proceedings." No. 179—"voting"—is the second paragraph of Art. 2, p 62, but modified with advantage, as will be seen by contrasting the two.

REVISED EDITION.	EXISTING EDITION.
"Whenever it shall happen that the votes are equal upon any question to be decided by a majority of a lodge, either by ballot or otherwise, the master in the chair shall be entitled to give a second or casting vote."	2 (p 62). . . . Whenever it may happen that the number of votes shall be equal upon any question to be decided in a lodge, either by ballot or otherwise, the master in the chair shall be entitled to give a second or casting vote, excepting upon a ballot for a candidate for initiation or a brother to join."

The alteration of the words "in a lodge" in the first clause of the existing Rule into "by a majority of a lodge" renders the excepting clause unnecessary; though, having regard to existing Art. 4, p 85, which provides for the rejection of a candidate "if three black balls appear against him," we are at a loss to understand how any such excepting clause can have found its way into the said existing law.

No. 180—"Admission of members"—embodies most of the contents of Art. 12, p 65, introductory paragraph at p 82, "Of proposing members," &c., and Art. 1, p 79. Here again it will be seen that the proposed new Rule is incomparably superior to the Rules it is intended to supersede.

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"180. Great discredit and injury having been brought upon our ancient and honourable fraternity from admitting members and receiving candidates, without due notice being given, or inquiry made into their characters, and qualifications; and from passing and raising masons without due instruction in the respective degrees, it is declared to be specially incumbent on all members of lodges to see that particular attention be paid to these particular points."	12 (p 65). "No lodge can make a mason, or admit a member, without strictly complying with all the regulations enacted for the government of the craft." (p 82). "Great discredit and injury having been brought upon our ancient and honourable fraternity from admitting members and receiving candidates, without due notice being given, or inquiry made into their characters and qualifications; and from passing and raising masons without due instruction in the respective degrees, it is declared that a violation or neglect of any of the following laws shall subject the lodge offending to erasure, and no emergency can be allowed as a justification." 1 (p 79). "No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge, unless the laws of the craft relating to the proposing and admitting of candidates shall have been strictly complied with."

We have but one suggestion to offer, and that is of an unimportant character. To avoid tautology the Rule should read "to see that *strict*"—instead of "*particular*"—"attention be paid to these particular points."

Rules Nos. 181—"Initiation"—and 182, "Initiation in cases of emergency"—correspond with the first and second paragraphs respectively of Art. 2, pp 83, 84. As regards No. 181 the words "unless his name, profession or occupation," are substituted for "unless his name, addition or profession,"—what "addition" may be is a mystery of mysteries—while the words, "with the names of his proposer and seconder" are very properly added. No. 182 is, in all important particulars, a reproduction of the second paragraph of the said Art. 2, p 84, the words "the name, profession, or occupation, and place of abode," being rightly substituted for "the name, &c." For the clause, "or in a summons for a lodge of emergency, to meet at a period of not less than seven days from the issuing of the summons therefor," which is a very clumsy compilation, we would suggest, "or in a summons for a lodge of emergency, to meet at a period of not less than seven days from date of issue," with, if thought desirable, the words "of the said summons" superadded. The last sentence of the proposed Rule, "The master shall previously to the ballot being taken, read the proposition, and state to the lodge the cause of the emergency, which shall be recorded in the minutes," is better than the corresponding passage in the existing Rule, "The master shall, previous to the ballot being taken, cause the propositions and emergency, to be recorded in the minute book of the lodge." In the 6th line of the new Rule for "circumstance" read "circumstances."

No. 183, like the earlier portion of Art. 3, p 84, states what must be the "age and circumstances of a candidate," the requirement that he shall be "his own master" being rightly struck out. No. 184 is the latter portion of the same article, but with the addition of the following sentence: "A person who cannot write is consequently ineligible to be admitted into the order." This, being a self-evident proposition, is hardly necessary; but if it is retained we should prefer the word "society" or "fraternity" for "order." No. 185—as to "Military candidates"—is Art. 8, p 86, but for the words at the end of the latter, "or by dispensation from the grand master, or provincial grand master" are substituted, "or by dispensation from the grand master, or provincial or district grand master of the province or district wherein the lodge may at the time be held." Some such extension of this part of the existing clause is clearly necessary in order to define its application. No. 186—as to "Joining members"—is virtually the same as Art. 1, p 83, while No. 187 is Art. 4, p 85, reproduced textually, with a wise provision added to the following effect: "and by-laws may also enact that a prescribed period shall elapse before any rejected candidate can be again proposed in that lodge." As regards No. 188—"An initiate may claim membership"—it must be read side by side with Art. 13, p 65, from which, on the surface, it does not appear to differ.

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"188. Every lodge must receive as a member, without further proposition or ballot, any brother initiated therein, except a serving brother, unless such brother express his wish to the contrary on or before the day of his initiation, as no lodge should introduce into masonry a person whom the brethren consider unfit to be a member of their own lodge."	13 (p 65). "Every lodge must receive as a member, without further proposition or ballot, any brother initiated therein, provided such brother express his wish to that effect on the day of initiation, to ascertain which the master shall call his attention to this law, as no lodge should introduce into masonry a person whom the brethren might consider unfit to be a member of their own lodge."

The insertion of the words "except a serving brother," may be thought necessary in order to give greater completeness, though the case is provided for under Rule No. 190. But the alteration of the clause, "provided such brother express his wish to that effect on the day of his initiation," into "unless such brother express his wish to the contrary on or before the day of his initiation" hardly appears to us to be a change for the better, as the latter—in our judgment at least—does not quite convey the same force as the clause for which it is to be substituted. The reason assigned is, in both cases, the same, namely, that a Lodge should not introduce into Masonry a person whom it does not consider fit to be one of its members. But is not this end more likely to be secured by requiring that the candidate shall express a wish to become a member of the Lodge wherein he is initiated rather than that he has no such wish? When a Lodge knows the person it is about to initiate is anxious to become one of its members, the brethren will naturally be more careful to make themselves certain of his being worthy of being introduced into Masonry. If, on the other hand, they know beforehand that he does not wish to be one of themselves, it is on the cards that they may concern themselves less immediately as to his worthiness to be admitted to the Fraternity. For ourselves, we should leave this clause as it is, only altering the words "on the day," into "on or before the day." As to No. 189, which, like Art. 6, p 86, limits the "number that can be initiated on same day" to five, "unless by a dispensation," the new Rule provides that the dispensation shall come "from the grand master, or the provincial or district grand master," whereas the existing Rule merely states that a dispensation for initiating more than five is necessary.

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ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

ON Monday evening we had the honour of attending a Lodge whose "modest" dimensions was descanted on, to the infinite satisfaction of several of the speakers. Here, on Tuesday evening, we may say in the words of a popular poem, "the scene is changed." There is nothing "modest" about the dimensions to which the Royal Savoy Lodge has expanded. The Lodge is an offshoot of the Metropolitan, No. 1507, and now has nearly, if not quite 100 members on its roll. The installation meeting was held on Tuesday, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when the chair was taken by Bro. James Willing P.M., who was the first Master of the Lodge. It will be in the recollection of most of our readers that in our issue of the 21st October it was our painful duty to record the death of Bro. Jonathan J. Jones, the Worshipful Master of this Lodge, which took place after an illness of two or three weeks; consequently, since that date the Lodge has been without a Master. Lodge was opened at 3.30, when the members assembled, with the following ing Visitors:—R. T. Elsam P.M. 201 P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, A. Hardy 201, E. H. Smith 1642, B. Kauffmann I.G. 1732, J. Mason Collector Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, W. Fountain 879, George Clark jun. 1777, R. G. Bell 534, G. S. Duke 1446, G. Emblin 147, G. A. Monsell 35, Richardson 1507, J. Garrod P.M. 754, W. M. Tegg W.M. 754, George Rowe J.W. 754, H. Thompson P.M. 177 and 1158, Henry Stiles W.M. 1507, A. Woodliffe 87, W. Adams 1687, Goode 1677, T. M. Ormeston 1507, Robert Biggar 820, C. J. Scales P.M. 1507, C. W. Hudson 315 and 1540 Prov. G. D. of C. Sussex, J. W. Tubby 1507, W. Abrahams 201, E. E. Barratt-Kidder W.M. 12, E. M. Money S.D. 28, J. Heaton S.W. 1260, J. R. Cox 1260, J. T. Salmons 917, W. J. Mosedge 1589, Edwin Storr Senior Deacon 167, H. C. Richardson 1627, Boncey Past Master 79, Joseph Storey P.M 1107, Frank Rothschild P.M. 1288, James Arnold 1472, J. W. Ager 947, C. J. Harris 79, T. C. Edmonds I.G. 1507, J. Hemming 1287, W. Harris P.M. 177, J. W. Simmonds P.M. 1288, J. Rothschild 1288, Charles Cockburn 129, William Bawbery 217, H. F. Roberts P.M. 79, W. M. Robinson W.M. 87, J. F. Saunders 1507, Arthur Millward W.M. 1677, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the report of the audit committee was received and adopted. Bros. F. Jackson and R. Boss were raised to the sublime degree, and Bro. Charles J. Knightley was passed. The ballot was taken for four candidates—Mr. William Reuben Dixon, proposed by Brother J. Willing P.M. Treasurer, seconded by Brother J. N. Hare; Mr. Charles Edward Hilton, proposed by Brother J. Willing P.M. Treas., seconded by Brother W. M. Stiles Secretary; Mr. Joseph Alexander Rees, proposed by Brother H. Hoare, seconded by Brother W. J. Jennings; and Mr. Henry Longman, proposed by Brother J. Bryan, seconded by Brother J. W. Smith I.G. In each case the result was unanimous, and Messrs. Dixon and Longman, with Mr. Sydney Clifford, who had been balloted for at a previous meeting, were introduced and initiated by the acting W.M. The W.M. elect was now presented, and Bro. Willing, in addition to the heavy work he had already performed, proceeded with the Installation ceremony. The Board of Installed Masters was an exceptionally large one, and all expressed their approval of the way in which the work was done. On the re-admission of those below the degree, the W.M. was saluted, and he appointed the following as his Officers:—W. Cook S.W., Deller J.W., Jas. Willing jun. P.M. Treas., W. M. Stiles P.M. Sec., Holt S.D., J. W. Smith J.D., Jaques I.G., J. C. Smith M.C., Sillis A.M.C., Callahan Senior Steward, H. Dickie Junior Steward, Greenfield Organist, Mabey Assistant Secretary, Koester Past Master Tyler. The addresses were delivered in a careful manner by Bro. Willing, who on taking his seat had conferred on him the honour of a vote of thanks for his services. This having been suitably acknowledged, a proposition was made that as the late W.M. had left a widow and several children badly provided for, a petition should be sent in to the Board of Benevolence on her behalf, and this was signed by several of the members present. The Lodge also, taking into consideration that Bro. Jones would, had he lived, have had a Past Master's jewel voted him for his services, resolved to vote a sum of Ten Guineas for the immediate necessities of Mrs. Jones. A feature of the proceedings of the evening was the presentation to the esteemed Secretary, Bro. W. M. Stiles, of a substantial gold watch, which had been subscribed for by members of the Lodge. At the same time, the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, of which Bro. W. M. Stiles is the Preceptor—not to be outdone—embraced the opportunity of testifying their appreciation of Bro. W. M. Stiles and presented him with a very handsome chain. The watch bore the following inscription:—

Presented to
BRO. W. M. STILES M.E.Z. 1507, P.M. 1732, AND SECRETARY 1744,
by the members of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744,
and a few other brethren,
in appreciation of his invarying courtesy and valuable services as Secretary, since the formation of the Lodge.

Of course these gifts were fully appreciated and acknowledged by the recipient, who remarked that every time he looked at this valuable gift of theirs it would not only inform him of the progress of time, but would serve to remind him there were a large number of brethren who appreciated the fact that he was an earnest Freemason who tried to do his duty, and that he had been fortunate enough to gain a host of friends by the truly Masonic policy of striving to be happy, and communicating happiness to others. The banquet was served in the Large Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, and a very large party sat down to do justice to it. Brother Hyland, who has acquired and profited by the experience he has gained as Worshipful Master of another popular Lodge, makes a capital president, and on this occasion fully sustained his reputation. The routine toasts were done full justice to, Brother H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary responding for the Grand Officers. In proposing the health of the W.M., Bro. Willing said he believed it would be admitted he generally had plenty to say; on the present occasion that was not the case. The toast he was about to propose—The health of their newly-installed W.M.—required no words to recommend it. Bro. Hyland had always proved himself anxious to carry out the work of Freemasonry, and there was no doubt that occupying the principal chair in the Royal Savoy Lodge would afford him ample opportunity of exercising that skill which he was known to possess. He was quite sure that Brother Hyland would also do all that lay in his power to promote the happiness of the brethren. The Royal Savoy was not a Lodge of grand pretensions: it was content with good work among its Officers, and goodwill among its members. It was not necessary for him to petition them for goodwill and consideration for their W.M., because he was sure that was already secured by what Bro. Hyland had done in the past; this was the best guarantee they could have of what his conduct in the future would be. After the W.M. had thanked Bro. Willing for the kind things he had said of him, he assured the brethren he would strive to the utmost to keep up the reputation of the Lodge. For "The Visitors" replies were made by Bros. Barratt-Kidder, H. Stiles, Harris, Hudson, Storey, Elsham and Edwin Storr, who explained the share taken in the production of the testimonial to their Preceptor by the brethren of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction. Several other toasts were given, and the proceedings throughout were of a most agreeable character. All present vieing the one with the other to sustain the harmony of the meeting.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—This successful Lodge held its usual meeting at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, on Wednesday evening last. Brother Marks occupied the position of W.M., supported by Brothers Ferrar S.W., Thompson J.W., Cusworth Preceptor, Perl Secretary, Dixie S.D., Weeden J.D., Ashton I.G.; also Brothers Harper P.M., Pierpoint, Poller, Boulton, Haslip, Chipperfield, Priestly. Lodge was duly opened, and the previous minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very able manner, Brother Priestly acting as candidate. Brother Chipperfield having proved himself an efficient E.A., was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge was resumed to first degree, when Bros. Chipperfield and Priestly were unanimously elected members. A vote of thanks was then recorded to the W.M. of the evening, Brother Marks, for the efficient manner he had filled that position, it being the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. Brother Ferrar was elected to the chair of K.S. for the ensuing meeting. A vote of thanks was also recorded to the brethren who had so kindly contributed towards the renovating of the room. It can now safely be said that this Lodge is one of the best appointed and, as regards comfort, complete in the North of London. The annual supper will take place on the 13th December, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30 sharp.

The anniversary banquet of the members of the Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227, will take place at the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road (forty yards from Shoreditch), on Friday, 8th December inst. Tickets (price 3s 6d) can be had of the Secretary, Bro. H. Free 1227. Bro. R. Pearcy W.M. 1227 will preside on this occasion.

"Wherefore, Sweet Maiden;" a Song. Words by Bro. H. J. Moxon, Music by Bro. F. Julian Croger. We have received a copy of this very tuneful melody, and predict it will become popular amongst the young folk who are in the May time of their days.

Brother George Markham Tweddell requests us to announce that he has now ready for the Press, to be published as soon as a sufficient number of copies are subscribed for, bound in blue cloth, gilt lettered, price Half-a-Crown, to be paid for on delivery, "A Hundred Masonic Sonnets," illustrative of the principles of the Craft. Subscribers' names will be thankfully received by the author, Rose Cottage, Stokesley, Yorkshire, and the copies duly forwarded as soon as they are received from the binder.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Outward infirmities.—Before the discovery of these remedies, many cases of sores, ulcers, &c., were pronounced to be hopelessly incurable, because the treatment pursued tended to destroy the strength it was incompetent to preserve, and to exasperate the symptoms it was inadequate to remove. Holloway's Pills exert the most wholesome powers over the unhealthy flesh or skin, without debarring the patient from fresh air and exercise, and thus the constitutional vigour is husbanded while the most malignant ulcers, abscesses, and skin diseases are in process of cure. Both Ointment and Pills make the blood richer and purer, instead of permitting it to fall into that poor and watery state so fatal to many labouring under chronic ulcerations.

Obituary.

BROTHER J. W. FORGE.

IN another column will be found a record of the death of Bro. J. W. Forge. Our late brother served every office in the Beadon Lodge, No. 619, and was one of its oldest members. Although seriously ill as far back as last January, he was present at the consecration of the Southgate Lodge, No. 1950, when his brother by birth, R. P. Forge, was installed as the first Master by the Grand Secretary Brother Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke. Brother J. W. Forge was much respected by a large circle of acquaintance.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

THE annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Agricultural Hall, Oakham, in the county of Rutland, on Tuesday, 21st November. In consequence of the inclement state of the weather, and the distance of the place of meeting from most of the Craft Lodges in the Province, there was only a moderate attendance.

The Vale of Catmos Lodge, 1265, under whose banner the Prov. Grand Lodge assembled, was opened at half-past one o'clock, shortly after which the W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, accompanied by the Provincial Grand Officers, entered the Lodge-room, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master being received with the customary honours.

Amongst those present were W. Bros. G. Toller jun. P.G.S.B. Eng. D.P.G.M., Rev. W. Langley P.P.G.S.W. acting D.P.G.M., T. Harrold Prov. G.J.W., Rev. J. Bird Prov. G. Chaplain, Waite Prov. Grand Treasurer, Wright Prov. G. Registrar, Partridge Prov. G. Secretary, Allen Prov. G.S.D., Young Prov. G.D.C., Crow Prov. G.A.D.C., Gibson Prov. G.P., Walker Prov. G.A.P., Marris and Butler Provincial G. Stewards, Law Prov. G. Standard Bearer, Tanser and Dunn Prov. G. Tylers, Carrick, Crofts and Duncombe P.P.G. Junior Wardens, Richardson and Kelp P.P.G. Sword Bearers, Bennett P.P.G.J.D., Stretton P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Halford and Barber P.P.G.A.D. of C.'s, Wilkinson P.P.G.P., and many others.

Before proceeding with the business of the day, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master said he was sure that the brethren would hear with regret that the R.W. Provincial Grand Master the Earl Ferrers, who had intended to be present on that occasion, and had arranged to instal the W.M. elect of the Vale of Catmos Lodge, was prevented from attending, in consequence of having met with an accident in the hunting field.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then took the chair of the Craft Lodge, and in a very impressive and able manner installed Bro. Miles J. Walker as W.M. for the ensuing year.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was afterwards opened in form, and the rolls of Lodges and of Provincial Grand Officers were called, the former roll being answered by all the Lodges in the Province except St. Peter's, 1330, and the latter showing an unusually large number of absentees.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting, and of a special meeting, held in May last, on the occasion of the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Leicester were duly confirmed.

The Report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee of General Purposes was read, and, upon motion duly made, was received and adopted. The Report, amongst other matters, referred to the Royal visit to Leicester, in May last, the presentation to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales of a Masonic address of welcome on that occasion, and to the satisfactory arrangements made for the ceremony and the successful way in which they were carried out. The next subject was the draft of the proposed Revision of the Book of Constitutions, of which, after explaining at some length the more prominent changes made in the existing laws, and with the exception of revised article No. 172, the Committee expressed their approval, the work appearing to them to have been carried out with much thought and attention, and to be a great improvement on the existing edition. As to article No. 172, the views of the Committee and of the Authors of the proposed revision were at variance. The Provincial Grand Lodge, at its last annual meeting, favoured the enforcement of the payment of quarterage in respect of members whose subscriptions were in arrear, at which meeting the question was fully discussed. The Committee had since been unable to discover any fresh reason for changing their views, and they suggested that Provincial Grand Lodge should oppose the adoption of the new rule. The motion of Bro. J. M. Clabon P.G.D., proposing an increase in the Quarterage payable to the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, was also referred to in the Report, the Committee stating that the views of the several Lodges in the Province had been asked, and there appeared to be a general concurrence of opinion that the proposed increase was undesirable. A few appropriate remarks on the loss the Province had sustained by the deaths of some of its Past Provincial Grand Officers brought the Report to a close. The P.P.G. Officers referred to were the late Bros. J. M. McAllister P.P.G.S.D., Capt. E. B. Hartopp P.P.G. Reg., Major C. T. Freer P.P.G.S.B., and the Rev. J. O. Picton P.P.G. Chaplain.

The following Report of the Provincial Charity Committee was read and duly adopted.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL CHARITY COMMITTEE.

In presenting their Annual Report the Committee are glad to be able to state that their Candidate for admission to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, who was unsuccessful at the October election of 1881, was elected in April last, though at a heavy cost of voting power.

After the October election of 1881 the Province owed 625 boys' votes. This indebtedness was raised in April to the large sum of 1,179. This at first sight may seem to have been a rash and unwise act, but it must be remembered that, as a large number of votes had been already expended on the case, the sooner the boy was elected the better, to save waste at future elections, and secure his entrance upon the advantages of the School before he became too old. No votes were, in fact, wasted, as he was amongst the lowest of those elected. To the Secretaries of the Provisional Charity Committees of Wilts, Monmouthshire, Derbyshire, and North Wales, for their kind help in lending votes, the Committee feel that their thanks are due. At the election in October the outstanding debt was reduced to 975. The Committee hope that brethren will do their best to support this excellent Charity at the next Festival, and they would remind them that money given to the Building Fund in the next year will secure a double quantity of votes.

The Committee now hold 471 girls' votes, which will be called up at the April election, and polled for the daughter of a deceased brother of St. John's Lodge, No. 279, who has been adopted as their candidate.

In the Old People's Charities the Committee are still 100 votes in debt from the election in 1880, but these will be cleared off in May next.

An application for relief has been made by the widow of a member of the Vale of Catmos Lodge, and a sum of £5 5s was voted by the Committee for her present needs.

The Committee have pleasure in proposing the name of W. Bro. J. G. F. Richardson, P.M. 1560, as Provincial Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and they have voted a sum of £21 to be placed on his list when appointed by the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The accounts have been duly audited, shewing a sum of £39 11s 8d to the credit of the Committee.

(Signed) S. S. PARTRIDGE P.P.G.S.W.
Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
13th November 1882.

The Report of the Committee of the Leicestershire and Rutland Masonic Charity Association was presented and received.

The Committee report that the two half-yearly drawings had taken place, as usual, when twenty-three Life Subscriberships were drawn. The number of Life Subscriberships drawn since the formation of the Association, in 1878, was ninety-three, which represented a considerable permanent accession to the voting strength of the Province. The number of members was 134. The Committee draw special attention to the recent elections for the two Masonic Educational Charities. At the October election for the Boys' School, candidates polling a less number than 2464 votes were unsuccessful, and for the Girls' Institution the lowest successful number was 2212. Five or six years ago 1000 votes, or less, would generally be sufficient to ensure the election of a boy candidate, and a still smaller number was required for election into the Girls' School. In the face of these facts the Committee pointed out that the necessity for an Association of this description, and for its being heartily and systematically supported, need hardly be insisted on if local candidates for the future were to stand any chance of election.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer then submitted his annual statement of accounts, which was duly passed.

The Provincial Grand Registrar's report showed an increase in the number of subscribing members in the Province; but, though small, it was believed that the accessions to the rolls of the several Lodges during the past year comprised those only who would help to sustain and add credit to our Order. In other respects, the report stated that the several Lodges in the Province were in a very satisfactory condition.

The election of Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year was next in order on the agenda paper, when W. Bro. Robert Waite P.P.G.J.W., who has now held the office for several years, was unanimously re-elected, a vote of thanks for his past services being at the same time accorded to him.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master having declared all offices vacant, proceeded to invest the following brethren as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Clement E. Stretton P.M. 279 ...	G. Senior Warden
Miles J. Walker W.M. 1265 ...	G. Junior Warden
Rev. J. Bird P.M. 442 1560 ...	G. Senior Chaplain
Rev. Ambrose P. Dawson 1560 ...	G. Junior Chaplain
Robert Waite P.M. 279	G. Treasurer
Joseph Barber P.M. 50	G. Registrar
Samuel S. Partridge P.M. 523 ...	G. Secretary
John Halford P.M. and W.M. 1391	G. Senior Deacon
John Orlando Law W.M. 279 ...	G. Junior Deacon
R. Bradshaw Smith W.M. 50 ...	G. Supt. of Works
Joseph Young P.M. 523	G. Director of Ceremonies
Edgar Taylor I.P.M. 523 ...	G. Asst. D.C.
William S. Black W.M. 1130 ...	G. Sword Bearer
Alfred Lewin I.P.M. 779 ...	G. Organist
George Oliver W.M. elect 1007 ...	G. Pursuivant
John Hassell W.M. 779 ...	G. Asst. Pursuivant
Edward H. Butler 1391 ...	G. Standard Bearer
Robert Michie 279	G. Steward
Robert R. Cole 50	"
Benjamin A. Smith 523	"
James F. Hodson 1007	"
Edmund Jeeves 1130	"
Charles Oliver 1391	"
Thomas Dunn 523	G. Tyler
James Tanser 279	"

W. Brother Captain Richardson P.M. 1560 P.P.G.S.B. was unanimously appointed to represent the Provincial Grand Lodge as Charity Steward at the next Festival of the Boys' School.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read a letter from the Grand Secretary of England, on the subject of Brother Clabon's motion, when, after some discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"That this Provincial Grand Lodge considers the proposed increase in the Quarterage payable by Craft Lodges to the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, as suggested by Brother J. M. Clabon's motion, both undesirable and unnecessary."

After some further business the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in form.

The annual banquet afterwards took place at the George Hotel, under the presidency of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master; the admirable catering of the worthy host Brother J. Read giving every satisfaction.

The beautiful peal of bells in the Parish Church was rung in honour of the visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

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KNIGHT TEMPLARISM IS THE BANE OF ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY.

A CORRESPONDENT, who signs himself "A Christian Mason," calls our attention to an editorial paragraph in our last issue (which we have placed at the head of this article), and questions the correctness of our assertion.

The *nom de plume* he assumes is, perhaps, the best criterion of the truth of our statement. For, had he been thoroughly imbued with the principles taught by Craft Masonry, he would have felt how incongruous is the appellation assumed by him.

A man may be a good Christian or a good Jew, and at the same time be a Mason; but he cannot be a Christian Mason or a Jewish Mason, because it would be inconsistent with the primary teachings of the Institution, and in flat opposition to the tenets of the Fraternity.

Knight Templars claim to be Christian Masons.

Their existence is an historical deception, and a fraud upon Masons and Masonry.

With the former we have nothing to do; the latter only concerns us. They are a fraud upon Masons because they falsely hold out to the Masonic world that they confer Masonic degrees; they are a fraud upon Masonry because they pretend to be a higher Order of Masons, and because their teachings are subversive of the pure truths of Masonry.

Whether a man uses Masonry for selling clothing, trading in hogs, gathering Republican voters, or bringing souls to Jesus, he is a fraud.

Jews believe in God, *one and indivisible*—that is the foundation of their faith.

Christians likewise believe in God—but triune and divisible in character.

A number of Jews styling themselves Jewish Christians, teaching a trinity and claiming to be the simon pure descendants of the apostles, would occupy the same position in the religious world as the Knight Templars occupy in the Masonic world.

They might go to the synagogue on Saturday, and proclaim the unity of God (as the Knight Templar does when he goes to the Masonic Lodge as a Mason), and the next day to church and proclaim the trinity of God (as the Knight Templar does in his Asylum), but the world would condemn them as inconsistent frauds, and their followers as silly dupes.

The Knight Templars are the Jesuits of Freemasonry.

Scratch a Grand Lodge politician and you will find a Knight Templar.

Show us a Mason who believes it inexpedient to strike out everything sectarian from the ritual, and we will show him to be a Knight Templar, more suited for a Conventicle than a Lodge-room.

The insidious manner in which the Commandery is given a prominent position at Masonic celebrations—the allusion in Masonic eulogies to the exalted position occupied by the deceased brother in Templarism—the occupancy by them of rooms in Masonic halls to give them a quasi-Masonic reputation, justify us in styling them the Jesuits of Freemasonry.

Their society may be composed of Masons exclusively, but that gives them no right to foist themselves upon the Fraternity as a Masonic body.

Suppose one thousand Masons, professing the Jewish faith, were to organise a society and dub themselves Knights of the Temple, or Defenders of the Sanctuary, or any other seductive name that would tend to rope in greenhorns, instead of wearing white plumes and billy-cock hats, they would wear turbans with gorgeous feathers of red, white and blue. Instead of walking a-foot they would be mounted upon gayly-caparisoned chargers; instead of a cross upon their banner with a Latin motto, "By this sign shall ye conquer," they would inscribe in Hebrew characters, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is ONE." Does any sane Mason imagine that a single Grand Lodge would afford them house-room in their Masonic hall, accept their escort in a Masonic procession, or eulogise their knightly character? We think not; neither will it ever be attempted, for Jews who are Masons are neither frauds nor fools. But it all depends whose ox is gored.

More anon.

Who will start a home for aged and infirm Masons?

THE THREE GREAT LIGHTS.—The light of reason, nature and revelation.

There are 128,557 Royal Arch Masons upon the rolls of the various States.

Now the time approaches when the Senior Warden gazeth wistfully at the East, and smileth graciously with the boys.

Why the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas should be embellished with wood cuts of a cross is something we cannot understand.

There are only two Lodges in the city of New York which make a liberal provision for the widows of deceased brethren—King Solomon's and True Craftsman.

Should any Grand Chapter adopt the revised translation of the New Testament, the Craft will no longer murmur at their wages, for they will receive a *denarium* instead of a penny a day.

Every Master should be able to draw his own designs upon his trestle-board. It is the oft-repeated monotonous lecture which makes the work dreary and keeps the members away from Lodge meetings.

[An esteemed correspondent sends us the above excerpts, which are taken from an American paper.—ED. F.C.]

MARK MASONRY.

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PROV. GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual communication of Mark Master Masons of the Province of North and East Yorkshire was held on Wednesday, 22nd inst., in the Masonic Hall, Londesborough Rooms, Scarborough, under the banner of the Star in the East Lodge, No. 95. At 1 p.m. Lodge was opened, and the Prov. Grand Master Bro. W. J. Woodall and his Officers were received with the usual honours. Bro. S. Middleton Prov. G.D.C. then proceeded to perform the ceremony of installation, and placed Bro. V. Fowler in the chair of the Star in the East Lodge. After this the chair was assumed by the Prov. G. Master, who proceeded to open his Lodge, there being a full attendance of brethren from York, Hull, Driffield, Malton, Bridlington, Beverley, and other towns, amongst the Visitors being Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and Secretary of the Masonic Boys' School. The report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted, as also was the Prov. G. Treasurer's report and balance sheet. The Prov. G. Master then appointed and invested his Officers for the year as follows:—

Bro. Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.M. York ... Past Grand Warden	Dep. Prov. G. Master
J. S. Cumberland P.M. York (T.I.)	P.G. Senior Warden
J. Murray P.M. Scarborough	P.G. Junior Warden
T. Thompson P.M. York	P.G. Master Overseer
M. E. Collingwood W.M. Middlesborough	P.G. Senior Overseer
S. Chadwick P.M. Driffield	P.G. Junior Overseer
Rev. W. C. Lukis P.M. York... ...	P.G. Chaplain
J. M. Meek P.M. Middlesborough ...	P.G. Registrar
T. B. Whytehead P.M. York P.G.M.O.	P.G. Secretary
J. Marshall P.M. Malton	P.G. Senior Deacon
G. Wilson P.M. Beverley	P.G. Junior Deacon
A. Fraser P.M. Scarborough	P.G. Insp. of Works
S. Middleton P.M. Scarborough ...	P.G. Director of Cer.
M. M. Reynard W.M. Driffield ...	P.G. Sword Bearer
T. Marshall S.W. Beverley	P.G. Inner Guard
J. W. Marshall Malton	P.G. Organist
W. R. Metcalfe Malton	P.G. Stewards
G. S Highmoor Beverley	
J. Elgey Duffield	

Bro. J. Todd P.M. York was then re-elected Treasurer, and after some other business, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed. The Star in the East Lodge was closed by the newly-installed W.M., and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where the Prov. Grand Master presided over a banquet, at which most of the brethren were present.

Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 238.—The quartely meeting of this Lodge was convened last week at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when the brethren and visitors assembled under the presidency of Bro. Richnell P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex and Surrey W.M., who was supported by Bros. T. C. Walls P.M., C. J. Brown S.W., John Dodson J.W., F. Farrington M.O., W. Farrington S.O., Robert Skelton J.O., and many others. At the conclusion of business a sumptuous banquet was partaken of, after which the usual Loyal and Mark Masonic toasts were honoured, in the course of which the W.M. took occasion to refer to the joy it afforded all Englishmen, and especially Mark Masons, to see Her Majesty taking so prominent a part in State affairs, particularly in regard to the welcome home of the heroes who had fought in the Egyptian campaign. He also alluded to the rapid spread of Mark Masonry in London and the Provinces, and paid a high tribute of praise to the rulers of that branch of Freemasonry in which they were this evening most specially interested. Bro. Walls gave the health of the W.M., to which toast Bro. Richnell duly responded, and in turn gave the Visitors, in whose behalf Bro. Keith Frith, barrister-at-law, replied in an eloquent speech. Several other toasts, interspersed with harmony, were honoured, and a very agreeable evening was passed.

AN IMPOSTOR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you please make known to the Craft, through your widely circulated journal, the existence of an impostor, who claims the help of Masons by stating she is "the widow of Bro. Thomas Lempriere P.M. and Treasurer of St. John's Lodge, Melbourne."

She tells a pitiful tale of her husband's murder in Alexandria, on 11th June last, and of dreadful suffering and privations on her own part.

I wrote, on the 9th August last, a letter addressed to the W.M. of St. John's Lodge, Melbourne, and have just received a reply from the D.G. Secretary for Victoria, to whom my letter was handed, saying—

"We have in this city but one Lodge of that name, viz., the Meridian Lodge of St. John, No. 729. I am afraid you have been grossly imposed upon by the so-called widow of Thomas Lempriere, because the only brother of that name in Lodge 729 is myself. I am the Secretary, and have been a member since 1858, and need hardly say I am pleased to observe that I am alive and in excellent health."

I can only regret not having been able to give this conclusive evidence of an imposture before, and fear that other Lodges, like my own, have been victimised.

Yours fraternally,

R. C. MOUNT W.M. 414,
Prov. G. Senior Warden Berks and Bucks.

25th November 1882.

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WHAT CAME YOU HERE TO DO?

FROM THE MASONIC REVIEW.

IF the above query were propounded to each Brother as he entered the door of the Lodge, I fear very few would be able to give a ready and unconventional answer. The friends, as well as the enemies of our Society, entertain curious ideas of what transpires within our tyled doors, and very many of the more desirable material among the former are to some degree disappointed, when permitted to share in our labours, to discover that the occult and most interesting beauties of our science are crowded into obscurity by less intellectual and, I may say, un-Masonic observances. Initiating, passing and raising candidates, are in many Lodges, and in the opinion of many Masons, the only occasion when anything of interest is on the trestleboard, and when such labour is not marked upon it the irrational conclusion is hastily formed that Masonic progress has come to a standstill.

It were well that Masons should not only remember but thoroughly understand that the mere initiation of a candidate is only a ceremony—*only* an initiation; it does not make a man a Mason to acquaint him with the methods of satisfying others that he is one; nor is it true loyalty to the Craft for Masons to be so ready to invest every passable candidate with its rights and privileges. Every man of negatively good qualities admitted to the Fraternity makes one with whom all the other members are to be averaged. The number three is one of great universality in Masonry, and will serve to illustrate the idea presented. Let 1 represent the *standard* of Masonic excellence, 2 a medium, and 3 a negatively good character, one that presents no reasons why it is fit to work into Masonic material, and none why it is unfit. Three candidates representing these relative qualifications present themselves, are accepted, and with what result? Freemasonry's *standard* is not maintained, but is lowered to accommodate what may, with many chances in its favour, become rubbish in the attempt to give it the Masonic dressing. The admission of such candidates is a guarantee to each of them that men of similar calibre are eligible, and as friends usually present the petitions of friends, this brother's friends will be the only kind he will offer for inspection, and they are a kind that hope for Masonic respectability to give them *caste*.

A few years ago a moral and industrious young man petitioned one of the Lodges in the city in which I resided. I was well acquainted with him, and the Master of the Lodge to which he made petition enquired of me respecting his reputation. He remarked that he had learned his habits were good, usually spent his evenings with ladies, or in promenading the streets, dressed neatly and acting gentlemanly—but, and here he smiled—"he parts his hair in the middle, and I doubt his ability to appreciate Freemasonry." The candidate was accepted and initiated, and is quite often seen at Lodge, a quiet and apparently interested spectator; he was once elected and installed Junior Deacon, but never qualified himself, and is now, as he will always be, a *nominal* Mason, and the doubt expressed by the Master I have observed to be well founded. Masonry requires manliness in its members, and the man that effects effeminacy, and "parts his hair in the middle," lacks Masonic manliness. I doubt whether a purely "æsthetic young man" is worth making a Mason, he certainly adds nothing to the wisdom, and can contribute nothing to the strength and beauty of the edifice, and ought to be rejected.

Freemasons affect to attend the Lodge that they may learn lessons of moral rectitude, and add to their stock of Masonic knowledge. How many do it? In how many Lodges does the Master ever do more than his ritualistic duties require? Many in the observance of them manifest a degree of machine intelligence approaching to absolute ignorance of the duties of the Master's office. The theory of the Masonic organisation is excellent, perhaps as nearly approaching perfection as it is possible for human intellect to conceive, but its practice is shamefully abused, and due alone to the ignorance of its officials, and the botched work and inferior material they suffer to pass the inspection of the overseers. That this ignorance is wide spread, and exists in high places, is evinced in the variety of mirth-provoking questions put to the several Grand Masters, and annually repeated by them to their Grand Lodges. To the majority of these queries answers may be found in the several G. Lodge Constitutions, and in the remainder the exercise of a little common sense to construe the Constitutions would supply a ready answer. If Freemasonry were *studied* we would have no edicts of non-intercourse; no Grand Lodge complications; less legislation; fewer Lodges; *more Masons*; *true Masonry*.

What came you here to do? therefore becomes a very important question for Masons to consider, not only as respects themselves as members, but as Lodges. It leads us to contemplate why we spend time and money for Masonic purposes, and inaugurate methods for their accomplishment.

In my intercourse with the Craft, I have seldom found a Lodge in which there were not a few, perhaps but one or two, earnest, zealous seekers after Masonic light, Craftsmen who recognised in the rites and lectures of the Society something more than an arbitrary ceremony for observance in the admission of a new member, something more elevating and instructive than the simple repetition of these forms and the transaction of routine business, but what that something is they need assistance to discover. Let such make the Lodge a school of instruction, let the acquisition of the sought-for Masonic knowledge be what they come to the Lodge to do, and have something before the Lodge at each communication for the good of Masonry in general, and of their Lodge in particular. Indeed it is a wonder to me that some Lodges I have visited ever secure a meeting, for the very little they know of Freemasonry w. s explained in such a humdrum, slipshod, insipid manner, that it was like swallowing an emetic to endure it.

One of the emblems from which we draw instruction is the beehive; it recommends to us the practice of industry. At another time we are told that man was formed for social and active life, the noblest part of the work of God, and that he will so demean himself as not to be endeavouring to add to the common stock of knowledge and understanding, may be deemed useless members of society, and *unworthy* of our protection as Masons. Ganged by this standard how many are worthy?

The idea of a Masonic Lodge, when open, is a workshop; it is at labour, and no good Master of work will permit his men to idle their time. Every one should be busy, and not only busy but intelligently employed. We all admit that first impressions are the most lasting, therefore it becomes of the greatest importance that the initiation of a profane into our mysteries be done with a thorough knowledge of the ritual, and such a knowledge can be acquired only by frequent practice, therefore Lodges of Instruction should be frequently called, not for officers alone, but for the members, to the end that the absence of a regular Officer may not impair the successful working of the Lodge. My own practice, as Master, has been to assemble the Officers quietly, at residences or private offices, where each man was drilled in the *role* he was required to play in the drama of initiation, for as a drama it should be regarded and acted. And the manner is of far more importance than mere verbal accuracy, we admire the accomplishments of the lower animals at the circus, but do not forget that human culture and intelligence are wanting to make the exhibition more than an acquired habit or task. Therefore the Officers should be taught how to act their parts naturally, to use deliberation in speech and action, to convey by the intonation of the voice and expression of eye, coupled with grace and ease in delivery, a sense of earnestness and sincerity, that the candidate may be deeply impressed with the ceremony and become more than a nominal Mason. When the Officers become proficient and capable of imparting instruction to others, the members should be assembled and put in the official positions, with the Officers at their elbows to instruct them. All of the secrets, arts, parts and points must be insisted upon by the Master, for there is but *one* correct way, and *any* way is incorrect, nothing should be omitted for sake of brevity, for every thought and action in the Masonic ritual is pregnant with deep significance, is an important part of the whole, and essential to the proper exemplification of the wisdom, strength and beauty of the Institution. Indeed, rather than curtail the ceremonies, I would sanction the postponement of a portion of the ceremony until another meeting, as is the practice still in some jurisdictions, when several candidates are initiated at the same communication and lectured at another.

Religious and political societies regard a persistent inculcation of their doctrines essential to keep the membership intact; weekly sermons and periodical revivals in the churches, and vigorous political campaigns by the earnest patriots (!) are the result of this idea. Why then should we, Free and Accepted Masons, whose principles are preached from the same book the church uses, and whose territory embraces all political divisions and countries, be less earnest and industrious in our preaching than they? If it be that Masons regard their own principles of minor importance, the reason for such an erroneous opinion lies in the fact that we have *not* preached our principals sufficiently.

I have never failed to hear the Craft express the greatest satisfaction after listening to a sensible, instructive lecture by a competent and studious brother, and the very novelty of such discourses makes them the more eagerly listened to. The Lodge should be made a thorough school for Masonic culture, and to be successful, "the Master should have a lecture delivered each Lodge night, either by himself or some well informed brother selected for the purpose. After the lecture a general conversation should ensue on the subject discussed; interest and attention would be excited; the energies of individual brethren would be brought out and much useful information elicited.

Young Masons usually are like children, anxious to learn the why and wherefore of everything, and the practice of the Craft is to make them as ignorant as their predecessors by shutting to them all the fountains of learning. They find the membership unable to answer the simplest enquiry, and are either snubbed by the elders or laughed at by the youngers for their verdancy. This is all wrong; encourage research; solicit the youngest Entered Apprentice to ask questions, and assure him of its importance by making it the subject of a Lodge lecture.

The ancient charges say, "All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only * * * therefore no Master or Warden is chosen by seniority, but for his merit," and with this as good Masonic authority I encourage the ambition of Masons to hold office. No one can detest more than I the scramble for office seen too often not only in the Grand Lodge but Lodges, and I think very much of the scandal could be removed were the above constitutional requirements enforced. The Mason who will *qualify* himself for a position and then aspire to it is worthy of confidence and advancement; he has evinced his zeal by study, his fitness by Masonic skill, and his worthiness by qualifying himself to "honestly finish his work, whether task or journey." If competent men were chosen for Officers the Craft would be the better for it, and only those who are ambitious to excel would wear the honours.

In the instruction of candidates it is an excellent plan to do it in classes; half a dozen members and the candidate make a good sized class, and if there are additional candidates form additional classes. By this means the candidate has the information repeated in his hearing several times before he is called upon to respond himself, and he loses much of that timidity and nervousness that is apt to attack him in open Lodge.

By all means cultivate music. Select some appropriate words for opening and closing the Lodge, and use them at every communication. There are few gatherings in the general associations of man that are conducted without the accompaniment of music. It is everywhere prevalent, and everywhere appropriate; there is nothing that can so effectually arouse the passions, elevate the soul or stimulate man to exertion, as music. The national air inspires the soldier to face

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death, and the lullaby soothes the infant to sleep in its mother's arms. In religion and in politics it is a powerful influence, and in Masonic ceremonies it is equally efficient. It affords *all* an opportunity to participate and after an appropriate closing song the benediction falls on the ear with greater significance: "May the blessing of Heaven rest on us and all regular Masons; may brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us."

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls held their monthly meeting, under the Presidency of Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, when there were also present Brothers Col. Peters, Robert Grey, John Rucker, Frederick Walters, Henry Gloster, Frank Richardson, J. H. Matthews, Edw. Spooner, Frederick Adlard, H. Dubois, Herbert Dicketts, C. H. Webb, A. H. Tattershall, Robert P. Tebb, Peter de Lande Long, and E. C. Massey. Brother Frank Richardson P.G.D. brought forward the motion of which he gave notice at the previous meeting, for the increase of the salaries of the teachers at the School at Battersea, in accordance with the recommendation of Miss Davis, the Head Mistress. The motion was agreed to. The proposed advances did not exceed £5 per annum in any case but one, in which instance £10 per annum was agreed to. The recommendation of the House Committee that Messrs. Rosser and Russell's tender to repair the boilers at the Schools, for the sum of £36 2s, be accepted, was adopted. Three petitions were under consideration, of which two were approved and the candidates' names ordered to be added to the list for next election; the other was deferred for three months, the child being unable to read. The chairman reported that a sum of £200 had been paid since the previous meeting on account of the building of the swimming bath. It was resolved that if money were required on the current account before next meeting it should be withdrawn from the sum of £2000 now lying on deposit account at the bankers. Bro. Frank Richardson gave notice that he would move the following resolution at next meeting:—

"That the best thanks of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls are eminently due, and are hereby tendered to Bro. Lieut.-Col. Leach, R.E., for his fraternal conduct in voluntarily superintending the sanitary works lately so successfully carried out at the School-building at Battersea. And that as a small recognition of the services rendered by him he be, and is, elected an honorary Vice-Patron of the Institution, with all the rights and privileges attached thereto."

JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE annual Convocation of this excellent working Chapter was held on the 27th November, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. Gulliford M.E.Z., Isaac H., Cohen J., Lazarus Treas., Emanuel P.Z. S.E., Henochsberg P.S. P.Z.'s Albert, S. M. Lazarus, L. Lazarus, Levy, Dickinson, and Littaur. Visitors—Osborn M.E.Z. 1602, and Edgar Bowyer P.Z. 1471 and 174. The report of the committee was read and adopted. The business feature of the day, the installation of Principals, was then proceeded with. Comps. Isaac was installed Z., Cohen H., Henochsberg J. The ceremonies being conducted by Comp. Littaur in his usual faultless manner. Comps. Lazarus P.Z. was invested Treasurer, Emanuel P.Z, S.E., Dewsnap S.N., Brooke P.S., Meiter 1st Asst., Hobinstock jun. 2nd Asst., Goddard Janitor. The Companions were addressed by the new M.E.Z. on their investiture in very appropriate terms, while the selection gave every satisfaction. The resignation of Comp. Abraham P.Z. was accepted with regret, and also that of Companion Brall. The Chapter was then closed, and the meeting adjourned until the last Monday in January. The Companions sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert provided by Comp. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. Silver. The M.E.Z. in eloquent terms proposed the Loyal and Royal Arch toasts. Comp. W. H. Gulliford I.P.Z. said, when he was authorised to hold the gavel, the Companions knew what they had to expect; it required a powerful speaker to enumerate the qualities of their M.E.Z. From the time Companion Isaac was exalted, each office he had held he had filled with credit, and his work had always been done in a truly Masonic spirit. He (Bro. Gulliford) hoped the Great Architect of the Universe would give him health and strength to successfully carry out the duties. The M.E.Z. in reply thanked Comp. Gulliford for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him. As he was now placed in the position of M.E.Z. he would endeavour to do all he could to give the Companions satisfaction. The Chapter was part of himself, and although but a young Mason, in his own Lodge he had initiated, passed and raised candidates, and installed his successor. He hoped during his year of office to make many exaltees; although the Companions had made him their king, he had no desire to consider them as subjects. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. The Joppa Chapter, he said, was noted for its reception of Visitors. On this occasion they had only two, but both of them had made their mark in Freemasonry — Companions Bowyer and Osborn. The members of the Chapter were proud to see them both. Comp. E. Bowyer said he was pleased to be present. This was the first time he had visited the Chapter. He was pleased with the excellent working; the M.E.Z., however, had been known to him for many years as a good working Mason. Comp. Osborn followed, fully endorsing all the remarks of Comp. Bowyer. The M.E.Z. said the toast of the Past Principals was one that ought to commend itself to their regard. Each was well worthy of it. He must first draw attention to the one who had just vacated the chair—Comp. Gulliford; no better Mason existed; it was perhaps too late to dilate on his excellent qualities. He would merely say Comp. Gulliford had been S.E. for three years; had filled the office of H. and J. to their satisfaction; and while in the occupation of the chair had done his duty in every respect; it was to him an auspicious moment when he was entrusted with the honour of placing on Comp. Gulliford's breast the token of esteem which all agreed he had fairly earned. The Companions in giving him this jewel hoped he might wear it as a token of the respect in which he is held by every member of the Chapter. He would now place the jewel on his breast, hoping he might live long to wear it. In addition he had to present another token, in the shape of a gold signet ring, with suitable engraving and inscription, as a further memento of their appreciation of his services. Comp. Gulliford said he felt it an especial honour to have to return thanks for the first time in his capacity of I.P.Z. He should always wear the jewel he had just received with pride. He regretted that at the meeting he had not had the opportunity of showing his qualification for work, but they knew he had worked, and could do so at any time. On behalf of himself and the P.Z.'s he returned his and their sincere thanks. The M.E.Z. had now a pleasing duty to perform; to propose the health of the Installing Principal Comp. W. Littaur, whose intellectual qualities were thoroughly known and appreciated. After a response from Comp. Littaur, the M.E.Z. complimented the H. and J.; the latter had been obliged to leave, but they had the H., Comp. I. P. Cohen, who he hoped would be the next Z.; he would couple with the toast the names of Comps. M. J. Emanuel, Brooks, and Dewsnap. This having been acknowledged by the Companions enumerated, the M.E.Z. gave as a special toast the health of Comp. H. M. Levy P.Z, who, in place of Companion J. Lazarus, who was unavoidably absent, had officiated in the capacity of Treasurer. Whatever duty Comp. Levy undertakes, it is for the benefit of the Chapter. Comp. H. M. Levy responded. The Janitor's toast was given, and the Companions separated, after spending a very agreeable and harmonious evening.

St. Peter's Chapter Rose Croix, Bolton.—A meeting of this Chapter was held on Saturday, the 25th November, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Present:—Ill. Bro. G. P. Brookbank 32 P.M.W.S. in the chair, W. J. Thomson 30 First General, C. S. Lane 30 Second General J. D. Murray Grand Marshal, J. T. Richardson Ass. Dir. of Cer., W. Nicholl Capt. of Guard, R. D. Brook Steward, A. Jefferis Organist, J. W. Taylor 30 P.M.W.S., Morris P.M.W.S., Rob. Harwood 30 P.M.W.S., Bros. J. E. Tees, Wm. Wylde, John Bollard, R. H. Swindlehurst, Frank H. Huet, Geo. Ferguson; Visitors—Ill. Bro. Thos. Chorlton 30 Palatine Chapter, Manchester; also Ill. Bro. Capt. C. R. N. Beswick-Royds 33 Sov. G. Inspector General Northern Provinces. The Chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, a communication was read from the Supreme Council, intimating the appointment of the Ill. Bro. Captain Royds 33 to the position of an Inspector-General of the Northern Provinces, and requiring the brethren to render due fealty, submission, and obedience to the said brother. Whereupon the Ill. Bro. Royds was warmly congratulated on his preferment, and acknowledged and saluted with the honours due to his rank. The following brethren were balloted for and approved—Bro. Robert Barlow Seddon of Lindsay Lodge, No. 1,335, Wigan, proposed by Bro. W. M. Wylde, seconded by Bro. J. D. Murray Grand Marshal; Bro. William Johnson of Lindsay Lodge, No. 1335, proposed by Bro. J. D. Murray Grand Marshal, seconded by Bro. W. M. Wylde; Bro. William Hiram Horrocks of Marquis of Lorne Lodge, Leigh, No. 1354, proposed by Ill. Bro. G. P. Brookbank, seconded by Bro. J. D. Murray Grand Marshal; Bro. Benjamin Thomson of Lodge of Equity, Widnes, No. 1384, proposed by Bro. J. Thomson 30, seconded by Bro. Reginald Young 30. Bro. Thomson, being the only one in attendance, was perfected and saluted as a Sov. P. Rose Croix. A resolution was adopted expressing the deep sympathy of the Brethren with Ill. Bro. Entwisle 30, in his serious affliction, with the earnest hope that his valuable life may be spared, and he be permitted to be as useful to the Masonic world in the future as he had been in the past. Chapter closed at 6 p.m.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 6th December 1882 :—

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th September 1882 for confirmation.

2. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.

3. Appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

4. Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

5. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the year ensuing.

6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz. :—

The Widow of a Brother of the Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201, London	£50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, Sunderland	50	0	0
A Brother of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 68, Bristol	100	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 298, Rochdale	50	0	0
A Brother of the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford	100	0	0
A Brother of the Thames Valley Lodge, No. 1460, Hallifford, Shepperton	50	0	0
A Brother of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge, No. 469, Spalding	100	0	0
A Brother of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 877, Jersey	100	0	0
A Brother of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79, Greenwich	50	0	0
A Brother of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Britannic Lodge, No. 33, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Acacia Lodge, No. 1314, Bromley, Kent	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, Croydon	50	0	0
A Brother of the Enoch Lodge, No. 11, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the East Medina Lodge, No. 175, Ryde, Isle of Wight	50	0	0

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to report the irregular conduct of a Provincial Lodge who, acting on a paragraph in their By-laws, recently raised a Fellow Craft to the degree of a Master Mason, within a period of 13 days from his having taken the former degree.

As the By-law in question was passed contrary to paragraph 7, page 86, of the Book of Constitutions, which requires an interval of 28 days between the conferring of any two degrees in England, the Board has ordered that the degree so conferred on the Brother in question be cancelled, and that he be re-obligated in that degree previous to his being registered as a Master Mason; and further, that the irregular By-law be forthwith altered so as to be in accordance with the Book of Constitutions.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
21st November 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 November last, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £4,012 16s 4d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £100.

8. REPORT OF THE COLONIAL BOARD.

To the United Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to state that in the year 1877, just previous to the dissolution of the District Grand Lodge of Egypt, the Deputy District Grand Master in charge reported on certain Lodges in his District as follows :

Lodge No. 1068—CAIRO.—In abeyance for 4 years, not possible to revive it.
1154—ALEXANDRIA.—Never met. Warrant believed to be lost.
1156—CAIRO.—In abeyance for many years. Warrant believed to be lost.
1419—RAMLAH.—Dissolved by its own members. Warrant frequently applied for, but cannot be obtained.

Since the above-named period no returns or other documents have ever been received from the said Lodges, and there is no doubt that they have ceased to exist.

The Board therefore recommend to Grand Lodge that the Lodges—

No. 1068—Cairo
1154—Alexandria
1156—Cairo
1419—Ramlah

be erased from the list of Lodges on the Registry of the United Grand Lodge of England.

(Signed) JOHN A. RUCKER P.G.D.,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
7th October 1882.

9. APPEALS.

1st.—From the Victoria Lodge, No. 1186, Brisbane, Victoria, against the ruling of the District Grand Master.—That a Lodge of Instruction can only be held under the Warrant of a Lodge under which it is sanctioned, and consequently not in any other Building.

2nd.—From Brother Lionel Mordecai, of the Friendly Lodge, No. 239, Kingston, Jamaica, against the ruling of the Deputy District Grand Master, confirming a decision of Brother John Ashenheim P.M., whilst acting as Master of the Lodge.—That an alteration made by the Lodge in their By-laws, changing their day of Installation from December to January, was valid notwithstanding that it had been submitted for the approval of the Deputy District Grand Master, on the ground that it was not a "material alteration" as contemplated by Article 5, page 63, of the Book of Constitutions.

3rd.—From Brother John James P.M. of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 105, Plymouth, against a decision of the Provincial Grand Master for Devonshire, refusing to call on Bro. Capt. Elphinstone-Stone, Provincial Senior Grand Warden, to furnish the information on which he had opposed the election of Bro. James as Provincial Grand Treasurer at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge on the 1st of August last.

N.B.—The papers relating to these appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the Brethren during office hours.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION.

(1) By Brother JOHN M. CLABON P.G.D.:—(postponed from the Grand Lodge on the 7th June last, that an opportunity might be given to the Provincial Grand Lodges to consider whether an increase should be made in the quarterage at present paid to Grand Lodge).

"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 the 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."

(2) "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."

(3) By Brother EDWIN T. BUDDEN P.M. No. 622 :—

"Whereas one of the great and professed objects of Freemasonry is to promote the Liberal Arts and Sciences;

And whereas the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is endeavouring to establish a great National Institution called "The Royal College of Music" to consist of a Charitable Foundation of 100 or more Scholarships, for which His Royal Highness solicits the co-operation and assistance of all Public Corporations and great Associations throughout the land :

And whereas the Most Worshipful Grand Master has rendered great and valuable services to the Craft during his Grand Mastership; this Grand Lodge in recognition of such services agrees to endow Two Scholarships in the aforesaid Royal College of Music; and that the Board of General Purposes be instructed to carry this resolution into effect at the proper time by two or more instalments, as the Board may decide."

By Brother JAMES STEVENS P.M. No. 1216 :—

(1). "That having regard to the great increase during the

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past twenty-five years of Lodges within the London District, the present radius of ten miles from Freemasons' Hall be now reduced to a radius of four miles from Freemasons' Hall."

(II). "That the Lodges between the four mile radius from Freemasons' Hall and the radius of ten miles from Freemasons' Hall be included in the respective Provincial Grand Lodges of Middlesex, Herts, Essex, Kent, and Surrey."

Name of Brother nominated for Election to the Office of Senior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

Brother JAMES BRETT P.G.P.

Names of the Brethren nominated for Election to the Office of Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

Brother CHARLES ATKINS P.M. No. 27 and 1260.
HENRY GARROD P.M. No. 742.
GEORGE POLE BRITTEN P.M. No. 183.
CHARLES ALEXANDER COTTEBRUNE P.G.P.

Names of Past Masters nominated to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence.

Brother CHARLES ATKINS	27
GEORGE POLE BRITTEN	183
JOSEPH D. COLLIER	1366
THOMAS CULL	1446
CHARLES DAIRY	141
HENRY GARROD	749
CHARLES F. HOGARD	205
JOHN M. KLENCK	1339
WILLIAM MANN	186
JAMES H. MATTHEWS	143
WILLIAM H. PERRYMAN	3
WILLIAM STEPHENS	1489
EDWARD FRANCIS STORR	22
EDWARD WHITE	177

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

No. 1976.—The Umlazi Lodge, Pine Town, Natal.
1977.—The Blackwater Lodge, Maldon, Essex.
1978.—The St. George Lodge, Herberton, Queensland.
1979.—The Lodge of Fidelity, Sydney, New South Wales.
1980.—The Prince of Wales' Lodge, Muswell Brook, New South Wales.
1981.—The Arnold Lodge, East Moulsey, Surrey.
1982.—The Greenwood Lodge, Epsom, Surrey.
1983.—The Martyn Lodge, Southwold, Suffolk.
1984.—The Earl of Clarendon Lodge, Watford, Herts.
1985.—The Light in Assam Lodge, Sibsagur, Assam, Bengal.

The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1883 is now ready, and can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan.

The Grand Masters' Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be consecrated by the Most Worshipful Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, Past Grand Master, on Tuesday next, the 5th inst., immediately after the business of Grand Mark Lodge, which will be held on the same day. M.W. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom is the W.M. designate, M.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, and R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Earl of Kintore are respectively the Senior and Junior Wardens designate. The membership of this new Lodge will be restricted to present and past Grand Officers.

At the last regular meeting of the Phœnix Lodge, No. 257, of Portsmouth, Bro. Ernest Hall was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, in succession to Captain W. H. C. St. Clair, R.N.

The Old Kent Mark Lodge of Instruction, which meets at Bro. Medworth's, the Crown and Cushion, London-wall, E.C., held its first meeting of the season on Monday evening, 20th ult. The chair was taken at half-past six o'clock by Bro. Donald M. Dewar Assistant G. Mark Secretary, who, with the co-operation of several brethren, rehearsed the ceremony of advancement. These meetings will in future be held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays in each month. Bro. S. J. Turquand still gives his services as Preceptor, and we hope he will be supported by a goodly muster of brethren interested in this degree on Monday next, 4th December.

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, 2nd DECEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 4th DECEMBER.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
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. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
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 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-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)
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. 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 224—Menatechin, Criterion, Piccadilly

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
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
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 5th DECEMBER.

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)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, 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
849—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
1293—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington

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1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
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, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (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.)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington
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. 169—Temperance, White Swan Tavern, Deptford
R.A. 1385—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.
134—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (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
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastl
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
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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.
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 6th DECEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
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)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (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.)
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)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
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.
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
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
R.A. 258—Ambitious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
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

THURSDAY, 7th DECEMBER.

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)
92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
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
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (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)
1351—St. Clement Danes, 265 Strand
1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
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)
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
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch
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
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomert, Abington Street, Northampton.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
793—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1384—Equity, 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
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
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. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonian-road, Batley
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 8th DECEMBER.

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.
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
706—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)
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Lovelenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
135—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
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—Rhair, 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
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 9th DECEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

DEATH.

FORGE.—On 27th November, at his Father's residence, Holly Bush House, Wanstead, Bro. J. W. Forge, of Leytonstone, Mile End, and Bennetts Hill, Doctors Commons.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65.—There was a numerously attended meeting of the members of this Lodge on Thursday, the 23rd inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when Bro. Roberts Wor. Master presided, supported by Bros. G. Schadler S.W., Rich J.W., Brown P.M. Sec., Hawkins S.D., Marshall J.D., Gregory I.G., Walker M.C., Chicken I.P.M., Daniel P.M., Ferry P.M., Harris, Rogers, Retallack, Haller, Stanford, Wood, Rudd, Ratcliffe, Ruse, Dyson, Sladden, Martin, Pilater, Brown, East, Edridge, Watkins, Roberts, Speight Prov. G. Tyler Surrey Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Caney 943, Norwich, and Searl 1107. Lodge was opened in due form, and after transacting some formal business, was advanced, when Bros. Wood and Retallack were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being most impressively performed by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. It was the subject of remark that, as an evidence of his Masonic zeal, Bro. Retallack had travelled all the way from Cornwall in order to take his degree, and that he had to leave early in the evening in order to meet his business engagement in the West of England next day. The business on the agenda paper having been disposed of, the brethren and visitors dined together, when the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, reference being made to the valuable services rendered to the Craft by the Grand Officers Present and Past. Bro. Chicken I.P.M. then asked the company, to drink with the fervour it deserved the toast of the Wor. Master, in doing which he spoke of the admirable manner in which Bro. Roberts had discharged his duties during the year. He had been a constant worker in the Lodge, and also at the Lodge of Instruction and anything else that appertained to Freemasonry. In all his functions he displayed a most commendable zeal and discernment, and had thus gained for himself the esteem and admiration of all with whom he was brought into contact. The W. Master, in responding, thought he scarcely deserved the encomiums which were constantly passed upon him by the Past Masters and other brethren of the Lodge. He had been a member of it many years, and had done all he possibly could to further its interests, as he trusted he might be able to do in the future. This evening it had afforded him pleasure to raise two worthy brethren to the third degree, and he hoped, during the remainder of his term of office, they would bring forward many candidates for the mysteries and privileges of the Order. He trusted they would all rally round him and give him as much work as they possibly could. He then announced that it had been decided to hold their annual ball, in aid of the Masonic Charities, at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday, 16th January 1883, and he was pleased to say a large number of the Officers and brethren had signified their willingness to act as Stewards, and to assist him in carrying the affair to a successful issue. He wanted a good list to take up as Steward to the Benevolent Institution, and as the Lodge would only meet once more before he completed his term, he hoped to be liberally supported. He then proposed the Visitors, with which he coupled the name of Bro. Bullen, who though only a young Mason, was a good and true one, and a thorough Cornish man. Bro. Bullen suitably replied, thanking the brethren for their hospitality, and expressing regret at having been unable to attend earlier to witness the raising of his esteemed friend Bro. Retallack, in consequence of having to attend his own Lodge at Norwich. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Past Masters, said he could not say enough in their praise for the valuable aid and counsel they afforded him in all that pertained to the good and welfare of the Lodge. He thanked them all most heartily, and expressed the confidence he felt that they would all work harmoniously together in the future as they had done in the past. Bro. Chicken I.P.M. said it was a pleasure to work under the able rule of their present W. Master, and the Past Masters would share with him in the desire to do all they could to maintain the prestige that had so long been enjoyed by the Prosperity Lodge. He hoped to be able to render what little assistance he could for many years to come. He urged those who had not yet joined the Prosperity Chapter to lose no time in doing so, as only by that means could they learn the genuine secrets of the Masonic art. Bro. Brown P.M. also responded, and in doing so said the Past Masters, one and all, had the true interests of the Lodge at heart most thoroughly, and did whatever they could to promote its prosperity. As one of the originators of the Chapter, he desired to see it flourish and continue the successful career it had enjoyed in the first part of its existence, for it was already stronger than many of the Chapters in London of many years' standing. Their Chapter carried a considerable amount of weight with it. He was proud also to say the Charities' Association connected with this Lodge was in a very satisfactory and progressive condition. Bro. Ferry P.M. followed, with a few similar remarks, in the course of which he told the brethren that, until they joined the Chapter, they could not know really what Freemasonry was. In reply to the toast of the Officers, Bro. Schadler expressed the gratification it afforded him to act as Senior Warden under so estimable a Master, and Bro. Marshall delivered himself of similar sentiments as J.W. The health of the working Officers was responded to by Bros. Walker as M. of C., and Hawkins as I.G., after which the Tyler was summoned to bring the official list of toasts to a fitting close. The interesting proceedings were judiciously varied with some capitally-rendered songs and recitations.

Loughboro' Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—On Monday evening, 27th ult., at Bro. McDiarmaid's, the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughboro'-junction. Present Bros. Banks W.M., Perkins S.W., Cormock J.W., McDiarmaid Treasurer, McKinley Secretary, Littlewood S.D., Sherring J.D., Johnson Preceptor, Keyse I.G.; also Westley, Westmore, Denning. Visitor—Brother Leigh 1772. After preliminaries, Bros. Sherring and Westley worked the second and third sections of the lecture. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, with Bro. McKinley candidate. Bro. Westley, in a most able and efficient manner, worked the fourth section of the lecture. Bro. Leigh 1752 was elected a member. The surplus of the Supper Fund, after all disbursements had been paid, was handed over to the Secretary. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned till Monday evening, 4th October. The members held their usual harmonic meeting. Visitors are cordially invited to these gatherings.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held on Saturday, 25th November, at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, Islington, Present—Bros. Fenner W.M., Weeden S.W., Ferrar J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Gribbell S.D., Houghton J.D., Ashton I.G.; also Bros. Rhodes, Galer, F. Venning, Richardson, Archer, &c. Lodge was opened in regular form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Rhodes answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The same candidate answered the questions leading to the third degree. The W.M. worked the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. On the resumption of the Lodge the W.M. worked the first and second sections of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Frank Venning, of the Temple Lodge, No. 101, was duly elected a member, and Bro. Charles Weeden was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

One and All Lodge, No. 330, Bodmin.—At the usual monthly meeting of this Lodge, on Monday, 27th Nov., Bro. John Treverton S.W. was unanimously elected as Worshipful Master, and Bro. W. Rowe P.M. P.P.G.D.C. was re-elected Treasurer, for the ensuing year. It was also resolved to present to Bro. W. Rowe a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the valuable services he has rendered to the Lodge. The installation and presentation will take place on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, the 27th December, at three o'clock, after which the members will partake of their annual banquet.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—Meeting held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E. on Friday the 24th November. Bros. C. H. Nevill W.M., M. E. Stokes S.W., A.J. Styles J.W., James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor, John S. Terry P.M. and Secretary, C. H. Phillips S.D., Henry J.D., W. S. Payne I.G., H. Willshire, and others. Lodge was worked entirely in the first degree, with ceremony very ably rehearsed by the W.M., and sections by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was called off for entry drill and called on. Bro. M. E. Stokes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was then closed in harmony.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Meeting at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 28th November. Present—Bros. Musto W.M., Barnes S.W., Cundick J.W., Myers S.D., Hirst J.D., F. Clark I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Wallington I.P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Job, Richardson, Beatton, McDonald, Musto jun., Moss, Loane, G. H. Stephens, Hopkins, Steward, West, Webb, Allen, Boyce, T. Jones, Catling, Smyth, Robinson, Larter, Wardell, Marsh, Christian, Baker, Young, C. Lorkin, Glass, A. J. Clark, Olley, Darnell. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The following brethren assisted Bro. Musto to work the sections. First Lecture—Bros. Hirst 1421, Musto jun. 1549, Moss S.D. 933, McDonald S.D. 1445, Barnes P.M. 554, 993. Second Lecture—Bros. Stewart 1278, Richardson 174, West 993, Cavendish P.M. 1421, Webb P.M. 1607. Third Lecture—Bros. Hopkins 749, Job W.M. 1076, G. H. Stephens, J.W. 1623. After a most successful evening's working by the brethren of the Doric Lodge, the following were elected members:—Gray 933, Musto jun. 1349, Loane 1421, Hirst 1421, Hopkins 749, Richardson 174, West 933, Beatton 463. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the W.M. and presiding Officers, and also to the brethren who assisted in working the sections. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1529.—The Festival of St. John was celebrated by this Lodge on Wednesday, the 29th November, when the W. Bro. W. W. Howard duly installed Bro. John Best as W.M. for the ensuing year. He invested his Officers as follows, viz:—Bros. W. W. Howard I.P.M., Thomas Gatley S.W., George Bray J.W., H. F. Whitefield P.M. Treasurer, W. Hortop Secretary, John James S.D., E. Middle J.D., J. B. Old M.C., John Coade I.G., Samuel Roberts, W. H. Cobeldick and Robert Drew Stewards, F. Whitley Organist, W. C. Garrison Tyler. The business of the Lodge having been duly transacted, the brethren attended a banquet at the Barley Sheaf Hotel, which was served by Bro. Grove in his usual excellent style. There was a numerous gathering.

Walden Lodge, No. 1280.—The annual festival of this Lodge was held at Saffron Walden, on the 21st November, when Bro. Henry King S.W. was installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. A. Jones P.M. P.P.J.G.W. in his usual careful and impressive manner. An interesting feature of the proceedings was the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to W. Bro. Joseph Bell P.M. P.P.J.G.W., on the occasion of his quitting the chair for the third time, and in recognition of his unwearied services to the Lodge as its founder, promoter and firm supporter. The presentation was made by the new W.M., who enlarged upon the many and valuable services rendered to the Lodge by the I.P.M. Bro. Bell feelingly responded, promising still to do all he could to promote the best interests of the Lodge. In the evening the members of the Lodge, and several Visitors, dined together at the Rose and Crown Hotel.

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SHEPHERD'S BUSH LODGE, No. 1828.

THE Annual meeting was held on Monday last, at the Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush. It is satisfactory to know that this Lodge, though it does not aspire to occupy so prominent a position with regard to numerical strength as some of the Lodges which assemble in the immediate neighbourhood, is making steady and consistent progress. It was, and is, intended to be a Lodge where members of the Craft and their friends who desire to join the ranks of Freemasonry, residing in the immediate locality, may assemble together in a quiet, unostentatious, and economic manner. The Lodge was consecrated in 1879, and the brethren who hitherto have ruled it have won the confidence and esteem of the members. Lodge was opened on this, the first day of its fourth year, by Bro. George Harrison, who was supported by his Officers, and Past Masters L. Bryett and A. B. Baker; two honorary member—Bros. G. W. Dixon P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, and J. O. Carter P.P.G.S.W. of the same Province. As is usual at the meetings of this Lodge, there was a fair attendance of Visitors, amongst them being Bros. T. J. Ralling P.M. 51 Prov. Grand Secretary Essex, T. W. Sharle 1567, C. Sweaby Smith, M.D., P.M. 1380, C. Hubbard P.M. 820, R. Pye 820, F. L. Oliver S.W. 834, Stephen A. Cooper P.M. 1657, George Whittaker 1791, L. Lichtwitz 1642, M. S. Rubinstein 1642, G. P. Festa W.M. 1900, W. Side P.M. 1507, G. Read P.M. 511, F. Richmond 1695, H. F. Jones S.D. 1512, J. Walter P.M. 1158, Capt. A. Nicols W.M. 1794, Peter Harnett 813, T. Collings P.M. 1585, T. W. Heaton 1642, Robert Calingham 1178, C. Dawson Philpott 1895, W. Park 511, J. Nielson W.M. 1791, T. H. W. Fry 1692, George Pung Hazell 697, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, Brother Harrison proceeded to raise Brother Crowe, which ceremony he performed in a careful and impressive manner. Amongst other items of business set out in the agenda for the members to transact, was to ballot for and, if approved, initiate Mr. Frederick C. Mander, estate agent, of 2 St. Agnes-villas, Uxbridge-road, W., who was proposed by Bro. White, seconded by Bro. Williams J.D. Also for Mr. Carl Vandyke, photographer, Gloucester-road, S.W., proposed by Brother Wyatt, seconded by Brother Pierpoint S.W. and W.M. elect. The ballot was in favour of both these candidates; as likewise was it for Bro. Walter Coates, Whittington Lodge, No. 826, proposed as a joining member by Brother House, seconded by Brother Alais Past Master and Hon. Secretary. The duty of installing the Wor. Master elect—Brother R. Pierpoint—was most satisfactorily carried out by the outgoing Master, Bro. Harrison. The Officers invested were R. Josey S.W., Peter Burton J.W., W. Game P.M. Treasurer, A. C. Alais P.M. Secretary, W. Williams S.D., C. Breitbart J.D., Fisher P.M. I.G., W. J. House M.C., J. Pierpoint W.S., A. W. Paul Asst. W.S., Schofield P.M. Tyler. The address to the Master was delivered by Brother Bryett P.M.; that to the Wardens by Brother Alais P.M. and Secretary, while the concluding address, to the brethren, was given by the Installing Master. Brother P.M. Baker officiated as Master of Ceremonies throughout. At the close of the ceremony Brother Harrison was complimented on the ability he had displayed in carrying out the work of the day. It was now announced that Mr. Mander, one of the candidates named above, was in attendance. He was introduced, and the new W.M.—Bro. Pierpoint—initiated him into the mysteries of the first degree. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master, and Brother Harrison feelingly acknowledged the courtesy and invariable kindness he had received from the members, which he trusted might endure for many years. Some matters of home interest were then brought under consideration, and hearty good wishes having been tendered, Lodge was closed. The banquet was provided by Brother J. R. Ward, who served it up to the satisfaction of all assembled. After the loyal toast of the Queen and the Craft, the Worshipful Master introduced that of the M.W. the Grand Master. The Prince of Wales, he said, was a staunch upholder of the principles of Freemasonry, and this toast was at all times greeted with a hearty reception. After "God Bless the Prince of Wales," routine toasts were pushed on. Brother Harrison eloquently proposed the health of the W.M., and then came a song from Brother Past Master Baker. In reply Brother Pierpoint said he hardly knew how to express his thanks. He felt flattered by the way in which his name had been received. It was with some amount of diffidence he ventured to undertake the duties of the chair, but he would strive to the uttermost to carry them out successfully. It had been said that from the fulness of the heart the mouth speaketh; his heart was full, but words did not fall glibly from his mouth. Some men had greatness thrust upon them; he felt it was so in his case. However, of this he could assure them, he appreciated their kindness to its fullest extent. The health of the Initiate was followed by the E.A. song, by Brother Bryett. Bro. Mander made a suitable reply, expressing the hope that he might eventually reach the Master's chair; he would strive to become a good and worthy Mason. For the Visitors Bros. T. J. Ralling, Festa, Neilson, Reid, &c. replied. The Worshipful Master in proposing the health of the Immediate Past Master remarked that Brother Harrison had given full attention to the duties of his office during the year, and had ably conducted the ceremonies, including the crowning one of installing his successor. After a lively song by Bro. Rubinstein, Bro. Harrison acknowledged the honour done him by the W.M. He assured one and all he would ever exert himself to advance the interests of the Lodge. The next toast was that of the Past Masters, followed by a cornet solo, admirably rendered by Bro. Heaton. Bro. S. Bryett was the first to respond to the toast. He felt he might, with becoming modesty, take unto himself some credit for the success that had attended the establishment of their Lodge. True, it was not a large one, and this became the more apparent by comparison with others in the immediate neighbourhood. The Shepherd's Bush Lodge was not heralded into the world with a fanfare of trumpets, neither was there a large attendance of Grand Officers at its inauguration; but he felt he might state that it was an influential one, and had made satisfactory progress. They started with ten founders, and all were present that evening. They had more than doubled the roll of the number of their mess, and what was originally intended was carried out, inasmuch as all the members were residents of Shepherd's Bush. Bro. Baker also replied; he expressed his gratification at seeing so goodly an array of Visitors; this might be accepted as a testimony of the respect in which the Lodge was held. For the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Game and Alais replied; the Officers were also complimented, and in due course the Tyler gave the parting toast. Bro. Oliver presided at the pianoforte during the evening; he also contributed some excellent songs. We must not omit to mention the W.M.'s song—"The Old Brigade"—which was given with much spirit. Bros. Reid and Morgan favoured with recitations.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Institute, Ealing, on Tuesday last, there were present Brothers Jones W.M., Smith S.W., Seward J.W., Bellerby J.D., Henning I.G., Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, Wells Secretary, Beasley P.M.; also Hadley, Danby and Clarke. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Henning candidate. The W.M. delivered the charge in a very able manner. Brothers Henning and Hadley answered the questions leading to the second degree. The meeting on Tuesday next being the one preceding the regular meeting of Lodge No. 1612, the Officers will occupy their respective positions, when it is hoped that the brethren will attend punctually. Brother Smith was elected Worshipful Master for the 12th December, and having appointed his Officers in rotation, Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned to 5th December.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 28th ult., at the Prince Regent, Bro. Monk's, Dulwich-road, East Brixton. In the absence of the W.M. elect, Bro. E. Bye jun., who was attending his regular Lodge, Bro. Hy. M. Williams Secretary was invited to take the chair. He was supported by the following:—Bros. S. Richardson S.W., F. A. Smith J.W., E. A. Francis Preceptor, C. H. Phillips Treasurer, R. R. Johnson acting Secretary, Richard Poore S.D., H. Goodwin J.D., H. Hooper I.G.; Bros. Pooler, Croucher, Knight, Howe, Harling, Hoare, Moss, Durham, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees. Lodge was resumed, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Howe as candidate. Bro. Phillips gave proofs of proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed by Bro. Phillips. Lodge was resumed in the third, and regularly closed to the first degree. On the motion of the Preceptor, Bro. S. Richardson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Hearty good wishes having been expressed by the brethren, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned in peace and harmony until the following Tuesday, at 8 p.m. Most of the brethren remained for the "social hour" after labour, and some excellent songs were given. Bro. A. W. Sebastian Hoare, of Trinity College, London, ably presided at the pianoforte. The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, referred to the fact that the meeting that evening completed the first six months of the Lodge's existence; that the number of members was exactly seventy, while the attendance at the weekly meetings was most satisfactory. The Officers of the Lodge felt amply rewarded for their labours by the earnest manner in which the brethren worked the various ceremonies, the regular attendance of so many, and by the hearty good feeling existing in the Lodge.

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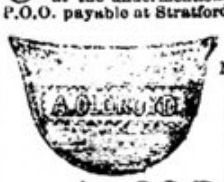

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"190. No person shall be made a mason for less than five guineas, exclusive of the registration and certificate fees, and no lodge shall remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum. "This is not to extend to the making of serving brethren, who may be initiated by the lodge which they are to serve, or for the service of grand lodge, provided that no fee be taken, and that a dispensation from the grand master or provincial or district grand master be first obtained, which shall be specified in the return made to the grand secretary, when the serving brother shall be registered free of expense, but must pay for his grand lodge certificate. A brother so initiated cannot be a member of the lodge in which he was initiated, unless he be afterwards duly proposed and elected as in the case of a joining member, upon which event he shall be liable to pay the same fees as an initiate, and on so doing he will be entitled to all the privileges and benefits of the Craft. "He is, however, eligible to become a subscribing member of any other lodge; and, upon being registered a joining member of such other lodge, and paying his contributions in like manner with other members, he shall be entitled to all the privileges and benefits of the craft. "In case there be no other lodge in the vicinity of his dwelling of which he can become a member, he may be permitted to pay through the lodge in which he was initiated the quarterly dues to the fund of benevolence; and after having served the lodge and paid such dues for four years at least, he shall be eligible to be relieved in case of distress, and entitled to the other privileges of the craft in the same manner as if he had been a regular subscribing member." "191. The member who proposes a candidate is responsible to the lodge for all the fees payable on account of the initiation."	9. (pp 86, 87). "No person shall be made a mason for less than three guineas, exclusive of the registering fee, nor shall a lodge on any pretence remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum. The member who proposes a candidate must be responsible to the lodge for all the fees payable on account of the initiation. "This is not to extend to the making of serving brethren, who may be initiated by the lodge which they are to serve, provided that no fee or reward be taken, and that a dispensation from the grand master or provincial grand master be first obtained, which shall be specified in the return made to the grand secretary; but a brother so initiated cannot be a member of the lodge in which he was initiated though eligible to become a subscribing member of any other lodge; and, upon being registered as a joining member of such other lodge, and paying his contributions in like manner with other members, he is entitled to all the privileges and benefits of the craft. "If, however, there be no other lodge in the vicinity of his dwelling of which he can become a member, he may be permitted to pay through the lodge in which he was initiated the quarterly dues to the fund of benevolence; and after having served the lodge and paid such dues for four years at least, may be considered eligible to be relieved in case of distress, and entitled to the other privileges of the craft in the same manner as if he had been a regular subscribing member."

So far as the increase in the initiation fee from three to five guineas, exclusive of the certificate as well as registration fees, is calculated to ensure a better class of candidates, it must be set down as most desirable. At the same time it must be remembered that money is by no means a criterion of worth. The removal of the second sentence of the same paragraph, so as to form a Rule—No. 191—by itself, is also an improvement. In the first sentence of the second paragraph of No. 190, there is inserted at the end a reasonable clause, "When the serving brother shall be registered free of expense, but must pay for his grand lodge certificate." As to the alteration of that portion of the law which absolutely excludes a serving brother from being "a member of the lodge in which he was initiated" so as to allow of his becoming such after having been "duly proposed and elected as in the case of a joining member," we see no objection to this extension or to the provision that having been so proposed and elected "he shall be liable to pay the same fees as an initiate, and on so doing he will be entitled to all the privileges and benefits of the craft." Are we, however, to understand that, having been already "registered free of expense" as a serving brother, he is, regardless of any service he may have rendered to the Lodge, to be registered as an initiate, when, if he becomes a subscribing member of any other Lodge it is only necessary he should be registered as "a joining member" thereof? As to the remainder of No. 190, we have no remark to offer, except that in the last paragraph the words "may be considered eligible" have been altered into "shall be eligible." This likewise is a decided change for the better.

Rule No. 192—"Intervals between degrees"—corresponds with Art. 7, p 86, and No. 193—"Initiate entitled to a grand lodge certificate"—with Art. 1, p 89, and Art. 16, p 67. With reference to the latter proposed rule, however, the words at the end—"for which certificate the lodge shall pay the fee"—appear to us to be irreconcilable with Rule No. 190—"No person shall be made a mason for less than five guineas, exclusive of the registration and certificate fees," unless, indeed, we are to understand that, in respect of these fees, the Lodge is merely the channel through which the brother's money passes into the coffers of Grand Lodge. No. 194 is a new Rule, and provides for a brother who has lost his certificate obtaining a duplicate, "on payment of the regular fee." The other Rules relating to certificates are No. 195, corresponding with Art. 2, p 90; No. 196, with Art. 3, p 90; No. 197, with Art. 6, p 91; No. 198, with Art. 5, pp 90, 91; No. 199—"Certificate for begging purposes"—with Art. 17, p 67; and No. 200—"Private lodge certificates"—with Art. 7, p 91. They do not need any comment.

The four Rules which follow relate to "Offences," No. 201—"Assisting at irregular lodges"—save for a few verbal alterations, being a reproduction of Art. 2, p 79. No. 202—"Printing and publishing"—is much more comprehensive than Art. 3, p 80, and, as far as we can see from the following comparison, may be said to sufficiently provide for every possible contingency.

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"202. No brother shall presume to print or publish, or cause	3. (p 80). "No brother shall presume to print or publish, or

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to be printed or published, the proceedings of any lodge, or any part thereof, without the consent of the grand master, or provincial or district grand master, or *print or publish any thing which by the laws and regulations of masonry is improper to be published. Nor shall any brother publish or circulate any document relating to any case of masonic complaint before the regularly constituted authorities, until after final adjudication thereon, and then only if the same be proper to be published according to the laws of masonry.*

"This law does not extend to *furnishing printed copies of documents for the use of any board or committee investigating the matter, provided the same are sent through the grand secretary, provincial or district grand secretary, or the secretary of such board or committee respectively,* nor to the writing, printing, or publishing of any notice or summons, issued to the members of a lodge, by the authority of the master, nor to the proceedings of any festival or public meeting at which persons not masons are permitted to be present."

cause to be printed and published, the proceedings of any lodge, or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such lodge, without the consent of the grand master, or provincial grand master, under pain of being suspended or expelled the order.

"This law is not to extend to the writing, printing, or publishing of any notice or summons, issued to the members of a lodge, by the authority of the master, or the proceedings of any festival or public meeting at which persons not masons are permitted to be present."

What we have printed in italics constitutes the material additions to the existing law, nor is there any reason to find fault with their insertion. On the contrary, as we have said already, they extend the contingencies for which legal provision must be made to the utmost limit. As regards the penalty for violating the law, provision appears to be made in Rule No. 204. There are one or two minor amendments we would suggest. Thus, in line 6 of the first paragraph we would insert, after "print or publish," the words, "or cause to be printed or published;" and in the third line of the second paragraph, for the words "investigating the matter," we would read "investigating such case of masonic complaint."

No. 203—"Public appearance in masonic clothing"—embodies in brief but sufficient compass all the requirements of Art. 2, p 94; Art. 3, p 41; Art. 1, p 93; Art. 18, p 67; and Art 3, p 94. As another specimen of compactness it is worth reproducing. "No brother shall appear clothed in any of the jewels, collars, or badges of the craft, in any procession, or at any funeral, ball, theatre, assembly, or meeting, or at any place of public resort, unless the grand master, provincial grand master, or district grand master, as the case may be, shall have previously given permission for brethren to be there present in masonic clothing." The last of the four Rules as to "Offences," has the marginal note, "Other offences," and corresponds with the first part of Art. 31, p 71, concerning such other offences committed by a Lodge, and Art. 7, p 82 (first part), concerning the same when committed by a brother. Rule No. 205, respecting "Fines" in like manner embodies the second and third parts of the same two articles, one concerning a Lodge offence, and the other concerning a brother's offence, and the application of the Fines.

No. 206—"Exclusion from the lodge"—is Art. 20, p 67, but apparently with a penalty far less severe in one respect.

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"206. If any brother behave in such a manner as to disturb the harmony of the lodge, he shall be formally admonished by the master; and, if he persist in his irregular conduct, he shall be punished by censure, fine, or exclusion for the remainder of the meeting, according to the opinion of the majority of the members present, or the case may be reported to higher masonic authority."	20 (p 67). "If any brother behave in such a manner as to disturb the harmony of the lodge, he shall be thrice formally admonished by the master; and, if he persist in his irregular conduct, he shall be punished by censure, fine, or exclusion, according to the by-laws of the lodge; or the case may be reported to higher masonic authority."

No. 207, as to the "mode of exclusion," is Art. 21, p 68, but very much enlarged, and with great advantage, as will be seen by a comparison of the two.

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"207. Every lodge has the power to permanently exclude any of its members for sufficient cause, provided that such member shall have received due notice in writing of the complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration, when he may attend and be heard. This power of exclusion can only be exercised by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present. The name of every brother excluded from a lodge, with the cause of the exclusion, shall be forthwith sent to the grand secretary; and, if the lodge be a provincial or district lodge, also to the provincial or district grand secretary."	21 (p 68). "No lodge shall exclude any member without giving him due notice of the complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration. The name of every brother excluded, with the cause of exclusion, shall be sent to the grand secretary; and, if a country lodge, also to the provincial grand master."

We omit the note as to the difference between "expulsion" and "exclusion," because it is verbatim the same in both editions. As to the proposed rule, we think it is a wise provision that the sentence of exclusion can only be carried against a brother in the event of there being a two-thirds majority in its favour. In respect of Provincial or District Lodges, we see no reason for altering "provincial grand master," as in the existing rule, into "provincial or district grand secretary." In previous cases the word "master" has been maintained.

We have already referred to No. 208—"Power to reinstate excluded brethren"—in connection with New Rule No. 87, and pointed out that functions appertaining to the Grand Master, and Provincial or District Grand Masters, should have their place, the former under the head of "Grand Lodge," and the latter under that of "Provincial and District Grand Lodges," even though it should be necessary to have a corresponding rule or rules under "Private Lodges." The first paragraph corresponds with Art. 9, p 32, of the existing edition, which is placed under the heading "Grand Master." The second paragraph corresponds with the second paragraph of Art. 4, p 46, which is under "Provincial Grand Master," and the third is, of course, a necessary addition, to provide for District Grand Masters. The existing arrangements appear to us to be satisfactory, nor can we understand why they should not be retained. We give the proposed and the existing regulations side by side.

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"208. Should the grand master be satisfied that any brother has been illegally, or without sufficient cause, excluded from any of his masonic functions or privileges, he may order him to be reinstated, and may suspend, until the next ensuing quarterly communication, any lodge failing to comply with his order, "A provincial grand master has the same power within his province. "A district grand master has the same power within his district, and in case of failure to comply with his order may suspend the offending lodge during such time as he thinks proper."	9 (p 32.) "If the grand master should be satisfied that any brother has been illegally, or without sufficient cause, excluded from any of his masonic functions or privileges, by a private lodge or other authority, he may order him to be reinstated, and may also suspend, until the next ensuing quarterly communication, the lodge or brother who shall refuse to comply with his order." 4 (pp 46, 47) second para. "The provincial grand master has no power to expel a mason, though he may, when satisfied that any brother has been illegally excluded from any of his masonic functions or privileges, by a lodge within his district, order him to be immediately restored, and may suspend, until the next quarterly communication, the lodge or brother, who shall refuse to comply with such order."

That the proposed Rule is well drawn up must be allowed, but this does not appear to us to justify its appearing under "Private Lodges." Or, by slightly altering the wording, and making the brethren of a private lodge the subject, the proposed arrangement might stand.

Rules Nos. 209—"Excluded brethren joining another lodge"—and 210—"Certificate to be furnished, and reproduced when joining"—correspond with Art 5, p 81, the former with the first, and the latter with the second sentence. They are substantially the same as the existing Rule. No. 211—as to "Differences and complaints"—will be found to compare with Art 6, p 81, Art. 18, p 25, and Art. 6, p 74, the last prescribing that lodges in places where there is no Prov. or D.G.M. must submit "their communications and complaints direct to the grand secretary in London." The new Rule reads well. "All differences

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between, or complaints of members of London lodges or of lodges in places where no provincial or district grand master is appointed, that cannot be accommodated privately or in a regular lodge, shall be reduced into writing and delivered to the grand secretary, who shall lay the same before the grand master or the board of general purposes, or the colonial board, or other board or committee specially appointed by the grand lodge. When all parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon, and the case investigated, such order and adjudication shall be made as the laws and regulations of masonry authorize."

No. 212—"Differences and complaints in the provinces"—compares with Art. 1, p 72 (part), and Art. 5, p 47 (part).

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"212. Complaints against brethren in the provinces must in all cases be made to the provincial grand master, or his deputy; failing whose attention thereto the complaint may be transmitted to the board of general purposes."	1 (p 72). "All country lodges are under the immediate superintendence of the provincial grand master of the district, to whom, or to his deputy, they are to apply in all cases of difficulty and doubt, and to whom all complaints must be transmitted. If those officers should neglect to proceed in the business, the application or complaint may be transmitted to the board of general purposes." . . . . 5 (p 47) "If the provincial grand master or his deputy shall neglect to proceed forthwith on any case submitted for his decision, the application or complaint may be transmitted to the board of general purposes." . . . .

Here, though a function of the Provincial Grand Master is concerned, the Rule makes the complaints of brethren the subject, and is rightly, therefore, included under this division. No. 213 concerns complaints in Districts, and No. 214 embodies the Rules at pp 95, 73, 57, 47, which relate to appeals from subordinate authorities—including District Grand Master and District Grand Lodge. We notice, however, that the sentence, "At the hearing of the appeal no fresh evidence shall be adduced by either party," which occurs in the existing Article on Appeal, at pp 95, 96, is excluded from the proposed new Rule, and we presume, therefore, that fresh evidence may be adduced. Rule No. 215 is the same with Art. 10, p 32, except that applications on business to the Grand Master cannot be made "except through the grand secretary," the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Registrar being no longer channels of communication between the Grand Master and Lodges or brethren. No. 216 is Art. 29, p 71, the last clause, "but if all the members of a lodge withdraw, the warrant becomes extinct," being altered into "but should the number of members remaining at any time be less than three the warrant becomes extinct." Rules Nos. 217—"Lodge failing to meet"—and 218—"Surrender of warrant"—correspond with part of Art. 26, p 70, and Art. 27, p 70, respectively, except that in the latter the words "without his" (the Grand Master's) "consent," are altered into "under any circumstances." No. 219 is new, and provides as follows: "In all cases not expressly provided for, the laws and regulations for the conduct or proceedings of the grand lodge are applicable to, and are to be taken as the rule for, private lodges." This brings us to the end of the third principal division, "Private lodges."

The Province of Hertfordshire, over which R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., so ably presides, is about to make an addition to its muster roll. The Earl of Clarendon Lodge, No. 1984, is to be consecrated on Wednesday next, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Watford. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be conducted by the Prov. G. Master. Bro. F. H. Wilson Iles, Dep. Prov. G. Master, is the W.M designate, and Bros. J. L. Mather and H. J. Giller are, respectively, the Senior and Junior Wardens designate.

The Martyn Lodge, No. 1983, will be consecrated on Monday, the 18th inst., by the Lord Waveney, Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk. The ceremony will take place at the Town Hall, Southwold. Bro. John M. Canova is the Worshipful Master designate, and the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain, D.G.M. of the Province, has kindly undertaken the duties of installing officer.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE decision arrived at on Wednesday last, at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, on the question mooted some time past as to the advisability of increasing the dues payable by every registered Mason to the Fund of Benevolence, is one which will materially affect the future of English Freemasonry. The actual question before the English Brotherhood was, whether or not the dues should be increased from four to six shillings per annum in the case of London brethren, and from two to three in the case of Provincials? but the issue involved was of far greater importance, even if it did not affect the whole structure of Freemasonry. Up to within a very few years—we might say months, for it is only since 1879 that the change has taken place—the dues payable to the Fund of Benevolence not only provided for every grant made from it, but left a surplus, reaching at the time to which we refer to something like £50,000, but for some unexplained cause the expenditure since then has so far exceeded the income as to arouse the gravest fears in the minds of many brethren, who see that a continuance of the course now adopted will not only swallow up the accumulated fund, but will lead to the greatest difficulty in dispensing relief to necessitous members of the Order. It cannot be denied but that the Masonic Charities occupy one of the foremost—if not the first—place among the Benevolent Institutions of this country, and therefore any question which concerns them not only affects the Brotherhood, but also has great weight on the general public. Freemasonry has become very popular during the past few years, and its popularity has led to greater publicity of its doings, until its great principle of charity has become a matter of general comment, instead of, as it formerly was, one of Masonic interest only. The amounts expended month by month in relief of those whose position necessitates an appeal to the Fund of Benevolence, the sums annually raised for the Masonic Institutions, and the grants of Grand, Provincial, and Private Lodges, are all matters which we Freemasons may justly feel proud in publishing to the world, but the greater publicity of these benefits of Freemasonry has, perhaps, caused a feeling of unworthiness in many, who see in Freemasonry nothing but a great benefit society, and who thus seek to join it with a view of reaping advantages should occasion offer. We do not care to commit ourselves to an expression one way or other as to whether this feeling has had any effect on the number who have recently joined Freemasonry, suffice it to say that the opinion that it has is a pretty widely spread one, while the ever increasing number of the claims made for assistance go far, in the eyes of many, to prove it. It cannot be wondered at, then, that a proposal to increase one of the funds available for relief by an addition of fifty per cent. in its chief item of income should call forth strong expressions of opinion, or that it should be strongly opposed by all who entertain the feeling that so much actual giving of money is detrimental to the best interests of the Order.

As we have said, the expenditure of the Fund of Benevolence during the past few months has so far exceeded its income as to arouse the gravest fears for the future; and the question which presents itself is, how to stop the heavy calls which have recently been made on the funded property? There are two methods—either to increase the income, or lessen the expenditure. The latter course entails—so say those who argue in favour of the former—a disregard of the true principles of Freemasonry, and of the necessities of those who appeal; while the other side argue, that what was sufficient a year or two back might be made sufficient now; and the latter is, we think, the more generally accepted idea. The causes which have led to this unsatisfactory state of affairs have not, as yet, been officially explained; we think, however, there is but one feeling as regards it. Up to 1879 there was a surplus, which about that time caused great trouble. It was getting so large as to be a disgrace to the Order—so much money lying idle, and still accumulating, was wrong—and so a proposal was made to spend some of it; and, strange to say, by the same brother who now (less than two years later) argues that the funds are insufficient to carry on the work which was then insufficient to absorb the income. Brother Clabon at that time argued ably in support of his scheme; the income of the Fund of Benevolence was amply sufficient, not only to satisfy all

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claims, but to leave a margin; why then should not a part of the surplus be devoted to some other good cause? The general feeling, however, was against him, there was a majority who thought the fund of Benevolence had enough claims on it, and accordingly Bro. Clabon's proposal was rejected. The future, it was said, would show that the income was only sufficient to meet the expenditure. The future has shown, that not only is the expenditure equal to the income, but that it can be made to exceed the amounts received, for the disproportionate rise in the expenditure, as compared with the income, prevents our considering the advance as legitimate, and such we think must be accepted as the opinion of Grand Lodge, which has now decided that the sums dispensed by the Lodge of Benevolence *must* be kept within the limits of its income. The arguments used on Wednesday last, both for and against the proposed increase, were numerous, and may receive further consideration at our hands on a future occasion.

As regards the other business before Grand Lodge, the first items, after the confirmation of the minutes, had reference to the chiefs of the Order for next year—the nomination of a Grand Master, the appointment of President, the election of Senior and Junior Vice Presidents of the Lodge of Benevolence, and of twelve Past Masters to serve on the same; each requiring attention. As regards the former, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was again nominated for the office of Grand Master; the nomination being received with the same hearty approval as has marked the similar proposition in past years, Bro. James Brett and Bro. Charles Atkins were elected respectively Senior and Junior Vice Presidents of the Lodge of Benevolence; and the following were chosen as the Past Masters to represent Grand Lodge on the same board :—

Brother	GEORGE POLE BRITTEN	183
	JOSEPH D. COLLIER	1366
	THOMAS CULL	1446
	CHARLES DAIRY	141
	HENRY GARROD	749
	CHARLES F. HOGARD	205
	JOHN M. KLENCK	1339
	WILLIAM MANN	186
	JAMES H. MATTHEWS	143
	WILLIAM H. PERRYMAN	3
	WILLIAM STEPHENS	1489
	EDWARD FRANCIS STORR	22

The grants recommended by the Lodge of Benevolence were agreed to; they were eighteen in number, and amounted to £1100, there being four recommendations for £100 each, and fourteen of £50. This reduction in amount, as compared with the proposals of the past, is a much better plan for bringing the outlay of the Lodge to something like its income, than increasing the income to correspond with an outlay which, in some minds at least, was fast approaching extravagance. The report of the Board of General Purposes contained one peculiar item—a report of irregularity in a Provincial Lodge, where a Fellow Craft was recently raised to the degree of Master Mason within a period of thirteen days from his having taken the former degree. The law on this subject is so distinct that we can hardly imagine how it could have been transgressed, notwithstanding the fact that it is said the Lodge By-laws in a measure sanction it. However, once having been brought under notice, the necessary alteration has been ordered, and we imagine no further such mistakes will occur in the Lodge in question. The Colonial Board has apparently been led away from its ordinary quiet lines by the excitement of the public as regards Egypt, for we find a recommendation from it that four Lodges warranted for that country, viz., Nos. 1068 at Cairo, 1154 at Alexandria, 1156 at Cairo, 1419 at Ramlah, be erased from the list of Lodges on the Registry of the United Grand Lodge of England. Doubtless this step is very desirable, but we can hardly imagine that these four are the only Lodges which should come under the direction of the Colonial Board, and which are defunct. Still, as we have said, the proposal is a good one; we only hope it will be followed up as regards other countries, and that a general erasing of defunct Lodges, both in the Colonies and at home, will take place. Each of these reports were adopted. There were three appeals to be submitted to Grand Lodge, the first of which, from the Victoria Lodge, No. 1186, Brisbane, Victoria, against the ruling of the District Grand Master—that a Lodge of Instruction can only be held under the Warrant of the Lodge under which it is sanctioned, and consequently not in any other building, appears very strange to us. It was dismissed against the District Grand Master. The second appeal rested on the legal definition of what is a "material alteration" in a law; but the third was again a public matter—a Provincial Officer opposed the election of a brother to the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer. The latter thereupon sought for a public explanation of the why and wherefore of the opposition, finally calling upon the Provincial Grand Master, and then Grand Lodge, to force the objecting brother to explain. Of course, the appeal was dismissed. Four notices of motion followed; to the first—that by Bro. Clabon, as to the increase of Grand Lodge dues—we have already referred; the second, by the same brother, a proposal to prevent any part of the capital of the Fund of Benevolence being sold without the express order of a Grand Lodge, confirmed by a subsequent Grand Lodge, was withdrawn; while, as regards the others, the first, which was a proposal that Grand Lodge should endow two scholarships in the projected "Royal College of Music," was negatived; and the second, a proposal by Bro. James Stevens to subdivide the London Lodges outside a four-mile radius from Freemasons' Hall, was ruled out of order.

Obituary.

BRO. ELIAS SOMERS.

We regret to have to announce the decease of Bro. Elias Somers, P.M. 1602 and 1897, who expired on Monday last, after a long and painful illness. Bro. Somers was initiated in the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365; was a founder of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, 1489, wherein he was the first Senior Warden. He was likewise a founder of the Sir Hugh Myddelton and Citadel Lodges, in both of which he was the first Worshipful Master. Bro. Somers was exalted in Sincerity Chapter, No. 174, and was one of the founders of the Duke of Connaught Chapter, No. 1524. The funeral will take place this day (Saturday), at Abney Park Cemetery, at One o'clock.

MRS. C. J. SCALES.

On the 6th instant, the funeral took place, at Nunhead Cemetery, of the beloved wife of Bro. C. J. Scales, P.M. 1507, who departed this life on the 30th ultimo. A circle of sympathising friends attended to show their respect. Brother G. W. Knight, of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, attended, and presented, as a mark of respect, on behalf of the Lodge of Instruction, a handsome floral wreath.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Saturday last. There were present Bros. Mann (in the chair), Leopold Ruf, J. L. Mather, C. F. Matier, G. P. Gillard, A. Williams, Edgar Bowyer, A. E. Gladwell, Donald M. Dewar, F. Adlard, E. Baxter, Thos. Cubitt, A. H. Godson, and E. C. Massey. The minutes of the General Committee of the 4th November were read and verified, and those of the House Committee of the 17th idem, for information. There was one petition, from the widow of a professor of music, who died a short time since, of typhoid fever. Petitioner has eight children, including a posthumous child. The case was recommended by the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain, and all documents being in order, the petition was accepted, and the name added to the list of candidates for election. A grant of £10 was made to a former pupil, in the employ of Mr. Dickinson, Marine Engineer, Monkwearmouth. There were special circumstances in this case, which induced the Committee to exceed the usual grant of £5. A vote was made of £5 to another ex-pupil, subject to enquiries. This being the whole of the business, the meeting broke up, after a vote of thanks to the chairman.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE, No. 37.

THE monthly meeting of this old Lodge was held on Monday, the 4th December, at the Masonic-rooms, Bolton, at 6 o'clock in the evening. Present—Bros. Garstang W.M., Booth S.W., Pacey J.W., Slater P. Prov. S.G.D. Treasurer, Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D. Secretary, Poynter J.D., Hardcastle I.G., Rev. J. H. Gibbon, Roiley Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. John Morris, Samuel Crowther P. Prov. Superintendent of Works, James Walker; also Bros. Naylor, Steward, and Golding. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been confirmed, the brethren proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the unanimous choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. George Parker Brockbank, doubtless in token of appreciation of his long services to the Lodge and Masonry generally, and especially in connection with the Sesqui-Centennial of the Lodge in October last. Arrangements were made in regard to the installation meeting, and the ordinary Lodge business transacted. A Brother was proposed as a joining member, after which the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, at seven o'clock, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

STOUR VALLEY LODGE, No. 1224.

THE annual Festival of this Lodge was held on the 24th ult., in the Masonic Rooms, Market Hill, Sudbury, when Bro. Ardley S.W. was installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed, in his usual able manner, by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. D.P.G.M. Suffolk, who is a P.M. of 1224. The Officers for the year were then invested as follow:—Bros. Jennings S.W., Grimwood J.W., Rev. J. F. Wilkinson Chaplain, Hills P.M. Treasurer, Wheeler P.M. P.P.G.R. Secretary, Alston S.D., Rev. J. H. Chadwick J.D., Pratt I.G., George Steward, Shole Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Rose and Crown Hotel, under the presidency of the new W.M., when the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Among those present were Bros. Taylor, Clarke, Humphery, Pretty, Bolding, Symonds, Vincent, Barnes, Cooke, and the following members of the Lodge:—Bros. Walford, Emmerson, Grimwood, Inman, Row, Kilpack, Pratt, Wilkinson, Bennet, Pate, Swain, George, and Bailey.

Loughboro' Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—A meeting was held on Monday, 4th inst., at the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughboro' Junction. Bros. Da Silva jun. W.M., Westley S.W., Westmore J.W., McDiarmaid Treasurer, McKinley Secretary, Perkins S.D., Banks J.D., Cornock I.G., Johnson Preceptor; Bros. Hill, Littlewood, Harvey, Abel, Lander. Visitors—J. Da Silva sen., Webb, L. Norden, Spencer, Price, Carroll. There was a good muster of the brethren. Punctually at 7.30, Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and subsequently resumed to the first. Bro. Da Silva, W.M. Lodge of Israel, 205, then rehearsed, in an efficient manner, the ceremony of installation, and was afterwards awarded a hearty vote of thanks. A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Webb P.M. for visiting this Lodge (he having come a great distance) to assist during the installation ceremony. Lodge was adjourned till Monday, 11th inst. The usual harmony meeting followed. To these gatherings brethren are cordially invited.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held on Saturday, the 2nd inst., at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, Islington. Bros. Weeden W.M., A. Ferrar S.W., Gribbell J.W., Pearcy Preceptor Fenner Secretary. Lorkin Treasurer, Houghton S.D., Dixie J.D., Ashton I.G.; also Bros. Cohen, Wolf, Jones, Chipperfield, Marks, Bevan, Richardson, Humpreys, Ruffett, C. Killick jun., Hatch, Burtenhaw, Galer, Forge, &c. The usual preliminares were observed in opening the Lodge. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Richardson candidate; the same was performed in a very careful manner. Brother Cohen worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. J. Humphreys and J. Ruffett, of the Gresham Lodge, No. 869, were elected members. Bro. Ferrar was appointed to preside at next meeting.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—The meeting of this Lodge, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday last, 1st instant, was presided over by Bro. M. E. Stokes as W.M., and the Officers were Bros. J. A. Styles S.W., J. N. Bate J.W., Wiltshire S.D., Poore J.D., Thurston I.G., Stevens P.M. Preceptor, Terry P.M. Secretary. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the Worshipful Master, and the sections of the degree worked by the brethren, Brother Stevens explaining, where requested, many points not fully understood by some of the members present. Brother Styles was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Brother Bate was elected W.M. for the week ending the 29th instant, when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by the Preceptor, and the members and their friends will sup together. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned at 9.30 p.m.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Meeting at the Institute, Ealing, on Tuesday last. Bros. Tucker W.M., Dyer S.W., Seward J.W., Bellerby S.D., Hadley J.D., Fryers I.G., Wells Secretary; P.M.'s Bros. Burr, Green, Rickwood; also Bros. Henning, Coop, Porter, and Fernie. The Lodge was opened in the usual form, and the minutes of previous meeting were confirmed. Bros. Henning and Hadley answered the questions leading to the second degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hadley candidate. Bro. Coop, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the first section of the lecture. Bros. Peasley, Burr, Green, Kasner, Andrews, and Rickwood—Past Masters; and Bros. Tucker, Seward, Dyer, Coop, Porter, Fryers, Jones, Smith, and Bellerby were elected a Committee to consider the Bye-laws of this Lodge of Instruction, the meeting to be called early in 1883. Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned till Tuesday, 12th inst., when Bro. Smith will occupy the chair.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1691.—At the meeting of this Lodge of instruction, held on Tuesday last, a very large number of members and visitors were present to hear Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and Installation. Brother Terry having taken the chair, appointed the following Officers:—Bros. John Thompson S.W., Hollis P.P.G.S.B. Herts J.W., Davies M.C., Berry Sec., Bastable S.D., Frampton J.D., Oldis I.G. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremonies were proceeded with, and carried through with that excellence specially pertaining to our worthy brother, and to the manifest pleasure and satisfaction of all present. The musical arrangements were carried out in the most perfect manner by Bro. Hoare, of Lodge 1765, who acted as Organist on the occasion; he was assisted by Bro. Tremere and others. A vote of thanks to Bro. Terry was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—On Tuesday evening last, the 5th instant, at the Prince Regent, Bro. Monk's, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, Bro. Stephen Richardson J.D. 183 W.M. was supported by the following:—Bros. R. Poore S.W., H. Hooper J.W., H. M. Williams Secretary, C. H. Philips Treasurer, H. Stokes S.D., B. W. Pooler J.D., J. Howe I.G., H. Goodwin, G. W. Knight, E. Bye jun., A. L. Albert, A. Jones, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Philips as candidate. The bye-laws were read. It was proposed that a Benevolent Association should be established in connection with the Lodge. The discussion on the matter was, however, postponed. Bro. Alfred Jones, Brixton Lodge, No. 1949, was elected a member. Bro. Poore was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. It was decided that the first Festival of the Lodge should be held on the third Tuesday in January next, and a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. On the motion of Bro. Williams, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Richardson, for his able conduct of the ceremony, and the work of the evening, for the first time in his Masonic career, the resolution to be recorded on the minutes. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned in perfect harmony until the following Tuesday evening.

Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Bro. Baker's, the Highbury Station Hotel, on Tuesday, the 5th inst. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. A. W. Fenner the I.P.M. took the chair, supported by Bros. C. K. Killick jun. P.M., H. P. Isaac P.M. Treasurer, C. K. Killick sen. P.M. Secretary, Crosbie S.W., Western J.W., Thompson S.D., Oppermann J.D., Pummell I.G., and a goodly muster of members; also Bro. Douglass, of the St. Leonard's Lodge. The acting W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. W. A. Francke, the ceremony being performed in a most efficient manner. The W.M. having now arrived, took the chair, and initiated Messrs. P. L. Spienger and J. R. Collins. Several matters of business being disposed of, Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent supper, in the serving of which Brother Baker succeeded in giving general satisfaction.

NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER, No. 360.

THIS Chapter held its usual meeting at the Masonic Hall, Northampton, on Thursday, 30th November, when there was a goodly attendance of the Companions. Bro. T. P. Dorman, of the Eleanor Cross, 1761, and Bro. Thomas Wetherell, of the Pomfret Lodge, 360, having been duly ballotted for, presented themselves for exaltation. Comp. J. U. Stanton P.Z. M.E.Z. performed the ceremony, being assisted by Comps. H. J. Atkins H., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders J., H. W. Parker P.S., and P.Z. Butler Wilkins Deputy Superintendent of Norths and Hunts. The following Officers were afterwards elected:—H. J. Atkins M.E.Z., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders H., John Bingley J., George Robinson P.Z. E., H. W. Parker N., J. U. Stanton P.Z. Treasurer, George Ellard P.S., H. Brown 1st A.S., G. M. Percival 2nd A.S., Brook Sampson Org. After the completion of the business, the Companions adjourned to the supper room, where full justice was done to the refreshments, served in Mrs. Forth's usual excellent manner. In addition to the Companions mentioned above, were J. Kellett P.Z., J. J. Hart, A. Cockerill, James Clayson, A. Jones, H. Spoor, T. Emery, and others.

The weekly meetings of the North London Chapter of Improvement, at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's Road, continue to be well attended. On Thursday evening, the 7th inst., Comp. Osborn occupied the First Principal's chair; Comps. Hunter H., Pearcy J., Edmonds P.S., Gregory S.N. Notwithstanding the severity of the weather, a profitable evening was spent.

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LODGE OF S. MARY, No. 1312.

THE annual festival of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the White Hart Hotel, Bocking, when Bro. J. J. Cavill W.M. elect was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed in a very able manner by Bro. Vero Taylor P.M. 1312 P.P.G.S.W. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. F. C. Lake I.P.M., R. G. Kellett S.W., Moore J.W., Tufnell P.M. Treasurer, A. Portway P.M. Secretary, Hasler S.D., Porter J.D., C. Brown I.G. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master for performing the ceremony, and, all business being ended, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Coutes, &c. Amongst those present, besides the brethren before mentioned, were Bros. E. H. Inman P.M., Coutes, Harsell, &c. Visitors—Pissey, Green, Hollington, Turner, Bowles.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1723.

THE monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, 22nd November, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at half-past six o'clock in the evening. Present—Bros. W. Court W.M., Wm. Blain I.P.M., Robert Latham S.W., John Barrett J.W., John Priestley Chaplain, George Ferguson P.M. Treasurer, Nathaniel Nicholson P.M. Secretary, E. G. Harwood S.D., A. Cosgrove J.D., J. W. Taylor P. Prov. G.Org. Master of Ceremonies, T. E. Smith Organist, T. B. Tong I.G., J. W. Roiley Tyler. Bros. Naylor, Parkinson, Goulborn, Thomas Morris P.M., G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D., Thomas Arden, Morris jun., W. E. Bardsley, J. M. Rutter P.M., J. Richardson P.M., James Smith, J. H. Greenhalgh P.M. John Bromley P.M., J. W. Forbes, Benj. Derham. Visitors—Bros. Brothroyd W.M. 221, Siddorn 221, Flitcroft P.M. 221, Naylor 37, Crankshaw S.W. 348, Higson 348. The Lodge was opened in due form, and some formal business transacted, after which Bro. Blain I.P.M. delivered the lecture on the tracing board in the first degree, in a most impressive and correct manner, and was listened to with great interest by the brethren, and very cordially thanked. The next part of the proceedings was the presentation of a beautifully illuminated address to Bro. Harwood Junior Deacon of the Lodge, who had recently been elevated to the distinguished position of Mayor of Bolton, by the unanimous vote of the Town Council, in which body he had distinguished himself by many years' hard work in the capacity of chairman of one of the most important committees; and although he had been vigorously engaged during the day in conducting the polling for the School Board Election, he attended in his place in the evening as a Junior Officer of the Lodge. From his well known punctual habits, the brethren anticipated that he would not neglect his Masonic duties, and accordingly resolved to give him a fraternal welcome on his first appearance since his accession to the civic chair. The Lodge-room was beautifully decorated, and the following brethren sent their private banners to adorn the wall, namely, Bros. Brockbank, Court, Rutter, Blain, Heywood, Ferguson, Richardson, Nicholson, Greenhalgh, Bromley, Barrett, Morris, Latham, Stead, Isherwood, Aldred, Boothroyd; the Grand Lodge banners, Banners of 221 and 1723 were also hung in a conspicuous part of the room. The address was congratulatory, on Bro. Harwood's accession to his high municipal office, and expressive of the good wishes of the brethren, and their high appreciation of his personal character as a man and a Mason. Bro. Harwood briefly replied, thanking the brethren for their kindness and goodwill towards him, and offered his obligations Masonically to the elder members of the Lodge, who had always given him their help and support in his duties, expressing his determination to win by merit the continued good wishes of the brethren. Hearty good wishes having been expressed by the visiting brethren, a portion of the Ancient Charges was read by the Senior Warden, and the Lodge closed in peace and harmony at 7.30. A most enjoyable evening was afterwards spent, the brethren separating at eleven o'clock.

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THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I do not like your explanation and remarks as to the root of the difficulty in either new or old rule 188 of the Book of Constitutions. Take the first clause:—Every lodge must receive as a member, without *further proposition* or *ballot*, *any brother initiated therein*; this at once assumes that the initiation has taken place, or how could he be a brother? How can a *brother* express his wish to the contrary *on* or *before* the day of his initiation? Because he would not be a brother before. The conclusion is absurd; the reason for the above is there given:—"As no lodge *should* introduce into Masonry a person whom the *brethren* consider unfit to be a member of their own Lodge;" first, the Lodge is prohibited from doing a certain thing; second, it leaves it to the brother already initiated *therein*, or the intended (if so) *brother* (*already so-called*) to decide the question himself as to whether he will be a member or not, and the last goes on to say that no Lodge should introduce, &c. &c. &c. This rule has been read by very many, and several lawyers among them, but, as written, cannot be agreed upon.

Yours fraternally, JAMES LAWTON,

P.M. Candour Lodge, No. 337, Upper Mill.

[An answer to this communication shall be given next week.—ED. F.C.]

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

THE annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Thursday afternoon, the 30th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, George-street, for the installation of the new office-bearers. Bro. Villiers of Closeburn, the Provincial Grand Master of Dumfriesshire, officiated as Acting Grand Master, Major Crombie, Aberdeen, acted as Senior Grand Warden, and Brother Caldwell of Craigielea as Junior Grand Warden. There was a good attendance of members. The Acting Master declared the elective offices vacant, and moved the re-election of the Earl of Mar and Kellie as Grand Master Mason. This was unanimously agreed to, and the Grand Master was thereupon installed into office with the usual formalities. He then nominated Colonel Sir Archibald Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., as Depute Grand Master, and Brother R. F. Shaw Stewart, as Substitute Grand Master, and installed them into office. The other office-bearers were then elected for next year, and installed as under:—Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington Senior Grand Warden, Right Hon. The Earl of Breadalbane Junior Grand warden, D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary, David Kinnear Grand Cashier, Rev. James Barclay, A.M., and Rev. W.W. Tulloch, B.D., Grand Chaplains, Major John Crombie Senior Grand Deacon, the Most Noble the Marquis of Tweeddale Junior Grand Deacon, John Baird Grand Architect, James Crichton Grand Jeweller, David Hume Grand Bible Bearer, Captain Farquhar Macgillivray Grand Director of Ceremonies, Sir Molyneux H. Nepean, Baronet, Grand Bard, James T. S. Elliot younger of Wolfelee Grand Sword Bearer F. W. Bridgman Grand Director of Music, Robert Davidson Grand Organist, Major William Hills Grand Marshal, William Barry Grand Inner Guard, David Robertson Grand Tyler, James Turner President, and Dr. George Dickson Vice-President of the Board of Grand Stewards. At the close of the installation ceremonial the Grand Lodge repaired to the Great Hall, there to celebrate the Festival of St. Andrew. There were about 250 present. The Grand Master occupied the throne, and on his right were—Brothers Sir Archibald Campbell Depute Grand Master, J. C. Forrest Provincial Grand Master of Lanark Middle Ward, F. E. Villiers Provincial Grand Master of Dumfries, J. Martin Provincial Grand Master of Dumbarton, D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary, Rev. J. Barclay Grand Chaplain, Dalrymple Duncan, Glasgow; W. Officer Representative of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, J. Crichton Grand Jeweller, Rev. C. J. Ridgeway Edinburgh, F. W. Bridgman Grand Organist, D. Hume Grand Bible-Bearer, Captain Farquhar MacGillivray Grand Director of Ceremonies, M. Muller, &c. On the left of the Grand Master were—Brothers R. F. Shaw Stewart Substitute Grand Master, G. Maxwell of Glenlee, Sir Molyneaux Nepean, Bart., Grand Bard, Rev W. W. Tulloch Grand Chaplain, J. Baird Grand Architect, A. Kerr Past Grand Architect, Rev. Macadam Muir, Colonel Stewart, Glasgow, H. Y. D. Copland, Edinburgh, Rev. T. N. Wannop, J. Graham, C.A., Glasgow, George Miller, C.A., Glasgow, &c. Bro. Crombie acted as Senior Grand Warden, supported by Bros. E. Savage, Aberdeen, and David Kinnear Grand Cashier. Bro. Caldwell acted as Junior Grand Warden, supported by Bro. Allan, Glasgow, &c. Several apologies for absence were intimated, and deputations were in attendance from the daughter Lodges.

After an excellent dinner, which was well served by Bros. R. Kay and Sons, the loyal toasts were given from the chair. The Rev. P. Macadam Muir then proposed the Navy, Army, Militia, and Volunteers, and Bro. Dr. W. T. Black replied for the Navy, Sir Molyneaux Nepean, Bart., for the Militia, Colonel Sir Archibald Campbell for the Militia, and Colonel T. T. Stewart for the Volunteers. Thereafter, Bro. John Graham, Glasgow, proposed the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland, and Bro. Rev. C. J. Ridgeway replied.

Sir Archibald Campbell next proposed the health of the Grand Master, and in doing so remarked that the Earl had made it part of his duty to go round and visit the Provinces and see how they were working. He was sure that in this the Grand Master had done a great deal of good in the Provinces, and that the manner in which the duties of his office were discharged would secure the gratitude of every member of Grand Lodge. The toast was received with much enthusiasm.

The Grand Master, who was received with much applause, thanked Grand Lodge for again placing him in the honourable position to which he had been reappointed. He then congratulated them on the entire absence of all cliques from Grand Lodge, and exhorted the brethren to maintain the harmony at present existing, and to do their utmost for the purity of the Order, and to make the world consider it an honour to belong thereto. Referring to his visits to the Provinces, he said he had not found anything but good work done, and he was glad to see that at present in Grand Committee a great many parts of the country were well represented. Not only from the great centres in the east and west, but from Aberdeen and further north, they had an excellent contingent of as good Masons as were in Scotland, and to the Grand Committee and to all Masons it would be a great pleasure to see Masons representing other Provinces appointed as members of that body. Speaking of work that still remained to be done, the Grand Master expressed a hope that ere next year something would be done to prepare a ritual, so as to secure, if not strict uniformity, at least an approximation thereto among all the Lodges in Scotland. Next, touching on the financial condition of Grand Lodge at the present moment, the Grand Master mentioned that the amount of their debt in 1877 was £15,000, that £1000 had been paid off during the past year; and that during the past five years the debt had been reduced from £15,000 to £1,500. That £1,500 included their whole indebtedness. The accounts were brought up to the present date, and showed that £1000 had been paid on alteration of premises and new furniture, so that if these expenses had not been incurred their total would not have been more than £500. During the past year the number of entrants had been greater than in any previous year, having amounted to 4,534. The number of new charters issued had been eleven. The gross income for the past year was £4462, and

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the gross expenditure £3522—showing an excess of income to the amount of £930. He thought that those results during these five years were satisfactory. In afterwards proposing the toast of the Past Grand Masters, the Grand Master said that it had been intended to present that evening to the Immediate Past Master, Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, a jewel of a Past Grand Master, which was in very good taste, and did great credit to the new Grand Jeweller. He regretted the absence of Sir Michael, owing to indisposition, and that the presentation would be postponed until next meeting.

The toast of the Foreign Grand Lodges was proposed by Brother J. Clerk Forrest, and responded to by the Grand Bible Bearer. Bro. the Rev. W. W. Tulloch proposed the Depute Grand Master, remarking that Sir Archibald had made himself popular, loved, and esteemed as a county gentleman, a soldier, and a Mason. Sir Archibald responded in appropriate terms; and thereafter Bro. Villiers proposed the Countess of Mar and Kellie, and the Grand Master replied. The health of the Substitute Grand Master was proposed by Brother Maxwell, of Glenloe; and the Grand Master then proposed in groups the toasts of the different Lodges which had sent deputations, and the head of each Lodge replied. A variety of toasts followed, including the other Office Bearers of Grand Lodge, in proposing which, the Grand Master spoke in high terms of the services of the Grand Secretary, Brother Murray Lyon. The proceedings were interspersed with songs by several of the brethren, and with music supplied by a band under Brother H. Dambmann. Grand Lodge was closed about ten o'clock.—*Edinburgh Courant.*

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the Canonbury Tavern, on Monday, 4th instant. Bros. Gilham W.M., Woodman S.W., Weston J.W., Thompson S.D., Woolf J.D., Ashton I.G., Forge W.M. 1950 Secretary, Trewinnard Preceptor; Brothers Jones, Bevan, Weeden, Marks, Killick senior, Killick junior, Snook, Rhodes, Gribbell, Chipperfield, Gillard, Morgan, &c. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Brother C. K. Killick junior candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history, and an explanation of the tracing board. Some new members were enrolled, and Brother Woodman was appointed to preside at the next meeting. It is gratifying to note that this Lodge of Instruction is always well attended.

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STRAND.—At 7.45, THE HEIR-AT-LAW. At 9.30, FROLIQUE.

SAVOY.—At 8.15, MOCK TURTLES. At 8.40, IOLANTHE.

COMEDY.—At 7.15, THE FAST COACH. At 8, RIP VAN WINKLE.

HAYMARKET.—At 7.50, NEARLY SEVEN. At 8.10, THE OVERLAND ROUTE. (Last night).

OPERA COMIQUE.—ON CONDITION. At 9.40, SOMETHING NEW.

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AVENUE.—At 7.30, WEDDING BLISS. At 8, MANTEAUX NOIRS.

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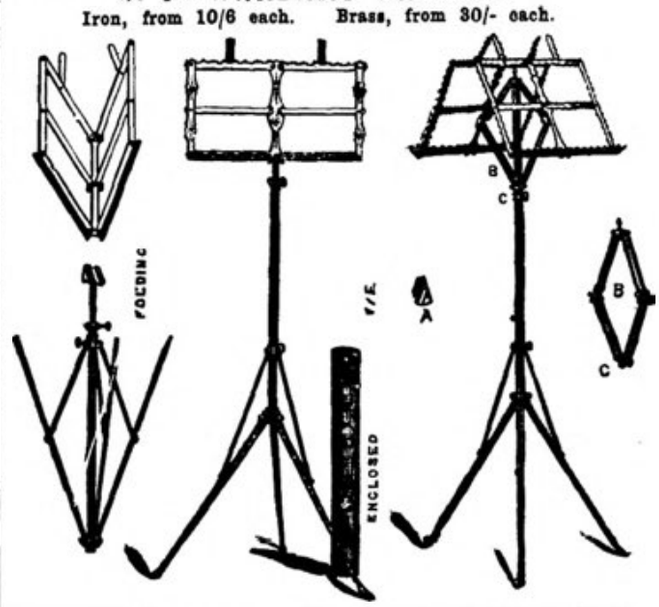

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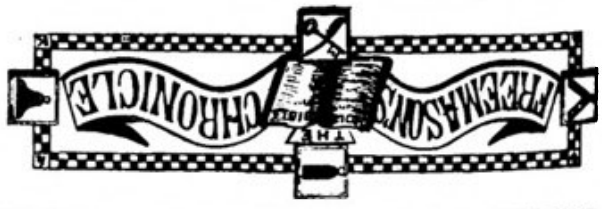

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

PRESENTATION OF A WEDDING GIFT TO H.R.H. THE DUKE OF ALBANY, K.G.

IN the history of this attractive Order in Freemasonry, no more important or grander gathering of its members has ever taken place than that of the 5th instant. We have had intimate acquaintance with the progress of the Mark Degree during nearly twenty-five years, and could not avoid comparing the assemblage of Grand Mark Lodge on this occasion with many of its former gatherings, even so lately as some ten or twelve years ago. Then one of the smallest Lodge-rooms in the Freemasons' Tavern afforded more than ample accommodation for the few earnest and indefatigable members who comprised the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. On Monday last the largest hall the building possesses only conveniently accom-

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modated the brilliant assemblage; and the most spacious banquetting-room could scarcely provide seats at table for those who remained to support the highly esteemed Grand Master. As, in the Craft degrees, Freemasonry has benefitted and largely increased by Royal Patronage, and the adhesion of some of the highest and noblest in the land, so in Mark Masonry princely favour and the connection of the brightest ornaments of "pure and simple Masonry" with the Order has enhanced its prestige, and caused earnest consideration of the important position it ought ever to have held in the past of English Freemasonry. The guiding spirits of former years, who would not let difficulties damp their ardour, and foresaw the great esteem in which the Mark Degree would some day be held, must have been amply rewarded for their past labours, and cheered and stimulated for future exertion, by the spectacle which they beheld on this occasion, and more particularly at the moment when His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, after the performance of an elaborate consecration ceremony, dedicated and constituted "The Grand Master's Lodge of Mark Master Masons," of which the three first principal Officers are the Earl of Lathom, Lord Henniker, and the Earl of Kintore, respectively, with Captain N. G. Philips as Deputy Master.

Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, the M.W. G.M.M., and his Deputy, were respectively saluted with Grand honours. The minutes of the Grand Lodge, held on the 6th June last, were read and approved. A report from the General Board was brought up, from which it appeared that ten new Lodges had been granted during the past six months, and the registered advancements to the degree had reached a total of 16,733. Several important changes in the Provinces had taken place, all of which received approval. The fourteenth Anniversary Festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund had been held in July last, when the amount of contributions reached a total of £553. The Educational Branch of the Fund had so completely fulfilled the expectations formed on its foundation that an extension of its benefits was agreed upon. Several Grants, which had been made to distressed Mark Masons, or the widows of Mark Masons, were confirmed. Each of the Funds had benefitted by investments, and each showed respectable balances in hand. The report in its entirety was received, and its recommendations fully adopted. The Right Hon. Lord Henniker M.W. G.M.M. was nominated by Bro. Capt. Thomas Hargreaves P.G.D. as Grand Master for the ensuing year. The following Stewards of the last Benevolent Fund Festival were presented by the Grand Master with Charity Jewels, after the expression of thanks for their services, and congratulations from the Grand Master on the successful results of their exertions, viz.:—Emanuel Hunts and Isle of Wight, Emerson Kent, George 265, Glasspool 265, Godson 40, Goodenough 255, Hodges 257, Homfray P.G.M. Monmouth, Hudson 164, Huet 32, Hughes 247, Inglis 7, Lardner 223, Lewis 271, Lovegrove 214, Manwaring 104, Meek 284, Mildred 104, Moorland 225, Onsey 239, Pulley 54, Ramsey Old Kent, Spice 3, Thorp 194, Venn Old Kent, White 266. At this moment the arrival of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany was announced, and a deputation was formed to receive and escort him into Grand Lodge. His Royal Highness was most enthusiastically received on his entrance, Bro. Wilhelm Ganz G. Org. playing the National Anthem. On taking his position as Past Grand Mark Master the Duke was saluted with Grand honours. After a short interval the M.W. Grand Master addressed his Royal Highness, expressing the loyalty and devotion of the Mark Masters under his rule towards the Throne, and the kindly regard which they at all times entertained towards the members of the Royal Family generally, and, having relation to his connection with the Mark degree, to His Royal Highness in particular. To mark in some slight degree their good wishes towards him, and also towards his amiable consort the Duchess of Albany, the several Lodges of the Order, as well abroad (and hence the delay in presentation) as at home, had united to provide a suitable wedding gift, the acceptance of which he, the Grand Mark Master, now hoped would be agreeable to his Royal Highness. The present, which consisted of two very handsome and elaborately-chased silver *pot pourri* jars, with covers, and a wine flagon of chaste design in massive silver, was then unveiled, and the Grand Master read the inscription, which had been engraved on each article, to the following effect:—

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With a few further brief remarks, the Grand Master closed a most forcible address of congratulation and wishes for the long life and happiness of his Royal Highness and the Duchess. In response, his Royal Highness, who appeared to be much affected by the heartiness of his welcome, thanked the Grand Master and the members of the Order generally for this earnest of their esteem and kindly regard towards the Duchess and himself. He had promised, when he accepted the position of Past Grand Master, that what active work he could undertake on behalf of the Mark degree he would carry out. Until this occasion, no fitting opportunity had arisen, but on this day, when he had that before him which, beyond all its intrinsic worth, became so valuable, as the outcome of strong brotherly affection, he should be able to discharge some portion at least of his promise. His Royal Highness resumed his seat amidst great applause.

The Grand Master having temporarily vacated the throne, it was assumed by his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., M.W. P.G.M., as Consecrating Officer, for the purpose of consecrating the Grand Master's Lodge of Mark Master Masons. The ceremony was rendered throughout in admirable style, the addresses of the Consecrating Officer, with dedication and constitution, being delivered with much effect. Bro. Wilhelm Ganz presided at the organ, and the anthems and chants were beautifully rendered by Bros. Sexton, Hodges, Abercrombie, Beckett, Dalzell, De Lacey, and Moore. On the completion of the consecration ceremony, Bro. Captain Philips was installed as Deputy Master into the chair of A. of the new Lodge, of which the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom M.W. P.G.M. is the first Master. The Officers of the Lodge were then invested with the collars of office, viz.:—

Bro. The Right Hon. Lord Henniker	Senior Warden
The Earl of Kintore	Junior Warden
C. F. Matier	Master Overseer
Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke	Senior Overseer
Lord Arthur Hill	Junior Overseer
Rev. R. F. Sanderson	Chaplain
Frederick Davison	Treasurer
Frederick Binckes	Secretary
Donald M. Dewar	Registrar of Marks
Robert Berridge	Senior Deacon
William Roebuck	Junior Deacon
Alfred Williams	Director of Cer.
Wilhelm Ganz	Organist
Thomas Cubitt	Inner Guard
R. Paulton Spice	Steward
C. H. Driver	"
C. T. Speight	Tyler

The only business transacted by the new Lodge was the election of His Royal Highness the Consecrating Officer, and several Past Grand Masters as honorary members, and twenty-eight proposals for joining having been given, the Lodge was closed.

On the resumption of Grand Lodge, His Royal Highness retired, having to catch an early train, and his departure was marked by much enthusiasm. Brother His Highness the Rajah Rampal Singh was introduced to Grand Lodge and took his position on the dais. An application for a Provincial Lodge for Nottinghamshire was received, and an invitation to hold a Moveable Grand Lodge at Nottingham given Brother Woodall, Prov. G.M. of N. and E. York, on behalf of his Province, also invited the Grand Mark Lodge to hold a Moveable Grand Lodge at York, under the banner of the York Lodge. After apologies for absence had been read by the Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

The banquet that followed this long afternoon's work was very largely attended, a difficulty being found in securing accommodation for all who desired to be present. It was exceedingly well served, and the menu gave entire satisfaction. After grace had been sung by the choir above named, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master, Lord Henniker. In response to the toast drank in his own honour, the Most Worshipful G.M.M. acknowledged the kindness with which he was at all times received by the members of the Order, in behalf of which time and distance had not prevented his attendance when absolutely necessary. It was a great pleasure to him to be able to record so satisfactory a progress as the Order is now making. It appeared as though more and more vigour were infused into it day after day. The proceedings which had just taken place were of a most gratifying description, and placed the position and influence of the Order beyond all doubt or fear of diminution. He could not omit to offer a meed of praise to all his Officers, and especially to those of the executive, as Bros. Binckes, Dewar, and others, who had made his exalted office so light and pleasurable to himself. For the toast of the M.W. Past Grand Masters, the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., responded, and to many of the older Mark Masons present it was good to hear that worthy brother again addressing them. He referred to a period of repose during which his armour had been unbuckled, although the cause of Mark Masonry had not been forgotten. Now, as the "trumpet to the war horse," was the call to assist in the proceedings of this day, and again he buckled on his armour. It was, indeed, a great plasure to him to be present to note such great progress, and he could not do otherwise than in this moment of success, refer to those who had helped towards it in the past. He paid a tribute of great respect to, and admiration for, the Most Worshipful the Rev. Canon Portal, whose earnest services and zealous labour had so consolidated the Order, and he could not forget many indefatigable brethren who had worked for the best interests of the degree, when it had all its difficulties to encounter. After a brief reference to the elision of the Mark degree from the ceremonies of "pure and simple" Masonry as a great mistake of the past, Bro. Beach terminated a brilliant speech by congratulating the rulers and members of Mark Masonry on its ability to stand alone, as a worthy and important part of true Freemasonry. Amongst the other principal toasts was that of Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund, proposed by Bro. the Rev. W. Randall Grand Chaplain in a very effective speech, in the course of which the speaker took up the key note of Bro. Beach's remarks as to the connection of Mark Masonry with the Craft, and supported the views so frequently expressed that in the Mark degree only is to be found that which connects Speculative with Operative Freemasonry. He pointed out what had been done by Mark Masons for Charity even in their least prosperous years, and was glad to think that now fortune had attended their efforts, such Charity was readily increased. With the toast he coupled the name of Bro. Binckes, whose response was as effective as any of its many predecessors in relation to the same subject. To the last toast, that of the Visitors, his Highness the Rajah Rampal Sing replied in very tolerable English, although the speaker offered as an apology that it was not his mother tongue. His Highness stated his great love for Freemasonry, than which he thought nothing could better combine the nations of England and India. It was his pride and boast to be one of the Order of Mark Masons, and as far as in him lay, it would be always his endeavour to instil the principles of the Craft whenever opportunity afforded. The Rajah's remarks were received with much applause. This terminated the evening's proceedings, and the large party broke up, well satisfied with both labour and refreshment.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE Fourth Quarterly Communication for the year 1882 was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, when there were about 600 present. The Earl of Limerick presided, Lord Carrington acted as Grand S.W., and Bro. Victor A. Williamson as Grand J.W. There were a large number of eminent Masons present, including, among others, Bros. Beach, M.P., General Brownrigg, Le Gendre Starkie, Sir Albert Wood, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke; Bros. Sampson Peirce, Sandeman, Col. Creaton, Nunn President of the Lodge of Benevolence; and Bro. Rucker President of the Colonial Board. Bro. Raymond Thrupp nominated H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, which was received with great applause. The President announced that the Grand Master had appointed Brother Joshua Nunn to be the President of the Lodge of Benevolence, and Brother James Brett was elected Senior Vice President, Brother Charles Atkins was elected Junior Vice President, and the following twelve Past Masters were elected to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence: Bros. Britten, Collier, Cull, Dairey, Garrod, Hogard, Klenck, Mann, Matthews, Perryman, Stephens, and Storr. The result of the presentation of the report of the Colonial Board was, that four Lodges which had been inoperative for many years were ordered to be struck off the Register of Grand Lodge, namely 1068 and 1156, Cairo; 1154, Alexandria; and 1419, Ramlah. The Lodge of Benevolence recommended eighteen grants of from £50 to £100, for confirmation by Grand Lodge, and after some explanations had been demanded and given about some among them, they were all agreed to. Of these grants six only were to brethren (or widows of brethren) of London Lodges, while twelve came from the Provinces, There were four grants of £100, all upon petitions from the Provinces The whole amount of the votes so confirmed was £1100. The Report of the Board of General Purposes referred to the irregular conduct of a Provincial Lodge in having raised a Fellow Craft within a period of thirteen days from the time of his being passed to the second degree, and it appeared that the Board had ordered that the degeee so irregularly granted should be cancelled, and that the brother should be obligated in the third degree before being registered as a M.M. It appeared from the report that the balance at the credit of the Grand Lodge accounts on the 17th November, when the Finance Committee last met, was £4187 12s 4d. Three appeals were considered. The first came from Brisbane, against the ruling of the District Grand Master, that a Lodge of Instruction can only be held in the same building as the Lodge under whose warrant it works, and the appeal was allowed on the ground that the identical *locus in quo*, though desirable, was not prescribed by the Book of Constitutions: but it was stated that there was at present a proposal to amend the Book of Constitutions in that particular. The second appeal came from Jamaica, and was against the ruling of the Deputy District Grand Master, allowing an alteration in a Lodge's by-laws, although the alteration in question had not been submitted for the approval of the Deputy District Grand Master. This appeal was dismissed, Grand Lodge concurring with the view of the Deputy District Grand Master that the alteration was not material within the meaning of Article 5. The third appeal was from a brother at Plymouth, against the decision of the Prov. G. Master for Devonshire, refusing to call for information upon which a brother had opposed the election of the appellant as Provincial Grand Treasurer. This appeal was dismissed. Upon Bro. Clabon's motion to raise the quarterages payable to Grand Lodge from 4s to 6s from Metropolitan, and from 2s to 3s from Provincial brethren, so as to increase the income of the Lodge of Benevolence, and enable them to continue the present liberal grants in aid, there was a long discussion. The opposition to the increase came entirely from the Provinces, which were strongly represented, and although Bro. Clabon, in his reply to the objections raised pointed to the fact above referred to, that two-thirds of the grants just voted were to provincial brethren or their widows, the motion was lost; the numbers being 182 for the motion, and 186 against it. Bro. Clabon then asked permission to withdraw the second motion of which he had given notice, that no part of the capital should be sold without the express order of a Grand Lodge, but this was opposed, and was only granted upon being put to the vote. Bro. Budden's motion that Grand Lodge should endow two Scholarships in the Royal College of Music was negatived. The President ruled that Bro. James Stevens' motion that the radius of the London district, which is now a distance of ten miles from Freemasons' Hall, should be reduced to a distance of four miles, was out of order. The proper course, he said, would have been to propose an alteration in the Book of Constitutions; otherwise they must have a resolution on the minutes at variance with the Book of Constitutions. This was an abstract resolution, which, if carried, would have to be followed by an operative resolution. The matter was therefore not proceeded with, and Grand Lodge was closed at ten o'clock.

CITY OF LONDON ORCHESTRAL UNION.

THE Concert given by this Musical Society on the evening of Wednesday, 29th ultimo, was one of the most successful we have attended, and we heartily congratulate Brother G. T. H. Seddon, the conductor, on the result achieved. The Union was established in June 1867, and in the course of its existence it has sent into the ranks of the musical profession many artists who have made their mark. We scarcely know a similar society where members have so steadily and persistently worked together, or where a more harmonious feeling has existed. The programme of the evening under notice comprised the following items: — PART I. — Overture, "Cosi fan tutte, Mozart; Larghetto, "Symphony No. 2," Beethoven; Ballet Music, "Faust," Gounod—No. 2 Adagio, No. 3 Allegretto, No. 4 Moderato; Grand Selection, "La Grande Duchesse," Offenbach, with Solos for flute, piccolo, oboe, clarionet, horn, cornet, trombone, and euphonium, by Messrs. Toussaint, Fisher, Shuckard, Hunter, Johnson, Pringuer, Herring, and Oxenham. PART II.—Overture, "Martha," Flotow, Horn Obligato, Mr. Johnson; Grand Selection, "Cinq Mars," Gounod, with Solos for flute, piccolo, oboes, clarionet, horns, cornet, and euphonium, by Messrs. Toussaint, Fisher, Shuckard, Coldwell, Hunter, Johnson, Jones, Pringuer, and Oxenham; Danse Romanesca (in F) Muscat; Fest Marsch, "Tannhauser," Wagner. The most successful of the numbers was unquestionably the "Ballet Music," Faust; but during the evening Gounod was in the ascendant; —the execution of the several solos in the Grand Selection, "Cinq Mars," evidenced great care had been paid to the rehearsals. During the evening Madame Clara West sang two or three songs, as likewise did Mr. R. Emslie. Miss Lottie West, whose name was in the programme, was prevented from attending through indisposition. In conclusion we may state that the Society meets every Wednesday evening throughout the year, at the Albion Hall, London Wall, and that any amateur who is desirous of joining may learn all particulars from the conductor (Bro. G. T. H. Seddon), or the librarian (Mr. G. H. Hillman).

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The regular meeting of the Doric Lodge, No. 316, G.R. Canada, was held on the 17th November, at the Masonic Hall, Toronto. The following were elected Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Pearson W.M., Ritchie jun. S.W., Gilbert J.W., Collins Treasurer, Adlard Secretary, Rev. Dr. Wild Chaplain, Cowan Rep. on Hall Board.

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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 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, 9th DECEMBER.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phœnix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall W.C.
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

MONDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel,
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
967—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
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 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-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)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
R.A. 22—Mount Sion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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)
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
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1438—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—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
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

TUESDAY, 12th DECEMBER.

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
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-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
854—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)
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)
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)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1665—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.)
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 185—Jernsalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

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 Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
606—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Inst.)
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
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
1485—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R A 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
R.A. 183—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
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. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 13th DECEMBER.

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
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
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, Belham, 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)
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., 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.)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.C.—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
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, Ryker, 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—Llandiloes, Trewythen Arms, Llandiloes
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
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 14th DECEMBER.

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.

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485—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
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
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6 30. (Instruction)
902—Burgovne, 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.)
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
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.)
1706—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
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.
203—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
788—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington
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.
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. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.

FRIDAY, 15th DECEMBER.

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)
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)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
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
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
1383—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
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon

SATURDAY, 16th DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 165 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

THE installation meeting of this excellent working and flourishing Lodge was held on the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Café Royal, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. J. Waugh W.M., J. A. Hammond P.M. 1765 S.W., Eastgate J.W., J. E. Shand P.M. Treasurer, E. J. Scott P.M. Secretary, G. F. Jones S.D., Lee J.D., W. C. Smith I.G., P.M.'s B. H. Swallow P.P.G.D. Middlesex, E. White, J. Hill Steward, and a numerous assemblage of members, with the following Visitors:—G. P. Festa W.M. 1900, E. W. Pike 1900, Bianchi Maclean 177, J. Mason P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, Collector R.M.B.I., W. J. Ferguson 177, Gore 1692, Biddlecombe 1765, Hopgood 1765, H. Tinney 1819, Hammond 1765, Crossley 1558, Smithers 1558, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, W. Carrington W.M. 1314, W. Stark 1765, Baker 1641, Goffin 1571, Rev. Bonavia Hunt W.M. 1765, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Vincent Benoist, Lodge des Desmophiles, Tours, France, was elected a joining member. Messrs. Paul Antoine and D. Wilson were balloted for and initiated into the Order. Bro. Pike 1900 was, by the courtesy of the W.M., passed to the second degree. Bros. Bott and Ashby were raised to the third degree; all the ceremonies were perfectly rendered by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. J. A. Hammond P.M. S.W. W.M. elect, was presented to the Lodge, and, in the presence of fifteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s, was duly inducted into the chair by the retiring W.M. Bro. Waugh, who was warmly congratulated on the conclusion of the ceremony by the brethren and visitors for the ability he had displayed. Bro. White P.M. efficiently acted as M.C., and Bro. Biddlecombe as Organist. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted in ancient form, and he then appointed and invested his Officers. Bros. J. Waugh I.P.M., Eastgate S.W., Jones J.W., J. E. Shand P.M. Treas., E. J. Scott P.M. Secretary, H. S. Lea S.D., W. C. Smith J.D., Hill I.G., James M.C., B. H. Swallow P.M. W.S., Cox Asst. W.S., Potter Tyler. The approbation expressed denoted unmistakably that the W.M. had made a good selection. The report of the Audit Committee, and that as to the Benevolent Fund, were read and adopted; both denoted the Lodge was in a flourishing condition. Bro. J. E. Shand P.M., having accepted the office of Steward for the next annual Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, Bro. White P.M. made, and Bro. E. J. Scott seconded, a proposition that the sum of £10 10s be placed on his list from the General Fund of the Lodge. Bro. Festa W.M. 1900 thanked the I.P.M. for his kindness in passing Bro. Pike (a member of Lodge 1900) to the second degree. Hearty good wishes were given by the numerous Visitors, and then Lodge was closed, until the fourth Thursday in February. The brethren, sixty-two in number, sat down to a very sumptuous and récherché banquet, provided by Bro. Nicols and superintended by Bro. Eugene De la Coste. The repast gave unqualified satisfaction. Grace having been sung, the W.M. said, if he could not give them a flow of wit and long speeches, he would give them something to compensate for it in the shape of some music. He hoped this would be to their satisfaction He then proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, and Bro. H. Tinney delighted the brethren with a solo on the piano—Se J'Etais Roi. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. This was followed by the toasts of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Worshipful the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers. Bro. Waugh said it was with great pleasure he now took the gavel, as I.P.M., to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. They all appreciated Bro. Hammond, so he need not expatiate on his excellent qualifications. They had seen his working, and approved his able presidency; he hoped they would drink the toast with that amount of enthusiasm it so well deserved. Bro. Hammond was one worthy of their esteem. Bro. Martin here sang "My sweetheart when a boy." The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he was gratified to hear such pleasant remarks. He had passed the chair in another Lodge, and his energies and best services would be at their command in every respect. He might urge it was with a great amount of gratification he had arrived at his present proud position. The next toast was a very important one—the Initiates; no Lodge can do without Initiates, and the latter would find, that in joining the Order they had taken a step they would never regret. He felt the members they had introduced that night would be a credit to the Craft. The W.M. here, by desire, gave the E.A. song. Bro. Wilson, in replying, thanked Bros. Cox and Holmes for his introduction into the Lodge; he hoped eventually to arrive at a position in it equal to that the W.M. now filled. Bro. Antoine also briefly responded. The toast of the Visitors was next brought under notice; the members were all pleased to see them. Personally he (the W.M.) must say he thanked the members of the Trinity College Lodge for being present; their W.M. (Bro. Hunt) especially; also Bro. Tinney, and the musical brethren who had contributed to the harmony. They also had Bro. Mason, who was connected with one of the Masonic Charities. He would have given him a separate toast, only time was on the wing. Bro. Stark here delighted the brethren with a pianoforte solo. Bro. Festa W.M. 1900 responded; he thanked the Worshipful Master, now the I.P.M., for having so excellently passed Bro. Pike, who was a member of his (Bro. Festa's) Lodge. Bro. Bolivia Hunt followed; as also did Bros. Madden, Carrington, and Mason, the latter speaking at some length on the Institutions. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 also added a few words. In speaking of the P.M.'s, the W.M. said they were getting numerous. Their working was well known, and it was an especial pleasure to see how ably the I.P.M. had performed the installation ceremony; he had much gratification in placing on his breast the handsome jewel voted by the brethren of the Lodge for the manner he had performed the duties during his year of office. He would call on Bro. Waugh to respond to the toast. Bro. Waugh said it was with no feeling of diffidence he had to thank them; they had responded to his appeal to assist him, and this had enabled him to carry out the duties of his office; it was not for the intrinsic value of the jewel he prized it; the way it was presented would ever be appreciated by him. Bro. Swallow followed; this Lodge was seven years old; he, when W.M., had introduced twenty-one gentlemen into the Order. The present W.M. was one of his children; he was proud of the Lodge, and of their W.M. Bro. White said he took into consideration the lateness of the hour; however, he esteemed it a very high honour to be present; it was especially gratifying to note the able manner in which the W.M. had carried out the duties of the chair. In speaking of the Treasurer and Secretary, the W.M. said they were brethren who may be taken as patterns by any Lodge. As regards the Treasurer, he might say the funds were

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in a satisfactory state. He regretted to say Bro. Scott had not been in very good health lately; however, all were pleased to see him there, and all wished him better health. After Bros. Shand and Scott had responded, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Officers, and Bros. Cox and Smith replied. At a late hour of the evening, Bro. John Levy, 188, the talented artiste on the cornet, arrived, and the brethren experienced a musical treat rarely heard at similar gatherings. Bro. Levy played several solos, receiving great applause for his efforts. Bros. Tinney, Stedman, Plant Martin, Stark and Turner, during the evening, entertained the brethren with some excellent music.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—Held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., on 30th November. Bros. P.M.'s Lardner 1745 W.M., Davidson 299 S.W., Pennefather 299 J.W., Pinder Preceptor, Clark, Andrews, Legg, Sergeant, Rome, Stroud, Millington, Pringle, Franklin, Patrick, Clark, Wooley, Carter, Cleverley, Tartefield, Howes, Kent, Lawrence, Lane, Flack, Perkins, Probert, Collinson, Mote, Inman. Minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Fifteen Sections were worked. First Lecture—Bros. Patrick, Lawrence, Rose, Pennefather, Pringle, Davison, Pinder. Second Lecture—Bros. Perkins, Patrick, Lawrence, Pringle, Kent. Third Lecture—Bros. Perkins, Kent, Davidson. On the motion of Bro. Clark, seconded by Bro. Andrews, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Lardner for the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M., and put the questions for the Fifteen Sections, the same to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Lardner was also unanimously elected an honorary member, with full privileges. He suitably responded. On the motion of Bro. Pinder, seconded by Bro. Clark, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the brethren of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, for so readily accepting the invitation of this Lodge to work the Fifteen Sections, and for the able manner in which they had done so. Bro. Pennefather suitably responded. The following brethren were unanimously elected members:—Bros. Pennefather, Kent, Lawrence, Lane, Doerr, Flack, Perkins, Mote, Davidson, Probert, Collinson, Inman. The Secretary having announced that a banquet would take place on Thursday, 14th December, Lodge was closed and adjourned to Thursday, 7th of December. Nothing that could conduce to the comfort of the brethren was left undone by Bro. W. Sergeant, the proprietor.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—Meeting on Monday, 4th inst.—Present—Bros. Cotton W.M., Taplin S.W., Brooks J.W., Rowles S.D., Bailey J.D., Duffin I.G. and Tyler; also Phillips and Taylor. After the usual preliminaries, Brother Taylor, a candidate for raising, gave proof of his proficiency in the former degrees, and was entrusted. Lodge was then advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Taylor candidate. The W.M. read an article from the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, of 2nd December, entitled "What came you here to do?" which appeared originally in the Masonic Review. The article is an exceedingly well written one, and is full of suggestions as to the welfare of both Masons and Lodges, and will repay any brother for a careful perusal. Brother Taplin was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was then closed with the usual formalities, and adjourned until Monday next, the 11th inst.

Royal York Lodge of Instruction, No. 318.—There was a large gathering of the Freemasons of Brighton and the adjacent districts on Monday evening last, the 4th inst., under the auspices of the above Lodge of Instruction to hear Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. read his excellent lecture explanatory of the ritual and ceremonies of the first degree. The Lodge was opened shortly after seven o'clock by Bro. Gibson W.M. 315, and amongst the members of the Lodge present were Bros. Carpenter, Hanney, George Nash, Smith P.P.G.D., Lelew, Thacker, Kent, Nye S.D., Wood jun., Godfice, Deane, Beaumont, Styer, Paige, Anderson, Stride P.M., Fielders, Metherell, &c. And amongst the members were Bros. Norman 22 (London), Fitzgerald 36, Colborne 145, King 217, Wellington 207, Schofield 315, Clayton 341, Winleteshir 379, Legg 732, Walker 811, Knight 1446, Shackles 1511, Hornsen Prov. G.D. East Yorks, Tidmarsh 1636, Hollands 1797, Newton, Burfield, Thomson, Parsons and Tooth all of 1821, English and Gates of 1829, and several other brethren who failed to sign the Visitor's sheet. Immediately after the opening of the Lodge the W.M. introduced Bro. Stevens to the assembled brethren, and for a little more than two hours the lecturer kept his audience thoroughly interested, making his address the more attractive by an able recital of the several ceremonies in full, with most pertinent remarks on the numerous divergencies which have of late years crept into the Ritual. On the whole the hearers were in full accord with the remarks of the lecturer. On one or two points very interesting observations were made by intelligent brethren, which the result of enlightening the minds of many present, and enabling them to understand points and practices which they had not up to that time fully comprehended the importance of. At the conclusion of the lecture, Bro. Stevens was greeted with much applause, and the thanks of the Lodge of Instruction were cordially voted in slight acknowledgment of his services, the W.M. expressing his gratification to find that the working of Masonic ceremonial at Brighton agreed so nearly with that which had been set forth by the lecturer. He considered that he (the lecturer) should be heard far and wide, as many Lodges might then be able to correct existing fallacies; and by others, that their members might be confirmed, as in their own case, in the correctness of their mode of working. Bro. Stevens, in acknowledging the compliment, stated that the invite the Lodge had made, and the reception they had accorded him, were ample reward for any service he had rendered, his object being to receive, and, as far as was in his power, to give, Masonic instruction. He should be prepared, on reasonable notice, to repeat his evening's work in any other Lodge, Provincial or Metropolitan. The Lodge was then closed, and a most agreeable and enthusiastic evening was terminated by a brief entertainment in the way of refreshment at the usual meeting room of the Lodge of Instruction, at Bro. Paige's, the Union Hotel, North-street.

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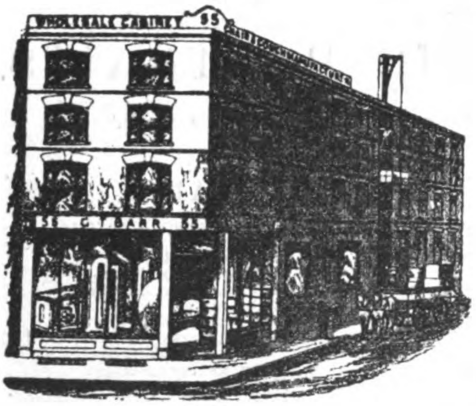

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THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

(Continued from page 387.)

THE next batch of Rules that demands our consideration is that which concerns the "Board of Benevolence," and with reference thereto we may remark, in the first place, that the marginal notes, with here and there an exception, do not contain the reference numbers to the existing Rules with which they severally correspond. The said numbers, however, are given in the Synopsis. Rule No. 120 is verbatim Art. 1, p 96—not Art. 1, p 26, as stated in the Synopsis. Existing Rule—Art. 2, p 96, is passed over under this head. It regulates the amounts to be paid to the Fund by the London and Provincial Lodges, and these amounts will be found in the General Register of Fees, at the end of the Proposed Edition. Rule No. 22 corresponds, almost word for word, with the first sentence of paragraph 1 of Art. 3, p 96—not Art. 1 as in the Synopsis. The marginal note should read—"Board of Benevolence. Of"—not "By"—"whom it consists." We note also that it is proposed to call it "Board" instead of "Lodge"—a point to be remembered by brethren who are sticklers for exactness. Rule No. 222 contains the "Disqualification" to which the Master of a Lodge is subject in certain circumstances, and is the same as Art. 4, p 99. Rule No. 223 is the opening sentence of the second paragraph of Art. 3, p 97, and the only trifling observation we have to offer is that, as Grand Lodge is a body, not a person, the words "shall be submitted to grand lodge in December, who shall elect" should be altered into "shall be submitted in December to grand Lodge, which shall elect." No. 224 corresponds with the second sentence of paragraph 1 of Art. 1, p 98, No. 225—"Disqualification for vice president"—with the last sentence; and No. 226 with the last sentence but one of the second paragraph, and No. 227 with the last sentence of the first paragraph of the same article. Nos. 228, 229, and 230 correspond with the several parts comprised in the third paragraph of this article, but are arranged in a different order. This subdivision of one long article of three paragraphs into some eight or nine separate rules is unquestionably an improvement.

Rules Nos. 231, 232, and 233 compare with Art. 5, pp 99, 100. As regards the first of these, the words in the existing law, "have been registered in the books of the grand lodge," are properly omitted, the requirement of registration having already been provided for in the opening words, "No mason registered."

No. 232 is much more compactly worded than the part of the existing law with which it corresponds, as will be seen from a comparison of the two.

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"232. Secretaries who by the Bye-laws of their Lodges are exempted from the payment of subscription, shall be considered in all respects as regular subscribing members of their Lodges, their services being equivalent to subscription; provided their dues to the grand lodge have been duly paid."	5 (pp 99, 100). "Secretaries who are by their Lodges exempted from the payment of subscription, shall not thereby be disqualified from obtaining assistance from the fund of benevolence, but shall be considered as subscribing members of their lodges, their services being equivalent to subscription: provided their dues to the grand lodge have been duly paid."

We would avoid the unpleasant jingle of "dues" and "duly" in the last clause by the omission of the latter, and we may remark also that in all previous rules the word "Bye-laws" is spelt "By-laws." It is as well to be consistent even in trifles.

No. 234 is Art. 6, p 100. Nos. 235, 236, and 237, concerning the relief of widows and children, correspond with Art. 7, pp 100, 101, only No. 236 is an enlargement of the clause relating to certificates, or, rather, it embodies also Art. 11, p 103.

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"236. Before the petition of a widow or child shall be taken into consideration, the grand lodge or other masonic certificate of the deceased brother, and those of his marriage and death, or burial, and in the cases of children, of their births or baptisms, shall be deposited with the grand secretary. In the case of loss of any of the above-named certificates, or impossibility to procure them, the Board may, nevertheless, grant relief if such loss or impossibility be proved, and the facts otherwise established to the satisfaction of the Board."	7. (pp 100, 101). —"provided the marriage certificate and other proper certificates and testimonials be produced." 11 (p 103). "Before the petition of the widow or children shall be taken into consideration, the grand lodge or other masonic certificate of the deceased brother shall be deposited with the grand secretary, unless it shall be satisfactorily proved that it has been lost."

No. 238 is Art. 8, p 101, with some trifling alterations. Thus, "in the case of foreign brethren," the words "exceeding three pounds" are altered to "exceeding five pounds," and it is to be understood that such assistance "is intended to assist them," not only "to return to their native land," but, if they prefer it, or in the case of settlers in some colony, "to any country in which they have been established or have friends." Sickness of course is an exception from this understanding in both rules.

Nos. 239, 240, and 241—relating to the "Form of petition," "Recommendation of a petition," and the "Form of recommendation," respectively—are the same with Articles 9, p 101; 10 (first paragraph), p 102; and part of 17, p 105; while No. 242—"Petitioners to be visited"—is the second paragraph of Art. 10, p 102, and the concluding section of Art. 17, p 106, and compares advantageously with the existing Rules.

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"242. A visit shall be paid to every applicant by the master or some member of the lodge, or some other brother, who shall, in writing, on a form to be from time to time settled by the president and vice-presidents of the board of benevolence, and the grand secretary, certify to the best of his information and belief to the actual condition of the applicant, his age, profession or calling, means of subsistence, what aid he receives from his family, his	10 (p 102). "A visit shall be paid to every applicant by the master or some member of the lodge, or some other brother, who shall certify in writing the result of his inquiries; and in addition, in all town cases, the brother giving the certificate, or some other brother who has visited the case, shall attend the lodge of benevolence, on the consideration of the petition." 17 (p 106). . . . *Certificate to be sent with*

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future prospects, the position he has held in the Craft, and any matter that may guide the board in adjusting the distribution of relief from its funds. The application of widows or children to be accompanied with a like certificate so far as practicable, with the probable disposal of the funds if relieved. Every brother certifying shall also state that he is not aware of any circumstances disentitling the applicant to relief, or which ought to be disclosed to the board of benevolence before it deals with the application. In all London cases the brother giving the certificate, or some other brother who has visited the case, shall attend the board of benevolence on the consideration of the petition.

N.B. — Masters of lodges or visiting brethren are earnestly requested to forward the fullest particulars of each case, to enable the board to relieve applicants to the utmost extent of its means."

every application for relief from the Lodge of Benevolence.

The master or visiting brother of any lodge recommending a case for relief at the lodge of benevolence shall, to the best of his information and belief, certify in writing, to the actual condition of the applicant, his age, profession or calling, means of subsistence, what aid he receives from his family, his future prospects, the position he has held in the craft, and any matter that may guide the lodge of benevolence in adjusting the distribution of relief from its funds. The application of widows or children to be accompanied with a like certificate so far as practicable, with the probable disposal of the funds if relieved,"

The "N.B.," in italics, is common to both proposed and present Rules, and has therefore been reproduced under the former only.

Nos. 243—"Time of presenting petition;" 244—"Petitioner to attend. Exceptions;" and 245—"Second applications"—correspond exactly with Articles 12, 13, and 14, p 103; and No. 246, "Sums which may be given," is Art. 15, pp 103, 104, the word "lodge," where necessary, being in these and all cases replaced by "board."

The four remaining rules, namely, No. 247—"Extraordinary cases;" No. 248—"Votes requiring the confirmation of the board;" No. 249—"Exceptional grants;" and No. 250—"The laws to be read in January"—as they embody the present Regulations of Grand Lodge, and go no further, require no comment.

Rules Nos. 251 to 278, both inclusive, relate to the Board of General Purposes. There is in them a considerable re-arrangement of the existing Rules, but the alterations are few and comparatively immaterial. We note, however, an entire absence from the marginal notes of the reference numbers to the existing Rules, though they are contained in the Synopsis. Nos. 251-254 correspond with Art. 1, p 107, the word "appointed," with reference to the President and ten of the twenty-four members, being substituted for "nominated." No. 255 agrees with Art. 2, p 107, but for the words, "and for that purpose the names of the several brethren intended to be put in nomination are to be delivered in writing," we have the following: "and for that purpose the names of the several brethren put in nomination, together with the names and numbers of their lodges, and whether at the time of such nomination they are masters or past masters, and in the case of a master, the date of his installation, are to be delivered in writing," while the said names "shall be printed alphabetically," instead of "may be printed" in a list, &c. In No. 256, which corresponds with Article 3, page 108, the number of "scrutineers" to be respectively elected and nominated is in each case "eight" instead of "four," but we are at a loss to understand why the sentence, "These scrutineers" should not read "These sixteen scrutineers" unless the Revision Committee is afraid to commit itself to the simple addition of eight to eight. No. 257 corresponds with Art. 5, p 109, and No. 258 with Art. 4, p 108. In the case of the latter proposed Rule, we would suggest, as preferable from a grammatical point of view, that for "the vacancy shall be filled up. If one appointed by the grand master, then by the grand master; and if one elected by the grand lodge then by the grand lodge at the next quarterly communication," we should read "the vacancy shall be filled up;—if of one appointed by the grand master, then by the grand master, but if of one elected by the grand lodge, then by the grand lodge," &c. Nos. 259, corresponding with Art. 6, p 108, and 260, corresponding with Art. 7 on same page, as to the "Meetings" and "Quorum" respectively, require no comment. No. 261—"Power to inspect the grand lodge books, &c."—is Art. 9, p 110 reproduced, and the same remark applies to No. 262—"Care of building, &c."—present Art. 19, p 112; No. 263—"May originate improvements"—present Art. 21, p 113; No. 264—"Care of the correspondence of the grand lodge"—present Art. 20, p 113; No. 265—"Charge of the finances"—present Art. 10, p 110; and No. 266—"Quarterly accounts"—present Art. 11, p 110. In No. 267, which relates to the "Audit" of accounts, and corresponds with Art. 12, p 111, the clause, "and shall, at the quarterly communication in March, state the amount of receipts and expenditure under their respective heads," is altered into "and shall, at the quarterly communication in March, state the amount of expenditure," &c. We see no valid reason for the exclusion of the "receipts" from the operation of the proposed rule, especially as we are told later on that its object is "to give the grand lodge full information respecting the receipt and application of its funds." Doubtless the omission is the result of an oversight. No. 268 is Art. 13, p 111, and Nos. 269 and 270 together correspond with Art. 8, p 109. No. 271, "To summon lodges and brethren," is the same as Art. 14, p 111; No. 272, "When to be in masonic clothing," as Art. 16, p 112; No. 273, "Mode of Procedure," as Art. 17, p 112; No. 274, "Complaints affecting members," as Art. 18, p 112; and No. 275, "Communications to the Board," as Art. 15, p 112. Nos. 276, "Communications from the Board;" 277, "Precedence of business," and 278, "Minutes," are textually reproductions of Articles 22, 23, and 24, pp 113, 114 respectively.

As regards the six Rules—Nos. 279-284—which affect the Colonial Board, its constitution and functions, they correspond in all material respects with Articles 1 to 6 at pp 114, 115.

What remains of the Revised Book is grouped under the two heads of "Regalia, Clothing, Insignia, and Jewels," and "Fees and Contributions." On these we have nothing particular to remark. We do not understand why such a formidable array of words as "Regalia," &c., should be used, when two of them certainly will suffice. Further, there is a rule at the end of the same section, after particulars have been given as to the "aprons" to be worn, which is to the following effect: "In addition to the foregoing, grand officers and past grand officers wear garter-blue silk gauntlets with the emblems of their respective offices or past offices embroidered in gold. The same rule applies to provincial and past provincial grand officers. In private lodges gauntlets of light blue silk with silver embroidery may be worn by the officers."

We shall close our lengthened commentary by offering one further remark, namely, that all such words and terms as "Officers," "Lodges," Grand Officers," "Grand Wardens," "Provincial Grand Masters," "Masters," "Secretaries," &c. &c. &c. should uniformly be printed with capital letters. No rule appears to have been followed hitherto but the whim or caprice of the Revision Committee or their copyist, "Grand Master," "Grand Lodge," "Grand Secretary," &c. sometimes figuring with capitals and sometimes with small letters. As they are "proper names," they ought to appear with the former.

We regret, with reference to the letter we published last week, from Bro. Lawton, that our comments on the said Rule have not secured his favourable opinion, more especially as he appears to confine his criticism to the wording of the proposed and present Rules; for this we are not responsible. Nor can we congratulate him on his criticism, which is directed principally against the literal interpretation of the said Rules, and not against their spirit, which is manifest. There is not the slightest objection, in our opinion, to the first clause of the proposed Rule, "Every Lodge must receive as a member, without further proposition or ballot, any brother initiated therein." Membership does not, as a matter of course, follow initiation in a Lodge, for a candidate may be initiated in one Lodge and received into the membership of another. As far as our opinion goes, the language of both Rules, subject to what we said a fortnight back, is unobjectionable. A brother having been initiated in a Lodge, has the right to claim membership thereof, but he need not exercise such right. If he wishes to join another Lodge, he must make a statement to that effect "on or before the day of his initiation." but because the law lays this down, it does not constitute him a brother before he has become one by actual initiation. The law in fact, speaks in general terms, and, to a certain extent, necessarily, in the past tense, nor, as far as we can see, is there the slightest possibility of any one being misled by the language it employs.

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The Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their monthly meeting on Thursday, when Colonel Creaton occupied the chair. The following brethren were also present—Bros. James Willing jun., C. G. Dilley, J. Culmer, C. A. Cottebrune, George Snow, James Brett, James Kench, F. J. Murlis, W. H. Goodall, William Stephens, J. A. Farnfield, J. Newton, J. M Case, Raynham W. Stewart, W. Hilton, L. R. Gallant, G. L. Moore, J. J. Berry, C. H. Webb, Julius Quitmann, Jabez Hogg, Thomas Cubitt, E. C. Massey. The death of one annuitant was reported to have taken place since last meeting. The deceased had received from the Institution, in the aggregate, a sum of £295. The Warden's Report was presented, from which it appeared that Messrs. Chatto and Windus, publishers, had forwarded to the Institution a parcel of books. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for several small sums, including one for £20 towards the expenses of the annual entertainment given to the inmates of the Institution on New Year's Day. The widow of the above-mentioned deceased annuitant applied for a grant of one-half of her late husband's annuity, and the papers being in order, the application was granted. The Secretary reported that two Festival Stewards—1881 and 1882 respectively—had not paid over the money they had collected, with the exception of a small sum, and the Committee decided that unless the money was paid within fourteen days, the matter should be reported to the Lodge of General Purposes. Bro. Dilly, who had given notice that he would at this meeting move for the grant of a gratuity of £10 to the widow who was at a previous meeting fonnd ineligible, according to the Bye-laws, to receive the grant of half her late husband's annuity, for which she had applied, on rising to speak to his motion, said his attention had been that evening called to some remarks made upon the subject in the *Evening News*, in which the reporter had pointed out that the Institution was the dispenser of Annuity Funds, and was not a Board of Benevolence, which he (Bro. Dilly) considered was dictating to them in a manner in which no reporter had a right to dictate to that Board. Bro. Dilly said that since giving his notice—and quite uninfluenced by the paragraph in question—he had upon reflection felt he had no right to allow his pity to make him do that which he felt was wrong, and had therefore intended to withdraw his motion; but as this liberty had been taken with the Board, he would move that the £10 be paid. Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg thought it was a pity that the subject had been brought forward in such a spirit. He did not think there was anything wrong in the paragraph from the *Evening News* which Bro. Dilly had read, and as the motion was in order, it could be discussed upon its merits. A reporter was perfectly at liberty to offer a comment, pointing out that the case was a little out of the way, and required more consideration on that account. After the remarks that were made in Grand Lodge, he thought that the caution recommended in the paragraph was required, as the Board did need to act with a good deal more caution than they had previously done. He rather thought the remarks were not out of place, and that the Board was fairly open to them. The motion to grant the sum of £20 was put and carried. There were fourteen petitions, of which thirteen were approved. The other stood over for a medical examination, and report, which Dr. Hogg kindly offered to make.

The Committees of the Schools have requested us to state that Bro. Michael Mullen, of Bradford, the celebrated elocutionist, vocalist and humourist, has kindly consented to give his clever and pleasing Two Hours' Entertainment of Mirth, Music, and Mimicry, at the respective Institutions, on Monday and Tuesday Evenings, as a treat to the Pupils before the Christmas Vacation, when they cordially invite friends and supporters of the Institutions to attend. The entertainment on Monday Evening, 18th inst., will be given at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, S.W., where Miss Malora F. Goodridge will be the Pianist. On Tuesday evening Brother Muller will endeavour to amuse "Our Boys" and their friends, at the School at Wood Green, where Miss Agnes Edith Binckes has kindly consented to preside at the pianoforte. Bro. Michael Muller is unquestionably a most versatile artist, and doubtless on both of these occasions he will be greeted most cordially. The entertainment on each evening will commence at 6·30.

We have received a communication from a brother, whom, if it were possible, we should be very glad to oblige, in respect of the recent appeal of Bro. John James, P.M. of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 105, Plymouth, against a certain decision of the Provincial Grand Master of Devon in August last. We regret, in common with every one else, that there should have arisen any difference between members of the same Province, but we fail to see how the prolongation of the difference will in any wise make matters smoother. We greatly deprecate the public discussion of squabbles between brethren, especially when such public discussion is calculated to involve the Fraternity in ridicule. We are of the old school, and prefer that as little dirty linen—especially Masonic dirty linen—as possible should be washed in public.

Our worthy brother the present Lord Mayor has had his time pretty well occupied since his accession to office on the 9th ult. Leaving minor matters out of the question, we note that on the 4th inst. he took a prominent part in the opening of the Royal Courts of Justice. On the 12th inst. he had an even more conspicuous role to play, when the City of London School was formally opened by the Prince of Wales, and the day following he attended in state, with the Lady Mayoress, at the inauguration of the International Electric and Gas Exhibition at the Crystal Palace.

Thursday was the twenty-first anniversary of the death of the Prince Consort, and the fourth of his beloved daughter the Princess Alice. The solemn occasion was celebrated, as usual by the Queen and the members of her family by a memorial service in the Royal Mausoleum at Frogmore. The ladies and gentlemen of the Court were also present.

The *Evening News* states that G. Lodge Royal York of Friendship of Berlin is about to inaugurate next month a new hall, in which it will hold its meetings. It is a magnificent building, especially erected for that Lodge, which is the mother of forty-nine daughter Lodges in other parts of Germany. The outer front in the Dorotheenstrasse is a most imposing piece of architecture, although its general appearance, the more so in consequence of the garden in front of it, is that of a grand country mansion. There are on the ground-flour three large principal halls, namely, the large social hall, the arched temple or working hall, and the dining hall. The edifice has two entrances, one at its western corner leading to the offices, especially to the kitchen, and one at the eastern corner, namely, the principal entrance to the Lodge. Through the latter is an entrance into an ante-room, a kind of entrance hall, and thence to the vestibule, the arched roof of which is supported by four high pillars of coloured marble, the capital on which are corinthians bronzed in gold. To the left of this hall is the social hall, and the moment the curtain is removed is observed in front of the western wall the grand and mighty oil painting, representing the German Emperor life-size in General's uniform; not as Emperor, but as Prince of Prussia, in which capacity he assumed, on the 22nd of May 1840, after the Conference of the Association of Grand Masters in the Grand Lodge of Royal York, the protectorate of the Masonic Lodges in Prussia. The floor of the hall is parquetted, and the walls are divided into coloured panels. At the northern side of this hall a portal supported by marble pillars leads opposite an orchestra into the Lodge, the working hall, which is a most beautiful piece of architecture in the Alhambresque style, and its roof is formed of a cupola with a skylight. A grand organ is here erected. The dining hall is a very fine apartment, and its ceiling is richly ornamented in stucco.

A pleasant meeting of the West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, took place on Saturday last. Report shall appear next week.

Lodge St. John, No. 70, will hold its installation meeting at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on the day of St. John the Evangelist, 27th December. The brethren will afterwards dine at Bro. Watt's, Globe Hotel.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE, No. 1305.

THIS excellent working Lodge, many of the members of which are Past Masters of other Lodges; one member has been the recipient of Grand Honours in the G.L. of England; has for the past three years been located at the Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood, where the Lodge was consecrated. It has now, by the resolution of its members, removed to the Langham Hotel. This (Wednesday last) was the first occasion on which a Masonic Lodge had been held at the Langham, and although the accommodation was in every respect good, the brethren laboured under a disadvantage by not having the commodious rooms that will in future be alloted them. This Lodge has a Benevolent Fund attached, with a capital amounting to nearly £300. Every member pays 4s per annum; every initiate 20s, and joining members 5s. At the meeting we are about to chronicle, the W.M., Bro. Benjamin Phillips, who is a P.M. of No. 1563, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. White P.M. S.W., Mouflet J.W., Baker Secretary, Hill S.D, Halliday J.D., Baker I.G., Kent Organist, Smith M.C.; P.M.'s Draper, Fowler, Ashdown, Ashwell, Foxall P.G.P., Stringer, and a numerous attendance of the members and Visitors. Amongst the latter were J. Tustin P.M., H. Price 55, Higgins 1290, E. Mayo 1732, L. Binet P.M. 179, E. C. Birch 1223, Gardner 177, Fredericks 188, Bloomfield 1613, J. Soper W.M. 1769, Lucas P.M. 192, Gapp late of 21, Garnham 933, Davie Secretary 173, Hammond W.M. 1563, Arnett 365, J. Emanuel 15, Leach 861, Austin P.M. 753, Nicols 173, Captain Finch P.M. 173, Jewell late of 194, Ealey 1615, Andrews 35, Bilby 19, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c. The Lodge was opened, and then a peep at the agenda paper showed that a goodly amount of work was to be done. Bros. Saville and A. A. Skoeins were raised to the sublime degree. Ballots were taken for the admission into the Order of Messrs. C. Curtis, E. Barr, and H. Ashdown. Result in each case being satisfactory, these gentlemen were duly initiated by the W.M., whose perfect working of the ceremonies deserves especial praise. Bros. E. B. Cox 1503, Douglass 228, and Victor Tussaud (late of this Lodge) were unanimously elected joining members. A notice of motion was handed in by Bro. E. White S.W. to revise the By-Laws. A candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and then a vote of condolence was unanimously passed to the bereaved widow and family of the late Bro. Myers, who was a brother-in-law of the W.M. Lodge was then closed until the second Wednesday in February, and the brethren, 68 in number, sat down to an excellent banquet and dessert provided by Captain W. C. Gordon, the service superintended by Mr. Cooke. The repast gave unqualified satisfaction, and grace having been said, the W.M., who makes a capital President, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toast. The National Anthem was sung, by Miss Grace Godolphin. In proposing the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master, the W.M. said he was pleased to know that at the last meeting of Grand Lodge His Royal Highness was again re-elected. All Masons hope that he will be with them in his present capacity for many years. "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was then sung by Bro. Kift. The W.M. then proposed the health of the R.W. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M.; the Earl of Lathom D.G.M.; the brethren appreciated the honour of having a Brother a member of their Lodge who had been selected for Grand honours; he hoped to see Bro. Foxall among them for many years to come. He was one of the Founders of the Lodge, and was esteemed by all the members. Miss Grace Godolphin here sang—with great spirit—"The Kerry" Dancers," and well merited the applause she received. Bro. Foxall P.M. P.G.P., in reply, thanked the W.M. and the brethren for their reception of the toast. He then, in assuming the gavel, said it was a great privilege to have to propose the health of the W.M. Those who saw Bro. Phillips in the chair that evening could certify how ably he had discharged his duties, in initiating three brethren and raising two. His genial presidency, not only on this occasion, but on each one when he had occupied the chair, entitled him to respect. He would ask the brethren to give the toast especial honour. Brother Arthur Thomas sang, most artistically, "Forget and Forgive." The W.M. in replying thanked Brother Foxall for his kind expressions; he was pleased to be with them in the capacity of W.M. If he had done his duty to their satisfaction, it was a great pleasure to know it. This was his mother Lodge, and though they had hitherto been located at another establishment, for many years, he could not say they had been comfortable. They now for the first time, met in this large and influential Hotel, where he hoped they had been made comfortable. He was sure the worthy manager would do all he could to keep them with him for years. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates. Those brethren, he was sure, would become ornaments to the Craft. On this occasion also they had three joining members, who the brethren were proud to welcome. After a humourous song by Brother J. Kift, Bros. Curtis, Barr, and Ashdown severally responded. The toast of the Joining Members was next given; they were Bro. Victor Tussaud, late a member of the Lodge, and Bros. Cox and Douglass. The toast was responded to by the latter Brother, in a very excellent speech; he was followed by Brother Cox. The W.M. then proposed the Past Masters. They had present Bros. Foxall and Stringer, both of whom he was pleased to see. The latter when W.M. initiated him into the Order, he hoped to see him among them for many years to come. There also was Bro. Draper, no brother in the Craft is more respected than he; he is ever kind and genial. Next we come to Bro. Baker, the Secretary; all knew his work and capabilities. Then came Bros. Ashwell and Fowler, the latter had travelled from Ramsgate to be present at this especial meeting. Brother Stringer P.M. said that when he initiated the W.M. he had a lively recognition of prognosticating he would make a good and worthy Mason, and one day would occupy the chair. That had come to pass. He could frankly state their W.M. was an honour and a credit to them. Brother Fowler said he had travelled a long distance to be present on this inaugural night. He would come any distance if he felt he could be as comfortable as they were then; a very agreeable evening had been passed, and he hoped to be present on many similar occasions. Bro. Draper also addressed the brethren. The Wor. Master then proposed the toast of the Visitors, and Bro. Austin in responding said he was a very old attendant at their meetings; he reminded the brethren that the R.A. Chapter attached to the Lodge would be held at the Langham, on the second Wednesday in January. Brother Baker P.M. and Secretary is the M.E.Z. Brother Captain Finch P.M. 173, in a very eloquent speech followed. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary; he regretted the absence of the former brother, through a domestic affliction; Bro. Baker is a host in himself. No better Secretary could be found, nor one who has the interest of the Lodge more at heart. The duet, "No, Sir," was here sung, excellently, by Miss Grace Godolphin and Bro. Kift, and then Bro. Baker responded to the toast. He hoped that every success would attend the Lodge in their change of locality. The W.M. had that night initiated three gentlemen, while three members had joined; he regretted the cause that kept their worthy Treasurer away. Bro. Chaplin was one whom they all respected. The W.M. here said he was about to propose a toast somewhat out of ordinary course; that was the health of Dr. Spurgin, who although but a lay member, is one who has the interests of the Lodge at heart. It was to him, in conjunction with Bro. Baker, to whom they were indebted for the removal of the Lodge to its present quarters. The music which they had that night enjoyed was to be credited to him. After Bro. Dr. Spurgin had responded, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Officers. The S.W., Brother White, is one who knows his duties; he had passed the chair in an influential Lodge, and all hoped he would occupy the chair here. The J.W. and other Officers know their duties thoroughly, while Bro. Drake as W.S. is not only a liberal, but an economist. After a response from Bro. White, who said that after twelve years they had embarked on a new era; he hoped the Lodge would prosper. Bro. Mouflet J.W. followed, as did Bros. Halliday and Smith. Then the Tyler's toast was given. During the evening it was suggested that a ball, in connection with the Lodge, should take place at the Langham Hotel on the last Tuesday in January. A strong committee will be organised to carry this out.

NEW CONCORD LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 813.

THE members of this Lodge of Instruction celebrated their Annual Festival, at Bro. Baker's, the Cock Tavern, Highbury Corner, on Wednesday evening. This Lodge of Instruction holds its regular meetings at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate Road, N., but owing to other engagements the proprietor was unable to offer, on this occasion, the necessary accommodation. Hence the migration to Bro. Baker's. In the absence of Bro. Haslip, W.M. of the Mother Lodge, who was prevented from attending through indisposition, the chair was taken by Bro. T. J. Cusworth P.M., who was supported by Bros. Sampson George P.M. 813, Boulton Treasurer 813, Stillwell 813, Woodman S.D. 1950, R. P. Forge W.M. 1950, W. W. Morgan, Ashton, Chipperfield, Thompson, R. M. Jones, Marks, Weeden, Wolf, A. Perl (Treasurer), F. Perl (Secretary), Kalen, Bevan, A. Potter, W. Potter, Wicks, Dixie, Chubb, Sargent, Charles, Willcock, T. Jones, Moorhouse, Edell, Stevenson, Flack, Cotton, and several others. The repast was placed on the table by Bro. Baker with every attention to detail, and afforded the most unqualified satisfaction to all present. On the removal of the cloth the President gave the first toast—Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the best interests of the Craft. After the National Anthem, Bro. Cusworth introduced the second toast—Success to the Mother Lodge—with it was associated the name of Brother Sampson George P.M. After a song by Brother August Perl—capitally rendered—Bro. George replied: He was called on somewhat unexpectedly, in consequence of the absence of Brother Haslip—which all regretted—to respond to this toast. He felt assured the members of the Mother Lodge who were present would have preferred to have seen assembled around the festive board more of their number. However, those who had come were gratified at the success that had attended the gathering. He might be pardoned if he went out of his course somewhat to announce that the Mother Lodge was, financially and socially, in a very happy condition. The members fully appreciated the labours of the Lodge of Instruction, by whose exertions the Officers were enabled to perform their several duties in a perfect and satisfactory manner. This in the main was due to the zeal and energy displayed by the Preceptor, Bro. T. J. Cusworth P.M., who so ably conducted it. He would now call upon the brethren to join him in wishing continued prosperity to the Lodge of Instruction, and a long life, with happiness, to its Preceptor, Bro. Cusworth. In acknowledging the compliment, Bro. Cusworth, after thanking the brethren, stated that he had filled the office of Preceptor for more than fourteen years, during which time they had seen many changes. The Lodge of Instruction met every week, and all necessaries to make the working perfect were at the disposal of the brethren. The Lodge room was amply furnished, and any Craftsman who chose to pay a visit would be cordially welcomed, and he ventured to think would derive satisfaction and profit from the visit. He would conclude by heartily thanking them for the reception they had given to the toast introduced by Bro. George. The Visitors, was the next toast given by the President. There were several distinguished Masons present, and he trusted they would make themselves better acquainted with the members; doubtless many of them, on a future occasion, would join the Lodge of Instruction. With this toast he would associate the names of Bros. Edell, Charles, Jones and Moorhouse. After a song by Bro. Venning, the brethren whose names were mentioned in connection with the toast severally responded, each expressing himself gratified with the visit. After a Shakspe:rian selection, delivered by Bro. Morgan with his wonted vigour, the

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Treasurer and Secretary were complimented, and to this the Brothers Perl replied. Several other toasts were given. Bro. Morgan responded for the Press. Special recognition was vouchsafed Bro. Baker for his attention to the creature comforts of his guests. The evening throughout was essentially a harmonious one; song succeeded song in rapid succession. Among those who distinguished themselves, in addition to those already named, we must mention Bros. Woodman, Wicks, Wolf, Venning, &c. Bro. W. Wright, as usual, proved himself an able pianist, and received hearty applause for his performance of the March of the Turkish Patrol. Bro. Dixie contributed a capital recitation.

St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180.—The meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 12th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. Present—Bros. Fletcher W.M., Wade I.P.M., Stoner P.M. S.W., Baker J.W., Maxted S.D., Chester J.D., Denne I.G., Miles Treasurer, Parsons Secretary, Farwig P.M., and a goodly attendance of the brethren. Visitors—Bros. Baker I.P.M. Joppa, and Gibbs. Lodge was opened in due form, and after the minutes of previous meeting had been confirmed, Bro. Spence was examined and raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being most impressively rendered by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers. Lodge was resumed, when Mr. A. Paillard was initiated into the mysteries of the first degree. According to ancient custom, the brethren then proceeded to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. Baker was unanimously selected. Bro. Miles was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. P.M. Stoner Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund. Bro. I.P.M. Wade then proposed that a Past Master's jewel be voted to Bro. Fletcher W.M., from the funds of the Lodge, to mark the appreciation of the brethren of the very satisfactory manner in which Bro. Fletcher had presided over the Lodge during his year. Not only had he earned the good opinion of all by his administration in the Lodge, but also his presidency at the banquet table left nothing to be desired. The W.M., in a few chosen words, thanked the brethren most sincerely for the kindness shown him, more particularly this evening. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner, which was served to the satisfaction of all, bringing a very pleasant evening to a close.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—A regular meeting of this popular Lodge was held on the 4th instant, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bro. Myers W.M., Benjamin S.W., Martin S.W., Lyon Treasurer, Albert P.G.P. Secretary, Bean S.D., Botibol 'J.D., Walls I.G., Dewsnap M.C., Jaques Wynman Steward, Richard Baker I.P.M., P.M.'s Berkowitz, Hickman, Dodson, Levy, Alexander, Roberts, Abrahams, Alexander. Visitors—Bradshaw 405, Bathard 1287, Stunt 1641, Lyon 185, Fletcher W.M. 180, Siems 1502, Jennings. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The bye-laws were read by Bro. Baker. Bro. Lorie having answered the usual questions very satisfactorily, was raised to the third degree by the Worshipful Master. The election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months then took place, and Brother Benjamin was elected to fill that important position. Bro. Lyon was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Woodstock Tyler. Five brethren were elected on the Board of Management, eight on the Benevolent Fund, and two as Auditors. A distressed brother was relieved with the sum of 21s. Bro. Dodson announced that a new Lodge was about to be formed, and that he was to be nominated its first Master. It was proposed, seconded, and carried, that the petition be signed by the Lodge. Bro. Baker then proposed that a testimonial be presented to the W.M., on his retiring from the chair, for the able and efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties: and the sum of £5 5s was voted from the funds of the Lodge to form a nucleus for presenting him with a testimonial worthy his acceptance. This was carried unanimously. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to light refreshments. The W.M. presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Albert responded for the Grand Officers. The toast of the Benevolent Fund was responded to by Bro. Alexander, Past President. The W.M. then offered the toast of the W.M. elect. He was pleased to see Bro. Benjamin in that position, and wished him health and prosperity. Bro. Benjamin in reply said he felt the responsibility of the duties devolving upon him; he knew they were great, but he hoped to discharge them to their satisfaction. He might remind them that he was almost born in Freemasonry; many of his family had distinguished themselves, and had gained Provincial Grand honours in Lancashire. He sincerely thanked the brethren one and all. Bro. Baker said he rose for the last time in his present capacity. No words of his could enhance what he was about to say—that was that the brethren should drink to the health of the W.M. Bro. Myers was one who had ably and efficiently done his duty during the past year, and however enthusiastically this toast had been received hitherto, he hoped the brethren on this occasion would give it a hearty reception. The Worshipful Master in reply thanked Bro. Baker for his kind expressions; also the brethren for the way they had received the toast. He likewise had to thank Bro. Baker for his kind assistance; at the same time every Officer had done well; he heartily thanked them. The toast of the Visitors was next given; the W.M. gave them a hearty welcome. He assured them that though the Lodge was about to leave the Albion, they would be always pleased to see them in their new quarters, especially Bro. Jennings, who, with Bro. Bathard, he would call upon to respond to the toast. Bro. Jennings said that it was a well-known axiom, "'tis hard to part from those we love," and harder to die; but changes must take place. He regretted the Lodge was about to leave the Albion; he would take an early opportunity of visiting. He could assure them that a token presented him by the members of the Lodge would ever be valued by him. Bro. Bathard followed, as likewise did Bros. Bradshaw and Fletcher. The other toasts were the P.M.'s, the Treasurer and Secretary, the Wardens and Officers; and then the Tyler's was given. Altogether a very agreeable evening was passed. Bro. Baker gave an excellent recitation, while Bros. Dodson, Hicks, and Martin contributed to the harmony.

AIRE AND CALDER LODGE, No. 458.

THE annual installation of the W.M. of this Lodge took place on Friday afternoon, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Ouse-street, Goole. Bro. Ezra Gooderidge, the W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. Gardiner I.P.M., there being, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, a number of visitors from other towns in the district, including Leeds, York, and Howden. The W.M. elect afterwards invested the following Officers: —Bros. H. Wilson S.W., W. Brook J.W., R. Wright P.M. Treasurer, E. C. B. Tudor M.C., T. Raven Secretary, W. Everett S.D., E. J. Foster J.D., R. Dayson I.G., Dixon and Blasdale Stewards, Stevenson Organist, and Brother H. Handley Tyler. Brother Wilson Senior Warden was re-elected charity member. At the close of the ceremony Bro. M. Wright presented to the retiring Master a handsome jewel bearing the inscription: "Presented to Bro. H. T. Gardiner, by the brethren of No. 458, Aire and Calder Lodge, in appreciation of his services in the chair for two consecutive years. 8th. Dec. 1882." The annual banquet was held at the Sydney Hotel, where the W.M. elect presided, being supported by Bro. Anderton W.M. 630, St. Cuthberts, Howden, and the Past Masters and brethren of the Lodge, there being a larger attendance than for several years past.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—The anniversary banquet of this useful and progressive Lodge of Instruction was held on Friday evening, the 8th inst., at Bro. Grey's, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green-road, Shoreditch, under the presidency of Bro. R. W. Pearcy W.M. 1227. The company included Bros. P.M.'s Fenner, Andrews, Clark, Serjeant S.W., Gieseke J.W., Free Secretary, Stroud I.G., Sherwin Organist, Horley W.S., Pearson 458, Pratt, Amphlett, Oxley, Marks, Ford, Smith, Moss, R. Pringle, Grey, Wright, &c. Ample justice having been done to Bro. Grey's excellent catering, the customary loyal toast was duly honoured, and the healths of our Masonic Rulers were received with the utmost enthusiasm. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the evening—Success to the Upton Lodge of Instruction—said he was very happy to inform the brethren that it had met with much success during the past year. The total number of attendances had been 619, giving an average of sixteen per meeting, which they must regard as very satisfactory. They had a balance in hand of something like £9, after having given two guineas to Bro. Robinson's list, and one guinea towards the Old People's Christmas Entertainment. There was also an Association connected with the Lodge, which had likewise been a success, for they had been enabled at every monthly meeting to have a draw—at the last meeting there were two draws—and the result had been to contribute in the aggregate 130 guineas in one year to the Charities. He thought, therefore, they might fairly congratulate themselves upon the success which had attended their efforts; and he really did not know where the Charities would be were it not for the Lodges of Instruction. He could say, with perfect truth and confidence, that quite one-half, and perhaps two-thirds, of the amount subscribed to the Institutions was derived from the various Lodges of Instruction. Therefore it behoved one and all, who had Freemasonry at heart—and it was comprehended in the one word "charity"—to look after their Lodges of Instruction, and do their best to render them all the assistance that lay in their power. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Fenner. The toast having been received with hearty fire, Bro. Fenner said he thanked the brethren most heartily for the cordial reception they had accorded him. He was very proud to hear the announcement made by their W.M. and which he (the speaker) had heard for the first time, as to average number of brethren who had attended this Lodge of Instruction. It showed the Lodge had done a vast amount of good, and he trusted it would long continue in the same direction. Of course, a Lodge of Instruction was almost a nonentity without a head, and as they had kindly placed him in that position year after year, he had done the best he could to afford the brethren what instruction he could. Any influence he could bring to bear, however, would be unavailing without the assistance of every member of the Lodge in forwarding its interests, in binding together and uniting in attaining such instruction as should enable them to rise to any office to which they might be called in the mother Lodge. He thought Lodges of Instruction were, as Bro. Terry once said, "the real backbone of Freemasonry." There would be few competent Officers in any Lodge unless they attended the meetings for instruction. Those who attended for the first time felt very strange, and naturally nervous, but when they had been in the habit of attending they gained confidence, and were able to acquit themselves in any position they might be asked to fill in their mother Lodge, not only with satisfaction to themselves, but with honour to the Lodge. For many years he had had the support of the Upton Lodge, and this gave him great confidence and pleasure in doing what little service he could in the way of imparting instruction to others. He hoped to see this Lodge of Instruction go on and prosper in the future as it had done in the past, and that Freemasonry might flourish and become increasingly influential, not only in promoting feelings of reciprocity and good fellowship, but also in cementing together good men and true who might otherwise have remained apart and unknown to each other. He then proposed the health of their excellent W.M., who fulfilled that position with as much credit as any who had preceded him. That he had striven to do his best, as Master of the parent Lodge, no one could doubt who had watched Bro. Pearcy's Masonic career. They all knew it was a difficult position to be placed in the chair of a Lodge, and that it required all a man's judgment and tact to carry on the duties satisfactorily. Bro. Pearcy had done so with much credit, and it augured well for the future success of the Lodge when their W.M. took so active an interest in its affairs. He trusted Bro. Pearcy might have the cordial co-operation and assistance of the Officers and brethren in the discharge of his duties; if so, it would give him confidence and enable him to carry on the work in a manner which must conduce to the best interests of the Lodge. No man had Freemasonry more at

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heart than he had, as was evidenced by the support he gave to the Charities, and the way in which he did his work in Lodge, which was highly creditable and satisfactory to them all. The toast was heartily received, and Bro. Pearcy in acknowledging it, thanked Bro. Fenner for the too eulogistic terms in which he had brought his name before the company. It was quite true that he had Freemasonry very warmly at heart. When he joined it he did so with the intention of getting to the top of the tree; and as whatever was worth doing at all was worth doing well, he had endeavoured to discharge his duty to the utmost of his ability. In the same way, whatever honours a man wished to gain were worth working for. With that idea he asked some one to introduce him into a Lodge of Instruction, and as there happened to be none in his neighbourhood, a few friends of his agreed that they should found this Lodge. He believed he was the only remaining founder who now attended, and several of the other originators had passed away. They first met to the number of thirteen; they subscribed their money, and they had gone on with varied success, sometimes up and sometimes down. This year had certainly crowned their efforts with success, and he trusted they would grow in the future even better than they had done in the past. He then proposed in felicitous terms the health of the Visitors, for whom Bros. Amphlett and Sherwin suitably responded. The W.M. then gave the Masonic Charities, in doing which he said it was his privilege to be a member of the Board of Benevolence, though the privilege was often a painful one, when they had to listen to so many tales of poverty and distress. But though the applicants for relief were so numerous there was rarely an instance of any one being sent empty away. At the last meeting there were fifty-eight cases, and all were relieved with the exception of one, which would not bear investigation, and the total amount granted was £1,500. Seeing the immense amount of good done by the Charities they could not do better than to render them all the support available; and in no way could they do this better than by promoting to the uttermost of their power the Lodges of Instruction. Bro. Moss replied to the toast in a practical speech. Several others were proposed, including the Treasurer and Secretary, who suitably responded. During the evening some capital songs were sung, Bro. Sherwin rendering efficient aid as accompanyist on the pianoforte.

KINGSTON LODGE, No., 1010.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall Worship-street, Hull, Bro. B. S. Jacobs W.M. in the chair. The ordinary business of the Lodge having been transacted, Bro. Henry Forder J.W., the Worshipful Master elect, was presented to the installing Officer, Bro. B. S. Jacobs, for installation as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed, according to the ancient customs of the Craft. Bro. H. Forder, on taking the chair, appointed the following brethren to their respective offices:—Bros. Jacobs I.P.M., Seaton, C.E., S.W., Logan J.W., Rev. H. C. Casson, M.A., Chaplain, Mosely Lecture Master, Copland Treasurer, Sidman Sec., M. Grant-Dalton, C.E., S.D., Wellsted, C.E., J.D., Nicholson, M.D., Director of Ceremonies, Keyworth Almoner, Pyburn, M.D., Organist, Fullerton I.G, Firth and Sutton Stewards, Lambert Tyler. The banquet was subsequently held at the Royal Station Hotel. Bro. H. Forder occupied the chair, and was supported by many distinguished Masons of the Riding, and visitors from the neighbouring Lodges. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ST. LEONARD'S LODGE, No. 1766.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at the Town Hall, Shoreditch. The W.M., Brother Elias Benjamin, opened the Lodge, and was supported during the evening by the following brethren :- Jones W.M. elect S.W., Clement J.W., Rev. H. G. Henderson, M.A., Chaplain, Cox Secretary, Funston S.D., Walker J.D., Drysdale M.C., Young Org., Matthews I.G., Thrower Steward; P.M.'s Bros. Barham, Barr, Stean, Terry, Clarke P.G.P., Buss Assist. G. Sec., several members of the Lodge, and the following, among other visitors—Bros. Berry 172, Thorey 1365, Turner 186, Finch P.M. 1365, Lee P.M. 1384, Steel J.D. 1365, Potter 1445, Bradgate 55, Hill 813, Edwards 907, Francke 1692, Stephens J.W. 1692 1382 and 898, Green 861, Smithers 193, Francis 55, Rowe 1096, Sanders 861, Hodges 1310, Frew 959, Douglass 1744, Jones 1607, Downing P.M. 20, James 723, Ames 860, Haggs 813, Heale 45, Symmons, Peacock 201, Brien P.M. 1076, Sims 861, Salter 861, Joseph Little 1607, J. Goodwin 1133, John C. Pitt 1076, Wallace S.D. 907, Cox P.M. 1566, Sarson 76, Hughes W.M. 1816, Roberts 1623, Tibbetts S.W. 1950, Lobb 538, Turner W.M. 183, Morrell 1839, Bridges 591, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, Robson 1445, Smith S.W. 193, Page 214, Stevens 1564, Clarke 1158, Harwood 813, Stephens P.M. 751, Mellor 1744, Durrant P.M. 569 1185, Birkett 569, Munro 569, Hawkins P.M. 569, Nicholson I.P.M. 1566, Cain 818, Bowen 65, Snook 1693, Doubleday 193, Hallows P.M. 1662, G. J. Freeman 1613, Gooding 1329, Iron S.W. 1579. After the confirmation of the minutes, the Lodge was advanced with the customary formalities. Bro. J. A. Jones was installed as W.M., appointing, in due course, the following as his Officers:—Bros. Clement S.W., Funston J.W., Henderson Chap., King Treas., Cox Sec., Walker S.D., Matthews J.D., Drysdale I.G., Thrower M.C., Harrison and Staff Stewards, Young Organist. Messrs. E. J. Rose, J. L. Fraser, E. T. Henman jun., and George Colls were, after the ballot had been taken and proven in their favour, initiated by the newly appointed W.M., who then proceeded to close the Lodge. Before doing so he presented to the retiring W.M. a P.M.'s jewel, and it was stated that a testimonial would have been presented to the late Treasurer—Bro. C. Stevens P.M.—but for that brother's absence. The brethren then proceeded to banquet, which was presided over by the W.M. At its conclusion and after grace, the customary loyal toasts were honoured. With that of the Grand Officers was coupled the names of Bros. Buss and Clarke. The former referred to the great progress the Lodge had made, and hoped it might continue on its successful career. The Grand Officers felt deeply the responsibility reposed in them by the Grand Master, and did all that lay in their power to prove themselves worthy of it. It was a most fortunate thing for the Grand Officers that Grand Lodge chose men whose ability won for them the respect of the whole Craft. Bro. Clarke hardly thought he would have been called upon to respond to this toast in the presence of so worthy and distinguished a brother as the Assistant Grand Secretary. He was however very pleased to offer his thanks to the W.M. and the Lodge, with those of Brother Buss. He felt he could not let the opportunity pass without referring back a few years to the time when he had assisted at the consecration of the Lodge, and considering the short space of time that had elapsed since that event he felt they could but congratulate all connected with the St. Leonard's Lodge on the success that had attended it. Brother Benjamin next proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He considered it quite superfluous for him to give a lengthened description of Brother Jones's capabilities, his acts that night had spoken far more forcibly as to his ability than any words he could utter, if their new W.M. carried out all the duties of the chair as ably as he had the ceremonies required of him on the first night of his ruling, it must redound to his credit and prove for the benefit of the Lodge. The W.M. in reply felt he could not sufficiently thank Bro. Benjamin for his kind words in proposing the toast of his health, he also thanked Bro. Buss for the compliment he paid him. To have one's working praised by such an experienced Mason as Brother Buss was indeed an honour; he only hoped he might continue to deserve such encomiums. He certainly felt it an honour to be surrounded as he was by such an array of brethren—some 120 in all—this large attendance was, in itself, a great compliment both to the Lodge and himself, he only hoped that he might continue to deserve such approval, and that when the time should come for him to give up the management of the affairs of the Lodge it could be said that it was none the worse for his year's occupation of the chair. He next had to propose the health of the Installing Master. This toast also comprised the Immediate Past Master of the year, for he was pleased to say that Brother Benjamin, his predecessor, had brought his year's work to an end by installing his successor. He had worked well for the Lodge, and from what he had done the W.M. felt every member would agree with him that he was well worthy of their esteem. Bro. Benjamin most sincerely thanked the W.M. and brethren for their approbation. He felt very proud of the high honour which had been conferred on him, and much obliged to the brethren for the handsome reception accorded him at all times. He was pleased that the brethren were satisfied with his exertions. The health of the Past Masters of the Lodge was next proposed from the chair. The W.M. in giving it felt he could speak of them with a thorough knowledge of their ability. He had known each of them, not only in the Lodge, but also before it was consecrated, and in every sphere he had found them to be most worthy brethren. Bro. Stean was the first to reply. It was a great pleasure to him, as year by year the day of installation came round, to see the progress made in the Lodge. He hoped this prosperity might go on for many years, and that not only would the brethren be able to boast of a flourishing Lodge, but would also be able to point to continued support of the Charities, which he considered should never be forgotten so long as the Lodge was in existence. Bro. Barr felt that the P.M.'s could only repeat each other's words, for every one of them wished for the Lodge prosperity and a bright future. It afforded them the greatest pleasure to see the work being carried out properly, and this he felt sure would specially be the case under the ruling of Bro. Jones. Bro. Barham looked upon this as the first occasion on which he had been able to respond as a full fledged Past Master. As one of the Founders he had always worked with one object in view—to make the Lodge among the first in the country. As he was particularly concerned as regarded the preparation of the banquet that night, he could but hope that every one had at least been well supplied. The number who had sat down was the largest that had ever dined in that hall, and if they had not achieved all that could have been wished, they had yet done what they could. Bro. Benjamin tendered his acknowledgments as a P.M., thanking the brethren for their reception of the toast. The next toast on the list was, the W.M. said, a most important one, for it had justly been said that without initiates Freemasonry would soon cease to exist. He sincerely hoped that the few received that night might prove beneficial additions to the Lodge, and he had no doubt that they would. He further hoped that they might live to occupy the most prominent positions in the Craft. Brother Fraser, on behalf of himself and his brother initiates, returned his sincere thanks. He was deeply sensible of the responsibilities he had taken upon himself that night, and hoped he might prove himself a worthy Mason. Brother Henman also thanked the brethren. He hoped the prominent position he and brother initiates had occupied in that night's assembly might some day be repeated as a reward for merit in the Craft. Each of the other initiates having replied, the W.M., in a most forcible manner, proposed the Charities, to which Brother James Terry responded. In the course of his remarks Brother Terry, after referring in general terms to the Charities, pointed out the prospects for the future as far as the Benevolent Institution was concerned. They had that day had a committee meeting, and as usual had received further applications for relief from both old men and women: these and the many who had been passed on previous occasions gave a total of one hundred and ten as candidates for the next election, and there were yet two monthly meetings to be held before the list was closed, from which he might reasonably expect thirty more approved cases, making one hundred and forty in all. For these to compete for, there were at present but eleven vacancies, viz., ten men, and one widow. These figures he thought proved, most forcibly, that something ought to be done beyond what was

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being achieved. It seemed woful to leave so many out in the cold, as they would unquestionably have to do. It really meant that either great help must come, a great number of deaths must occur among the present annuitants, or 133 old people would be left unprovided for. The toast of the Visitors was next honoured, and to this Bro. Captain Durrant and others replied. Other toasts followed in rapid succession, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion by the Tyler, but not until very late were "our distressed brethren" toasted. The arrangements throughout left nothing to be desired.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693. — On Monday last, Bros. Powell W.M., Pearcy P.M. S.W., Funston J.W., Trewinnard Preceptor, Forge W.M. 1950 Secretary, Killick jun. Treasurer, Weston S.D., Marks J.D., Clemmens I.G.; also Bros. Goddard, Snook, Killick sen., Jordan, Bevan, Longhurst, Venning, and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, the W.M. giving the traditional history and explaining the tracing board; Bro. Venning was the candidate. Lodge was resumed to first degree. Bro. Pearcy, Preceptor of the Percy, Finsbury Park, and Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodges of Instruction, was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing week. It was then proposed by Bro. Forge, and seconded by Bro. Snook, both members of the mother Lodge, that the sum of £2 2s, from the funds of the Lodge of Instruction, be handed to Bro. Terry, Secretary of the R.M.B.I., towards the Christmas Entertainment of the Old People, at Croydon. This proposition was carried unanimously. Proposed by Bro. Treasurer, and seconded by Bro. Preceptor, that the sum of £1 1s be voted from the funds of the Lodge of Instruction, towards the testimonial about to be presented to Bro. Terry. This was carried unanimously. We may mention here that this testimonial will take the form of a portrait in oil, to be hung in the Asylum, at Croydon, opposite that of Dr. Crucifix, the founder. We think other Lodges would be pleased to show their appreciation, in this way, of Bro. Terry's zeal in furthering the best interests of Freemasonry. During the evening it was decided that the Secretary of this Lodge of Instruction write a letter of condolence to the widow and family of the late Bro. Elias Somers, who was ever a staunch friend to all Craft Masons.

THE THEATRES, &c.

ADELPHI.—At 7, RACHEL THE REAPER. At 8, LOVE AND MONEY.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7, AUNT CHARLOTTE'S MAID. At 7.45, THE SILVER KING.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 8, THE RIVALS.

OLYMPIC.—At 8.15, ADRIENNE LECOUVREUR.

GLOBE.—At 8, Dr. DAVEY. At 8.45, THE PROMISE OF MAY. (Last night).

LYCEUM.—At 7.45, MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. This day, at 3 also.

STRAND.—At 7.45, THE HEIR-AT-LAW. At 9.30, FROLIQUE.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES. At 8.40, IOLANTHE.

COMEDY.—At 7.15, THE FAST COACH. At 8, RIP VAN WINKLE.

HAYMARKET.—At 7.50, NEARLY SEVEN. At 8.10, THE OVERLAND ROUTE. This day, at 2 also.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 8, SOMETHING NEW. At 9.45, AN ADAM LESS EDEN.

COURT.—COMRADES.

TOOLE'S.—At 7.20, TAKING IT EASY. At 8, GIRLS AND BOYS; a Nursery Tale. At 10, Mr. GUFFIN'S ELOPEMENT.

CRITERION.—At 8, BRAVE HEARTS. At 9, BETSY.

AVENUE.—At 7.30, WEDDING BLISS. At 8, MANTEAUX NOIRS.

GAIETY.—At 7.40, BACHELOR HALL. At 8, THE CRITIC. At 9.45, YOUNG FRA DIAVOLO.

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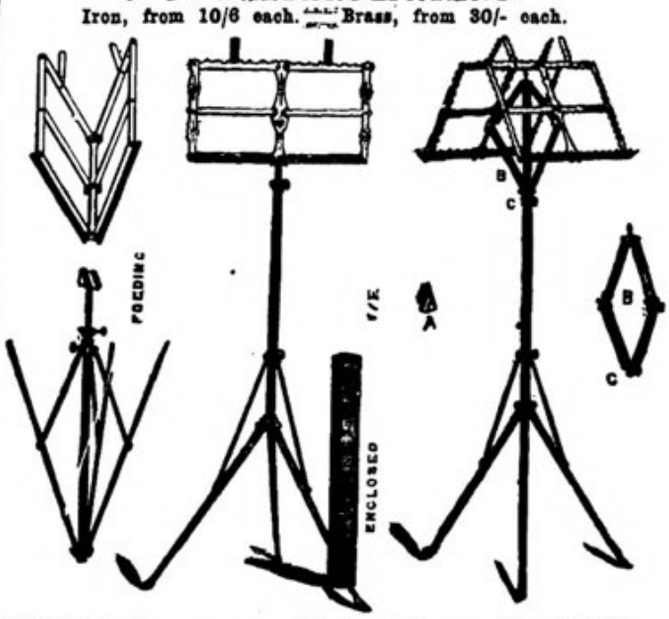

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CONSECRATION OF THE EARL OF CLARENDON LODGE, No. 1984, AT WATFORD.

A LARGE gathering of distinguished Freemasons met at the Masonic Hall, Watford, on Wednesday, 14th inst., when the Earl of Clarendon Lodge, No. 1984, was consecrated by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Herts, Bro. T. F. Halsey, Esq., M.P., assisted by the V.W. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary. The brethren assembled in the larger Hall at about 3 p.m., and shortly afterwards the Grand Master and Officers of the Province entered in procession. A Lodge was then opened by the Provincial G. Master, Bros. Edgar Bowyer P.P.S.W. acting as S.W., and Dr. Hobson P.P.J.W. J.W. Just previous to the commencement of the consecration ceremony Bro. J. E. Cussans S.G.W. was announced, and on entry took his proper position as S.W. The Officers of the Prov. G. Lodge present were, in addition to the above, W. Bros. F. H. W. Ilee, M.D., D.P.G.M., F. S. Knyvett Prov. G. Treasurer, J. E. Dawson Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden Provincial G. Secretary, W. E. Gomperts jun. Prov. G.J.D., G. F. Cook Prov. A.D.C., E. R. P.

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Francis Prov. G. Org., T. Woodman Prov. G.P., F. Hall Prov. G.A.P., and Bros. T. Wright and C. Thomas Prov. G. Tylers. There were also present during the proceedings the following brethren, viz.—Bros. J. L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. S.W. designate, H. J. Giller J.W. designate, T. Kent P.P.G.D., F. Davidson P.S.G.W. Middlesex Frederick Binckes P.G. Steward, C. F. Matier P.G.W. Greece, D. M. Dewar 1415, George Kenning P.G.D. Middlesex, James Stevens P.M. P.Z., C. W. Reynolds P.P.G.A.P., H. Balderson P.P.G.J.D., G. Mickley P.P.G.D., Foord P.P.G. Reg., J. Shilcock P.P.G.J.W., W. O. Thompson P.P.G. Chaplain, C. Veal P.G.J.D. Surrey, H. C. Finch P.P.G. Reg., A. P. Brett P.P.G.S.W., G. Finch P.P.G. Chap., W. Wilson, W. Large, A. Cotton, Webster 1479, Young 1707, W. T. Graves, Noyes 1327, Hodges 1706, Ward 1541, Wilding 1541, G. Smith jun. 1839, J. Stedman 1765, T. Carter 403, J. Shearman 1146, J. Kingston 1385, J. T. Bolding 173, G. F. Francis 403, J. Penroth 1479, C. E. Keyser 404, J. 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Mather P.P.G.D.C. carried out the duties connected with the ceremonial to perfection, and the whole order of proceedings was, under his attentive care, smoothly and efficiently conducted. An excellent choir, under the direction of Bro. W. T. Graves, amongst whom were Bros. J. Lyndon Hodges, J. Stedman, G. F. Smith, and Frank Ward, made the musical portion of the consecration ceremony very attractive, and at its conclusion the brethren expressed their appreciation of the services of all concerned. Certainly the Earl of Clarendon Lodge was consecrated under especial auspices, and its introduction to its sister Lodges was worthy of its distinguished founders. After a brief interval, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master requested the V.W. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary to instal the W.M. designate of the new Lodge, and himself presented W. Bro. Dr. Wilson Iles for that purpose, with a few very kindly remarks expressive of his great esteem for his Deputy Grand Master, with whom he said he had been so pleasantly associated in Freemasonry. The Installing Master having addressed the R.W.P.G.M., the Lodge then duly installed Dr. Wilson Iles into the chair of K.S., Bro. F. D. Knyvett P.G. Steward acting as Director of Ceremonies. After the usual salutations, the following Officers of the Earl of Clarendon Lodge were invested, namely, Bros. J. L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. S.W., H. S. Giller J.W., G. Tidcombe jun. Treasurer, W. Wilson S.D., W. T. Graves J.D., W. Large M.C., T. C. Grant I.G., A. Cotton Steward, Charles Thomas Tyler. The ceremony of installation was completed by the addresses of the Installing Master, delivered with the customary ability and easy address of the Grand Secretary, to whom a vote of thanks for his services was unanimously accorded. The W.M. of the new Lodge then called upon his Officers and members to perform their first duty in saluting, as an act of allegiance, the Prov. Grand Master, which having been done, he next proposed the election of the Prov. Grand Master and the Grand Secretary as honorary members of the Lodge; this was carried. Both the distinguished brethren responded, with acceptance of the compliment, and kindly promises to assist the progress of the Lodge by every means within their power. A vote of thanks to Bro. George Lambert, Past Grand Sword Bearer, for his kind loan of the consecrating vessels, was cordially passed. Several propositions for initiation and joining having been made, and greetings and hearty good wishes having been expressed by the Visitors, the Lodge was closed with prayer. The banquet was held in the Corn Exchange, which had been prepared for the reception of the guests of the Lodge, and was decorated with abundance of choice ferns and evergreens. It is a fine assembly room, but somewhat cold for the purposes of a dining hall. Nevertheless, the attention which had been given towards securing as much comfort as possible somewhat mitigated the effects of an atmospheric change distinctly felt by even the strongest amongst the company, but which soon gave way to a more genial temperature as the several courses disappeared. The viands were extremely good, and the cuisine deserving of notice; and had it not been for the want of warmth in what was set before the guests, nothing but the utmost praise could have been merited by the host, his *chef*, and his attendants. After grace had been sung by the choir above named, the several toasts, which were commendably few, were given by the W.M. Referring to the Grand Master his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the W.M. called attention to the strides which Masonry had taken since the Installation of his Royal Highness as Grand Master at the Albert Hall, an event which he was sure no Mason who had been then present could ever forget. The progress of Freemasonry under his rule was not to be wondered at, for the Grand Master, by the genial and kind-hearted exercise of his important functions, and endeavours to promote its good, had made Freemasonry popular and fashionable. He hoped the Earl of Clarendon Lodge might add to a local popularity also, but still earnestly advocated the principle that such popularity should not result in the acceptance of other than worthy and properly qualified candidates. In the glee which succeeded this toast, "Hail to thee, Albert," Bro. Stedman sang the solo with great effect, and received a well-deserved meed of applause. In submitting the toast of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the M.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, the W.M., after extolling the merits of Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon in the discharge of his high and important duties, referred with kindly expressions to Bro. the Earl of Lathom as the brother-in-law of the Earl of Clarendon, whose name the Lodge bears, and then speaking of the Grand Secretary as the right man in the right place, coupled his name with the toast, which was drunk with much enthusiasm. Bro. Frank Ward sang "Charity," a difficult composition, which only a thorough vocalist, as is Bro. Ward, could so render as to secure the satisfaction the company expressed. Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke G.S. acknowledged the honour and pleasure which he felt in responding to the toast of the Grand Officers, which was indeed a comprehensive one. He considered it not only a great pleasure, but a privilege enjoyed by them, to attend and work in Freemasonry whenever opportunity offered, and he, as one amongst them, was only too happy and too ready to afford what services he could in assisting the brethren generally, and the Lodges in particular. Having cordially thanked the W.M. and brethren of the Lodge, the Grand Secretary proposed the health of the Prov. G.M. the R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, whom he congratulated on the success which had attended the Province since his accession, some ten years ago; success which had resulted from the deep and personal interest he had taken in each of its Lodges. His genial and pleasing countenance was to be found in all Masonic circles where his position and influence could be brought to bear for the good of the Order, and he (the Grand Secretary) hoped that it might long be so for the sake of all who then heard him. The toast was heartily responded to, and the glee "Evening's Twilight" was well sung by the choir. In a capital speech, which was listened to with deep attention, the Prov. G.M. expressed his satisfaction that not only in his own Province, but generally, Freemasonry is holding its own, and doing its full work. He thanked the brethren for the confidence reposed in him, and re-endorsed his former pledges to use his utmost towards the continuance of the same good state of things. But he must not, could not, forget, that even Provincial Grand Masters required and received support from Provincial Grand Officers, and so, whilst acknowledging the compliments he received, he felt bound to recognise the sterling qualities and the unwearied efforts of his Deputy Grand Master Bro. Dr. Wilson Iles, and his Grand Secretary Bro. Dawson, who, with the remaining Officers, vied as to which should do most for the good of the Province. It is the duty of Provincial Grand Masters to make personal acquaintance with the members of the several Lodges under their rule, and this could not be done without the assistance of Provincial Officers. Through them this new Lodge was founded, and the successful commencement of its operations, now being celebrated, would, he hoped, lead to a great result in respect of the Province of Herts. He begged of them not to be ambitious of numbers in their Lodge, but of quality. The Provincial Grand Master then proposed the health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and W.M. of the Earl of Clarendon Lodge, again referring to the great assistance he had received at his hands, and publicly thanking him for valuable support. The toast was enthusiastically received. Bro. Stedman sang in good style, "Tell her I love her so." The W.M. returned thanks in his dual capacity, and in the course of his remarks said that he did not think the Ritual of Freemasonry was better worked than in the Lodges of the Province of Herts. The Watford Lodge was a good exemplar of working in Freemasonry, and to that Lodge was due much of the good resulting from such work, and, in reference to the present occasion of meeting, a recognition of the assistance given towards the formation of the Earl of Clarendon, which he hoped would work as well, and be as successful as the Watford Lodge had been. He thanked the numerous brethren of that Lodge, as also the many Visitors present, for their attendance on this occasion. He took it as a very great compliment, which he should not readily forget. The W.M. then gave the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, coupling therewith the names of the Prov. Grand Senior Warden Bro. J. E. Cussans, author of the "History of Hertfordshire," and the P.P.G. Chaplain, the Rev. Brother W. O. Thompson, whose oration that evening in Lodge he, the W.M., felt assured would be long remembered by those who had listened to it. Both brethren briefly responded, the hour for breaking up and departure fast approaching. The Visitors was proposed by the W.M., with many thanks for their attendance, and especially to the London brethren for their journeying to Watford on such an unpleasant day. Brother Lyndon Hodges sang "The meeting of the Waters" in his usual effective manner, and but for pressure of time would have obeyed an encore. Bro. F. Davison P.G.S.W. Middlesex, and C. F. Matier P.G.W. Greece, severally responded, and the Masonic Charities having been proposed, and replied to rapidly, but with effect, by Bro. Frederick Binckes, the "train" became the most important consideration, and a rapid termination of the proceedings the result. By the courtesy of the manager of the London and North Western Railway Company, the up express was stopped at Watford, and the London brethren reached Euston at 11, much pleased with the success of the day's proceedings.

The annual meeting of the York Lodge, No. 236, will take place on Monday next, at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York. The brethren will assemble at four o'clock. Bro. George Kirby is the W.M. elect, and Bro. J. Todd P.M. P.P.G. Registrar will officiate as Installing Master.

The installation meeting of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, will take place on the first Monday in January, at Freemasons' Hall, where, in future, this Lodge will hold its meetings.

Bro. Harris, Superintendent S. Division of Police, was, on Friday, presented with a very handsome jewel, by the brethren of the Domatic Lodge, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of his valuable services, as Master of the Lodge during the past year.

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BRO. CLABON'S MOTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge on the 6th inst., as reported in the CHRONICLE of the 9th inst., at which I was present, I think some of the statements made by Brother James Stevens, if left uncorrected, are likely to mislead. He stated,

1st. The Provincial brethren at the present time contribute to the Fund of Benevolence *about* as much as the Metropolitan.

2nd. Did not the country brethren who were relieved represent two-thirds of the amount of that number?

3rd. He was adverse to being mulcted in a larger sum than the Provincial brethren.

Were these statements correct they would tell against the Provincial brethren.

I have before me the printed reports of the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge, and taking the contributions received from the various Lodges, as therein published, for a period of twelve months, commencing 1st July 1881, and ending 30th June 1882, I find the contributions from the Lodges to the Fund of Benevolence amount to £7496 6s 5d.

From London Lodges - - -	£2587	3	6
From Provincial Lodges - - -	4894	3	11
From Abroad - - - - -	14	19	0

That, I think, proves Brother Stevens's first statement to be incorrect.

On carefully analysing the grants made, over the same period, I find the sums voted to London and Provincial brethren amount to £10,205, namely—

To London brethren - - -	£4185	0	0
To Provincial brethren - - -	6020	0	0

If the Provinces send up *nearly two-thirds* of the payments to the Fund of Benevolence (besides contributing a like sum to their own Provinces) surely it it is no hardship to the London brethren if their Provincial brethren get *two-thirds* of the grants. The above figures, however, do not show they receive that proportion.

Bro. Stevens's third statement is quite wrong. It is well known that every Mason in England and Wales contributes one shilling per quarter to Benevolence. In London the whole is paid over, but in the Provinces the Constitutions allow the brethren to send half to London, and half to their Provincial Grand Lodges. If all were sent to London, the matter would stand thus:—

Contributions from London Lodges - -	£2587	3	6
,, ,, Provincial Lodges -	9788	7	10

I think such a statement should not have been made by Brother Stevens, considering his Masonic experience and knowledge, and could only have been done to tell in favour of the motion, and to the detriment of the Provinces.

In Bro. Clabon's closing remarks, he called attention to the votes of that evening as between London and the Provinces. Out of eighteen cases, twelve were Provincial and six London. Quite right, the proper proportion. The case, however, really stood—seven London (£350) and eleven Provincial (£750).

Brother Clabon further stated—"He asked the country brethren to give one shilling a-year—all this grand oratory had been against paying one shilling a-year." Brother Clabon hardly realises that meant drawing nearly £5000 a-year from the Lodges in the Provinces, for, had the motion been carried, the quarterages of the Provincial brethren would have been raised to 1s 6d, half being sent to London and half to the Provincial Grand Lodges, otherwise the position of London and Provincial brethren would have been different, which is quite inconsistent with the Constitutions of the Order.

The best suggestions made at the meeting were, altering the time of membership qualifying for a grant, or that no grant should be made exceeding £5, unless the brother had been initiated more than five years, and also discontinuing the large grants, except under very exceptional circumstances.

Apologising for the length of this letter,

I am, yours fraternally,

CHARLES S. MASON P.M. 304,

P.P.G. Treasurer W. Yorks.

Leeds, 12th December 1882.

MOTIONS "OUT OF ORDER."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I appear to be most unfortunate in my endeavours to set before the Grand Lodge a matter which, in the opinion of numerous Metropolitan Freemasons, is of great importance. On three several occasions I have been ruled "Out of Order," but on what justifiable grounds neither my friends nor I can understand. I shall not now advance the arguments I can adduce for the adoption of one or other of the suggestions I have made for the subdivision of the Metropolitan area, so as to secure for the members of nearly three hundred and fifty Lodges meeting therein, equal rights and privileges to those enjoyed by brethren whose Lodges are outside the ten miles radius from Freemasons' Hall. The forthcoming debates on the Revision of the Constitutions of the Order will afford me an opportunity of which I shall not be slow to avail myself.

Without present reference to the reasons advanced for setting aside my two first notices of motion, which reasons I controvert, I should like to know how far the ruling of the Acting Grand Master at the last Quarterly Communication is consistent with the proceedings which had previously taken place on the same evening. It was adjudged that my motion was "an abstract resolution, which, if carried, would be at variance with the Book of Constitutions, and would have to be followed by an operative resolution," and therefore the motion was "out of order." Now, granting for one moment the correctness of this decision, would not the same have equally applied to Bro. Clabon's motion, which was admitted and debated? Our worthy brother moved a direct alteration of the second Article in the present Book of Constitutions, relating to the Quarterage payable from every member of each Lodge, and therefore his motion was quite as "abstract a resolution, requiring a subsequent operative resolution," as was mine, proposing a direct alteration of the Article which defines what are Lodges within the London district." Let any brother fairly and dispassionately set the respective propositions before him for consideration, and most assuredly he will see what I represent is correct. Can it be that in Grand Lodge there is one ruling for a brother in the purple, and another for a brother in the blue? We should all hope not; but from the persistent manner in which my several attempts have been, as I may say, *strangled* in their birth, I cannot be blamed if the suspicion on my mind, that such is the case, is strengthened by the technical objections which have been taken on each occasion.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z.

Clapham, 11th December 1882.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 23 Great Queen Street, W.C.

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Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book for the year 1883. London: Spencer's Masonic Depôt, 23a Great Queen-street, W.C.

THE spirit of progress would seem to have taken some hold of the Calendar Committee of the Board of General Purposes, and this year we have to congratulate its members on a further innovation. They have now introduced a list of all the Grand Officers from Wardens downwards who have been appointed since the Union of 1813, and in this the new issue is a decided improvement. We see no reason, however, why the list should not have been made complete by including the distinguished brethren who have filled the offices of Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master respectively. In such case, the list would have the further merit of completeness. On the other hand, and by reason, perhaps, of the very boldness they have shown in introducing the novelty, they cling with remarkable tenacity to the errors we have noted in previous Calendars. They still continue to mislead their readers by announcing that the Lodges and Chapters meet, as the case may be, on the 1st Monday, last Wednesday, 2nd Tuesday, that is, of course in every month, whereas it is well known that a vast number of Lodges meet at the outside not more than eight times in the year, and many of them on still fewer occasions, while Chapters generally meet only once a quarter. As the Board of General Purposes and, of course, its Calendar Committee have access to the official records, there is no excuse for the repetition of this error in future Calendars. Again, Lodges Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15 are still distinguished by the letters T.I. (Time Immemorial) placed against them in the column provided for "Dates of Origin." Has the Calendar Committee lost sight of the fact that in 1717 there were only four Lodges which took part in the establishment of G.L.; that one of these about 1721-2 voluntarily sacrificed its original, or, as we should say, "Time Immemorial" Constitution, and sought and obtained a Warrant from Grand Lodge, while a second died out a little before, or just about, the time when the Schism broke out in English Masonry; that only two T.I. Lodges remain, one other, though still surviving, being a warranted Lodge, and, consequently, that to describe Lodges, whose earliest record dates no further back than 17th July 1751 as T.I. Lodges, is in the face of it absurd. Then, in Bro. Gould's "Atholl Lodges," under present No. 15, we have the following: "The *Warrant* of No. 8"—its number on the roll of the "Ancients" seems to have been the *first* issued by the "Ancients," and was signed by the Masters of Nos, 3, 4, 5, and 6 in 1751, in favour of James Bradshaw M., Thomas Blower S.W., and R. D. Guest J.W." We should like to be informed by the Calendar Committee—at all events in the case of present No. 15—how it can possibly be a Time Immemorial Lodge, when it has worked from the very commencement under a Warrant issued in a year that can be determined by reference to old records. Moreover, the "places"—in one instance the word "Warrant" is used—and nearly all these so-called T.I. Lodges were at some time or other purchased by Lodges lower down on the roll of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge. We should like to hear what Bro. Gould, who is himself on the Calendar Committee, has to say in defence of the Committee's designation of these Lodges.

As to the general appearance of the Calendar, the arrangement of its contents, and its accuracy—except where questioned as above—we have nothing but praise to bestow.

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The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book for 1883. London: George Kenning, 16 Great Queen Street, W.C.

If we have but few remarks to offer in respect of this excellent publication, it is because it has been so greatly improved during the last few years that little, if any, room is left for the introduction of further improvements. Greater accuracy is noticeable in the days of meeting set down for Lodges and Chapters, because there has been more time to get in the necessary returns. The same prominence is given, and deservedly given, to the Mark degree, though all degrees outside pure and antient Masonry have their share of attention. The information as to Masonry abroad appears to us to be more complete. In short, the "Cosmo" of 1883 is pretty much what it was for 1882, and that because there had been so many improvements made up to and including the latter year, that no room was left for amending old matter or introducing new in the former. The "Cosmo" in its thirteenth year of publication is about as complete a *vade mecum* for all branches of Freemasonry as it is possible for any one to compile, and we congratulate Bro. Kenning and the Editor on the continued excellence of their work.

The Restoration of the Jews, and the Rebuilding of King Solomon's Temple. By Bro. C. Meiter, Mizpah, 1671, &c. Published by the Author, at 87 Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. Price One Shilling.

Bro. Meiter has our entire sympathy in his hopes and aspirations for the Restoration of the Jews to the Holy Land, and the rebuilding of King Solomon's Temple. His pamphlet is interesting, and contains abundant matter for reflection by those who have studied carefully the history of this marvellous people. His remarks as to the persecution they have latterly met with—especially in Russia—are by no means too severe; indeed it would be difficult to speak in terms of sufficient severity of the cruelties they have been subjected to within the past year or two by the semi-barbarous Russians. Brother Meiter, however, has held his feelings well under control, and discusses his subject calmly and with great reason, as well as with the exercise of much judgment.

Larger London. By Edward Walford. A Sequel to Old and New London. To be completed in Twenty-four numbers. Published monthly.

The first number of this periodical, published in their usually efficient style by Messrs. Cassell and Co., is now before the public. It is the commencement of a work to be issued in serial form, that will contain a history of the outlying parts of London, such as Chiswick, Acton, Gunnersbury, &c. Such a work will doubtless prove very interesting and useful, as, in addition to giving a history and description of the places of interest touched upon, and of the eminent men and women who have from time to time visited, and been resident in, the districts described, it is illustrated throughout; in many instances with sketches of considerable artistic merit, with views of numerous places of interest referred to in the work. Accompanying Part 1. is a large and useful map of "Larger London."

The same publishers also send us their "Illustrated Almanac for 1883," which contains, in addition to ordinary almanac matter, an interesting contribution called "Dark Days, a Story of Light," by Mr. G. Manville Fenn; short biographies of some of the most notable men of the year, with portraits, including Arabi Pasha, the Duke of Albany, Cetewayo, and other equally prominent personages. Also an obituary of eminent men who departed this life between 1881-1882.

We have to notice "Little Folks' Annual for 1883." This is a series of stories about kindness to animals, the various authors of which make the birds and animals their own advocates. These no doubt will amuse the Little Folks very much, and will serve as a suitable Christmas Present to many of our young friends. This Annual is illustrated by various well-known artists, including the versatile Ernest Griset.

"The World of Wonders," also by the same eminent firm, contains many interesting articles, amongst others, on the Rotation of the Earth, Extraordinary Growth of Finger Nails, Ice and Water, the Suez Canal, Electric Machines, &c. In addition, the work contains a variety of illustrations.

The London Cottage Mission opened its winter campaign on Wednesday with the first of its Irish stew dinners to the poor children of Eastern London; and long before noon—at which hour the doors were opened—the hungry hundreds were waiting outside for what was very likely the first really good meal they had since its doors were closed last May. Mr. Austin, the indefatigable manager of this excellent charity, had hoped to give the opening dinner in the New Hall now almost completed, but as a week or two must elapse before he takes formal possession of the future home of the Mission, he kindly and thoughtfully decided to begin at once to feed those little waifs and strays of humanity who look forward winter after winter to their weekly dinner of Irish Stew. Not only were many hundreds of children fed and sent happy away, but it was a sight to see the old and infirm creep in and take possession of the benches the little ones had just left, they too partaking of a warm and nourishing dinner. But what is wanted is to get the New Hall free from debt, so that *there* the work of the Mission may be carried on; for, admirable and Christian-like as feeding the hungry may be, it only forms part of the work of the Mission. To aid in this work—to feed the hungry—to carry to the masses of Eastern London the glad tidings of salvation—we now appeal for help, and as soon as the London Cottage Mission Hall is free from debt, and in Mr. Austin's hands, this good work will be much increased. That this will be ere the New Year sets in, we do not doubt, but meanwhile, all who would help are earnestly requested to send their donations and subscriptions to Miss Napton, the Lady Superintendent, 304 Burdett Road Limehouse, or to Mr. Walter Austin, 44 Finsbury Pavement, London, E.C.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Pomfret Lodge, No. 360.—The brethren of the above Lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Northampton, on Thursday, 7th inst. Bros. Bingley W.M., Ellard I.P.M., Airs S.W., Hart J.W., Wilkins D.P.G.M. Treasurer, Robinson P.M. Secretary, Duffy S.D., Sadler J.D., Timpson I.G., Stanton P.M. and Haynes Stewards. There were also present Bros. Hickman 445 P.P.G.J.W., Sanders P.M., Parker P.M., Atkins Past Master, Brown Past Master, Michel, Richardson, McClure, Todd, Wetherell, Clayson, &c. Bro. Snow was raised to the degree of Master Mason. Bro. Fletcher passed to the second degree, and Mr. Henry Martin, having been duly ballotted for and elected, was initiated, the W.M. very ably performing the ceremony in each case, the I.P.M. delivering the charges. The brethren then duly elected Bro. Airs S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Butler Wilkins was also again duly elected Treasurer. A vote of five guineas to the daughter of an old brother was confirmed, and another application referred to a committee. The installation meeting will take place on Thursday, the 4th January, and not on the 27th December, as in former years.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Dowsett W.M., Ridley S.W., Hawkes J.W., Stransom Treasurer, Ivey Secretary, Prickett S.D., Ravenscroft J.D., Rhind I.G., Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Hurley, Ferguson, Margrett, Blackwell, Flanagan; Bros. Coates, Slaughter, W. Margrett, Collins, Greenaway, Sands. Visitors—Westall I.P.M. 1714, Walters 414, Spedding 552, Gadd 1247, Bradley P.M. 414, Hawkes 414, Martin Steward 414. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Brother the Rev. J. M. Guilding 414, who was elected as a joining member. The Lodge was opened in the second. Bro. W. Margrett being a candidate for raising to the third, proved his efficiency, was entrusted, and retired. The Lodge was further advanced, when the W.M. resigned his gavel into the hands of Brother Margrett P.M., who in his usual efficient and impressive manner raised his Brother to the sublime degree of M.M. The ceremony was admirably performed, the effect being greatly heightened by vocal and instrumental music under the direction of Brother Ravenscroft, who presided at the instrument, Brother Westall led the vocal parts. The W.M. on resuming the chair proposed three non-official members on the permanent committee, the S.W. seconded, and this was carried. The W.M. read a letter from the Almoner, respecting a brother in distress, a sum was voted for his relief. All business being ended, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—On Monday night there was a full meeting of the members of this Lodge, including Bros. M. Millington W.M., J. Blenkin S.W., A. T. B. Turner J.W., T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. S. Cumberland P.M., J. T. Seller P.M., G. Balmford P.M. and Treasurer, T. Humphries Sec., with several visitors. A ballot was taken for Bro. Reynard, 1040, as a joining member, after which Messrs. Plenty and Elliott, previously elected, were initiated by the W.M. A discussion ensued as to a proposed alteration in the Bye-laws, at the conclusion of which Bro. Whytehead presented a series of books to the Lodge library, for which a vote of thanks was passed. The names of three gentlemen were proposed as candidates for Freemasonry, and the Lodge was closed. At refreshment there was a most pleasurable gathering, enlivened as usual by a musical performance, the excellent programme containing the names of Bros. Wilkinson, Child, and Mennell. The principal Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Ebrington Lodge, No. 1847.—The annual meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Ebrington Masonic Temple on Tuesday, 12th inst. After two candidates for initiation had been elected, and a Committee had been appointed to arrange all the details for the annual banquet, Worshipful Brother Lethbridge was unanimously elected to represent the Lodge at the Committee of Petitions for Prov. G.L. Afterwards, in a Board of Installed Masters—consisting of W. Bros. Jew, Gover, Lose sen., Stephens, Lethbridge, Littleton, Johns, Aitken-Davies, Lakeman, Westcott, Russell Lord, Pitcher, Hearle, Pearce, Bartlett, Elliott, Stanbury, Hammond, the W.M. elect, Brother Richard Lose jnu., was very impressively installed by his father Bro. R. Lose, who also initiated him some years since, and both brethren were founders of the Lodge. Bros. Jew, Gover, and Lord gave valuable assistance. The following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Charles A. Nicholson I.P.M., Isaac Masters S.W., James Lose J.W., S. Jew Treasurer, J. H. Stephens Secretary, Joseph J. Garland Chaplain, R. Hurrell S.D., R. J. Goodyear J.D., Isaac Morris I.G., William H. W. Macey M.C., W. H. Williams A.M.C., John Griffin Organist, James J. Masters S.S., Thomas Geach J.S., James Bartlett Tyler. The accounts of the Treasurer, which were admirably presented, were received, and they showed a good year's work, the Charities having been well looked after. The retiring W.M. will be presented with a handsome timepiece, in appreciation of his services. This will take place at the dinner, to be held on 9th January 1883.

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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, 16th DECEMBER.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

MONDAY, 18th DECEMBER.

1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
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.
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-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)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerks, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 234—Menaiechin, Criterion, Piccadilly

61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
331—Phœnix Public Room Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
434—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
833—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.
1036—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.
1206—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1983—Martyn, Town Hall, Southwold. CONSECRATION.
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 248—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 462—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
R.A. 82.—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

TUESDAY, 19th DECEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Head, 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)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
980—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)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
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)
1540—Chancer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (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. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
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634—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
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667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
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986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
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1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1069—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
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
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.

WEDNESDAY, 20th DECEMBER.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
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.)
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.
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1387—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)
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.)
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
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.
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
335—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons's Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
962—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
1098—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
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury

THURSDAY, 21st DECEMBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
49—Gibon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-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.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
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
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.)
1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
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.)
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
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.)

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43—Belief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
208—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
463—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Belfort-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
606—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
650—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1013—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1183—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
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
K.T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle.

FRIDAY, 22nd DECEMBER.

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.)
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)
862—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)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
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
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1148—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1713—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 23rd DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1684—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—On Saturday, 9th December, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. There were present Bros. Galer W.M., Gribbell S.W., Weeden J.W., Marks S.D., Archer J.D., Ashton I.G.; also Bros. Hatch, Venning, Rhodes, Nicholls, Killick sen., and Wright. Lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. Rhodes answered the necessary questions and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising, with the traditional history, was rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Archer having offered himself as candidate for passing, answered the questions, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Gribbell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Meeting at the Institute, Ealing, on Tuesday. Bros. Leath W.M., Seward S.W., Bellerby J.W., Tucker S.D., Hadley J.D., Wells Secretary and I.G., Rickwood P.M., Henning. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Henning candidate. Lodge resumed to the first degree. Bro. Seward was unanimously elected W.M for the next meeting, and then Lodge adjourned till Tuesday, 19th December, at seven p.m., when Bro. Terry will rehearse the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation.

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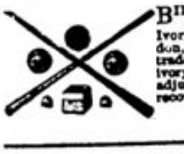

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