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IN presenting our readers with the opening number of a new Volume, we adopt the same plan as on previous occasions, and purpose having a little confidential chat. The half-year that has just passed away has not been marked by anything of an unusually eventful character. Indeed, the latter part of the year is, when compared with the former, very quiet, as by far the greater portion of the Masonic vacation falls within its limits. Yet, in spite of this state of rest, we have every reason to be thankful for the progress we have made. This, it is true, is of the character which is best described as being "slow but sure." That is, we have not advanced by leaps and bounds, but by even and well-regulated steps; and, consequently, we have not run that risk of making slips to which more adventurous people are so peculiarly liable. We should not, of course, object to increase the number of our subscribers now and again by a few thousands—*ça va sans dire*, to use a neat French expression. Still, we rejoice to say that, while on the one hand we have to regret the loss of but very few of those who have so kindly supported us in our efforts in behalf of the Craft, we have added largely to their number. We have made very many new acquaintances, and as time goes on, we hope, and shall unquestionably use our best endeavours, to convert them into fast friends. We are always striving to make the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE a more and more representative paper. There is, necessarily, a limit to the matter we can insert, and we are not so foolish as to believe that we shall do what others before us have never succeeded in doing, and what those who follow will equally fail of accomplishing. We mean that it is certain we shall never contrive to please everybody, but we shall spare no effort in that direction, and endeavour, by pleasing the majority, to approach as nearly as possible to perfection. Nor is the additional support accorded to us satisfactory only from a numerical point of view. It is well distributed throughout the country, and includes, also, many enthusiastic brethren. So much for the advance we have made. As regards the future, we look forward to it with the utmost confidence. We shall pursue the same course we have, in the main, adhered to from the beginning. We do not believe in a journal laying down hard and fast lines for its conduct, and never under any circumstances departing from them. But a policy should be outlined and followed with perfect consistency, while the details may, from time to time, be shaped so as to accord with the ever varying course of events. We apportion the limited space at our disposal between home and foreign Masonic news, and among the various Masonic bodies, with, in the former case, a due regard to their relative importance, and, in the latter, with strict impartiality. If we may take our Correspondence columns as a criterion,—and we know of no safer guide in forming an opinion,—we can point to the increasing interest which brethren take in the events that are passing around us, the numerous letters we have inserted on questions of jurisprudential and historical interest being among the most important. In the main, too, the discussions which have arisen have been conducted in a fraternal spirit of kindliness, which is creditable to all who have taken part in them. We have also pursued the work of publishing the Warrants of Ancient Lodges with even greater success than we had anticipated, so that there are not many now remaining to be dealt with. We referred to this matter last week, but, as it is a question of the greatest importance, we do not hesitate to refer to it again. If we complete the list, then the dates of all Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England will be known, and those which are now of necessity left vacant can be filled in. We trust, under these circumstances, that all who can aid us in the fulfilment of this task will do so—not to the increase of our fame, but for the benefit of the English Craft. Having said thus much, and in the hope that six months hence we may be in a position to speak as hopefully as we do now, we have great pleasure in submitting to the attention of our readers this first number of our SEVENTH VOLUME.

## FREEMASONRY IN GERMANY AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN 1877.

OUR attention to German Freemasonry has been directed more prominently than usual this year by the petitions submitted to and received by our G. Lodge on the question of the Jewish Disabilities, which are still in force in the G. Lodge of the "Three Globes," and its daughter Lodges. We need not, however, again refer to the subject, though we trust the day is not far distant when the true principles of Masonry will be accepted in their entirety by our German brethren. On the 20th May the Diet of the G. Lodges was held, and several resolutions of importance were brought under notice. A proposal by Bro. Eckstein, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saxony, to the effect that persons might be initiated when they had attained the age of twenty-one, and Lewises at an earlier age still, could not be accepted by the Berlin Grand Lodges. Other objections were raised, and the Assembly passed to the order of the day. A second proposal by the same brother, to the effect that the Grand Lodges should publish annually a report of their Masonic labours jointly, instead of severally, was agreed to unanimously. On a motion by Bro. Bluntschli, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of "the Sun," Bavaria, that the eight Grand Lodges should have but one representative at foreign Grand Lodges the Assembly passed to the order of the day. A motion by Bro. Puschkin Deputy Grand Master of the same G. Lodge, that the different Grand Lodges should adopt reciprocal laws for the admission of candidates was entertained, and the laws, which agree in the main with those in force in the Berlin Grand Lodges, were agreed to by a majority of six to two. A proposal by Bro. Dr. Oppel, on behalf of the Eclectic Grand Lodge, Frankfort-o-Main, of which he is Grand Master, that the right of representation should be extended to the five Lodges in Germany which are independent of the eight G. Lodges forming the Diet was set aside; while another motion by the same brother, to the effect that the Grand Lodge charged with the direction of affairs should establish relations, directly or indirectly, with every Grand Lodge as far as possible, with a view to establish uniformity in the signs of recognition, was withdrawn. Bro. Pfaltz, of the Grand Lodge "*Zur Eintracht*," at Darmstadt, expressed a hope that the eight Grand Lodges would communicate one to another their rituals and constitution and laws. The idea was warmly received, as tending to bring about a more intimate knowledge of Freemasonry, and a clearer appreciation of the different methods of instruction. At the last meeting of the Union of German Freemasons, held at Gera, Bro. Findel submitted a proposition, to the effect that the improvement and development of German Lodges were only possible on

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condition that the Grand National Lodge of Germany was reorganised, or relations with it broken off. This is, no doubt, connected with the affair Schiffman, whose expulsion by the Grand Countries Lodge, the Eclectic and Royal York of Friendship Grand Lodges have declined to recognise. At the same meeting, the formation of Masonic Clubs, &c., was declared to be salutary, and therefore worthy of support. Before separating, the Union voted a sum of 600 marks to the Society for promotion of popular instruction in Berlin, 600 marks to a similar society at Dresden, and 150 marks to the Society for the rescue of life from shipwreck.

At the session in May, of the G. Lodge of the Three Globes, Berlin, the attempt to get rid of the Jewish Disabilities was unsuccessful. At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg on 12th May, four new Lodges were admitted, one in Germany, one at Buenos Ayres, and one at Valparaiso—these three were constituted by the Grand Lodge itself—and one at Mexico, hitherto working under the Supreme Council A. and A. Rite of that country, but now affiliated as above. Bro. Von Dachröden has resigned his position as Order Master of the Grand Countries Lodge, and we may add, with much regret, that the Craft in this country has sustained a severe loss by the death, at Oldenburg, on the 21st March, of Bro. Dr. Mersdorf, a distinguished Masonic writer, whose connection with the *Latomia* is known to many of our readers. These are, so far as we have been able to gather, the principal events in the history of the Craft during the past year. As regards numerical strength, we have no reason to believe that any great increase has been made, and but for the Jewish and one or two other disturbing questions, the position of the Fraternity would leave nothing to be desired.

There is little to be said of the Craft in parts of Europe other than the United Kingdom, France, Italy, and Germany. A new Lodge has been consecrated in Stockholm, Sweden, King Oscar II., his son the Prince Royal, who had shortly before been initiated, and Prince John of Glücksburg, brother of the King of Denmark, being present, besides a large concourse of brethren from all parts of Sweden, and from Norway, Denmark, France, &c. A grand banquet followed. In Austria-Hungary, the Lodge *Humanitas*, Orient of Neudorf, celebrated the occasion of taking up its new quarters with a grand fête on the 19th of September. In Switzerland a convention has been entered into between the Grand Lodge Alpina and the Supreme Council A. and A. Rite 33°. By the terms of this arrangement the Supreme Council concedes to the former the absolute jurisdiction over all the symbolic degrees, and the Grand Lodge recognizes the Supreme Council as having exclusive sovereignty in Switzerland over the higher degrees, from 4° to 33°. Each also recognises the regular local and subordinate Lodges of the other, and many privileges as regards initiation are accorded to the members of both bodies in the symbolic degrees. We hear but little of the Craft doings, however, in these countries or elsewhere in Europe, and in the absence of any news to the contrary, we believe we may venture to affirm that all has gone prosperously. The Grand Lodge of Hungary, as our readers are aware, no longer recognises in its Constitutions a belief in God as an essential principle of Freemasonry, and this has led to a rupture of the relations between it and other Masonic bodies. There have been also, as there always will be, sundry onslaughts made from time to time on our Order in different countries. As we have seen, even in France, a number of Lodges have been summarily closed, and elsewhere there have been more or less bitter denunciations of Masonry by the Romish priesthood; but we are happy to say there is every chance of the Craft surviving them.

## NORTHERN LIGHTS.—No. V.

### AN EFFULGENT LIGHT.

IT has been our lot, during a Masonic experience of twenty-two years, to mix with brethren of all degrees, and to visit Lodges out of number; in fact, we do not know a more pleasant occupation than to think of the many good fellows we have met, the many dear friends we have made, and the happy hours we have spent within the magic circle called Freemasons' Lodges. At times it seems strange to us that any man can realise what the full enjoyment of life is without being a Mason, and without understanding that peculiar something which draws us one to the other, and which no circumstances of life seem able to alter. Indeed, we of the elect owe a great deal to the Craft, much more than we are prone to acknowledge, and we often wonder if the younger brethren of the present age, in their eager scramble for office, appreciate this, and have the same reverence for the teachers and preceptors of the science who flourished in our younger days, when the idea of putting a newly-raised brother, scarcely three months after his initiation, into office had not entered into any one's mind, and when Masters of Lodges were men of staid years and vast experience. True, there were not so many Lodges, and brethren were a little more particular as to whom they admitted as candidates, but that was by no means an unmixed evil.

It is curious, however, to look back and notice how real merit makes itself felt, even where all are trying for the same goal; and how good men and true are always to be found in the front rank, and at the very place and time when they are most wanted. We are often puzzled to think how we could have got on without these. What this Province especially, but more particularly Newcastle-upon-Tyne, would have done without the help of the Worshipful Brother we have now in our mind's eye, it is indeed hard to say. He is one of those energetic men who make themselves and their influence felt and appreciated everywhere. His indomitable perseverance and industry, combined with a wonderful memory, have enabled him to master every detail of our system, and it is almost appalling to imagine the depth of his Masonic knowledge; in fact, he seems suffused with Masonic lore. Take him where you will, or how you will—Craft, Royal Arch, Mark, Knight Templar, or Rose Croix, all are at his fingers' end; no need to give him notice, he is ever ready,—to initiate a candidate or to instal a Master, to exalt a brother or to enthrone a Z. The consecration of Lodge or Chapter comes to him as a matter of course; besides this, he is at all times ready and willing to give instruction to any comer. There is scarcely a brother of any standing in his native town who has not been initiated, raised, or installed by him. How often have we heard him say, exultingly, when anything went off exceptionally well, "They are nearly all my boys." It is remarkable, after hearing our Worshipful Brother give a degree, with its appropriate and often recondite lecture, arguing in defence of any old landmark that might possibly be assailed (no innovation for him!) to see him sit down, with a smile, after labour, to refresh himself at the festive board. There, indeed, he shines; his apt anecdote, smart repartee, the ingenuousness with which he turns the gleanings of a vast reading to illustrate "our glorious institution," are things to be remembered; all this, together with a real geniality, makes him a universal favourite, and an authority to whom most bow. His Craft honours are numerous; he is P.P.G. Reg. of the Province, P.M. of Lodges Nos. 24, 406, 481, 541, 1427, &c. In the Royal Arch, besides holding Provincial rank, he is P.Z. of Chapters 24, 481, 406. He holds office in the Prov. G.M.M.M. Lodge, as well as in the Royal Kent Preceptory of Knights Templar and Royal Kent Chapter of Rose Croix; he is, besides, Almoner for the Province, the whole fund for the relief of casual distress being placed in his hands. Socially our Worshipful Brother has held, for very many years, a civil appointment of great local importance, and has discharged his duties in such a manner as to gain the warm approbation of his superiors, and—what speaks more for his kindness of heart—the affection and esteem of his inferiors. There is a rumour that our Brother intends shortly to retire, and endeavour to enjoy a well-earned repose, and it is feared he may have to remove to the south, or to some more genial climate. In the cause of local Masonry, this is much to be deplored; but should it become necessary, we need scarcely add universal regret will follow him. We should indeed miss the radiance of An Effulgent Light.

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# A PLEA ON BEHALF OF THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

THE axe humbly petitioned the forest to give it a small branch from one of its trees, and as soon as the favour was granted the axe destroyed the forest. When Constantine ascended the throne, the Church, in like manner, asked for small favours from the emperor, and finally the Church trampled alike on emperors and people. The Reformation broke the unity of the Church, but Church and State, which succeeded the downfall of Romanism, as far as the people were concerned, was not much better. The history of England from the time of Henry VIII. to William III. is a history of religious persecution. Whichever Church wielded the axe of State, it chopped away at all other churches.

In 1717, Freemasonry undertook to heal the wounds inflicted by the Church. It assumed to base itself wholly on Deism—"the religion in which all agree"—"enough to preserve the cement of the Lodge" (Cons. of 1738). If Masonry had adhered to that basis the Grand Lodge of England would be justified in protesting against the action of France: but such was not the case; for it retained the patronage of saints, and enjoined the observance of saint festivals. Subsequently, the Bible was symbolised. With this handle to the axe, it went on chopping away into Masonic universality; other Christian symbols were then introduced, the inventors pretended that these were ancient landmarks. The writers of the last century finally persuaded the Craft that Masonry was a supplement to the religion of the New Testament, that the dogmas of resurrection, atonement, trinity, and what not, were all Masonic. It seems, therefore, a little strange for English Masons to raise a hue and cry against the French Grand Orient for removing a landmark, when the Grand Lodge of England itself was the first in that line of sinning.

But the evil did not stop there; the patron "Saint John" suggested to Ramsay that Masonry originated with the Templars. Christian degrees were next manufactured, and were imposed on the Craft as ancient. Germany, Sweden, Denmark, &c., adopted the Christianising Masonic theory, and up to this day some of these Grand Lodges exclude all but Christians from Masonry, and no Grand Lodge has ever endeavoured to interfere with their right of Christianising Masonry; but if France extends the universality of Masonry, they think they have a right to interfere. In England itself, the Royal Arch is shamelessly tainted with the sectarian dogma of the Trinity, and since the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master it has become fashionable for so-called Knights Templar to sport crosses in Masonic Lodges.

The English ritual is not adapted for universal Masonry. The late Bro. John P. Brown, G.M. of Turkey, once complained to me that the Bible was a stumbling-block for the spread of Masonry among Mahommedans, and in the East Indies they have English Lodges, Mahommedan Lodges, Parsee Lodges, &c. And why? Because the English ritual requires a holy book in the Lodge, and what is holy to one religionist is unholy to the other; thus, the pretence of uniting the good and true of all religious denominations, "who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance," is simply an impossibility. But if a French Lodge was constituted in Bombay, Christians, Jews, Mahommedans, Parsees, Hindoos, and Buddhists, could all belong to the same Lodge, and each religionist could perform the office of W.M. without violating his own or any other member's conscience. The following extract from a lecture by the G.S. of Washington D.C. on the G.L. visitation to one of the Lodges, will give an idea of American notions of Masonry:—

"The three degrees ** constitute the means of communicating divine truth found only in the Great Light—that life and immortality are brought to light by the 'death and blood of the lion of the tribe of Judah.' Nothing more, nothing less than that *** and all those who deny inspiration without exception, Masons or not Masons, deny that one pertinent fact which the third degree teaches in all its force. And the old English Lodges never hesitated to acknowledge, and have upon their carpet the 'fish' as an emblem symbolizing Christ, and is thus explained: 'Ichthus' is the Greek for fish. The letters forming the initial words, Jesus Christ, Son of God, Our Saviour."

Here, in Boston, the ritual is Christian. Prayers in Lodges, as a rule, are Christian. The Temple is decorated at the top and bottom with crosses. In the Lodge room stands a cross, and on the Masonic certificate is also a cross; but yet, the answer of the candidate required is merely belief in God, and then he receives the assurance from the W.M., "on the word and honour of a gentleman and a Mason," that he would enjoy all the privileges without conflicting with his duty to God, &c.; and if the candidate happens to be a Jew or a Deist, and is not over troubled with scruples, he takes office in the Lodge, and hypocritically teaches what he disbelieves. Blameworthy as this conduct may be deemed, the Grand Lodge which instigated such hypocrisy deserves the most censure; and if such is the religion of Masonry, all I have to say is, God keep me and mine from such a religion. Atheism itself cannot be worse. Nay, more: an atheist can be endowed with a principle of honour, but a systematic hypocrite is void of all honour. Whatever fault we may find with the Grand Orient of France for her "new departure," it cannot be denied that she will immensely aid true morality and religion by banishing from the Lodge all temptation to hypocrisy.

Anderson used the phrase, "stupid atheist and irreligious libertine," but however much we may esteem Anderson for promulgating humanitarian ideas, yet we need not accept all that Bro. Anderson has written as if it were a revelation from heaven; especially so when undeniable facts contradict it. For instance, Spinoza was stigmatised as a pantheist, atheist, &c., by Christians, Jews, and disbelievers in revelation, such as Boyle, Voltaire, &c., but no one ever heard that Spinoza was a stupid or a libertine, but, on the contrary, his whole life was pure and blameless. The same may be proved about David Hume, John Stewart Mill, Professor Draper, of New York, Professors Tyndall, Huxley, Darwin, and others. These gentlemen, as F.R.S., can sit side by side with church dignitaries at the Society's meetings; thousands flock to hear them lecture; they are welcomed in the best circles wherever they happen to be; and I really cannot see what harm it would do to Masons if the same gentlemen were to sit in a Masonic Lodge.

"What will the Ultramontanes now say about Masonry?" is another argument to check the French Masons. To this I simply answer, that that faction cannot now say worse about Masonry than it hitherto said. The fact is, the word of "toleration" is the most offensive part of Masonry to that class of zealots. Berlin Masonry is intensely Christian, and Ultramontanes hate it just as much as they do French Masonry. Some of the Protestant clergy also hate Masonry, and it is a curious fact that even Berlin Masonry was attacked in a Berlin Protestant journal, about 34 years ago, as an irreligious association. I must here notice a fact, viz., that while the Royal Society is composed of believers and unbelievers in revelation, even atheists, &c., neither Romanists nor Presbyterians, &c., have ever attacked it as an irreligious body, while they centre all their malignity upon Masonry as an infidel institution. The reason is, the Royal Society does not pretend to teach religion, and Masonry does. A clergyman is as jealous of a rival in his line of business as an ordinary tradesman. When a brother says, in the presence of a clergyman, "Masonry is good enough as a religion for me," the rev. gentleman is indignant at the loss of a customer, and immediately denounces Masonry as an enemy to the Church. Thereupon Masonic editors immediately chide the brother for having said so, and they then deny that Masonry is a religion. Now, that is precisely the idea of the French Masons. "Masonry is not a religion," and if such is the case, it logically follows that it has no dogmas to affirm; and if we could only convince clergymen that Masonry does not interfere with their line of business, they would cease to trouble themselves about it.

But, the fact is, Masons have tried to persuade themselves that Masonry is a religion; and it is not a religion. Hence, our Masonic luminaries know scarcely which is which. The first declares that Masonry requires belief in God only; the second says Masonry is Christian; the third will have inspiration of the Bible as the only Word of God is Masonry: the Grand Lodge of Texas allows Jews to be initiated, but it will not allow a Deist, Mahommedan, &c., even to visit her Lodges; and the fourth says, providing a man can kiss *some book* as the Word of God, he is all right for Masonry. Now, all cannot be right; but the question is, are any of them right?

Another fact must be borne in mind; viz., with the exception of an infinitesimal few, men believe in the G.A.O.T.U., but many differ about the attributes of God. One illustration will suffice. The London papers of about 25 years ago contained a letter from lord Palmerston to the Scotch clergy. The latter desired the Queen to appoint a day of fasting and praying, that God might avert the cholera from visiting Scotland, to which his lordship replied, That God governs the world by immutable laws, &c.; and he therefore suggested to the kirk, instead of fasting, to have the houses of the poor whitewashed, and to supply them with warm clothing and a sufficiency of food, &c. The suggestion of his lordship could not be controverted by reason; but, nevertheless, the kirk was furious at the Secretary of the Interior's infidelity; and if Lord Palmerston had been proposed for Masonry in a Lodge where one of those clericals was a member, he would probably have been blackballed. Such cases have occurred in French Lodges, and hence they found it necessary to expunge all theological questions from their ritual.

"There is a time and place for all things," and a Masonic Lodge, composed of different religionists, is not the place for any one of these to ventilate his religious dogmas. No gentleman would do that in a promiscuous assemblage, and a Mason should behave as a gentleman, not only outside the Lodge, but in the Lodge too. Experience has demonstrated that theology gives rise to anger and ill-feeling. The Church proclaimed "peace and good will to men," but her theology caused the bitterest strife. Masonry next undertook to heal the wounds inflicted by the Church; but theology again marred her efforts. "Masonic universality" is a mockery, and a Masonic Lodge in America is a hotbed of hypocrisy. The Grand Orient of France has therefore wisely decided to banish from her Lodges the source of strife—hypocrisy and inconsistency. It will not allow, henceforth, any talk in a Lodge, either for, or against, theology, but will confine itself wholly to practical humanity. In the language of Bro. Findel, she "surrendered unto the Church that which belongs to the Church, and unto Masonry that which belongs to Masonry." And what harm can it do? Jews and Christians will continue to believe in God, and in immortality; and I have no doubt that the majority who voted for separation of Church from Masonry in the French Lodges firmly believe in those dogmas; and, what is more, the principal advocate of that measure *is a Minister of the Gospel*, who believes, as I believe, that both religion and Masonry will be gainers by the divorce of theology from Masonry.

The phrase, "stupid atheist," &c., is simply absurd. True, I cannot see how a man can believe that there is no Creator, and I also cannot understand how another can believe in the Trinity; but if I am satisfied that highly intellectual men belong to both parties, I have no more right to malign or hate one than the other. The prejudice formerly prevailing against Jews was much greater than the prejudice of to-day against independent thinkers. Two hundred years ago, it was universally believed in Christendom, that every Jew *stinks*, and the water of baptism alone could cure him. Sir Thomas Browne, M.D., wrote an essay of nine pages to explode that superstition; and only within a half dozen years "Jewing" was expunged from Webster's and Worcester's Dictionaries.

The fear which some entertain, that Masons will be *Atheised*, is simply a bugbear. Many doubtless remember the prediction of Sir Robert Inglis, M.P., that if a Jew took a seat in the House of

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Commons, Parliament would be Judaised. The experiment has been tried for nearly twenty years, and, as yet, no M.P. has been circumcised. Even the Christianising machinery used in American Lodges, though it makes Jews into hypocrites, never made one into a Christian. The presence in a Masonic Lodge of such a man as Mr. Tyndall will no more Atheise than the others have Judaised or Christianised.

The world has, in a great measure, got rid of its former prejudices against Jews, and likewise against Atheists too. It is now universally acknowledged that belief and disbelief are independent of a man's will. It is high time therefore for Masons to rid themselves of the last mediæval prejudice against honest, honourable, and highly intellectual men, on account of belief. Expunge, therefore, from the Masonic Constitution the stereotyped nonsense of "stupid atheist," &c., and, with one of the greatest of English poets, let Masons unite in exclaiming—

> "For modes of faith let graceless zealots fight,
> His can't be wrong whose life is in the right;
> In faith and hope the world will disagree,
> But all mankind's concern is charity.
> All must be false that thwarts this one great end,
> And all from God that bless mankind or mend."

Boston, U.S., 30th November 1877.

## REVIEWS.

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*The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.* Its Early History and Constitutions, from A. L. 5730, A.D. 1730, its Minutes and Proceedings. Compiled and Published by the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Part I. Philadelphia: Sherman and Co., Printers. 1877.

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In our last review we reached the end of the prefatory portion of this work, now in course of publication. We now enter upon a notice of the Proceedings themselves, which, however, only date from the 29th July 1779, all the records relating to the period anterior to this date having been mislaid or lost. It may be as well to point out at the very commencement that the Proceedings under notice are those of the Prov. G. Lodge, "Ancients," for which a Warrant of Constitution was issued by the Grand Lodge of that body in England on 20th June, 1764, the same, however, being registered as bearing date the 15th July, 1761, previous warrants having been issued and lost. The Grand Lodge, "Moderns," had ceased to be, and though some of its Lodges continued working till, it is said, 1793, they were not in a flourishing state, and died out slowly but surely in that year. The minutes published in this Part I. extend, as we have stated, from 29th July 1779 to 26th September (28-25) 1786" or over upwards of seven years. Considering that the period to which the earlier portion of the minutes belong was the exciting time of the War of Independence, or of the latter half of it, we are not surprised that the matters recorded are somewhat meagre in character; but as we proceed we shall find they improve, and as the Craft grows in importance and numbers the Proceedings cannot but prove more and more attractive. It is, indeed, a matter for congratulation that any minutes should been preserved from the period of the War. The times were terribly out of joint, and when that is the case, and men's minds are pre-occupied with such momentous events as war and civil commotion the interest that is taken in Masonry is necessarily more limited. It is the more creditable then to our ancient brethren of close on a century ago that they should have found any time to look after the concerns of the Craft.

The first meeting of which we have a record was presided over by G. Master William Ball, the same who is named in the Warrant, issued as stated by our English G. Lodge "Ancients." The assembly was composed of the representatives of Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 8, and a new one, No. 13, which was then and there constituted, Bro. Jac. S. Howell being installed W.M., and Bro. Peter Baynton as S.W.; Bro. Alx. Nesbitt was unavoidably absent, and therefore the installation as J.W. was out of the question. Those who are partial to making forecasts of the future may be inclined to note the presence among the brethren, at this first recorded meeting, of a Brother Jonathan Smith and Colonel John Ball; for even thus early and at a time when the two nations were engaged in mortal strife, the meeting of Bros. Jonathan and John Ball in the same Lodge was a happy omen of the friendly ties that would be established hereafter between those glorious worthies. But to proceed. It is further stated under this date that, "an address was received from Lodge No. 17, Queen Ann County, Md. setting forth an inconvenience they labour under by means of the late and present exigencies of the times having prevented them from meeting for a considerable time, and requesting advice and instruction how to proceed." It was resolved that they be instructed to resume the working of their Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary *pro temp.* do furnish them with the needful instructions and a copy of the minute. Colonel Ball of No. 8 made, in person, a similar application as regards No. 8, and it was resolved in like manner that that Lodge should be revived. G. Lodge was then closed.

The next record is merely a notice dated 22nd October of the same year, to the effect that "a meeting of the Subscribers, Masters of regular Lodges in Philadelphia," was held at Bro. Boyle's house, for the purpose of collecting the different officers of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Warrant of Pennsylvania preparatory to the proposed meeting of Grand Lodge and the election of Grand Officers on St. John's Day, some of the present officers being anxious to resign. On this occasion it was resolved to ask the Grand Master to appoint a Grand Secretary *pro temp.*, in order to summon the different Lodges as soon as possible, as it had been agreed to hold a Grand Communication on the 6th December. This record has appended the names of Alexander Rutherford, No. 2, Thos. Dewees, No. 3, Alex. Boyle, No. 4, Jno. S. Howell, No. 13, and Matt. Smith, No. 21. In accordance with this wish, the G.M. appointed Bro. William Smith, D.D., Grand Secretary, who issued a circular to the Lodges in the jurisdiction, inviting them to meet together in a General Communication on the 20th December, "in conformity to the ancient and laudable usage of the hon. fraternity of *Free and Accepted Masons*; those attending to bring their Warrants and books of transactions, and to pay all dues. On the 18th December, however, a meeting was held, a Warrant having been granted to a Lodge, No. 22, Sunbury, County of Northumberland, with Bros. Stephen Chambers, Henry Starret, and John Chatham as Master and Wardens severally, when Bro. S. Chambers was installed as W.M., and returned the Warrant of Lodge No. 9, as ordered. On the 20th of the month, the appointed meeting was held, G.M. Will. Ball presiding, with Bro. John Coats as D.G.M., Bros. William Shute and John Howard as Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Bro. William Smith as G. Secretary, and Bros. Stephen Cronin and Bernard as Senior and Junior Grand Deacons. Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, and 22 were represented. Their Warrants, with the exception of those of Nos. 14 and 18, which had been forgotten, were presented, and found regular and genuine, that of No. 2 bearing date 7th June 1758, claiming, and being allowed, precedence. Bro. Will Ball, in accordance with the unanimous wish, duly moved and seconded, of all present, consented to hold his office for another year. He then appointed Bro. John Coats as D.G.M., Bros. Alex. Rutherford and Jacob Sam. Howell were elected Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and installed as such, and Bros. John Wood and William Smith as G. Treasurer and G. Secretary respectively. After a brief adjournment, it was resolved that a new edition of the Book of Constitutions should be prepared for the press, and a committee was appointed to give effect to this resolution, and prepare and revise one accordin ly. The question of finance then came under consideration, and, in the absence of books and papers, it was left to each Lodge to contribute what it thought just, in respect of arrears, to the Fund of Charity, future payments to be regulated by law. Nine Lodges did so then and there, No. 21, being a new Lodge, gave £37 10s over and above £20 already paid for the Warrant, and No. 22 £20 for Warrant. Of the remaining seven Nos. 2, 3, 5, and 18 gave each £100, No. 6 £150, No. 17 £112 10s, and No. 14, "having been greatly harassed," £50. Four others, Nos. 4, 8, 13, and 16 promised to make their returns to next Grand Lodge. Nos. 7, 10, 11, 12, 15, 19, and 20 are written down as absent, No. 1 *non est*. Sundry late regulations of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland were then read, with a printed Book of Rules, Orders, &c., to serve as models for private lodges, and these were deposited among the papers of the Grand Lodge. It was further resolved to prepare a new set of Bye-laws against the next Quarterly Communication, and a committee, consisting of the last Past Masters of Lodges in the city, and of such others whose representatives could attend, with the last Past Senior and Junior Wardens of the G. Lodge, and the Grand Secretary was appointed to carry out this resolution. A petition from Isaiah Wool and five other brethren from Monmouth County, New Jersey, for a Warrant for a new Lodge was presented and granted, the Warrant to be made out when they had elected the proper officers. A petition from a distressed brother was read, and referred to a meeting to be held the day following, and the thanks of Grand Lodge having been voted unanimously to the Past Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, for their able and faithful services, Grand Lodge was closed, to meet the following morning; when four Lodges were represented, and the petition of the distressed brother was taken into consideration, and a committee of two was appointed to inquire into the circumstances and to relieve him, if found worthy, to an extent not exceeding one hundred dollars. The Warrants of Nos. 15, 16, and 18 were produced and confirmed. Certain unconstitutional proceeding by Lodge No. 7 were noted, and the Grand Secretary instructed to write to it; and it was further resolved the transactions of No. 5, in claiming to exercise the internal policy of their own Lodge exclusive of all superior jurisdiction be erased. At a Lodge of Emergency, on the 29th of the month, a Bro. Wm. Bostwich, Master elect of No. 23, received his warrant, was installed and saluted, and instructed how to instal Bros. Isaiah Wool and John Motte as his S. and J. Wardens. At another Emergency Meeting on the 7th January 1780 it was resolved that four hundred dollars, current money, be the amount of fees payable to Grand Lodge for a new Lodge Warrant, one-fifth to be given to the Grand Secretary, "besides parchment and engrossing." A new set of books was ordered to be prepared, and also some blank certificates. A petition from some brethren from Cumberland County was ordered to lie over, and fifty copies of the minutes of the Grand Communication were ordered to be printed for circulation among the Lodges. Six days later an Emergency Meeting was again held, when the question of electing a Grand Master General for the whole of the United States was discussed, and it was unanimously carried to appoint "His Excellency George Washington, Esquire, General and Commander-in-Chief of the armies of the United States" to that high office. It was thereupon ordered that the minutes of this election and appointment be transmitted to the different Grand Lodges in the United States, so that application might be made to His Excellency, praying him to accept the appointment. A Committee, consisting of the Masters of four Lodges, was appointed to carry out this instruction. On the 26th January, it was resolved in the affirmative that private Lodges might be represented in G. Lodge by proxies, such proxies to be Master Masons, being residents or hon rary members of the Lodges they were deputed to represent. It was further ordered that every brother applying for a Grand Lodge Certificate should pay, besides the G. Secretary's fee, for the parchment and printing.

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petition for a new Lodge, No. 24, at Reading was unanimously granted, to be held in Reading and with jurisdiction extending five miles round, Bro. Jonathan Potts, the W.M. elect, being duly installed. On the 10th February Bro. John Coats, D.G. Master, presided, and announced that he was about to remove into another State, and praying that a warrant might be granted for a New Lodge in a County in Maryland, where he was about to reside. Grand Lodge expressed its regret at the near departure of the Deputy Grand Master, and unanimously agreed he should have a Warrant when he had appointed his officers and applied for it. The New Warrant of No. 2, beautifully engrossed, according to order of G. Lodge, was produced and signed. Lastly, Bros. J. S. Howell and Howard were directed to apply to Bro. Blaithwaite Jones, to know "whether he has any of the former books and papers belonging to Grand Lodge." In April a Warrant was granted to some brethren of the Maryland line, to be No. 27, and held as a Military Lodge, and orders were given for the preparation of a Warrant to Bro. John Coats. Bro. Brigadier General Mordecai Gist having been installed Master of No. 27, Grand Lodge was closed. On the 27th July, a petition, presented by some brethren of No. 4, and recommended by that Lodge, for a Warrant, was granted, the New Lodge to take rank as No. 9, the Warrant of which had been surrendered. Another Warrant for a new travelling Lodge, No. 29, was also granted to Bro. Will Gray and forty-seven brethren of the Pennsylvanian Line. No. 16 sent a list of its members and one thousand dollars in lieu of all arrears. It having been stated that there were Grand Lodges in Virginia and Massachusetts, certain brethren were directed to communicate with them, with a view to appointing General Washington as Grand Master General. On the 16th October, the Grand Secretary read a copy of a letter he had addressed to Bro. Joseph Webb G.M. of the Grand Lodge "Ancients" of Massachusetts, and of the reply he had received on the subject of the General Grand Mastership of General Washington, Bro. Webb asking to be informed of the nature and extent of the powers it was intended to place in such officer's hands, and whether or not the different State G. Lodges would retain the right to elect their own G.M.'s and Officers. He also mentioned incidentally that the only G.M.'s he remembered having been appointed in the old Colonial days, were those of South Carolina, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, New York, and Massachusetts, and that he had granted a Charter of Dispensation to New Hampshire till it should be in a position to appoint a Grand Lodge of its own. A Committee, consisting of the G. Sec. and Bro. Palfrey, to prepare an answer, was appointed and this was submitted and approved at a meeting held the day following. In this letter it was suggested that the different Grand Lodges should retain all their existing rights and privileges; but, at the same time, that the powers of the Grand Master General could not well be defined till the question of appointing one had been considered and agreed to by the several Grand Lodges. However, the case of the appointment, in the same year, of the Duke of Sudermania, as Grand Master of the Lodges in Sweden, St. Petersburg, Copenhagen, Hamburg, &c., is cited as conveying a good general idea of the position that would be assigned to the Grand Master General. The letter concluded by submitting two points for consideration:—(1) Whether it will be better for the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to select a Grand Master General first, and then propose a time and place for the Committees of the two Grand Lodges to meet and fix his powers and instal him. (2) Or, whether the meeting of the Committees should be first held for the purpose of defining such powers and the election by Massachusetts then made. The time and place for the meeting, it is suggested, should be at or near the head-quarters of the Army, and on or about St. John's Day. On the 18th December, Bro. Ball was requested to continue in office as Grand Master, and consented; Bro. Alex. Rutherford being the new Deputy Grand Master, and Bros. Jacob Bankson and Matt. Whitehead, the new Senior and Junior Grand Wardens. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were re-elected. On the 26th March 1781, a resolution was communicated from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts on the Grand Mastership General to the effect that "as this Grand Lodge has not been acquainted with the opinions of the various Grand Lodges in the United States respecting the choice of a Grand Master General, and the circumstances of our public affairs making it impossible we should at present obtain their sentiments upon it; Therefore: Voted that any determination upon the subject cannot, with the propriety and justice due to the Craft at large, be made by this Grand Lodge until a general peace shall happily take place through the Continent." On the 18th June there was no quorum, and notice was ordered to be given that a Grand Lodge would be held on the 3rd July, which was done. As to the September Communication of the same year, it is recorded "the situation of public affairs, and the call upon the militia to take the field, prevented a sufficient number of brethren from attending." On the 18th October, a letter from Mr. Wm. Allender was read, enclosing a Warrant, granted by Lord Blaney, to hold a Lodge at Joppa, and praying advice and directions. It was resolved that the Warrant was a modern one, but that if some of the members of the Lodge at Joppa, being found worthy, were entered, passed, and raised in one of the Ancient Lodges at Baltimore, then it would be thought conducive to grant them a new Warrant, on condition the modern one was surrendered. At the same time Lodges were advised to exercise caution in not admitting them so long as they remained moderns. Subsequently a Bro. Henderson informed Grand Lodge that a number of papers, which turned out to be addressed to the Master of Lodge No. 169, at New York, and on being opened to contain a Warrant for a new Lodge, No. 212, New York City, with instructions as to the installation of the new officers and other business, had been taken in a prize by the vessel in which he sailed; and it was resolved to transmit them to their intended destination as speedily as possible, for which purpose the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Senior Grand Warden were requested to attend on the Council of Safety, and obtain the requisite permission for so doing. Bro. Henderson was thanked for his attention. On the 22nd November 1781, the Grand Secretary submitted the Book of Constitutions, which was read and unanimously approved, and ordered to be printed. It was further resolved that the Mason's arms be engraved on the frontispiece, and "in case our beloved and illustrious brother General Washington permit it to be dedicated to him, that his Excellency's arms be engraved and prefixed to the dedication." The thanks of Grand Lodge were unanimously voted to Grand Lodge for the care and attention he had bestowed on the work. On the 18th December Bro. Ball was invited, and consented to retain his office as Grand Master for another year. A letter from Lodge No. 18 was read, to the effect that the stoppage of the river by cruisers prevented them remitting their dues. It was further shown that some delay had occurred in remitting to New York the papers already alluded to as having been taken at sea, owing, as Bro. Rutherford informed Grand Lodge, to "some circumstances which had come to his knowledge respecting the treatment of some brethren who had been prisoners in New York." However, this appears to have been explained in an answer to a letter written by that brother with the approval of the Grand Master, and it was ordered that the papers, &c., be immediately sent to New York, "under the care of Bro. Skinner, Commissary General." From the minute of an extra Grand Lodge held on the 6th August, 1783, it seems that difficulties had arisen with a General Roberdeau and others about the rent of the Lodge House, and it was resolved "that a Committee should be appointed to take steps and to defeat the designs of General Roberdeau in his claims to an interest in this house," to raise subscriptions in order to free the house from all claims to individuals "by a purchase of the ground rent, or interest entire, as they think necessary;" and in the event of any application being made "to the Assembly of the State or other authority by any claimants whatever," that "they see that one is framed in reply thereto, that no advantages be taken, and in all respects to act and do as they think right to attain such ends." At the meeting on the 2nd September, a representation was read from Lodge No. 25, complaining of the "want of punctuality in the members of the Grand Lodge at their meetings," whereupon the Grand Lodge thanked the brethren of No. 25 for their friendly remarks, and it was expected that the business would in future be carried on with greater punctuality. A travelling military warrant was granted to some brethren of the Jersey Line, and it was subsequently resolved that in future the fees for new warrants be raised to £15 in specie. A dispensation was granted to Bro. John Coats, late Deputy G.M., and Bro. Smith, Grand Secretary, to enter General Hooper and other modern Masons into the mysteries of Ancient Masonry. The new Lodge seal of No. 25 was submitted, disapproved of, and ordered to be defaced. At an extra meeting on the 7th November, Bro. Adcock reported that he and Bros. Howard and Howell had investigated the business committed to them in connection with the Lodge House, and they found that Grand Lodge had no right or title therein; that they had met the Master and members of the First Lodge of modern Masons and other subscribers towards the building, with the following result:—

"At a Lodge held the 30th October 1782, at the Lodge in Lodge Alley.

"Present: R.W. Edward Shippen, Master.
Mattw. Clarkson, Senior Warden.
Michl. Hillegar, Junior Warden.
Tench Francis, Secretary,
Thomas Bond, Visiting Brother.

The Trustees of the Lodge and the other members having taken into consideration the application of the Lodges of Masons who have lately met there, for a temporary use of the upper rooms, have agreed that they may continue to hold their Lodges there at such convenient times as will not interfere with the other purposes of the Trustees in entering and using the house; that is to say, they may meet there every Monday and Friday evenings for the term of one year from this date, the said Lodges paying to the Trustees five shillings as a consideration therefor.

Copied from the minutes. (Signed) EDWARD SHIPPEN."

The consideration of the above was postponed till a future meeting, but, on 11th November, there was no quorum, and the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were appointed a Committee to wait on Lodge No. 1 of Modern Masons, and explain why an answer could not be given as yet to their proposition. However, at the Grand Communication, held on the 23rd December, it was carried in the affirmative that the Committee appointed to act in this matter be requested to inform Lodge No. 1 of Modern Masons that the Grand Lodge accepts the offer of the house for one year, in accordance with the terms of the Master's letter of the 30th October. On this occasion, Bro. Ball having requested to resign the chair, nominated Bro. William Adcock as his successor, and the latter was unanimously chosen, proclaimed, and installed. He appointed Bro. Alex. Rutherford as D.G. Master, and Bros. Thos. Proctor and George Ord as Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively. They were accordingly installed and the other officers then appointed. The thanks of Grand Lodge were then passed to the retiring Grand Master. The following unusual entry occurs in the minutes of the 3rd February 1783. "At the particular request of the attending members, the R.W. Grand Master, who possessed the right, dispensed with the forms, and called Bro. Joseph Howell, jun., to the chair, who, after receiving the obligation, &c., of the chair as Master of a Lodge, was saluted by the brethren accordingly." Application was made at the meeting on the 21st March, on behalf of Bro. Danl. Oldenbruch, of late Lodge No. 13 of Ancient Masons, for a Grand Certificate, his having been lost with his baggage in one of the actions southward, and he living twenty or thirty miles distant from any Lodge of Ancient Masons. The request was voted in the affirmative. The same day the Grand Warrant was handed to the Grand Master by his predecessor in office. On the 14th June, it was announced that the Book of Constitutions was ready for issue, and it was agreed that Bros. Sellers and Woodhouse should have the privilege of disposing of the same at the rate of five shillings each per dozen copies, and 7s 6d per single copy. It was stated 2,000 copies were printed, 1,000 of which were ordered to be distributed.

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### THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been favoured by the Grand Orient of France with two letters (copies), one addressed to the Hon. Hyde Clarke, London, and the other to the Very Ill. Bro. Edward Borough, Dublin; and as I think that they are important documents respecting the action lately taken by the Grand Orient of France, I have translated them, and beg you to insert them in your next publication.

Yours most fraternally,

J. T. LOTH,

Representative of the Grand Orient of France at the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

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(1.) Bulletin of the Grand Orient of France, October No. 1876, pages 373 to 409, and September No. 1877, pages 236 to 250.

[TRANSLATION.]

A.·. L.·. G.·. D.·. G.·. A.·. D.·. L'UNIV.·.

[L.S.] O.·. de Paris, 14th November 1877.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I hasten to reply to your letter of 10th inst. The Grand Orient of France have not abolished the Masonic formula, "*To the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe*," as you appear to believe; still less have they made profession of Atheism in their General Assembly of September 1877. They purely and simply proclaimed absolute liberty of conscience as a right belonging to every man, and out of respect for this liberty they expunged from their Constitution a dogmatic formula which seemed to a great majority of their members to be in contradiction with liberty of conscience itself.

I see by your letter, and by the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, of which you apprise me, that this modification of their Constitution by the Grand Orient of France has, unfortunately, been ill-understood and very badly interpreted abroad. I believe it would be otherwise if they would give themselves the trouble to take cognisance of the discussions upon this question which took place in our General Assemblies of September 1876 and 1877.

From the date of foundation until 1849, the Grand Orient of France had thrived and prospered without formulating in their code any dogmatic creed. They, in common with the founders of the Order, understood that Freemasonry should remain in every State a neutral ground, to which all opinions could be admitted, and should there be respected; and on which all honourable men, without distinction of nationalities, religions, races, or colour, could shake hands.

In 1849, under the influence of peculiar circumstances, which I have neither to vindicate nor qualify in this letter, the Grand Orient of France departed, at least in appearance, from this broad basis of ideas and principles; they then inscribed, for the first time, in their fundamental law, a dogmatic affirmation, which since that period has never ceased to cause confusion in their ranks.

In 1877, in the plenitude of their rights, and after a profound study of the question, being desirous of putting an end to so regrettable a state of affairs, they returned to their original starting point by proclaiming absolute liberty of conscience; they placed themselves in accord with the original laws of Masonry, with modern ideas, with progress. They showed themselves humane and tolerant in face of inhumanity and intolerance, that is all.

Will the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the great Masonic powers of the globe attribute to them as a crime this return to the pure sources of the Institution? I do not think so. I cannot believe it, because I suppose them just as intelligent, as animated by fraternal sentiments; and if I were charged to appeal to them, before all I should address myself to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, for, better than any other, they should know the value of liberty of conscience and have the highest appreciation of it.

Such, Dear Sir and Brother, are the reflections which your letter suggests to me. However incomplete they may be, I am sure they will suffice to put you on your guard against the errors disseminated respecting the latest labours of the Grand Orient of France, and you will shortly receive the official report of these labours, by which alone you can form a sound judgment on the question.

Accept, Dear Sir and Brother, the assurance of the sentiments with which I have the honour to remain,

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) THEVENOT,

Chief Secretary.

To the Hon. B. Hyde Clarke, London.

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[TRANSLATION.]

A.·. L.·. G.·. D.·. G.·. A.·. D.·. L'UNIV.·.

Cabinet of the President Council of the Order. O.·. of Paris, 28th November 1877.

SIR AND VERY ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHER,—We have received the letter informing us that you resign the representation of the Grand Orient of France at the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Your determination, it seems, is based upon the circumstance that the Grand Lodge of Ireland have decided not only to break off all connection with the Grand Orient of France, but also that they should address a circular to the Lodges of their jurisdiction, inviting them to refuse our Freemasons admission to their Lodges. It would appear that this decision, which has not been notified to us, was taken in consequence of certain modifications made in our statutes by the last General Assembly of the Grand Orient of France.

While formally accepting your resignation, Sir and Very Illustrious Brother, we cannot refrain from expressing our surprise and regret at the precipitation wherewith the Grand Lodge of Ireland has acted in this matter, without even having sought official information respecting the considerations which gave rise to the vote of our last General Assembly. In those proceedings, permit me to observe, there is a forgetfulness of the sentiments of Masonic fraternity which, we are persuaded, will strike you, as it has done us, and in any case it is painful for us to note such an act of intolerance on the part of a Masonic power with which the Grand Orient of France have for so long a period maintained fraternal relations. In this letter I shall not endeavour to demonstrate to you how much the Grand Lodge of Ireland have been mistaken in their construction of the vote of our last Assembly. That is a duty which I hold in reserve, until such time as the Grand Orient of France shall have received notice of the regrettable decision you mention. Let it suffice for me to affirm that, in modifying an article of their statutes, the Grand Orient of France by no means intended to make profession either of Atheism or of Materialism, as would seem to be understood.

No alteration has been made either in the principles or in the practice of Masonry, and French Freemasonry remains what it has always been—a fraternal and tolerant brotherhood, which respects the religious faith and political convictions of its adepts, and leaves in these delicate questions to each one the liberty of his conscience. Labouring, as it does, with a view to the moral and intellectual perfecting of men, and to their well-being, it requires of those who desire to be admitted to its fold those sentiments of honesty and love of good which permit of their co-operating usefully in its work of progress and civilisation.

We think, Sir and Very Illustrious Brother, that these are the true precepts inculcated by "Freemasonry," and we should be much surprised if they did not dwell in the hearts of all Freemasons of every land, to whatsoever rite they may belong.

In conclusion, Sir and Very Illustrious Brother, we express our most sincere wish that the misunderstanding which constrained you to resign your office of Representative of the Grand Orient of France may disappear, and that we may once more be permitted to entrust you with that mission to the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Accept, Sir and Very Illustrious Brother, the assurance, &c., &c.,

The President of the Council of the Order.

[L.S.] (Signed) DE ST. JEAN.

For exact copy—Chief Secretary,

THEVENOT.

To the Very Illustrious Bro. Edward Borough, Dublin.

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### CALLING OFF.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think the authorities I quoted and the views I enunciated apply to the case of "calling off" as well as adjournment; at all events, to that kind of "calling off" which "A YOUNG W.M." appears to have in his mind's eye. I know a Master has great power; I know, too, there is an unwritten as well as a written law—but call the break in the continuity of a Lodge's work by what name you will, whether a "calling off" or an "adjournment"—I fail to see how, in the circumstances as suggested by "A YOUNG W.M." a Master could legally exercise such power. What is a "calling off" for twelve or twenty-four hours but an adjournment? I cannot picture to my mind a case in which the members of a Lodge would need so long an inverval for rest from Masonic labour or refreshment, or even for the two together; and these are generally the objects for which a Lodge is or ought to be "called off." Moreover, I fail to see how a case of the urgent character described by your correspondent can arise, or, I should say perhaps, how it should ever be permitted by a Master to arise. He will, or should know the matters which will be brought forward, for members are summoned to meet on a given day for the transaction of business "by command of the Worshipful Master." If then, the nature of such business is of the greatest urgency, and will brook no delay in settlement beyond the prescribed day of meeting; and if it is of a character so important that it cannot be settled otherwise than by a very long discussion; or if the amount of business to be done is unprecedently heavy as well as urgent, then, in my humble opinion, it is clearly the duty of the Master to call his Lodge together at such an hour as will enable the work to be done. I will assume that six p.m. is the usual hour at which a Lodge meets, and that eleven p.m. is the latest hour up to which it can remain in session. Then I say if the business is of the character described, the W.M. must order his Lodge to meet at such earlier hour as will enable the whole programme of work to be completed. The members will have timely notice, as they would under any circumstances; and further, if the arrangements of the house where the Lodge is held do not allow of such earlier meeting, it will still be in the power, as I hold it will be the duty, of the W.M. to order an emergent meeting to be held, on the evening following that fixed for the regular meeting, for the purpose of discussing and determining that particular question or questions, which I assume, it is known beforehand, cannot possibly be disposed of at the ordinary sitting. The W.M. is sole judge of what constitutes an emergency, and the business to be transacted would, of course, be stated in the summons. The requirements of the law

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would be strictly observed, and I cannot conceive it possible for a Master of average intelligence not to be able to arrange the several matters to be dealt with in such a manner that the work would be duly apportioned between the regular and emergent meetings. There would then be no call for an irregular adjournment under the rather too transparent pretext of "a calling-off."

I hope "A Young W.M." will kindly understand that in writing thus I am only expressing my opinion,—which is probably not worth very much,—not laying down the law dogmatically.

I will add that Mackey must not be regarded as an authority on English Masonic law. He is a voluminous, as he is unquestionably an able, writer. At the same time I read very many American Masonic magazines and newspapers, and I gather from them that he is by no means accepted generally as a trustworthy exponent of Masonic law even among his fellow Craftsmen in the United States. In saying this, I am recording a fact, but I am by no means desirous of tarnishing the fair fame of one who has laboured so meritoriously.

Fraternally yours,

PETER GOWER.

## RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE.

**Naval and Military Conclave, No. 35.**—This Conclave met for business on Monday, 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Portsmouth. Bro. G. A. Green was installed as M.P.S. for the ensuing year, Bro. Adams as his Deputy, Bros. A. Nance jun. S.G., W. Tuck J.G., J. Lillywhite H.P., J. Clay P.S. Treas., A. R. Robinson P.S. Recorder, R. Osborne Prefect, W. C. Redward Sub., P. G. Watson Organist, E. J. Smith S.B., G. Reading Sen. Aide, A. M. Dixon Jun. Aide, J. W. Stroud H., and Copus Sentinel. Upon the motion of Dr. Knott Int. Gen. Hants, it was unanimously resolved that ten guineas be forthwith subscribed in the name of the retiring M.P.S., Bro. John Harrison, to the funds of the Masonic Girls' School, and thus commence the endowment of the Presiding Officer's chair as a Life Governor in perpetuity. This compliment was acknowledged by Bro. Harrison in suitable terms; he at the same time expressed the deep obligation he owed to the officers and members for their assistance and support during his year of office, and also for unanimously voting this amount for charitable purposes. The members adjourned to a banquet at the George Hotel, where the annual festival of members of Red Cross and Masonic friends were most liberally provided for by Mr. Kemp, whose catering gave great satisfaction to all assembled. The head of the Order in England and Scotland, Colonel Francis Burdett J.P., and the Rev. Canon Beckles, of Weymouth, Int. Gen. of Dorset, and some others, sent letters of apology for non-attendance.

## GRAND ORANGE LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

THE regular meeting of the Grand Lodge was held in the Orange Hall, Glasgow, on Friday, 21st inst. There was a large attendance of members from the various districts throughout Scotland, and, amidst an enthusiasm seldom witnessed, the following resolutions were passed:—

"1. That the proposed restoration of a Popish hierarchy for Scotland is intended to enforce and apply in detail to this country the unfounded and intolerant claim of the Church of Rome to universal supremacy, and thus to destroy the Revolution Settlement, as well as the Reformation itself, with all the liberties and privileges which the people of this country have derived from these sources.

"2. That whilst the Church of Rome might at all times have been justly described, in the language of Adam Smith, as 'the most formidable conspiracy that was ever formed against the authority and security of civil government, as well as against the liberty, reason, and happiness of mankind,' all her objectionable principles and aims have been more clearly developed in connection with the recent meetings of the Vatican Council, the declaration of the personal infallibility of the Pope, and the publication of a syllabus embodying the most overbearing and intolerant principles which have ever swayed the cruel and unrelenting counsels of the Vatican.

"3. That whilst the Government and the mass of professing Protestants in this country seem utterly blind to this, and to the dangers by which we are surrounded, and whilst many good Protestants are much to blame for this ignorance, and the increased public support which Rome has lately received, the attempt at present being made not to reform the Churches, but to secure what is called their disestablishment—in other words, the destruction of all the Acts of Parliament which established the Reformation and the glorious Revolution, and upon which the security of property and the succession to the Crown in this country also depend—may justly excite alarm, inasmuch as these movements, if successful, will pave the way for the overthrow of our liberties and the complete triumph of Popery, with all its accompanying evils.

"4. That in the rapid increase of Popery of late in many influential quarters, and especially in its increase in England since the Emancipation Act and the establishment of the Popish hierarchy, there is a proof that the dangers in question are far from visionary; at the same time they demonstrate that while the mass of the people are still professedly Protestant, it is an urgent duty on the part of all Christians and patriots to arouse the community in regard to the dangerous aims and purposes of the Vatican, and the absolute necessity of seeking earnestly, by the Divine blessing, to drive back the tide of defection, and to hand down to the coming generations those unspeakable blessings and privileges which were so dearly purchased, and have been so dearly maintained, by our godly and heroic forefathers."

## MOTHER KILWINNING LODGE, GLASGOW.

THE annual meeting of Mother Kilwinning Lodge was held on the 21st inst., in the hall of the Lodge. There was a large muster of brethren—Bro. R. W. Cochran-Patrick of Woodside, Depute Prov. Grand Master for Ayrshire, presiding. The Lodge having been duly opened in the first degree, and some routine business transacted, the following office-bearers were unanimously appointed:—Bros. Col. Mure, M.P., R.W.M. and Prov. G.M. for Ayrshire, Sir James Fergusson, Bart., Past Provincial Pro G.M., Patrick Burns D.M., John Carruthers S.M., Roger Montgomerie, M.P., Proxy Master, J. A. Ferguson P.S.W., John Tweed P.J.W., James Gibson S.W., James Gillespie J.W., Revs. W. Lee Ker, John Sime and Alexander Inglis Chaplains, Robert Wylie Secretary, John Winton Treasurer, Robert Aird S.D., George Jack J.D., William Purves S.S., W. Paterson J.S., James Crawford B.B., John Armstrong jun. Architect, C. Aitken I.G., C. Breckenridge Tyler.

Brother Wylie read a letter from the Rev. George Lakeman (a member of the Lodge), dated Portsoy, 14th December, stating that he was somewhat pained that he had to call attention to the recent action taken by the Grand Orient of France in having struck out of its preliminary declaration the words which express belief in the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. He looked upon this as a great calamity. He had observed that the Irish Grand Lodge had promptly passed a resolution regretting and strongly protesting against the action of the French Grand Orient in this matter; and he understood that the Grand Lodge of England had appointed a committee to report upon the subject. Bro. Lakeman thought that Mother Kilwinning ought not to remain silent, because, were she doing so, it would give colour to the assertion sometimes made that Freemasonry was only an empty shadow, without substance or form—without a meaning. He, therefore, suggested that the Mother Lodge should pass a resolution in words similiar to the following:—"That we, the members of the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning, beg respectfully to call the attention of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the unfortunate step which has been taken by the Grand Orient of France, whereby a belief in the existence of God and the immortality of the soul is expunged from its fundamental principles, and to express the hope that some step will be taken by which the Freemasons of Scotland may give expression of the sorrow they feel that their brethren and friends should have so acted." Bro. Lakeman further said that between seventy and eighty French Lodges had protested against the change, and he submitted that Mother Kilwinning Lodge ought to do all in its power to support these Lodges in the stand they were making for the right.

Bro. Cochran-Patrick agreed that they should take the action suggested in that letter, for no doubt the Grand Orient had struck at the very foundation of Masonry when they made such a change. He had found in Denmark, Sweden, and Norway that the Lodge Mother Kilwinning was regarded with great respect, and he believed that any resolution which she passed on the step taken by the Grand Orient would have great effect. He proposed a resolution in the terms suggested in the letter, and thought that a copy should be sent to the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Orient of France.—(Applause.)

Bro. J. G. Halket seconded the resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

The Lodge Mother Kilwinning celebrated their annual festival in the evening, and was visited by large deputations from the following Daughter Lodges, headed by their respective Masters, namely:—St. Andrew's, Kilmarnock 126; St. Andrews, Irvine 149; St. John (Kilwinning), Beith 157; Thistle and Rose, Stevenston 169; Blair, Dalry 290; and Neptune (Kilwinning), Ardrossan 443. A most happy and enjoyable evening was spent.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781, at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse E., on Wednesday evening, 30th January 1878, at seven o'clock precisely. Bro. J. E. Ives No. 781 as W.M., T. J. Barnes P.M. No. 554 and 933 as S.W., W. Hallett W.M. No. 781 as J.W., S. J. Turquand P.M. No. 1556 as I.P.M.

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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen and Court, contrary to Her Majes custom of late years, spent Christmas at Wind and the usual festivities were observed. There was large baron of beef on the sideboard, and, indeed, Chr mas was celebrated in right royal fashion, albeit in c parative privacy. The Prince and Princess of Wales w at Sandringham with their family, the latter with children leaving Clarence House on Saturday, and rea ing her husband's seat in Norfolk the same afterno The Prince and his two sons were present at the customa distribution of beef among the poorer persons employed the estate, about 200 parcels, varying in weight accordi to the families of the recipients, from four pounds to t pounds, being given away. It is believed that Her Majes will open Parliament this year in person, in order to giv greater emphasis to so important an event.

Christmas generally has been kept cheerily, in the Me tropolis at all events, and the news from the Provinces i to the same effect. The weather was more favourable tha could have been anticipated, so that people were able t take out-door exercise, and thus gain an appetite for the good things in store for them. Then the novelties in the way of dramatic and other entertainments are not only more numerous than ever, but many of them were timed to begin as early as last Saturday, and others on Christmas Eve, so that those who had leisure and means at their disposal had opportunities of seeing several of the new entertainments in the course of their holiday. Among the Pantomimes which appear to have been received with the greatest favour,—though we believe there is not one which has not experienced a more or less flattering reception,—must be mentioned "The White Cat" at Drury Lane, "Puss in Boots" at Covent Garden, "Rose and Marie" at Her Majesty's, "Beauty and the Bears" at the Standard, "St. George and the Dragon" at the Alexandra Palace, and "The Sleeping Beauty" at the Crystal Palace. The Messrs. Sanger's Grand Carnival at the Agricultural Hall, with the Bombardment and Capture of Plevna as the most important part of the entertainment, must have been witnessed by many thousands of spectators. All the accommodation in the way of seats seemed to be occupied, and the Carnival, with its racing, its fireworks, and military spectacle, was a great success. Madame Tussaud's, the Zoological Gardens, the British Museum, and, in short, every place of popular resort on public holidays had its patrons on Boxing-day, and in the case of several theatres and halls, two entertainments have been given daily during the week.

Christmas, however, seems never fated to pass without some railway accident, and on Wednesday a collision occurred on the Midland line, not far from Wortley Junction, between a Midland and a North-Eastern train, in which the driver and fireman of the former were killed on the spot, and one of the guards very seriously injured. The passengers were fortunately not much hurt, though many were of course delayed in reaching their destination. The engine of the North-Eastern train was completely demolished, and so, too, was that of the other train.

The Queen's Bounty was distributed as usual at the Almonry Office, in Middle Scotland Yard, on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, the number of recipients, who ranged in age from sixty and upwards, being about 1250, and the sums they received varying from five to thirteen shillings. Among the old people thus relieved were two who had reached the patriarchal age of 99 and 100 years respectively.

The political horizon is, if anything, somewhat darker than it was when we last wrote. There is a growing conviction that the Czar has determined on continuing the war, and with this unpleasant feeling among us it is not surprising there should be some fear that England may find it necessary to change her bearing of conditional

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neutrality for one of greater determination, and, it may be, of resolute action, in defence of our interests. Considering that the state of our trade has been so depressed this year, this is not a very promising state of things, but we have the satisfaction that, should we become involved in the present contest, we have done all in our power to keep the peace. As regards war news, there is little to record. The rival armies appear to be preparing themselves for a renewal of the struggle, and, to this end, are concentrating their armies—the Russians with a view to force the passage of the Balkans and tackle the Quadrilateral, the Turks to defend Sofia and Adrianople. The Servians, according to their own account, are making mincemeat of the Turks, and carrying all before them. These fire-eaters seem bent on taking the lion's share of the work in the second period on which the war has entered; and, if they are not on the look-out, the Russians will have to content themselves with the second place in the honour list. The investment of Erzeroum is said to be almost completed; but here, and in Europe, the weather is the great obstacle to active operations.

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As will be gathered from our advertisements, Bro. Binckes is in a position to announce that His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Grand Senior Warden, has kindly consented to preside at the Eightieth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The day has not been fixed, but there is plenty of time between now and June or July next for this to be done. Meanwhile, we trust the Craft will show itself eager to second the efforts of His Royal Highness on behalf of this Charity, and that a more than usually numerous and influential Board of Stewards will be found advocating the interests of "Our Boys."

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## PRESENTATION AT KILWINNING.

### From the "Glasgow News."

On Friday, 21st Dec., Mr. Robert Wylie J.P., Kilwinning, Glasgow, was presented with a purse containing 250 sovereigns, and a handsome epergne, as also a gold watch, chain, and brooch for Mrs. Wylie. Mr. Wylie has for a long period taken an active interest in matters tending to promote the welfare of the ancient town of Kilwinning, and, being a Freemason, he has been, and still is, one of the most energetic and respected members of the Mother Lodge of Scotland. The gifts with which he was presented were given in token of the high esteem in which he is held by all classes of the community, and in recognition of his Masonic and public services. At four o'clock a dinner was held in the Eglington Arms, at which there were about 100 gentlemen present. Mr. R. M. Cochran-Patrick of Woodside occupied the chair, while Messrs. George Brown of Burnside and J. M. M'Coeh of Dalry officiated as croupiers. Amongst those present were—Rev. Mr. Taylor, Kilwinning, Rev. Henry Reid M.A., Irvine, Rev. George Philp, Saltcoats, Provost Paterson, Irvine; Messrs. J. A. Ferguson Glasgow, James Dickie, Town-Clerk of Irvine, J. G. Halkett, banker, Saltcoats, Henry Leck of Hollybush, William D. M'Jannet, Irvine, Arthur Guthrie, Ardrossan, and H. M. Highet, Irvine. The usual Constitutional toasts were proposed from the chair, and duly honoured. Mr. H. M. Highet proposed the Lord-Lieutenant of the County (Earl of Stair), and Mr. James Hendrie gave the Lord of the Manor (Earl of Eglington), which were cordially responded to.

The Chairman then said—It has often puzzled foreigners who have come to study the history of this country to account for the comparative immunity which we have had from those social and political convulsions which have occurred in neighbouring countries once at least in every generation, and sometimes oftener. Various theories have been propounded to account for this. One distinguished economist has satified himself that our freedom from revolution depends upon the custom widely prevalent amongst us of giving public dinners.—(Laughter.) Another, not quite so well known, but no less able writer, has defined the Scotch to be a committee-making people, and has found in our very common practice on all occasions of calling a public meeting, and then appointing a chairman with almost despotic powers, and afterwards the nominating of a small committee to do the real work, a social parallel to that practical blending of monarchy, aristocracy, and democracy which so happily characterises the British Constitution. And yet a third—perhaps more distinguished, and certainly better known than either of the others—believes that we owe the calm course of our history to the fact that there has always been in this country a large and cultured class who, having leisure, have preferred, instead of devoting their time, money, and energies to the pursuit of pleasure, devoted these to the prosecution of useful public ends, without the hope of any other recompense or reward than the consciousness of doing a right and a good thing for their fellow-men. I venture to think that the proceedings which have culminated here to-night might have afforded an example of each of these ingenious theories. We have held our meetings, appointed our committees, and discussed a very good dinner, and we have in our friend and guest of this evening, a conspicuous example of that valuable class who are always ready to come forward with their time and energy for the promotion of public ends.—(Applause.) For more now than twenty years Mr. Wylie has taken an active and prominent part in every movement which had for its object the welfare of this ancient place. As a county magistrate, as a director of the district poorhouse, as a member of the various local boards—in every capacity in which he has acted, Bro. Wylie has taken an active part in the promotion of useful things, but it is prominently as a member of the ancient body of Freemasons that Bro. Wylie is most generally known.—(Applause.) From the first day of his initiation he has enthusiastically identified himself with the Province of Ayrshire, and with Mother Kilwinning.—(Applause.) There is hardly an office in the Lodge which he has not filled, and filled well and worthily. I have the best reason for believing and saying he has, during that long period, not to his own knowledge, missed one business meeting. In times of Masonic prosperity, in periods of calm repose, and in times of adverse reaction, Brother Wylie has ever done the best a man could do for the interest of the Craft and Kilwinning. (Applause.) I am sure I shall be corroborated by all the brethren present when I say that in this great and important Province of Ayrshire, during the last twenty years, Masonry has made a most extraordinary progress; and I am sure I shall not be exceeding the truth, or going beyond what is within the personal knowledge of many here present, when I say that much of that progress is due to the genuine enthusiasm, the ever-prudent tact, the invariable good temper, and the genial courtesy of Bro. Wylie. (Applause.) It is not surprising, then, that under these circumstances a very wide feeling should prevail that some recognition should be made of those public services, and accordingly a movement was set afoot some time ago which has resulted in the very handsome testimonial which I am now about to hand to Bro. Wylie, and I am sure that, valuable as that testimonial is, it will be valued by him not so much because of its intrinsic value, but as representing the sincere regard and respect of a very large circle of friends. Turning to Bro. Wylie, the Chairman said—Now, sir, in handing to you this most beautiful gift, I am sure I express the earnest desire of every one to-day when I say we hope you will for a long time continue to discharge towards Mother Kilwinning and this district those offices which have won you such a large circle of friends. (Applause.) The Chairman then asked Mr. Wylie to accept of the 250 sovereigns and the epergne, as also a guld watch, chain, and brooch for Mrs. Wylie, and concluded by calling on the company to drink the toast of "Bro. Wylie and his Fireside."

The toast was enthusiastically responded to.

Mr. Wylie, in reply, said: I rise to thank you, or rather to attempt to thank you, for the great honour you have conferred upon me this evening in presenting me with such a magnificent testimonial. We have the highest authority for saying that out of the fulness of the heart the mouth speaketh. It is not less true that the heart may be too full for words, as mine is now, for any words at my command must altogether fail in expressing the gratitude I feel for this crowning act of kindness towards Mrs. Wylie and myself. I have to thank my friend, your distinguished chairman, for proposing my health in such eloquent terms, though I well know and feel that his words of praise far exceed any merits of mine. Whatever I have been privileged to do in a public capacity, or in connection with the ancient guild to which many of us belong, has been to me a labour of love, and its own abundant reward. This magnificent gift testifies that I have done something you consider deserving of recognition, and it will be a further strengthening of my hands, if years are given me, for further work. The chairman has fittingly told you the cause of this outflow of friendliness and brotherly love towards me. Much of it, I dare say, is due to my late candidature for the office of secretary in the Grand Lodge of Scotland. And here, perhaps, I may be permitted to state that it was only after the most urgent solicitations, by many of my warmest Masonic friends throughout Ayrshire and in Glasgow, that I allowed myself to become a candidate. My candidature, as you are aware, was unsuccessful. That I was in a large measure the cause of my own defeat it is unnecessary now to explain. From all parts expressions of regret and sympathy came to me, followed and attested by kind deeds, which have culminated in this splendid gift. It has, indeed, some significance in being presented on an anniversary of the Mother Lodge, although I am aware that many friends far and near have contributed to it who do not belong to the Masonic Craft, which makes me value it all the more highly, and I cannot help expressing specially to them my deep sense of gratitude. I cannot refrain from mentioning by name one gentleman who has been singularly zealous in its promotion. I refer to my friend, Mr. Ferguson, whose kindness of heart and liberality of sentiment are so well known to all his friends. Before sitting down, allow me again to thank you for this splendid epergne, and the sovereigns accompanying it. My friends have not been forgetful that money answereth all things. The gift of this valuable gold watch and brooch to Mrs. Wylie I have great pleasure in acknowledging in her name. I need scarcely say to those who know her that the man of whom she has so [illegible], with her, the burden of life has enabled me, as I could not have done otherwise, to devote so considerable a portion of my time to public work. These gifts will ever be most highly prized and handed down as heirlooms in our family.

Several other toasts followed.

The epergne bore the following inscription:—"Presented, with a purse and 250 sovereigns and gift to Mrs. Wylie, by a large circle of Masonic and other friends, to Robert Wylie, Esq., Provincial Grand Secretary for Ayrshire and Secretary of Mother Lodge, in appreciation of long and valuable services to Masonic and other institutions connected with Kilwinning, in testimony of their regard for him as a brother and friend.—Kilwinning, 21st December 1877."

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## TO OUR READERS.

WE cannot allow the opportunity to pass without wishing our readers, one and all, a Happy New Year. But a few hours more and we shall have entered on the year 1878, and we are sorry to say the prospects before us are not of the most reassuring character. The present is a time of grave anxiety for us all. The terrible war which for months has been deluging with blood certain provinces of the Turkish Empire, and has caused unutterable woe among thousands and thousands of families, both in Turkey and Russia, is, to all appearances, about to enter—if indeed, it has not already entered—on its second period; and not only are the several combatants gathering together what strength remains to them towards a renewed effort to secure the ultimate victory, but delicate questions have arisen which, in the opinion of many competent judges, are not unlikely to cause an extension of the war; foremost among the countries which it is imagined may become involved in the contest being Great Britain. Parliament is summoned to meet much earlier than usual, and this fact is of itself sufficient evidence that a crisis has come, when the Queen and her Ministers consider it necessary they should have the support of the legislature in the policy they consider it necessary to adopt. Thus a year of grave anxiety has passed away, only to be succeeded by one of still graver and more terrible care. We trust the crisis may pass, and that Great Britain will be able to protect its honour and interests without a resort to arms; but we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that such a contingency awaits us. Nevertheless, we wish our readers may succeed in realising the hopes and aspirations they have formed, and that, under Providence, they may not only meet with every enjoyment in their own families, but likewise have health and strength to fulfil the duties of life, with satisfaction to themselves and to the credit of that grand and ancient fraternity of which they form part and parcel.

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WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample Form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and Most Potent and Puissant Lord The Right Honourable William Earl of Antrim, Lord Viscount Dunluce, Knight Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor of the County of Antrim, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Laurence Dermott, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful James Read, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Peter Fehr, Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well-beloved brethren, viz., The Worshipful William Fearn one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Richard Barnham his
No. 227 Senior Warden, and the Worshipful William Mitchell his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the house known by the sign of the Ship Centurion, in Holywell-street, Shoreditch (or elsewhere in London), upon the first and third Monday in every Calendar Month in the year, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Freemasons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved brethren, William Fearn, Richard Barnham, and William Mitchell (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their powers and dignities as Freemasons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this first day of November, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred Eighty-four, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred and Eighty-four.

ROBT. LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 6, Letter F.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Amity Lodge, No. 171, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

## No. 104.

No. 312, "Ancients;" No. 397 A.D. 1814, No. 275 A.D. 1832, and No. 227 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS HARPER, D.G.M.

M. GILLIES, S.G.W. THOS. MAHON, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the GRAND LODGE of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful The Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount Ballquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq^re, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Malcolm Gillies, Esq^re, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Thomas Mahon, Esq^re, Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz.,
No. 312 The Worshipful John Hall, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful George Parish, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful William Hope, his Junior Warden (to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the house known by the name of the Fortune of War, or elsewhere in Woolwich, in the County of Kent, upon the Second Monday in every Month, and on all other seasonable times and lawful occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, John Hall, George Parish, and William Hope (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this twenty-fifth day of April, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and ten, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Eight hundred and ten.

(Signed) ROB^T. LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 10, Letter K. 149.

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MARGINAL NOTE.—The M.W. Grand Master His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex has this day granted permission for the removal of this Lodge (now denominated the Ionic Lodge, and being registered in the books of the Grand Lodge No. 275) from Charlton, in the County of Kent, to the George and Vulture Tavern, Cornhill, in the City of London, there to be holden on the first Thursday in each month.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,
WILLIAM H. WHITE, G.S.

Freemasons' Hall, London.
20th November 1835.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Ionic Lodge, No. 227, Leadenhall-street, E.C.

## No. 105.

No. 128, "Ancients;" No. 151 A.D. 1814, No. 112 A.D. 1832, and No. 95 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

THO^S. HARPER, D.G.M.

WM. BURNARD, S.G.W. WM. CHAPLIN, J.G.W.

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the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful John Gilbert one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful John Livingston his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful William Evans his Junior
No. 128 Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Globe Tavern, Blackwall, in the County of Middlesex, on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Freemasons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, John Gilbert, John Livingston, and William Evans (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Freemasons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. John's Day, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this twenty-second day of December, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and two, and in the year of Masonry Five thousand Eight hundred and two.

[Seal of the Duke of Atholl.] [Seal of the Grand Lodge.]

Robt. Leslie,
Grand Secretary.

Note.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 9, Letter I.

This Warrant was originally granted the 4th September 1765. The Right Honble. Thomas Alexander Earl of Kellie, Gd. Master, to Thomas Crisp W. Master, William Jones and Thomas Benson Wardens. Edwd. Harper, D.G. Secr.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Eastern Star Lodge, No. 95, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.

## CATHEDRAL OF SPEYER AND ITS BUILDERS.

*From the* Keystone.

One of the most notable constructions of the Eleventh Century, is the Cathedral of Speyer, whose gigantic dimensions attest the striking boldness of the architectural plans, and the pious determination of the great German Emperor Conrad. Owing to the immensity of its size, the superstructure proceeded with careful tardiness, nor was it until the Emperor's early death, in the year 1039, that the Crypt had been fully completed. His son and successor Henry III., during the first ten years of his reign, was particularly active in carrying forward the construction of the Minster. In the summer of 1046, prior to his visit to Rome, he made a pious voyage to the tomb of his parents, and largely donated funds for the farther progress of the work on the building. This zealous piety was summarily checked by the sarcasms of one of the Episcopal authorities of the Empire, Bishop Tibicio, who ironically apostrophised the gifts of the Emperor as trifling. For this reason additional labour on the dome at Speyer was obstructed until after the demise of Henry III. in the year 1056, at which time the immense walls stood solitary and unsupported.

Under the patronage of a minority Regency of the Empire, the widow Agnes, some effort was made for the farther progress of the work, and between the years 1060 and 1062, the same had so far progressed that the Church was formally consecrated. This ceremony was apparently confined to the altar enclosure, inasmuch as a later inscription distinctly stated that the triumphal arch before the choir was constructed by Bishop Einhard, while the entire structure was certainly not finished until the time of Henry IV.

During the active progression of the workmanship on this fabric it became sadly evident that, from an undoubted oversight, the part of the building whose foundation walls stood upon the projecting bank of the river Rhine in a north-easterly direction, would, owing to the strong currents undermining the soil, inevitably fall. By the imperial mandate, Bishop Benno, of Osnabrück, already renowned as transcending all competitors of his age in the profoundest scientific skill of architechnology or building lore, was summoned to Speyer, and into his personal care was specially intrusted, as *Magister* or Master, the delicate handiwork of saving the entire Minster from certain destruction. By means of powerful masses of stone-work judiciously laid, heavy shedding, and, above all, a mole or projecting dam, which harmlessly conveyed the rapid waters of the Rhine away from the river bank, the gigantic structure was saved.

The Emperor displayed great industry and zeal in advancing the work to completion, but unfortunately numerous obstacles prevented the craftsmen on the building from hastily finishing their labours. Dishonest and unconscionable masters of the work appropriated enormous sums of money to their own use, and oftentimes there were not sufficient funds to pay the craft of builders for their handiwork. Who these masters were cannot be stated with certainty, but as at this period of the Eleventh Century the lay element had so far passed into organised bodies of Architects as to rival the Ecclesiastical Craftsmen, it may be assumed that these embezzled moneys went into the capacious pockets of the masters of workmen, who were independent of Clerical discipline.

Fortunately, all the master builders were not chargeable with peculating tendencies. After mature consideration of the difficulties which had originated with dishonesty of some of the heads of the Masons' and Stone-cutters' Lodges, the Emperor conferred the exclusive superintendence and general management of the Craft of Artificers labouring upon the Speyer Minster, to the enlightened judgment and distinguished honour of Bishop Otto, of Bamberg, who, after his return from Poland, where he had gone in early youth, filled, in the imperials councils, an illustrious position. Otto signalised his direction of the financial affairs of the construction of Speyer Cathedral with his usual felicity. It is pleasant to state that this learned cleric oftentimes accounted to the Emperor for any excess of money remaining above personal expenses incurred in travelling between Speyer and the Royal Court. Such fidelity in stewardship seems to have been as rare in those days as now, since his conduct endeared him to both his Imperial Majesty and to the magnates of the empire. Not only was Otto distinguished for the extreme carefulness with which he attended to the expenses of the building, but he displayed his extensive knowledge of architectural art and technology. It was he who drafted the exact measurements by which the windows were suitably adjusted with mathematical precision to their places in the walls—*aquam fenestrarum ecclesiæ mensuram*—and submitted the plans to the Emperor for his decision.

Touching the question of material used in the construction of this mighty fabric, it may be stated that stone was largely preponderant. Sometimes the walls appear to be of composite work, such, for instance, as rubble or ashlar imbedded in mortar. But in its general characteristics this stone material is carefully worked and dressed, of an even dark red sandstone, shaped in the quarry and laid on the most careful horizontal line, and united with heavy plaster entirely covering the cemented sides. The columnar supports in the interior are crowned with fine capitals, whose surface is embellished with floral wreaths, foliage, &c.

## In Memoriam.

*L'homme propose, mais Dieu dispose.* When we published last week our short sketch of the year 1877, we began by remarking that, as regards England, there was little likelihood of anything of great moment happening during the few days that still remained to complete the year. But, alas! that our prediction or expectation should have proved to be erroneous in so brief a space of time; for, on Monday last, it pleased the Great Architect to take from among us one of the grandest, most beneficent and benevolent, and one of the best beloved of English Freemasons. On that day died Bro. John Sutcliffe, in whom it is no exaggeration to say was centred the heart and soul of Lincolnshire Masonry—the same we described a few months since with so much pleasure, if with so little ability, as "Warden of the Fens." And having so described him then, and recounted his numerous achievements in Craft, Arch, and Mark Masonry, we need not reiterate them now. Let it suffice if we state that in their late Past Grand Warden of Craft, and in their late Prov. Grand Master of Mark, both the Craft and Mark degrees have sustained a loss which, in very truth, can be accounted in no other way than as irreparable. *De mortuis nil nisi bonum* is an excellent rule to observe, but it must not be observed at the expense of the living. At the same time we fully believe that every Lincolnshire Craftsman, nay, every English brother, who has heard mention of Bro. John Sutcliffe, will agree with us that many a long year must pass ere we shall find, if we ever do find, one in whom were concentred all the various qualities and qualifications which are necessary to constitute a good Mason. That he was a man of princely fortune is only to be mentioned because his possession of wealth enabled him to give full rein to the generous inclinations of his heart. The qualities by which he was best known among his fellows, and which will cause them to cherish and venerate his memory, as though he had been a much loved brother in kinship as well as in the Craft, were his splendid geniality, his great ability as an officer of both Lodge and Chapter, his enthusiasm for Freemasonry in all its branches, and the perfect consistency which reigned between his every word, thought, and action. We know there are many Mason hearts in London and in Lincolnshire which are now mourning him with a grief which is only second to that of his nearest and dearest friends; but in Lincolnshire Masonry, we can imagine, there is not a single member of the Fraternity who is not, and who will not for a long time, be bowed down with sorrow, that Bro. John Sutcliffe, the genial, the kind, the beneficent, is no more. To his family—without one thought of intruding ourselves on the sacred privacy of their well-nigh inassuageable grief—we respectfully offer our humble, yet sincere, tribute of sympathy; and we pray that the Great Creator of all things may indue them with strength enough to bear the affliction with which it has pleased Him to visit them.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 29th DECEMBER.

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

## MONDAY, 31st DECEMBER.

43—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1506—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, 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. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.

## TUESDAY, 1st JANUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
58—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.)
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Fownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
108—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
393—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch.

## WEDNESDAY, 2nd JANUARY.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1634—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
298—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
328—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 4 p.m. (Instruction.)
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

## THURSDAY, 3rd JANUARY.

8—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
[illegible], Christian Knight, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1425—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Guildhall, Canterbury.
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
[illegible]—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley Yorks.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
309—[illegible]ony, Red Lion, Fareham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Masonic Building, Abingdon-street, Northampton.
443—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
461—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underly, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.
1473—Bootle, Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Bootle, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1591—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery.
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemason's Hall, Sheffield.

## FRIDAY, 4th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (
814—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (In
933—Deric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., at 7. (Instructio
1237—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction
1286—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (I

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.
601—St. John's, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
709—Invicta, Corn Exchange, Queen-street, Ashford.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.

## SATURDAY, 5th JANUARY.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Ho[illegible]ath, Manchester.
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

TUESDAY.

965—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

WEDNESDAY.

R. A. 504—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds

THURSDAY.

289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Saville, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.

FRIDAY.

242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1548—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

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# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Jordan Lodge of Instruction, No. 201.**—On Tuesday, 18th December, at the Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street. Bros. Kew, Manchester Lodge W.M., W. M. Lowe of the Westbourne S.W., Swallow J.W., Fox Sec., Hiscox Treas., Pope S.D., Powell J.D., Mertin I.G., P.M. Koester. The fourth and fifth sections of the lecture were worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lowe was then presented and obligated; the Lodge was opened to the third degree, and the ceremony of installation impressively rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Powell, Prince Frederick William Lodge, was elected W.M. for next meeting. Bro. Koester proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Kew for the very able manner in which he had worked the ceremony. The same Bro. gave notice of motion that the Lodge should meet on Wednesday nights instead of Tuesday. The business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer, and adjourned till Tuesday, the 8th January 1878. Bro. Swallow was elected a member.

**Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276.**—On Thursday, 20th inst., the members of this Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. At three o'clock in the afternoon a goodly number of brethren assembled in the Board Room of the Chelmsford Corn Exchange (kindly lent for the occasion,) to witness the installation of Bro. D. M. Brumwell Wheeler. The ceremony was performed by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Grand Chaplain of England and D.P.G.M. Surrey, formerly Head Master of Chelmsford Grammar

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School. At its close, the new W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. E. Robbins I.P.M., A. F. G nn S.W., J. S. Brown J.W., F. Whitmore P.M. Treasurer, Dr. Nicholls P.M. Secretary, Rev. B. S. Barnes P.M. P.P.G.C. Chap., J. P. Lewin S.D., E. Shedd J.D., A. Durrant P.M. D.C., W. J. Upton I.G., A. Mead Steward, Thomas Sarel Tyler. Business being over, the brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, to a banquet, which was excellently served by the host, Bro. Sheldrake. The W.M. presided, and in the course of the evening the toasts, Loyal and Masonic, usual on such occasions, were heartily given and responded to, the proceedings being greatly enlivened with songs, given by Bros. Burton, Brown, Stidolph, Lewin, Upton, &c., Bro. Stidolph presiding at the pianoforte. Among the brethren present either at Lodge or banquet, in addition to those already mentioned, were the following:—Rev. Thos. Cochrane W.M. 214 S.G.W. Essex, P.P.G.C. Oxon; Joseph Burton P.M. 276 P.G. Treas., Thos. J. Ralling W.M. 51 P.G. Sec., Rev. E. H. Crate W.M. 697 P.P.G.C., J.B. Spence W.M. 1146, W. C. Bell W.M. 104, H. J. Moxon W.M. 1059, John J. C. Turner Sec. 51, W. Whitmore 555, and the following members of 276—A. C. Veley P.M. Past Grand Deacon, Thos. Smee P.M. P.P.G.D., J. P. Sarel P.M. P.P.G.D., E. Hunt Carter P.M. P.G.R., J. W. Bott P.M., A. Goodchild P.M., W. Pullen P.M., Edward S. Butler P.M., J. Scarlett, G. W. Pascall, A. Clarke, Geo. Bannister, and Dr. Hart.

**Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.**—The installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. Victor Myers W.M., W. H. Gulliford S.W., J. Lazarus P.M. J.W., L. Jacobs Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., L. Salomons S.D., E. Ellis I.G. and P.M.'s S. V. Abrahams, A. D. Loewenstark, A. Eskell, S. Pollitzer, De Solla, Blum, &c. The Lodge formally opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bros. S. Wenkheim late 1017, and E. Moses 205, 619 and 704, were elected joining members. Messrs. M. M. Myers and M. Leverton were duly initiated into the Order by the W.M., whose working deserves especial praise. The report of the Committee on the German Question was read, adopted, and ordered to be printed and circulated among the various Lodges, and a special vote of thanks was given to the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain, for the active measures taken by him in support of that important question. A similar vote was also accorded to Bro. Ex-Sheriff Hutton P.G.D., who was the seconder of the resolution in Grand Lodge. Bro. W. H. Gulliford, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the Lodge, and a board of installed Masters being opened, he was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., who performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner. The Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., and J. Coutts P.G.P., and there were twenty-six W.M.'s and P.M.'s present, including Grand Officers. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient form, and he very appropriately addressed and invested his Officers. Bros. J. Lazarus P.M. S.W., L. Salomons J.W., L. Jacobs Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., W. Brall S.D., E. Ellis J.D., M. Levy I.G., Syer D.C., Goldberger W.S., B. M. Simons S.S., Mann Assistant S., Smith Tyler. The resignation of a Bro. was tendered. A letter from Bro. Ex-Sheriff Hutton P.G.D., regretting his inability to be present, was read. One Guinea was voted to a distressed Brother. Bro. A. Eskell then rose, he had pleasure in presenting the W.M. with a P.M.'s jewel; the engraving on the obverse showed that it was the unanimous feeling of every Brother of the Lodge to wish him health and long life to wear it, in commemoration of the able and efficient manner he had conducted the duties of the chair during his year of office, a year that would be remembered by them all. The W.M. suitably replied, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren, seventy-seven in number, sat down to a sumptuous and *récherché* banquet, provided by Bro. Nicols, and superintended by Bro. M. Silver. Very elegant menu's were provided, and a button-hole was presented by the W.M. to each guest. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the toast of H.M. the Queen, coupled with the Craft. The National Anthem was sung. After the health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, God Bless the Prince of Wales was sung by Madame Marie Belval, Miss Jessie Royd, and Bro. E. Tinney, accompanied by Bros. J. Parry Cole P.M. P.P.G.O. In proposing the toast of the Pro G.M., the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, the W.M. had great pleasure in coupling with it the name of a Grand Officer, one who was a credit to that noble body. He referred to Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain, whom they all respected, and were pleased to see among them at all times, but especially after his recent effort to secure the admission of Jewish candidates into certain German Lodges. Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson rose, and promptly acknowledged the compliment paid him in associating his name with so honoured a toast, as well as for the kind manner in which the compliment had been paid, and the cordial reception he had met with. He said he esteemed it a great privilege to be called upon to reply to this toast, and the more so that he was the Senior Past G. Officer present. As regards the Jewish question, it had been brought forward; but, for the time, would be allowed to stand over. He had always advocated the universality of Freemasonry, but at the last meeting of Grand Lodge he saw the majority were against him, and he yielded at once. He held by the good old axiom, not to force anything in a good cause, which should be allowed to feel its way gradually, and which, in such case, is tolerably certain to prevail finally. He felt assured the Montefiore Lodge would gain the end it had in view. Therefore it was he urged them to do nothing rashly, but to await the issue with patience. Bro. Simpson concluded an able speech by pointing out, both before and since the Union of 1813 there was nothing in the Constitutions of Masonry to exclude the Jews, and he saw no reason why in Germany, any more than in other countries, they should continue to be excluded. Bro. V. Myers I.P.M. said: It was a great pleasure to him to propose the toast of the W.M.; they had seen how he had worked, in every office he had held. The Lodge might be congratulated on its selection. The W.M. thanked Bro. Myers for his kind expressions. From the moment he entered the Lodge it was his ambition to become its W.M. He assured them that his aim would be the welfare of this Lodge in particular, and the Craft in general. The toast of the newly-initiated brother was then given. Bro. Leverton returned thanks. The W.M. then said he had great pleasure in proposing the health of Bro. Myers I.P.M. Those who had seen his working could appreciate the way in which he had carried out his duties. He had gained the affection of all in the Lodge. He trusted they would give the toast the reception it merited. Bro. Myers acknowledged the kindness displayed by the brethren in receiving the toast. He was proud to know that the brother who succeeded him in the chair was one capable of fulfilling all that was required of him. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors. They were numerous, but he would enumerate them. He was honoured by seeing many brethren who had come long distances; they had thirty-five visitors, many of them distinguished in the various provincial Lodges. He would call on Bro. Lazarus, W.M. of the Lodge of Joppa, to respond. Bro. L. Lazarus said it was his first visit to the Montefiore Lodge; he had been much impressed by the working of the W.M. while in the chair, and by the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. He thanked the members for the liberal spirit they had exhibited in attending to the comforts of the visitors. The toast of the Past Masters was replied to by Bro. S. V. Abrahams, and the W.M. then gave the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, who each addressed a few words. The Officers was next given and responded to; and the Tyler's toast concluded a very agreeable and harmonious evening. The efforts of the Musical Party, enumerated above, were greatly appreciated. The Visitors were—Bros. Klein P.M. 247, J. Peartree W.M. 188, H. J. Myers, J. M. Cohen W.M. 205, Duret 1223, S. Davis 188, Henechbey P.M. 1502, Col. Shadwell Clerke P.M. 1382, J. Coutts P.G.P., Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., A. J. Ireton W.M. 1348, J. M. Lazarus 51, Hickman P.M. 188, John Boyd P.G.P. P.G.S., Sampson Rosenstein, W. Littaur P.M. 205, Field 917, M. D. Loewenstark W.M. 1668, L. Lazarus W.M. 188, R. J. Simpson P.G.C., Asher Myers 188, J. Levitt 180, Nicols S.W. 12, A. Miles 180, H. G. Buss A.G.S., Walters 188, M. H. Myers P.P.G.C. East Jamaica, L. Solomon P.G.S., H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Capt. Dalamere 756.

**Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th instant, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn. Bro. Louis Beck W.M. opened the Lodge. There were present Bros. Frank Kirk S.W., Hancock J.W., B. H. Swallow P.G.J.D. Middlesex P.M. Treasurer, W. C. Parsons P.M. Secretary, J. B. Docker S.D., J. Crossland J.D., J. Outhwaite I.G., Forscutt D.C., Duret W.S., Jones A.W.S., Levermore, Ellen, Lintott, Lucas, Palmer, Michael, and others. Amongst the Visitors we noticed Bros. F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex, E. H. Thiellay P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, H. A. Stacey P.M. 180, G. Bubb P.M. 180, Farwig S.D. 180, Collins P.M. 1328, Denton 25, Partridge 1445, Crowther I.G. 1248, J. W. Thompson 1695, E. Crickmay 1426, J. Berrow 190, W. A. Tinney P.M. 1319, E. Swanborough J.W. 1319, H. H. Bennett 370, and some others whose names we were unable to ascertain. The W.M., Bro. Beck, in an able manner, raised Bros. Taylor, Levermore, and Ellen; passed Bros. Lintott and Ellen, and initiated Mr. Epaminondas Leonidas Valerinani and Mr. Lionel Nathan into Freemasonry. He was then unanimously elected to the proud position of being Steward to represent the Lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School, to be held on Wednesday, 8th May 1878, the worthy Treasurer, Bro. B. H. Swallow giving timely help by notice of motion to swell his list by voting a goodly sum from the Lodge funds to head it with. The Secretary proved himself the right man in the right place by notice of motion which he gave concerning an important alteration in the bye-laws. The names of gentlemen who are anxious to be initiated were given in to the Secretary. Other formalities were gone through, and the Lodge was closed and adjourned to next year. A splendid banquet and dessert was served under the management of Mr. Gosden. The usual toasts were given and responded to. The event of the evening was the presentation to Bro. Louis Beck of a handsome marble bust. The bust, when unveiled, was a striking likeness of Bro. Beck, and it was received with a genuine burst of enthusiasm. The presentation was entrusted to Bro. Frank Kirk S.W., who, on behalf of the subscribers, asked the W.M. to accept it. Bro. Beck acknowledged the high compliment paid him. Songs, recitations, and music brought a pleasant meeting to an agreeable close. The brethren separated at a reasonable hour, wishing one and all the compliments of the season.

We beg to announce to our readers that Bro. Terry's Winter Entertainment to the venerable inmates of our Royal Masonic Asylum at Croydon will be held on Wednesday next. We do not doubt it will pass off as successfully as in previous years, and we are already anticipating that, in our next issue, we shall be able to describe the gathering as another of Bro. Terry's brilliant achievements in the interests of the Institution whose cause he advocates so faithfully and zealously.

The first meeting of brethren who have undertaken the office of Steward for the Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 3rd January 1878, at four o'clock in the afternoon. The business before the meeting is to constitute a Board of Stewards by election of President and other officers; to determine the amount to be deposited by each Steward to "Festival Fund;" to consider musical and other arrangements; and for the transaction of general business.

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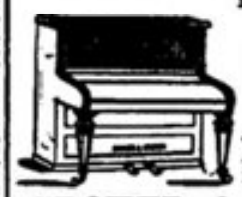

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## FREEMASONRY IN TENNESSEE.

THE several Masonic Grand Bodies of this State held their annual meetings at Nashville in November last. Grand Master Edmundson presided in Grand Lodge, and the address which, in accordance with custom, he delivered was excellent, containing much interesting matter. The business transacted was of the usual character. There were Reports from the Committees on Bye-laws, Appeals, Jurisprudence, &c., &c., and then some further business of purely local interest, such as the increase in the number of members to serve on the standing Committees to five, with the exception of that on Masonic Jurisprudence, which includes all the Past Grand Masters of the State, and is, in the opinion of the *Masonic Jewel*, to whom we are indebted for these particulars, in consequence "too numerous and expensive." The following are among the principal Grand Officers for the year—namely, Bros. A. V. Warr Grand Master, N. W. McConnell Deputy G.M., L. B. Adams S.G. Warden, R. L. Blair J.G. Warden, W. H. Morrow Grand Treasurer, and John Frizzell Grand Secretary.

In Grand Chapter, there was but little business transacted. An attempt to allow the Council degrees to be conferred in subordinate Chapters did not find favour with Comp. John Frizzell, General G.H.P. of the United States, and, therefore, was not pressed as strongly as it would otherwise have been. A Committee of five, however, was appointed to consider the matter. Comp. H. M. Aiken G.H.P. was unfortunately prevented from being in attendance on account of illness, and, consequently, his address was read by Comp. J. S. Pride, his Deputy. The officers for the ensuing year are—Comps. J. S. Pride G.H.P., B. F. Haller Dep. G.H.P., J. H. Bullock G.K., G. R. Gwynne G.S., N. S. Woodward G. Treasurer, and John Frizzell Grand Secretary.

The Meeting of the Grand Council was brief and unostentatious. Little was done, for the simple reason that there appears to have been very little to do. M. Ill. G.M. Haller delivered a short, yet effective address. The new Officers are Comps. Bradford Nichol M. Ill. G.M., B. R. Harris D.I.G.M., G. H. Morgan G.P.C. of W., N. S. Woodward G. Treas., and John Frizzell G.M. G. Recorder.

## OUR CHARITIES.

### A YEAR'S WORK.

WE are now in a position to place before our readers the complete results of the year ended the 31st ult., in respect of our three Charitable Institutions. These results are eminently satisfactory, for they reach an amount never previously attained, and it is with great pleasure we fulfil the important duty of bringing the figures under the notice of our readers, in order that they may read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them. We need hardly pause to dwell on the lesson they teach us—it is so obvious that these things are and will be done only by societies like ours, which are practical as well as theoretical, and the members of which are in downright earnest. There is a good deal of lip-service everywhere, and Freemasonry is no more exempt than any other system from hypocrisy. We have in our ranks our due proportion of sleek professors, who talk much but do little. There should never be any difficulty in raising the necessary funds for our Charities, if all who join us are mindful of their obligation; but many members there are who allow Festival after Festival to pass by without bestowing so much as a single thought on the needs of the Institutions for whose benefit they are held, much less contributing of their means towards their support. We do not, of course, refer to the very limited number of brethren who are willing enough to give, but lack the means of gratifying their inclination. Rather have we in our minds the far more numerous body of Craftsmen who have the means to contribute something but not the will to do so. If our readers will be at the pains of scanning, somewhat more closely than, perhaps, they are in the habit of doing, the subscription lists for only a single year, they will find there are certain Lodges which are invariably represented by one or more Stewards, and certain other Lodges which are as invariably conspicuous by their absence. In other words, the duties of a Freemason, in respect of Charity, are regularly fulfilled by some, by some as regularly neglected. This, we are aware, is no new proposition, but has been stated again and again by successive Chairmen at our Festivals, but we are anxious to emphasise it as much as possible, if only that some few among the neglectful may, even at a late period and after much perturbation of mind, be awakened to a proper sense of their responsibilities, and do that for others which they do with so much intense eagerness and amiability for themselves. Thus, though the measure of success which has attended the charitable efforts of the Craft during the past year is beyond all previous experience, and therefore the more gratifying, there are obvious reasons why we feel that more might have been done had the whole body of English Freemasons acted with the same liberality which has distinguished a part of them. But let us pass without comment to the figures themselves. These, it is true, tell their own tale, but we may be excused if we ponder over them regardfully. First in order of time—as regards its Festival—as in results comes the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which, in the twelve months ended on Monday, has had paid into its coffers the handsome sum of £16,431 19s 5d. Next in order of results, though last in point of time, is the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which has received in hard cash the sum of £14,369 14s 9d. Lastly, the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, though the oldest of the Charities, brings up the rear with £11,854 10s 5d. These figures represent the actual amount of cash received during the year, there still being a considerable amount promised, but still outstanding, in the case of all three Institutions; but these promises will not be realised, perhaps, for some little time to come, and even when they are will form part of the present year's income. For instance, in the case of the Boys' School, we know that, in particular, there is the "Watkin Testimonial" on its way, and also a similar amount for a perpetual presentation from Staffordshire. With these, however, we have nothing whatever to do now. When we speak of this or that Festival resulting in such or such a sum, we combine the moneys promised with the moneys paid. We are now dealing with cash transactions only, and the promises, therefore, are wholly excluded. Thus to Bro. Terry belongs the honour of heading the list, with a total income from all sources of very little short of £16,500, a larger amount than has ever been received—so far as our knowledge goes—not only by the Institution of which he is the Secretary, but by any one of the Institutions. We offer him our hearty congratulations on the result of his labours. We know how hard he has worked to obtain—in the true spirit of a chivalrous rivalry—the lead of his brother Secretaries, and we

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state, without fear of contradiction, that none will more warmly congratulate him on his success than the colleagues he has defeated. Bro. Binckes, in respect of the Boys' School, has received considerably less than he was fully justified in expecting, but his Festival comes last in order of time, and he has not had so long an interval to gather in the amounts that were promised. We do not say this for the purpose of detracting, in any way, from the merits of Bro. Terry's achievement, for under any circumstances we believe "A Zealous Officer" would have stood first. We mention it chiefly, in order to explain any apparent discrepancy between our present and former figures we have furnished, and also because, had Bro. Binckes's just expectations been more nearly realised, the gap between him and Bro. Terry would have been lessened. As regards Bro. Little's position, we do not think our readers need any explanation from us. They know that, in his case, and in spite of his weak state of health, the Festival of the Girls' School was more productive this year than formerly, and we feel that we ought, perhaps, to congratulate our brother on the excellent array of figures he is able to present. He has done his duty most loyally, and with a success which cannot be otherwise than most gratifying. The results for the three Institutions are appended in the form of a tabulated statement, and it only remains for us to mention briefly the purposes to which the incomes of our Charities are devoted. We are aware we have done so recently, but we do not think that any one will quarrel with us for iterating our statement. Well, the income of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution suffices to bestow pensions of £40 on 145 aged brethren, of £32 on 130 widows of brethren, and half their late husbands' pensions on 13 widows. The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys maintains, clothes, and educates 186 boys, and the number will shortly be increased. The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls maintains, clothes, and educates 189 girls, which number will be further increased by an addition of 10 next Quarterly General Court, 12th January, and will ultimately reach 204. Thus the Craft may be proud, and not without reason, of its labours; at least, that fraction of the Craft which does its duty.

**Tabular Statement showing the Incomes of our Institutions from all sources during the year ended 31st December 1877:—**

| | R.M.B.I. | | | R.M.I. for B. | | | R.M.I. for G. | | |
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| | £ | s | d | £ | s | d | £ | s | d |
| Donations & Subscriptions | 14,032 | 14 | 7 | 13,788 | 8 | 3 | 10,308 | 16 | 7 |
| Grand Lodge Grant, from | 800 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Chapter „ | 150 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Dividends, &c. ... | 1,449 | 4 | 10 | 148 | 7 | 0 | 1,165 | 6 | 5 |
| Music Fees ... ... | ... | | | 93 | 19 | 6 | 115 | 10 | 0 |
| Purchased Admission ... | ... | | | 178 | 10 | 0 | ... | | |
| Miscellaneous ... ... | ... | | | ... | | | 104 | 7 | 6 |
| | £16,431 | 19 | 5 | 14,369 | 14 | 9 | 11,854 | 10 | 5 |

On Wednesday, the 6th February, two Balls will be held, one at the Cannon-street Hotel, by the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, and the other, which is their Thirty-ninth Annual Masonic Ball, by the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172. In both cases a highly efficient body of Stewards is already announced, the President and Honorary Secretary for that of the Old Concord being Bros. A. J. Dottridge W. M. and Geo. King P.M., while in the case of the Prosperity, Bro. Charles Daniel W.M. is President and Bro. C. E. Ferry Hon. Secretary. These social gatherings are very pleasant, and as both are held the same evening, though in different localities, those who may be desirous of taking tickets will have the choice between paying their respects to Terpsichore under the wing of "Prosperity"—which cannot be otherwise than most desirable, or, in company with "Old Concord," who will not fail to establish the most harmonious relations among those present.

From the *Overland Athenæum* we learn that W. Bro. the Hon. J. Pitt-Kennedy has been installed as District Grand Master of Freemasonry in Bengal.

## REVIEWS.

**All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.**

*The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.* Its Early History and Constitutions, from A. L. 5730, A.D. 1730, its Minutes and Proceedings. Compiled and Published by the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Part I. Philadelphia: Sherman and Co., Printers. 1877.

(*Continued from page* 6.)

Continuing our notice of the regular proceedings, we find under date of 8th July 1783, that at a Grand Lodge of Emergency held on that day a memorial, "from the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1, late of West Florida, and now of Charles Town, South Carolina," and sundry papers were laid before the G. Lodge. A Committee was appointed to deal with the subject of the memorial, and in the result, at another Emergent meeting held on the 12th of the same month, it was resolved that a Warrant should be issued to the brethren in question, constituting them Lodge No. 40, provided of course they prove to be of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity, and agree to be under the direction of the Pennsylvania G. Lodge, and the Warrant is ordered to be transmitted to Bro. Weyman, W.M. of Lodge No. 38, to be by him formally delivered over to the brethren of St. Andrew's No. 1. Two dozen books of the Constitutions are ordered to be transmitted, and to be charged to Bro. Weyman. It is also ordered that three dozen books of Constitutions be presented to Bro. Rev. Dr. Smith, together with a letter of thanks from Grand Lodge, as a slight recognition of his care and attention in revising the same. At the Quarterly Communication on the 29th September 1783, a letter from Bro. John Coats, late Deputy G. Master, on the subject of erecting a Grand Lodge for Maryland, is read. Bro. Coats states that sundry conventions of the Lodges on the Eastern shore of Maryland, for the purpose of considering this question, and submits his views as to the steps necessary to be taken. A Committee is accordingly appointed to prepare an answer, and at an Extra Grand Lodge held on the 25th December 1783 was read the answer which the Grand Master had ordered to be sent to Bro. Coat's letter, in which are described the steps which, in his opinion should be taken, and in which also he promises early any further information he may be able to procure. On the 27th of the same month, the G. Master is re-elected and the Officers for the year appointed. It was resolved at this meeting that all travelling Warrants held under this Grand Lodge should be called in. On the 29th of March 1784 the propriety of raising a subscription for the purpose of building a Lodge is considered, and a motion is agreed to, to the effect that the matter should be submitted to the several Lodges, with a view to their reporting thereon at the next Quarterly Communication. At a Grand Lodge of Emergency on the 16th April 1784, Bro. John Coats attended, and submitted a certain resolution passed at the Grand Convention of Maryland, on the subject of a Grand Lodge for that State, and a Committee is appointed to inquire whether the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has the power to constitute a new Grand Lodge. In a note appended by the Library Committee to the minutes of this G. Lodge of Emergency, we read that the contemplated arrangements fell through for a time, and that it was not till the 17th April 1787 that a Grand Convention of the several Lodges on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, all holding under the Pennsylvanian G. Lodge, was held at Talbot Court House, and then and there agreed to establish a Grand Lodge, with Bro. John Coats as Grand Master, and that on the 19th September of the same year, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania formally recognised that of Maryland. On the 17th June 1784, a Committee was appointed to devise the best way and means for accommodating the Lodges in Philadelphia with a house. It was also agreed to issue a warrant to certain brethren, constituting them a new Lodge, to be held at Portsmouth in Virginia. On the 26th of the month, the Warrant was signed and Bro. Crafts installed as W. Master. On the 29th October, a petition was submitted from sundry brethren in Georgia, who had formed themselves into a Society, with the concurrence of the Lodges in South Carolina, their object being to obtain a Warrant for a Lodge to be held at Savannah; but the Grand Lodge declined to regard them as regularly constituted, and a Committee was appointed to answer their prayer. However, on the 20th December, a Warrant for a Lodge, No. 42, at Savannah, was ordered to be prepared. On this occasion it was resolved to appoint a Committee, and it was so appointed then and there, for the purpose of forming bye-laws and regulations for the G. Lodge; and this being the Annual Communication, Bro. Adcock was re-elected Grand Master, and the G. Officers for the year were chosen or appointed, among the latter being Bro. H. D. Pursell G. Sword Bearer. On the 28th March 1785, a Committee, consisting of the G. Master, Dep. G. Master, and Sen. G. Warden, was appointed, "to provide jewels for the Officers of the G. Lodge, of such metal as they may think proper." It was further ordered that a circular letter be sent to the Lodges in the State, inviting a subscription from each towards the purchase, if necessary, of "the House called the Lodge, in Lodge Alley," and a list of subscriptions promised by No. 2, and amounting to £115 5s 10d is appended in a foot note. A letter was afterwards read from a Lodge at Halifax, requesting "a friendly and brotherly intercourse." On the 21st April orders were given for the issue of a new Warrant, No. 43, to brethren in the borough of Lancaster; and on the 20th June, a Warrant No. 44, Duck Creek, in the State of Delaware, was issued, and certain brethren received a dispensation to instal the Master and Wardens. A communication from Bro. Webb, G. Master of Massachusetts, was referred to a Committee, and the names of the Grand Officers of Virginia—"James Mercer Esq. G.M., Edmund Randolph D.G.M., Leighton Wood G. Sec., John M. Galt Treas."—having been received on this occasion, "the Grd. Secy. is requested to make enquiry as to their antiquity." On the 8th October, the thanks of G. Lodge

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was passed to the brethren of Lodge No. 12, Winchester, some of whom are specified by name for their exertions in behalf of the Craft, in very difficult circumstances. On the 27th of the same month, it was announced that "the present proprietors of this Lodge House, had offered to the different Lodges the three upper rooms, at the rent of £30 per annum, and the offer was accepted. It was reported at the same meeting that Bro. Jos. Dean had offered a plot of ground "40 ft. in front and 130 feet in depth, for one penny per annum ground rent for ever, provided the Freemasons will accept the same." It is almost needless to say the offer is accepted, and a vote of thanks is unanimously given to Bro. Dean. Certain trustees are appointed to receive the deed of trust, and a collection of money is recommended forthwith. "It being" further "reported to the Lodge that one-third of the purchase money arising from the sale of the Lodge House, will be applied to a charitable purpose" ordered that the R.W.G. Master Bro. Ball and Bro. Humphreys be a Committee to wait upon the late proprietaries, and inform them of our intention of building a new Lodge house, and solicit from them a preference in their intended donation." This request, however, we have already shown was not complied with, as the one-third was handed over to the City of Philadelphia, to be applied to the formation of a fund for supplying the poor with coal. It will, likewise be borne in mind that the House thus sold was the property of Lodge No. 1 (Moderns). On the 6th December the fee simple of the ground was duly presented to the trustees, who in their turn handed to Bro. Dean a declaration of their trust. It was also agreed unanimously that the new building should be called "The Grand Lodge House" of Pennsylvania, and arrangements were made for the continuance of the trusteeship, as well as for procuring the necessary funds to erect the building. On St. John's Day, after it had been resolved to grant warrants for constituting two new Lodges, one at Winnsborough, South Carolina, and the other at Reading, Pa., the customary election of Grand officers was proceeded with, Bro. Adcock being re-appointed Grand Master. A petition for a warrant for a Lodge at Pittsburgh was granted, and the warrant was signed. It was also agreed that a letter be prepared and "sent to the different *Modern* Lodges, expressive of our wishes of a general attachment and union." On the 3rd February 1786, application for a charter from some brethren at Cape Français, written in French, and addressed to General Washington as Grand Master of all America, was taken into consideration, and it was resolved to grant one. A motion to the effect that, as the Grand Lodge had announced to the other Grand Lodges on the continent, that its subordinate connection with the Grand Lodge of England (Ancients) no longer existed, the words declaratory of such subordination should no longer be inserted in the warrants, was postponed. On the 27th March, a circular letter was ordered to be sent to all the Lodges in the jurisdiction, requesting their attendance, either by their proper officers or by deputation, in writing, at the September Communication, as it was resolved to consider at that meeting the propriety of erecting themselves into a Grand Lodge independent of Great Britain. The meeting was held accordingly on the 25th September, twelve Lodges being represented, and Grand Master Adcock occupying the chair; and it was resolved unanimously, "That this Grand Lodge is, and ought to be, a Grand Lodge independent of Great Britain or any other authority whatever, and that they are not under any ties whatever to any other Grand Lodge except those of brotherly love and affection, which they will always be happy to cultivate and preserve with all Lodges throughout the Globe," and there is added to the minutes of this important record, the remark "This Lodge, acting by virtue of a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, was closed for ever." The day following a Grand Convention comprising thirteen Lodges was held, and it was resolved then and there to form themselves into a Grand Lodge, "to be called the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, to be held in Philadelphia; and that the late Grand Officers of Pennsylvania continue to be the Grand Officers of Pennsylvania, invested with all the powers, jurisdictions, pre-eminence, and authority thereunto belonging, till the usual time of the next election; and that the Grand Lodge and the particular Lodges govern themselves by the Rules and Regulations heretofore established till other Rules and Regulations shall be adopted." Bro. Adcock was the Chairman of this Convention, and his signature as such, as well as of those of twenty-four other brethren are appended to this minute. The same day, with the same brethren present as before, G. Lodge was opened, and after transacting certain business, it was agreed to appoint a Committee to form a Warrant to be granted to the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and Brothers J. B. Smith and Thos. D. Smith were chosen to form such Committee, which was further charged to send a letter to the Grand Lodge of England, taking a formal leave of them. With the announcement that "the Lodge closed in good harmony, and adjourned to this day three weeks," the minutes of the first meeting of the new Independent G. Lodge of Pennsylvania ends, and so, likewise, does the first part of the History of Freemasonry in this State. It only remains for us to congratulate the Committee charged with publication of this important and highly interesting work on the admirable manner in which, so far, they have fulfilled their duty. The work is a credit to them and to the printer, indeed to every one who has had a hand in its production. We shall await with some impatience the appearance of succeeding numbers; but what is still more to the point, we hope the brethren not only of this, but of other jurisdictions likewise, will give practical proof of the pleasure they feel in noting the publication of one more historical Masonic work by sending in their names and remitting their moneys as subscribers. Such a work involves both great labour and heavy expense, and we trust the brethren will fulfil their part in the capacity of purchasers as handsomely as the Library Committee have fulfilled theirs in compiling, and Messrs. Sherman and Co. of Philadelphia in publishing it. We, further, thank the Committee for having afforded us the opportunity of reviewing their labours, and we assure them the task has been attended with a very considerable amount both of profit and pleasure.

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS IN CORNWALL AND DEVON.

AT the Annual Festival of St. John, held by the Love and Honour Lodge, No. 75, Falmouth, the W.M., Bro. Harry Tilly, was duly installed, and then invested his officers as follow:—Bros. Dr. A. B. Harris I.P.M., W. L. Fox S.W., J. Wallace J.W., W. F. Newman P.M. P.P.G.D. Treasurer, Reginald N. Rogers Secretary, W. D. Rogers S.D., Edward May J.D., E. C. Carne jun. M.C., F. D. Broad Organist, W. H. Dunstan P.M. P.P.G.D. I.G., S. Collins and T. Webber P.M. P.S.G.D. Stewards, and W. Rusden Tyler. The banquet was held at the Royal Hotel, and passed off most pleasantly, as usual, being served by Bro. R. Carter P.D.W. No. 121, P. Parly Organist.

The annual meeting of One and All Lodge, No. 330, was held on Thursday, 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Bodmin, when the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Rowe, was installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. T. Hawken P.G. Steward, in a very able manner, supported by the following Board of I.M.'s:—Bros. F. J. Hext P.P.G.S.W., Captain Colvill P.P.G S.W. and Treasurer, J. Crang P.G.S., J. Deeris P.P.G. Steward, A. C. Sandoe and F. Parkyn 856 Lostwithiel. At the close of the installation the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Hawken I.P.M., Adams S.W., J. G. Vincent J.W., Colvill P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Angwin Secretary, H. Jones S.D., John Treverton J.D., T. H. Spear I G., B. G. Derry D.C., — Jacobs Organist, J. Gatty S.S., J. P. Pagen J.S., and Carroll Tyler. Bro. Crang was elected Steward of the C.M.A. and B. Fund. The brethren afterwards repaired to Bro. Sandoe's, Royal Hotel, where they partook of the usual banquet. The following brethren from neighbouring Lodges were also present: Bros. F. Parkyn W.M. 856, W. P. Smith W.M. elect 856, Martyn S.W. 1529, Cox S.D. 1529, Pearce 1529, and Wallace No. 1 Cork. After the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

A meeting of the members of the Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, Hayle, was held on Thursday, 27th ult., to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, and to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. William Husband. The great respect and esteem in which this brother is held will account for the unusually large attendance, larger than ever before known. Bro. Frank Harvey P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Lodge, and appropriate remarks in recognition of his past valuable services were made by the Worshipful Master Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce. In the ceremony of installation, the installing Master, Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce, was supported by a large board of installed Masters, including Bros. J. Joyce W.M. 318 Helston, T. B. Williams W.M. 1272 St. Ives, and was assisted by Bro. N. J. West P.M. P.P.G.R. The newly-installed Worshipful Master appointed and invested as his officers for the ensuing year Bros. Gilbert B. Pearce as I.P.M., H. H. Trevithick S.W., B. Spray J.W., Rev. G. Kennedy Chaplain, Frank Harvey P.M. Treasurer, John P. Smith P.M. Secretary, N. J. West P.M. D. of Ceremonies, T. Mills S.D., J. Polglase jun. J.D., S. L. Rees Organist, W. J. Jordan I.G., Bawden and Vivian Stewards, and J. V. Bray Tyler. The brethren were afterwards joined by Bros. Thomas W.M., John Hocking P.M., W. H. Tresider S.W. and W.M. elect 589, Druids, Redruth; Bros. W. H. Kinsman S.W. and W.M. elect, James Lovell jun. Secretary, No. 121, Mount Sinai, Penzance, and other brethren. The banquet which followed the business of the Lodge was provided by Miss Oliver, at the White Hart Hotel. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., Bro. Husband, who presided, by Bros. Thomas W.M. 589, Redruth, Williams W.M. 1272, St. Ives, and by Bros. Rosewarne P.M., Mudge P.M., West P.M., Eustice P.M., and others, and some very interesting and eloquent speeches were made on matters relating to Freemasonry which are now regarded with special interest, particular reference being made to the movement among Freemasons in France to make it no longer a necessary qualification that candidates for Freemasonry shall express their belief in a personal Deity. An agreeable evening was spent, terminating a festival long to be remembered by the brethren of this large and prosperous Lodge.

The annual meeting of the brethren of True Love and Unity Lodge, No. 248, Brixham, was held on 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. W. H. Hammick. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. W. Brown, retiring W.M. At the close of which the W.M. invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year. Bro. G. C. Searle S.W., H. Cowell J.W., G. Barry Treas., H. B. Colstone Sec., D. Lavers S.D., T. Williams J.D., F. Baddelley D.C., E. Barter I.G. The brethren then adjourned to a banquet at Bro. Blight's, Bolton Hotel.

The annual meeting of the Masonic Lodge Dunheved, No. 789, was held on 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Launceston. The W.M. elect, W. Bro. Thomas Pomeroy Trood was installed by W. Bro. D. H. W. Horlock P.M. and P.G.S.W., supported by the following board of I.M.'s:—W. Bros. Rev. G. Ross P.P.G.C., J. Hawkins P.G.J.D., C. G. Archer P.P.G.S., P. F. Simcoe P.G.S., W. S. Parsons P.P.G.S., F. Couch P.M. 789. At the close of the installation the W.M. invested the following brethren his Officers for the ensuing year:—W. Bros. G. Ross I.P.M., C. Parsons S.W., E. Strood J.W., Rev. W. S. Sloane-Evans P.P.G.C. Chaplain, H. M. Harvey Treas., J. Hawkins Sec., J. Kittow S.D., W. Andrew J.D., Langdon I.G., P. F. Simcoe Steward Masonic Charities, E. Wilcocks S.S., B. Parsons J.S., J. Fidler Tyler. The business being concluded, the brethren adjourned to their dining hall, where a banquet was provided by the custodian Bro. J. Fidler.

The annual meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 70, the oldest in the immediate district, was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess-place, Plymouth. The W.M. elect W. Bro. Samuel Roach was installed by his predecessor in the chair, Bros. Richard Pengelley, assisted by Bro. J. B. Gover P.P.G.A.D.C., and supported by the following Board of I.M.'s:—Bros. C. Leigh P.P.G. Sec., Vincent Bird P.P.G. Treas., S. Jew P.P.G. Treas., L. D. Westcott

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P.P.G.S. Wks., E. Aitken Davis P.P.G.S. Wks., F. P. Holmes P.P.G.S. Wks., F. R. Tomes P.P.G.D.C., H. F. Hearle P.P.G.A.D.C., W. Browning P.P.G.A.D.C., J. M. Hiffley P.P.G.A.D.C., C. H. Stribling P.P.G.S.B., J. Ferris, H. W. Thomas, J. B. Wainwright, R. M. Andrews P.M.'s 70, John James W.M. 105, F. Hall P.M. 156, T. C. Lewarn W.M. 223, W. Harries I.P.M., James Gidley P.M. 1205, Elliot Square W.M., J. H. Keats I.P.M., J. R. Lord P.M. and Treasurer, James Rendle P.M. and Sec. 1247, J. Pearse W.M. 1255. Many influential brethren were unable to be present, amongst whom were Right Worshipful Bro. J. Hayshe P.G.C. P.G.M., R.W. Bro. L. P. Metham P.G.D. England and D.P.G.M. Devon, W. Bros. W. J. Hughan P.G.D. P.M. 70, Charles Godtschalk P.P.G.D. P.M. 70, J. Dupre P.P.G.R. P.M. 70, J. Evans P.M. 70. At the close of the Installation the W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—W. Bro. R. Pengelley I.P.M., Bros. E. A. Lean S.W., W. Odam J.W., L. D. Westcott Treas., J. B. Gover Sec., E. Tout S.D., E. J. Richardson J.D., H. W. Thomas D.C., James Griffin A.D.C., E. P. Popkiss I.G., H. H. Arnold O., James Fox S.S., James Ferris J.S. In the evening the members of the Lodge, with a large party of visiting brethren dined together at the Globe Hotel. The W.M. Bro. S. Roach presided, and among those present in addition to the above Officer were W. F. A. Thomas P.P.G.S.D., George Hilson P.M. 105. At the dinner a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented by the Lodge to W. Bro. R. Pengelley, as the inscription on the jewel stated, "In appreciation for his zeal and fidelity during his year of Mastership, 1877." Bro. L. D. Westcott made the presentation. Bro. S. Roach the W.M. also presented, on behalf of the brethren of the Lodge, a handsome P.M.'s jewel to W. Bro. R. M. Andrews, in recognition of his services to the Lodge. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. In eulogies that were warmly received, Bro. J. B. Gover proposed "The R.W. the Rev. J. Hayshe M.A. P.G. Chap. England Prov. G.M.," and the W.M. "the R.W. Bro. L. P. Metham P.G.D. of England D.P.G.M., and the Officers of the P.G. Lodge." W. Bros. V. Bird responded on behalf of the P.G.M., and E. A. Davies for the D.P.G.M. and the P.G.L. The toast of the W. Master was warmly received. Bro. Roach, replying, assured the brethren that he very highly appreciated the confidence shewn him, and that he would use every effort to continue the high prestige of the Lodge.

The toasts were interspersed with songs. The banquet was served at the Globe Hotel, in Bro. Watts's best style, and altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

## THE OLD FOLKS.

THE Half-yearly Entertainments at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon, are now looked forward to, both by those who have the welfare of the Charity at heart and by the venerable inmates. The gathering of the supporters on Wednesday last was of a most enjoyable character, and all present exerted themselves to make the old folks happy and comfortable. Those brethren who had signified to Bro. Terry their desire to be present, assembled at the Cannon-street Terminus at 1.17, where a saloon-carriage had been provided for their accommodation. On reaching the Institution, we found Bro. Terry had provided a substantial dinner for his aged friends, and the services of the visitors were immediately brought into request, each vieing with the other to minister to the wants of those resident in the Institution. Our worthy Bro. Dr. Strong, whose unceasing exertions are so well appreciated, presided, and the clatter of knife and fork soon told that anticipation, or the pure air of Croydon, had furnished our dear old friends with good appetites. The ample repast was done full justice to, and Bro. Dr. Strong gave the two or three toasts identified with these assemblages. The supplementary gifts were handed round, and the inmates betook themselves to their several apartments, where they were joined by those ladies and brethren who, on these occasions, desire to have a peep at the Old Folks at their firesides. At 6 o'clock the party reassembled, and the customary entertainment commenced by Mr. Smith singing a most amusing song. This gentleman was followed by Miss Terry, who sang a charming little ballad, which she rendered most tastefully. Mr. W. J. Dines then graphically admitted he was prepared to undergo a series of almost unthought of pains and penalties rather than be called upon to "Give up Flo." We are not sure as to the identity of this damsel, but we know that more than one fair enslaver who answers to this appellation was present, and should any of our readers desire to know which lady was alluded to, we can only refer them to Bro. Dines. Miss Strong then tastefully executed a violin solo; after which Mr. Smith, whose time was limited, again most happily exercised his talents. After this a magic lantern display took place, superintended by Bros. E. G. Legge and C. H. Webb, while Bro. John Newton acted as Lecturer, taking the audience "Round the World in Ninety Minutes." "Smart travelling," we heard one old worthy exclaim; "we could not move so fast in my time." An evening's entertainment of this sort in the present day is not considered complete without a band of nigger minstrels, therefore the Bros. Dine had "coloured" for the occasion. The efforts of these gentlemen were much appreciated, their jokes were smart and of the freshest, and their singing was greatly applauded. They were most ably assisted by Miss Talmadge, who accompanied them on the pianoforte. Bro. John Constable next occupied the stage, and sang with his wonted vigour. Bro. Dr. Strong followed; and then several other brethren appeared in quick succession. The proceedings were brought to a conclusion with three cheers for Bros. Dr. Strong and for Bro. Terry. The lady visitors present comprised Mesdames Strong, Constable, Pearcy, Bowyer, Newton, Legge, Halford, Daniel, Verry, &c., Misses Strong, Hurst, Terry, Constable, Talmadge, &c. In addition to those enumerated above, the Craft was represented by Bros. T. Cubitt, G. Cox, G. Knill, R. Pearcy, G. S. Recknell, J. Stock, G. Ward Verry, E. Bowyer, R. H. Halford, H. Massey, F. Stubbs, C. J. Perceval, C. Daniel, W. H. Hall, W. H. Main, W. W. Morgan, &c.

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## JOHN SUTCLIFFE.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—For ever an endeared, not to be forgotten Lincolnshire. All Masons here in this county, especiall Masons, are overwhelmed with the most poignant grief.

"Multis ille bonis flebilis occidit,
Nulli flebilior quam *mihi*, Virgili."

I may, without violating propriety, assert this. I offered over him when he was initiated into Mark Masonry, also was installed as Grand Mark Master of Lincolnshire. Among official acts, as Grand Master of the Scottish Order in Lan be invested me, as his Grand Chaplain, and after the recent of the Grand Mark Lodge at Alford, so accurately reported I was his single private guest the night after that rem gathering—so comfortable, so genial, so full of promise future; a heart so overflowing with Masonic charity that deat not be suspected as being proximate, except as *anguis in herb* marvellous exhibitions of public charity, his munificent, not princely public donations, were not outdone by his many unos tious private acts of charity, unknown to the world, but known intimate Masonic associates. Our reason does not incline us t template ever again beholding his equal in Lincolnshire. To him in his age, and to behold his bright Masonic example, ample reward for all the personal labours and self-sacrific Masonry. But our faith must take its rise, and pursue onwa individual Masonic career. As the Christian poet accurately d our Masonic course:—

"Still to things eternal look,
And hasten on the glorious day,"

when we hope to rejoin him in the Grand Lodge above. may be now our Lodge; but heaven is our *Home*. We all of Mark Masons particularly, thank you for your able paragrap last week's issue. If the charitable, the magnificent, the the pre-eminent, warm-hearted Mason, of Lincolnshire, could address any of us from a sublimer region, his language nu takeably would be this:—"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, with thy might: for there is no work, nor device, nor knowle nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."

I remain, yours sorrowfully,

DANIEL ACE, D.D.

P.M., P.P.G. Chaplain for Lincolnsh

Laughton Vicarage, near Gainsborough,
2nd January 1878.

## BRO. JACOB NORTON'S PLEA ON BEHALF O THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I must say I admire amazingly manliness of tone which marks Bro. Norton's article in your issue last week. I do not agree with him, but I recognise the force of ma of his arguments; some of them indeed being well nigh unanswerabl He makes more than one good point, that in which he laughs to sco the notion that Freemasonry will be *Atheised* by the recent act of th Grand Orient being as amusingly illustrated as it is forcible. What says too, respecting Tyndall, Huxley, &c., &c., and the welcome e tended to them in the best circles of society, is a valuable support to h view of the case. But though I do not think his plea could have bee stated more powerfully, even by the Grand Orient itself, I am incline to believe that body has made a great blunder, and we all know tha under certain circumstances, blunders are worse than crimes. Mor over, what he considers an act of magnanimity, I look upon rather a an act of weakness, and on this head I shall find one of Bro. Norton's statements greatly in my favour. But let me place the case before you from my point of view.

I do not think it was a question of banishing religious disputation from Lodges which induced the Grand Orient to act as it did at its last annual assembly. The French Constitutions merely required of those who sought admission into its Lodges the declaration of a belief in the existence of God, and supposing French Freemasonry to be conducted on the same principle as ours, there could be no reli. gious, any more than there could be any political, discussion in a Lodge. Thus Romanists, Calvinists, Lutherans, Jews, &c., &c., could meet in a Lodge on the same footing, in the same manner, and with the same freedom as could Imperialists, Legitimists, Orleanists, and Republicans, and just as Liberals and Conservatives do in England, or Democrats and Republicans in the United States of America. All religions, as all political, discussions are forbidden in the Lodge. Speaking Masonically, I know nothing whatever of the religious views of the brother who sits next to me in Lodge, nor is it my business to concern myself about it. All I know is, that he believes in the existence of God, and that is enough for me. Similarly, I know nothing of his politics, nor are they any concern of mine; but I know that he has sworn to respect the laws and institutions of his native country, or of that in which he is sojourning, and that is enough for

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me. As regards the present case, and for the purpose of my argument, I will divide mankind into two sections—the one theistic, which believes in a God, the other atheistic, which does not so believe. Similarly as regards politics, there are two divisions—the archical, comprising those who believe in the necessity for some form of government; and the anarchical, or those who are opposed to all governments. Now, I hardly suppose that any Mason will be so bold as to suggest that an anarchist is a fit and proper person to be admitted into Freemasonry. Were this foe to all government to have his own way, there would be no security for life or property. Every man's hand might at any time be raised against his neighbour's, and so, politically speaking, chaos would have come again. This is not the kind of person whom in a monarchy, an oligarchy, or a democracy, it would be proper to respect for his politics. And why? Because he is a "stupid" anarchist, who has not sense enough to see that, though the form may be different in different communities, some kind of government is absolutely necessary in order to secure the well-being of man. Yet it is quite possible to imagine that such a person as this "stupid" anarchist might be intellectually a giant, a man of the highest culture, the perfection of morality in its ordinary sense, and of the kindliest disposition. It is further possible to imagine that an eminent member of this infinitesimally small class of persons might be much courted, that thousands would flock to hear him "lecture," and that he would "be welcomed in the best circles wherever" he "happened to be." Yet in spite of these things being so, I fail to see what intolerance there is in excluding such a person from a society which is nothing if not archical. It is not the society which is anxious to enrol him as a member, but he who is anxious to be enrolled in the society; and he, the one solitary case out of a million, has no reason to feel aggrieved if the eccentric opinions he holds on the subject of government are an insuperable bar to his reception into its bosom. There is in this matter, as in all things else, a point in respect of which it may be said, "Thus far shalt thou go, and no farther." Thus tolerance may be carried to the extremest verge of prudence, but not the fraction of an inch further. So in the case of politics, it is wise and expedient to recognise and respect every form of government that is known to exist; but not so an anarchy, which is not only no form of government at all, but is in direct antagonism with them all—monarchy, oligarchy, and the rest of them.

And if my argument is correct so far, I feel that I am justified in applying it to the question of religion in connection with Freemasonry. Men are either theistic or atheistic, but the number of the latter is infinitesimally small. Now Masonry is not a religion, but a morality; at the same time our Constitutions lay it down emphatically—though not in so many words—that it is impossible for any one to be truly moral who is an atheist; just as it is impossible for him to be a fit member of society, as an anarchist, who sets at defiance the very laws which govern and protect it. There never has been, is not, and never will be a morality but what has been, is, or will be based on some form or other of theism, as there never has been, is not, and never will be, a society without some form of government. Just as it is necessary that every community on the face of the earth, in order to exist as such, must have some kind of government, so must the earth itself and the universe of which it is a part, be governed, and there must be a Supreme Being, call him by what name you will, to administer that government. I repeat, then, there can be no morality which is not based on theism; and this being so, no atheist is eligible to be received into Freemasonry.

As regards the Royal Society, the parallelism which Bro. Norton institutes between it and Freemasonry will not hold good. The latter, as we all know, is declared to be a system of morality, while the former is a body of learned men who are always engaged in investigating abstruse scientific questions. If Masons met together in their Lodges merely for purposes of studying and discussing such questions, there would be no necessity for laying down any such laws as we are now governed by. Moreover, men are eligible as fellows of this Society by reason of their great learning and scientific attainments, with which it will be difficult for Bro. Norton to show that religious belief or unbelief is in any wise connected. But, in my judgment, the question of belief or unbelief in a God cannot be dissociated from Freemasonry, which is a system of morality. And the quintessence of this morality is theism.

I hold the Grand Orient of France has committed a grievous blunder, not in banishing religious discussion from its Lodges, for that it was clearly its duty to do, but in sanctioning the admission of candidates who have in them no sense of religion whatever. I hold with you, Sir, that the policy it has just adopted is a suicidal one, and has given its enemies among the Romish priesthood what they had not before—the opportunity of making a just charge against it of being a godless society. How will the Grand Orient be able to repel such a charge, when it deliberately permits the belief or unbelief in God's existence to be an open question? Nay, how can it venture to proclaim that the object of Freemasonry is the "search after truth," when it sanctions the admission of those who begin by denying the grandest of all truths—the existence of God? Here, if you like, Bro. Norton, is an hypocrisy which outvies the hypocrisy of which you complain. If I have before me a piece of paper of the colour known as black, and some one declares it is white, or green, or orange, I reject his statement, for I know he is speaking an untruth. How much more then must I reject the statement—and on the same grounds of absolute knowledge—that there is no God, when I cannot turn myself in any direction without seeing evidences of His existence? Again, what becomes of my consistency when, on the one hand, I swear to obey the laws of my country, and on the other hand am ready to vote an atheist into my Lodge. The laws of my country declare the evidence of an atheist to be unacceptable in a court of law. They say it is not worthy of belief. And yet Freemasonry, which professes to be a system of morality, is to respect that which the law declares to be immoral! Nor must it be forgotten that this liberty about which people talk so glibly and with such unction has, of necessity, certain limits imposed upon it. No one is permitted either to think or to act as he likes, if such thought or action is likely to prove detrimental to his neighbour. There is, in fact, a limit to "liberty of conscience" as there is to liberty of action. So long, of course, as the free-thinker keeps his free-thinking to himself, he may think as he likes, but he has no greater right to insist that his insane ideas should be respected by the majority than the anarchist of whom I have spoken. Bro. Norton says the number of real atheists is infinitesimally small, and I have no doubt he is quite right. The number of those who set at defiance the laws of reason will always be contemptibly small. Then, say I, it is only the more imperative we should keep them outside the pale of our Society. Why are we to be so faithless to our own convictions? Why must we show such utter disrespect for that doctrine which is held by us, and has been held through all ages of the world's existence, and by all nations, except a contemptible few among civilised peoples and the very lowest order of human beings among the uncivilised? Are men who respect Government, virtue, wisdom, &c., in the habit of welcoming amongst them the enemies of Government, virtue, wisdom, &c., and shall we Freemasons who respect religion and morality welcome the presence in our midst of those who respect neither? No, Sir, in my humble judgment, it is the bounden duty of every organised body of Freemasons to rigorously exclude from its Lodges the men who have no religion. It is "the fool" that "hath said in his heart, there is no God"—which was doubtless in Anderson's mind when he penned "stupid atheist"—and there is no room in Masonry for fools. But I am writing without due regard for the space at your disposal. I will, therefore, with your kind permission, reserve any further remarks I may have to make to some future occasion.

Fraternally yours,

TOLERANCE.

## THE ASYLUM FOR FATHERLESS CHILDREN.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you kindly allow me to ask any of your readers, who may happen to be subscribers to the Asylum for Fatherless Children at Reedham, Surrey, to give me their votes for Arthur Thomas Twitchett, aged 10¼ years. He is the son of the late Mr. William Twitchett, printer, Sudbury, Suffolk, who died from a painful internal disease about two years ago. The applicant is one of four children (one of whom is a cripple) all entirely dependent on their mother, who is a most respectable person, and who carries on a small business as a dressmaker. The case is one well worthy of support, and as in consequence of the boy's age it must be his last application, the old proverb, "*bis dat qui cito dat*," is perfectly true in this case. I shall be most happy to supply any further information that may be required.

Believe me,

Yours very faithfully and fraternally,

CHARLES J. MARTYN, P.G.C.

Rector of Melford, Suffolk, Rural Dean, and D.P.G.M. for Suffolk.

Melford Rectory, Suffolk, 31st Dec. 1877.

P.S.—I may mention that Mrs. Twitchett is a Congregationalist, and that the case is warmly supported by the Rev. J. Hollier, Congregational Minister at Sudbury, as well as by the Rector, Canon Molyneux, and several other well known persons in the neighbourhood, and that I shall be glad to receive any proxies with which I may be favoured not later than 12th January.

## THE GERMAN LODGE QUESTION.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The Lodge of Joppa, about twelve months ago, appointed a committee to inquire into this matter, and to take steps to get some alteration. They invited other Lodges to join them, and some of those invited readily accepted. Then the Montefiore Lodge took the matter in hand, and, to my mind, used much greater energy. I have since made some inquiries respecting the action of the Joppa Committee, to which I have received the following reply:—

"Dear Sir and Brother,—In reply to your inquiries, I beg to inform you that the Lodge of Montefiore, anxious to settle this question as speedily as possible, have taken the matter out of my hands entirely, and have paralyzed my actions for the present; I am sorry to see their good intentions, time, and labour, wasted, but it would be wrong on my part in any way to obstruct their proceedings. By correspondence which I have with the highest authorities in this country, as also in Germany, I am fully convinced the step taken by them is wrong, and will only materially complicate the matter.

"Be assured, Dear Sir and Brother, I steadily go on in my researches, and as soon as the Montefiore petitions are disposed of, I shall bring the result of my inquiries before the Committee, and act accordingly.

"I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

"Fraternally yours,

"MAURICE SPIEGEL."

Now, the Montefiore petitions have, by the last Quarterly Communication, been disposed of, and I have written several times to Bro. Spiegel, but, as yet, have had no reply. Several brethren who, with myself, take great interest in the question, are anxiously waiting for some information.

Yours, &c.,

R. DAVIDSON.

66 Leadenhall-street.

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## A LITTLE CRITICISM.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—I have read, in a Masonic Contemporary of yours, a short sketch of the past year, and I have done this with mingled feelings of pity and amusement, with a very considerable deal of contempt thrown in. Of one other idea which struck me, when I came to the leading article which follows the sketch, I will speak presently.

Whether a journalist writes a long and "pre-Raphaelite sketch of a history which is known to many," or a short and post-Raphaelite one, is a matter of no great moment. I assume that he knows his own business best. But I like to see consistency, and when I am told "there are some little minds which never can be satisfied unless they have a meaningless repetition of dates, which are valueless, and facts which are without importance;" and when my kind informant adds that for his part he leans to a *via media*, both "abhorring 'pompous preludes,' and avoiding monotonous imbecility," I make a note of it. Having done this, I proceed to judge him out of his own mouth, and I find he has been guilty of the very errors he is so anxious to avoid. When I am informed that in such and such a month certain new Lodges were consecrated, and certain Provincial Grand Lodge meetings were held; and that March, for instance, "beheld the Quarterly Communication;" that September "hailed" the same event, and that December "beheld" it—as they have done regularly for I know not how many years and years—I ask myself the pertinent question, what does all this amount to if it is not part "of a history well-known to many," and not only this, but also "a meaningless repetition of dates which are valueless, and facts which are without importance." I find in the General Regulations of 1721 it is laid down that Grand Lodge "must have a *Quarterly Communication* about *Michaelmas*, *Christmas*, and *Lady-Day*." Thus, the information that Grand Lodge did in 1877 what it has been in the habit of doing in accordance with certain regulations for over a hundred and fifty years, if not exactly as old as the hills, cannot be looked upon as a fact of great importance. I know, and shall be told, that something follows in the case of each of these announcements, but I have read more than once in a certain Book, a certain injunction, to wit, "Judge not, that ye be not judged," and I say to my informant, what is the use of telling me facts which are already "well-known to many," myself among the number.

Then I learn that the "coincidence of three Royal brethren high in office, reminded old Masons of olden days of Royal patronage and presence." I say nothing against the Royal patronage, but I am puzzled to know how the coincidence in question can remind old Masons of Royal presence, for all three were absent. I take this to be a slight evidence of mental "imbecility" in the writer.

I know the Festival of the Boys' School was held at the Alexandra Palace, but I was not aware it was so held with "our fair sisters gracing the festive board." I have yet to learn that there are feminine Freemasons in England. I shall be told that this is only a common mode of expression used of Masons' female relatives, but again I retort, "Judge not, that ye be not judged."

I am glad that my informant is apparently in the possession of a French Dictionary, and that he has discovered the word *vœu* means wish. He is quite right so far, but the *vœux* which were submitted to the Grand Orient were "votes" or motions, not "wishes."

I am puzzled how to reconcile the two statements following:—

(*a*) "The number of Masons in the world may be approximately stated at 300,000."

(*b*) "There is in that enormous continent" (that is of "Canada and the United States," which are not a continent, but only a part of one) "a brotherhood of 700,000 Masons."

Possibly this "enormous continent," which boasts "a brotherhood of 700,000 Masons," is in the Moon, or in one of the other planets; but if it is part of this world of ours, then 300,000 contains 700,000, or the less contains the greater; "which is absurd," as Euclid hath it.

It is news to myself, and doubtless to many others, to hear that Freemasonry is "a religious, a loyal, a beneficent, and a united order." The Jesuits, I know, are a "religious" order, and so are the Franciscans, the Benedictines, and others; but I have doubts about the Freemasons coming under the same category. Perhaps the Pope or the Archbishop of Canterbury will condescend to enlighten us on this point.

What is the meaning of the following:—"May all of good in the wise providence of T.G.A.O.T.U. attend our Universal Order in 1878." I presume it means "May God's blessing attend us;" but if so, why write "all of good in the wise providence," &c.? Surely this is wretched English.

I will now pass to the article. I will in the first place express my satisfaction at being told, on such high authority, that "The world is a very good world on the whole, despite man's 'baseness,' if only one will use it and not abuse it." Here, again, I fancy I catch a glimpse of the French Dictionary, that is, if "baseness" is meant for "baseness," though what the latter word has done that it should be treated with such contumely, I am at a loss to say. Or it may have something to do with man's unfortunate regard for "*Bass's*" bitter ale—only the writer seems incapable of a joke.

I will close this letter now by offering this super-excellent journalist my entire sympathy. I always like to hear of a man who has the courage to admit his shortcomings, and who promises he will try and make amends for them. I will not be so rude as to contradict him, when he admits that he has plenty "of fustian and frivolity, of peevishness and personality," to get rid of; that his brain wants clearing of "shoddy," and his mind to be emancipated "from those hateful prejudices and those petty animosities which disgrace us as men, and discredit us as Masons." As he is speaking editorially, the "us" I take to be personal, and not to include Masons generally or any section of them; or I should suggest to him the propriety of speaking, in this case, for himself alone. However, it seems to me that he who thus describes himself is the last person in the world to fill a Masonic editorial chair. But, he is now sitting publicly in sackcloth and ashes, and promises to be a good boy for the future. Let us hope he will keep his word.

And so ends my criticism.

Fraternally yours,

A. T. Z. R.

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## THE FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN.

THE members of the Craft in the Edinburgh district celebrated, on Thursday, the 27th ult., the festival of their patron saint, Saint John the Evangelist, with the honours common among the brethren on that occasion. Throughout the Edinburgh Province most of the Lodges met towards evening, and with the usual formalities installed the office bearers who had been chosen by them to fill the various posts of honour for the next year. Thereafter, the more festive business of the evening was entered upon. In Lodge room, hall, or hotel—not a few of which had their usual appearance tastefully enlivened with Christmas decorations—the brethren of each Lodge dined together—the new Right Worshipful Master in the chair—and as the evening grew older, each company opened the doors for visitors, and despatched deputations to spread through all the Lodges in the Province renewed salutations of fraternity and goodwill. The evening, fortunately, was crisp and clear, and the attendance generally was very good. In most of the Lodges the annual statements were submitted, and, in one or two, variety was given to the proceedings by the awarding of compliments for individual services. No. 405—the "Rifle"—was not the least in that respect, its members embracing the opportunity to present to Bro. Albert Apthorpe, their retiring R.W.M., a substantial mark of their appreciation of his untiring devotion to the interest of their Lodge during the three years of his very prosperous reign over them. The presentation was made in name of the Lodge by Past Master Thomas Ford, in a graceful address. We subjoin a list of the new office bearers of Lodges in the metropolitan province:—

**The Lodge of Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, No. 1.**—Bros. R. F. Shaw Stewart R.M.W., J. J. Muirhead P.M., E. W. Nightingale D.M., James Crichton S.M., Jas. Jameson S.W., James H. Balfour J.W., J. M. Campbell Treasurer, James Webster Secretary, J. Hill Tait, M.A. Chaplain, John White S.D., John Bryce J.D., John Fleming B.B., F. Law Jeweller, J. A. Hamilton Architect, M. Davidson Director of Music, H. Gunther and W. Grant Standard Bearers, and John Ness Tyler.

**Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, No. 2.**—Bros. Dr. John Middleton R.W.M., Johann Schopp P.M., Robert Anderson D.M., Louis Spanier S.M., R. W. Maxwell Müller S.W., T. Grahame Plumber J.W., Thomas Drybrough Treasurer, Hermann Drechsel Secretary, Andrew Stevenson S.D., David S. Lowson J.D., F. Zoblinsky Director of Music, Captain Archer Poet Laureate, David Sinclair Tyler, and W. N. Fraser, of Tornaveen, Chairman of Committee.

**Canongate and Leith Lodge, Leith and Canongate, No. 5.**—Bros. John S. Matheson R.W.M., John Laurie P.M., George Hudson D.M., John Simpson S.M., William Gemmell S.W., Thomas E. Swinnock J.W., William Reith Treasurer, David Paterson Secretary, John Harrow Chaplain, Alex. Rodgers S.D., William Fairgrieve J.D., Robert M. Boll Architect, John Mack B.B., Joseph Mason Director of Music, George Green Grand Lodge Steward, Charles Smith Standard Bearer, John Whitehead Lodge Steward, Henry A. Crown I.D.G., and Alex. Henderson Tyler.

**Journeyman Lodge, No. 8.**—Bros. Hugh Munro R.W.M., John M'Donald S.M., John M'Pherson D.M., James Kerr S.W., W. B. Robertson J.W., Wm. Barton Treasurer, Robert Dodds Secretary, Mathew Forrest S.D., Alexander Munro J.D., Andrew Dalglish S.S., Robert Learmonth J.S., Rev. — Ritchie Chaplain, James Pyper I.D.G., James Bryce Tyler, James Millar Standard Bearer; Millar, M'Culloch, and Caldwell Prince's Guard, John Lamb Captain, M'Pherson Mark Master, Brown S.O., and Kerr Lillie J.O.

**St. David Lodge, No. 36.**—Bros. William Edwards R.M.W., Lieut. M. Tracy P.M., C. G. C. Christie *locum tenens* P.M., Captain Brown D.M., J. Fleming S.M., Edward S. Webb S.W., D. Edwards J.W., G. E. Maffett Secretary, D. Laidlaw S.D., Thos. Herbert J.D., John Brown Chaplain, T. Russell B.B., C. Sey Bard, W. H. Darling Master of Choir, Wm. M'Ewan Architect, A. Hay Jeweller, Maclean and Veitch Stewards, Jas. Laidlaw I.G., and A. Robertson Tyler.

**St. Luke Lodge, No. 44.**—Bros. Henry Erskine Gordon R.W.M., the Hon. F. J. Moncrieff D.M., J. H. Davidson S.M., Henry Lee Harvey P.M., C. Digby Jones S.W., J. G. Watson J.W., the Rev. V. G. Faithfull Chaplain, the Lord Cardross Sword Bearer, J. H. W. Rolland S.D., G. W. T. Omond J.D., F. A. Bringloe Secretary and Treasurer, F. B. Anderson Director of Music, F. Law Jeweller, Frank Murray I.G., W. Bryce Tyler.

**St. Andrew Lodge, No. 48.**—Bros. Dr. James Carmichael R.W.M., Dr. W. S. Carmichael D.M., R. S. Brown P.M. 145 S.M., Isaac Cole S.W., R. Hamilton J.W., J. W. D. Knight Secretary, C. Hammond Treasurer, A. Waghorne S.D., A. C. Troup J.D., Rev. William Graham Chaplain, William Hay Architect, A. C. Mackenzie Director of Music, R. Purvis B.B., D. Robertson Steward, and D. Young Tyler.

**Edinburgh St. James's Lodge, No. 97.**—Bros. William Niven R.W.M., Robert Gordon P.M., James Wilson D.M., S. B. Wilkins S.M., Charles Cooper S.W., James Smith J.W., Andrew Sangster jun. Treasurer, William Marwick Secretary, John H. Cooper S.D., James Weddell J.D., David Small Architect, James Fowler Chaplain, James Rodger B.B., John Daish and James Sharp Stewards, James C. Porter Bard, John M'Cat[illegible]e and William Martin Standard Bearers, James Watt I.D.G., and John Henry Tyler.

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**St. John Lodge, Fisherrow, No. 112.**—Bros. George W. Wood R.W.M., James Porteous S.W., John S. White J.W., Hugh Gray Treasurer, and Henry Renton Secretary.

**St. Stephen Lodge, No. 145.**—Bros. W. Greig R.W.M., R. Wadler P.M., R. S. M. Adams D.M., J. Cameron S.M., J. Ogilvie S.W., J. Hill J.W., W. Gilbert Secretary, W. C. Linton Chaplain, J. Nicol S.D., R. Stewart J.D., J. Moyes Architect, W. H. Hall First and N. A. Joiner Second Standard Bearers, D. M'Cullum B.B., A. Robertson Steward, W. Laidlaw I.G., and J. Montgomery O.G.

**Edinburgh Defensive Band Lodge, No. 151.**—Bros. J. Beveridge R.W.M., J. Campbell D.M., J. Gibson S.M., T. Finlayson S.W., Doull J.W., M'Dougal S.D., Lockerbie J.D., Mackenzie Secretary, Smith Treasurer, Bisset Chaplain, Rev. D. Borland Honorary Chaplain, H. Finlayson I.D.G., and Collins Tyler.

**Roman Eagle Lodge, No. 160.**—Bros. W. Mossman R.W.M., G. Laing P.M., B. Miller D.M., T. Hay S.M., W. Gunn S.W., R. Marshall J.W., J. Fenton Treasurer, E. M. Wilkins Secretary, J. Cowan sen. Chaplain, F. C. Potter S.D., J. Wedderspoon J.D., G. Crichton Jeweller, P. Linnan B.B., J. Smith Poet Laureate, J. Jamieson Champion; J. H. Brownlee and W. Newsam Eagle Bearers, A. G. Jameson Director of Music, E. M. Wilkins Steward, J. Darney I.G., W. L. Hogg Tyler.

**Trafalgar Lodge, No. 223.**—Bros. W. Barry R.W.M., J. Campbell P.M., R. Scott D.M., D. Turner S.M., R. W. Romeling S.W., G. Combe J.W., R. Hamilton Treasurer, J. Johnston Secretary, J. Monteith S.D., J. Murray J.D., J. Hume Architect, Rev. A. S. Muir Chaplain, T. Leslie B.B., W. Turner S.B., A. White G.L.S., M. Cribbes L.S., D. Stalker Jeweller, R. Law Bard, J. Robertson I.D.G., and A. Brown Tyler.

**Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith Lodge, No. 291.**—Bros. C. L. Ramsden R.W.M., J. Dundas Grant P.M., Henry R. Kay D.M., George G. Russel S.M., Thomas B. Wemyss S.W., Donald M'Kay J.W., Alexander Hay Treasurer, James Walker Secretary, Henry Doig Chaplain, Thos. Scott Melville S.D., William Henderson J.D., F. W. Bridgman Poet Laureate, Charles Carey Steward, James Howie and James Finlayson Standard Bearers, Dr. Falconer Physician, James H. Inches Jeweller, Alexander Robertson Architect, Alexander Scott I.G., and Daniel M'Lean Tyler.

**St. Clair Lodge, No. 349.**—Bros. J. Greenaway R.W.M., G. Dobie P.M., R. Smith D.M., R. Shillinglaw S.M., C. T. Champneys S.W., A. Duncan J.W., A. M. Bruce Treasurer, G. Barrie Chaplain H. Harding S.D., D. N. Kennedy J.D., A. Colville B.B., A. Thiem (First) and F. Eysink (Second) Stewards, J. Thomson and A. Kerr Standard Bearers, Robert Hogg Master of Ceremonies, A. Lonie I.G. and James Baikie Tyler.

**Caledonian Lodge, No. 302.**—Bros. Robert Bryce R.W.M., A. D. Cairns P.M. and Treasurer, Donald Swanson D.M., Robert Lumsden S.M., William Archibald S.W., Robert Peacock J.W., N. A. Gibson Secretary, Rev. Adam Stuart Muir Chaplain, A. B. Reid S.D., J. Stevenson J.D., John Macpherson Architect, James Gray and Wm. Donaldson First and Second Standard Bearers, John Grey Grand Steward, J. Breckenridge, J. Kirk and J. Whitehead Stewards, Charles Robertson Bard, Henry Hope Director of Music, G. W. Danter Organist, J. H. Forrester Jeweller, R. Steele B.B., R. M. Kerr Physician, J. B. Grieeson I.G., and David Young Tyler.

**Rifle Lodge, No. 405.**—Bros. J. Pelham Knott R.W.M., Albert Apthorpe P.M. and Treasurer, H. Macpherson D.M., James Gentle S.M., John Jameson jun. S.W., Thomas W. Banks J.W., Thomas D. Allardice Secretary, Rev. William Murray Chaplain, William Jardine S.D., David Hossack J.D., William Urquhart Architect, Adam Gibb B.B., John Henderson Director of Music, Francis Law Jeweller, Alexander H. Gentle Poet Laureate, L. P. Lipman Standard Bearer, James Thompson President of Stewards, A. Gibson and Andrew Blair Stewards, James Cockburn I.D.G., and Bros. Learmonth and Wyse Auditors of Benevolent Fund.

**St. Kentigern and Rosslyn Lodge, Penicuik, No. 429.**—Bros. Thomas Pringle R.W.M., Sir George Douglas Clerk P.M., Thomas Pattison S.M., George Laing S.W., John Stewart J.W., Robert S. Hogg Treasurer, David Shank Secretary, Dr. Charles Cox S.D., John Laing J.D., William Sommerval B.B., Robert S. Hogg Steward, Andrew Thomson I.D.G., and James Glendinning Tyler.

**St. Leonard Lodge, No. 580.**—Bros. James Murray R.W.M., John Young S.M., Robert Brunton D.M., John C. Purdie S.W., Thomas H. Bruce J.W., John Stephen Treasurer, John M'Millan Secretary, Robert Thomson Chaplain, Andrew Beasley S.D., John Williams J.D., John Coutts I.G., and James Porteous Tyler.

**North British Railway Lodge, No. 597.**—Bros. John Greig R.W.M., James White D.M., L. Adie S.M., J. Loch Treasurer, D. Drysdale Secretary, J. Linfield S.W., W. Burnett J.W., D. Kennedy S.D., P. Sinclair J.D., W. Hall I.G., W. Walker Tyler.

**Dalkeith Kilwinning Lodge, Dalkeith, No. 10.**—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, when the following Office Bearers were elected:—Bros. John Rough R.W.M., James King P.M., P. D. Buncle D.M., A. H. Smith S.M., A. H. Small S.W., James Stevenson J.W., J. B. Turnbull Treasurer, G. P. Watson Secretary. After the election the Lodge celebrated the festival of St. John, when the customary Loyal, Patriotic, and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Deputations were received, and the evening was spent in true Masonic style.

**St. John's Lodge, Dunfermline.**—The brethren of this Lodge met in their Hall in Maygate-street, when the Office Bearers were installed—Bro. Robert Blyth, of the Guildhall Hotel, Dunfermline, being the new R.W.M. After the installation, the Lodge being duly constituted, the Festival of St. John was celebrated, Bro. Blyth discharging the duties of Chairman. The banquet was well attended, and in every way was one of the best meetings the Lodge ever held. The members of the Union Lodge, No. 250, also met the same evening, when the Festival of St. John was duly observed. Bro. John Stuart presided. The meeting was a great success.

**St. John's Lodge, Alloa, No. 69.**—The brethren of this Lodge dined together in their Hall, on the 27th ult. Bro. Dr. Milne R.W.M. presided, and there was a large attendance.

**St. Fergus Lodge, Wick.**—The members of this Lodge held a torchlight procession on the 27th ult. There was a large turn-out, and there being no moonlight, the blaze of light from the long line of torches was very effective. The procession started from the hall in Union-street, and proceeded along the principal streets of Pulteney-town and Wick. Returning again to their hall, they enjoyed an excellent supper, after which dancing commenced, which was kept up till an early hour.

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**Ancient and Accepted Rite.**—At the last meeting of the Invicta Chapter, Sovereign Prince Rose Croix H.R.D.M., held at the Masonic Hall, No. 33 Golden-square, W., our Ill. Bro. Magnus Ohren 31°, was installed M.W.S. of that Chapter. The Installing Officer was the Ill. Bro. W. Hyde Pullen 33°.

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The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday afternoon. Bro. Terry, the Secretary, having announced that His Royal Highness the Grand Master had approved of the Festival being held on the 13th February, and that His Grace the Duke of Manchester had kindly consented to preside on the occasion, stated that up to the present time the number of brethren who had agreed to fill the office of Steward was not so considerable as it was at the same meeting last year. Still, the success that had attended his efforts to obtain the services of brethren in this capacity had been far greater than in any previous year except the last, there being already 189 Stewards. Bro. E. Cox proposed, and Bro. G. Ward Verry seconded, that Bro. Joseph Smith be elected as President of the Board. This was carried unanimously, as were the further propositions of Bros. Verry and Phythian in the one case, and Bros. Verry and Cox in the other, that Bro. E. Cox be the Treasurer, and Bro. James Terry the Honorary Secretary. It having been arranged that the banquet should be held, as usual, at Freemasons' Tavern, it was agreed that the price of tickets should be a guinea each for brethren, and half-a-guinea each for ladies. The amount to be contributed by the Stewards towards the expenses of the Festival was fixed at two guineas apiece. A Committee, to make the necessary musical arrangements, was appointed, the sum to be paid for the services of the artists engaged being limited to twenty-five guineas. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, the 24th inst., at 4 p.m., the Musical Committee meeting three-quarters of an hour earlier for the purpose of preparing their report. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings. There were present in addition to those whose names have been already mentioned Bros. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke, Rev. H. J. Hatch, C. J. Perceval, E. Terry, C. W. Noehmer, N. Gluckstein, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G. Chaplain, Joseph Palmer, Francis Ashlar, J. F. Briggs, W. Clarke, J. J. Rimell, J. Kew, C. J. Killick, A. Leigh, M. Gamble, H. Vickery, H. Massey, W. W. Morgan jun., &c., &c.

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The usual Twelfth Night Entertainment to those of the Girls who remain at the School during the Christmas holidays will be given on Monday next, commencing at 4 p.m. We have no doubt there will be the usual number of visitors present, and we are sure they will make a point of doing their utmost to contribute to the pleasure of the little girls. Those who are compelled to remain behind, either because their relatives are beyond visiting distance or abroad, or from other cause, deserve that some such kindness as this should be shown them, and we trust the meeting will pass off as agreeably as it invariably has done in former years.

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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen and the Princess Beatrice are at Osborne. On the evening of New Year's Day, Her Majesty, accompanied by her daughter and ladies in waiting, was present in the Steward's room and Steward's hall, and distributed gifts to the upper and under servants of the household. The Duke of Connaught has left Dublin for London, and has since gone on a visit to his brother at Sandringham. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been paying sundry visits, and with the Princess and their children was present at a grand meet of the Norfolk hunt. It is expected that the Prince will visit the Duke of Hamilton at Hamilton Castle on the 14th inst.

The Mansion House Indian Famine Relief Fund has reached the expected half million sterling, and the Committee have received a letter of congratulation from Her Majesty. This, however, by no means represents the total of the subscriptions, which are said to have amounted from all sources to something like £800,000.

A deputation waited on the Earl of Carnarvon on Wednesday afternoon, on the subject of the troubles which have broken out at the Cape. His Lordship entered very fully into the extent and origin of these disturbances, and seemed hopeful that matters would be set straight at no distant time. He laid some stress on the advantages of union, referring for an illustration to the well-known story of the bundle of faggots. As a matter of course, the meeting did not terminate without some reference to the leading topic of the day—the Eastern Question, and the remarks he made were somewhat reassuring; at all events, they will have the effect of calming the public mind, which is becoming a little excited about British interests.

The festive season has had the usual accompaniments of drunkenness and assaults on the police, but not to an extent beyond what is usual, and the magistrates have exhibited wherever possible the usual leniency. In one case a man was brought up before the magistrate at the Clerkenwell Police Court for biting the thumb of the proprietor of a public house in Holloway. The fellow, though he had previously bitten the barman of the same house in the shoulder, was sentenced to a month's hard labour. A girl, who was convicted at another court, on two charges of theft, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment. There is a striking contrast, it seems to us, in the amount of punishment inflicted in these two cases.

A Cabinet Council was held at the official residence of the Prime Minister on Wednesday afternoon. All the members were present, several of them having travelled specially into town for the purpose. A second Council was held the day following.

A Miss Ryland who has already presented the town of Birmingham with two public parks, together comprising over a hundred acres of woodland, and has likewise expended the sum of £10,000 on laying out and embellishing one of them, has expressed a wish to present £4,000 towards laying out the other, and her very kind offer has been accepted by the Town Council. This lady's benefaction to the capital of the hardware industries is to the extent of close on £100,000.

An appeal, in which several well-known philanthropists, among whom the name of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts stands prominent, is being made to the public for the purpose of establishing a "Children's Toy Fund," and among the earliest contributors are the Queen and the Princess Beatrice.

New Year's Day is a great festival in France, and is always celebrated with unusual *éclat*. This year was no exception, particularly as the ugly clouds which had been so long hanging over the world of French politics have lifted, and there is now, we rejoice to say, both greater clearness and greater calmness among all parties. The Dufaure Ministry is settling down to its work, and the

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President has been showing how great is the interest he takes in the International Exhibition, which will be held in Paris this summer.

The affairs of Spain are not usually of great interest, but a slight disturbance has arisen by reason of the strange conduct of ex-Queen Isabella, who has been in communication with her cousin, the pretender Don Carlos. Considering the latter is the defeated aspirant to her son's throne, such communication is, to say the least, impolitic. The first result was a gentle hint from the French Government, to the effect that Don Carlos would do well to favour some other country with his presence. Following this, there has been an explosion of indignation in the Paris *Figaro* on the part of ex-Queen Isabella, in which she resents the bare idea that she could do anything that would be likely to disturb her son's possession of the Spanish throne. This protest, however, does not appear to have satisfied King Alphonso and his ministers, for orders have been given to the effect that the Queen-Mother must not return to her native country. No doubt the cause of all this family strife is the fact of the young King being about to marry his cousin, daughter of the Duke de Montpensier.

The news from the seat of war, except as regards the weather, which appears to be very terrible, is somewhat scanty. The Servians have gained more successes, and are in the neighbourhood of Sofia, while a force of Russians is in the same neighbourhood. The latter, too, have turned the western Balkans, though, according to the accounts received, in no great strength. But the principal news relates to the Russian communications over the Danube, which are now completely severed, and will remain so till the river is frozen over, or the masses of ice cease moving eastwards. This is a very serious state of things for the invading army, which now has nothing to rely upon but the stores it has laid up during the autumn, and if the present state of the weather continues, there is little doubt that with such immense forces these will very quickly be exhausted. And what then? With a respectable force of Turks in their front, and scant opportunities for obtaining supplies from Rouamnia; and, moreover, with the country in which they are located utterly incapable of supplying anything further in the way of food, fuel, and forage, and several feet deep in snow, the poor Russians will suffer terribly. The Turkish peasantry are in little better plight, thousands of them having to fly further southwards, in the direction of the capital, in order to escape the dangers of bombardment. From Asia we hear that Mukhtar Pasha has left Erzeroum, some say in disguise, in company with one of the European Consuls, and others with a force of 4,000 men, with whom he has retired on Baibart, with a hope that he may organise a fresh army and once more try his fortune with Melikoff. Erzeroum is evidently not completely invested under these circumstances, and as the weather renders it equally impossible here as in Europe to continue operations, there is little or no fighting to record. There has been some interchange of shots at Batoum, and the Russians have made another attempt with torpedoes to blow up a Turkish ironclad, but they failed, and the vessels were compelled to retire into Sebastopol. There has also been received news of Hobart Pasha, who has been bombarding places on the Russian sea-board, and is said to have inflicted heavy damage. But *the* news of the day refers to the request made by Turkey that England should signify to the Czar the wish of the Sultan to re-establish peaceful relations between the belligerent powers. This task has been accepted by our government, the request has been addressed to the Russian Chancellor, and has been civilly declined, the question of negotiations being referred by Prince Gortschakoff to the generals in command. Since the above was written, intelligence has arrived that General Ghourko has forced the Balkans at the head of a force estimated at 30,000, that the Turkish force at Kamarli has been withdrawn, a rear guard, under Baker Pasha, gallantly covering it during this important operation, that the capture of Sofia is imminent, and that Mukhtar Pasha has arrived at Constantinople.

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## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH BURMAH.

A Quarterly Communication was held at the Masonic Temple, Rangoon, on Tuesday, the 11th September last. Present—R.W. Bros. H. Krauss D.G.M., J. Dawson D.D.G.M., E. J. L. Twynam D.G.J.W. as D.G.S.W., B. Samuel D.G. Treas. as D.G.J.W., Rev. J. E. Marks D.G. Chap., W. H. Porter D.G. Sec., E. G. Man D.G.S.D., W. Ford D.G.D. of C., J. F. Briddon D.G. Purs., J. Clarkson D.G. Tyler; together with representatives of Lodges: Star of Burmah, No. 614, Victoria in Burmah, No. 832, Rangoon, No. 1268, &c.

The District Grand Lodge having been opened, at 6.15 p.m., the summons convening the Communication was read. The Proceedings of the last Regular Communication and of the Special Communication held on Friday, the 17th August, were taken as read, and duly confirmed. The District Grand Secretary reported receipt of apologies from several brethren; read the report of the proceedings of a meeting of the District Grand Lodge Committee, embracing the Treasurer's accounts and sundry matters of relief, amendments in the Bye-Laws, &c., this report was unanimously adopted.

The R.W. the District Grand Master shortly reviewed the report, and expressed great satisfaction with the progress of the Order in this District. The R.W. District Grand Master stated that he would again avail himself of the opportunity now afforded him to appeal to the District Grand Lodge, and through the District Grand Lodge to the private Lodges in the District, on behalf of the Greenlaw Masonic Orphan Fund, and proceeded to point out how necessary it was that immediate aid was required to prevent trenching on the capital. Wor. Bro. W. Ford proposed, and Wor. Bro. E. G. Man seconded, "That the District Grand Lodge subscribe for two Life Governorships in the Greenlaw Masonic Orphan Fund, and that the District Grand Treasurer be authorised to disburse the sum of Rs. 128 for this purpose." Carried unanimously. The business for the evening being ended, the District Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at 7.30 p.m.

## BOMBAY.

**Lodge Islam, No. 587, S.C.**—This young and flourishing Lodge, established principally by brethren of the Mahomedan persuasion, held its regular monthly meeting on 26th September, when the election and appointment of officers for the ensuing year took place. A large number of brethren were in attendance as representatives from the sister Lodges, and an official visitation was paid by the M.W. Grand Master of all India, Bro. Captain H. Morland, supported by his Grand officers, who were received with great *éclat*, and with grand honours. The Right Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Shaik Hyder Cassim, the resident physician at Her Majesty's Dockyard, was duly installed by M.W. Bro. Morland, ably assisted by his Deputy R.W. Macintosh Balfour, according to due and ancient form, in a manner so thoroughly effective as to compare most creditably with the best working Lodges at home. R.W. Bro. Morland stands out in proud distinction as a most erudite and accomplished Master of the Craft, and on this occasion he excelled himself, and was nobly supported by M.W. Bro. Balfour. The following is a list of officers of Lodge Islam for the following year:—Bros. Shaik Hyder Cassim R.W. Master, Francis Turner I.P. Master, Cumroodeen Tyabjee Depute Master, Mirza Hoosain Khan Substitute Master, Hon. Nacoda Mahomed Allay Rogay Senior Warden, J. A. Degama Junior Warden, Dada Mea Dost Mahomed Treasurer, Mhoralley Mahomed Patel Secretary, Ally Mahomed Bhimjee Senior Deacon, Khoda Bux Sharo Mahomed Junior Deacon, R. Allance Inner Guard, Mirza Hussein Khan Outer Guard, Hussein Hajee Ludah Steward, Abbas Samsoodeen Tyebjee Koran Bearer, Kurreembhaie Ibrahim Master of Ceremonies. The Lodge having been opened in due and ancient form, the Grand Lodge was received with all the honours, and after being inducted into the Orient chair, and making the necessary inquiries as to the present state and working condition of the Lodge, M.W. Bro. Morland expressed himself highly satisfied, and proceeded to the installation of R.W. Bro. Shaik Hyder Cassim, which he accomplished with great ability. After disposing of some business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren and guests retired to banquet, which was served in the most sumptuous manner, and after the usual toasts of obligation and courtesy, the brethren separated, before high twelve, pleased with all that had transpired during the evening. There is no doubt that Lodge Islam has made a worthy selection in the new Master, whose honesty of purpose, suavity of manner, and experience as a Grand Officer, will ensure for him a successful career during the ensuing twelve months.

**Mount Elbaraz Chapter.** — The last monthly meeting of this prosperous scion of the exalted Order was held at the Masonic Temple, Gowalia Tank, on the 24th Sept. last, when the installation of the principals and other office bearers for the ensuing year took place, under the most favouring and flattering auspices. It was a matter of great interest to the Companions of the Zoroastriar community, who have amongst them some of the most enthusiastic, energetic, and talented members of the Masonic fraternity, to find that a young gentleman possessed of the talents and practical ability enjoyed by M.E. Companion Jamsetjee Rustomjee, Commissariate Wallah, a scion of one of the oldest and most wealthy Parsee families in Western India, should have been the unanimously chosen candidate for the throne of First Principal, and his installation was attended with an *éclat* which reflected honour on all present at the interesting ceremony. The P. Principal Z, M.E. Companion Cowresjee D. Pardonjee, most ably undertook the installation of his successor, and acquitted himself of the onerous task involved upon him in a manner which called forth from the Companions

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present the highest encomiums. When the installation was completed, M.E.Z. Jamsetjee Rustomjee installed the following as his office bearers for 1878:—M. D. Wadia M.E.H., M. N. Wadia M.E.J., D. D. Shroff Scribe E., H. J. Gazdar Scribe N., M. C. Motiwallah 1st Sojourner, Gazdar 2nd Sojourner, M. Engineer 3rd Sojourner, D. Pestonjee Treasurer, C. Patel Janitor. After the completion of the interesting work, the Companions retired from labour to refeshment, and spent a most pleasant evening under the hiram of the newly installed M.E.Z., who has well and worthily earned his promotion, and from his influential position, as a most respected member of a wealthy firm, commands the respect, whilst he merits the esteem of all the Companions of the Chapter, whilst he is held in the highest estimation by the heads of the Craft.

## GRAND LODGE OF ALL SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

AT the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Byculla, on St. Andrew's Day, the 30th November 1877, there were present:—R.W. Bros. M. Balfour G.M. elect in the chair, H. Maxwell Sub. G.M., Col. Mallaby S.G.W., G. B. Thomson J.G.W., Darasha Chichgar G. Treas., Harry Geo. Rowell G. Sec., C. D. Wise S.G.D., D. P. Mehta J.G.D., A. E. Plumpton G.D. of Music, Henry Holland G.S.B., F. W. Doolittle G. Bard, Cowasjee D. Furdoonjee Zend Avesta Bearer, W. F. Whitehead G. Asst. Sec., W. H. Wilkinson G.D. of C., W. Jeffries G.I.G., Chas. Houghland Tyler; Bros. Freeborn, Jones, Appleton, Collins, Smith, Groves, Mapp, Sharpe, Clarke, Major P. Walshe, Allan, J. R. K. Johnston, and a great number of other brethren. The Grand Master elect having taken the chair, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form in the third degree. The summons convening the meeting was read, and so much of the minutes as related to the nomination of Grand Lodge Officers of the last regular meeting having been printed and circulated, was taken as read, and confirmed. R.W. Bro. M. Balfour said: "In the first place I have to apologise for the absence of the Grand Master, who, I am sorry to say, has suddenly had an attack of the gout, and is quite unable to be present. The first notice I had of it was late last night, and when I wrote to him to-day on matters connected with this meeting, he said in his reply, that he suffered such agonies while writing that it was impossible for him to think of coming here this evening, and he very much regretted being obliged to stay at home. I have almost nothing, on his behalf, to communicate to you this evening. I may mention that the balance in hand to the credit of the Benevolent Fund amounts to Rs. 3,769-8-0. On this evening I had intended to announce to the M.W. the Grand Master that the subscription organised with a view to presenting him with some recognition, on the part of Masons serving under him, of his service to Masonry in the capacity of Grand Master, has now, so far as we know, been completed; and that the amount subscribed is Rs. 907-8-0. You will remember that the maximum subscription was limited in order that all who chose might have an opportunity of subscribing, and I am very happy to tell you that every Lodge working under our Grand Master has sent its mite to this Fund,—with three exceptions only. I had intended to ask M.W. Bro. Morland this evening in what form he would like this amount invested, so as to serve as a reminder of his Grand Mastership in Bombay; but as he is absent, I think I had better defer that until our next meeting. The subscription list being, I presume, closed, I have taken this opportunity of naming the sum subscribed. There is only one point affecting Masonry which has come to my knowledge since the last Communication of the Grand Lodge, and it is one I am sure that had the Grand Master been present he would have commented upon. I am sorry to say that in a Lodge working in Bombay a case of blackballing has recently taken place. I mention it because the character of the candidate blackballed is, I think I may justly say, immaculate, and I regret that any spirit of the kind, which was once shown in the same Lodge before, should have broken out again. That Lodge sank very much after the occurrence, which took place some years ago, when a now Very Worshipful Brother was treated in the same way; and I regret indeed to hear—though I cannot be surprised at it—that there have been many resignations since this second case of the same nature occurred. It is truly a pity that brethren working as Masons should forget the first principle of Masonry, and that instead of blackballing they should, as they ought, first give notice to the brother who proposes the candidate, and discuss with him whether or not the candidate proposed is or is not a fit man to be made a Mason. I think that for the members of a Lodge who blackball a deserving and worthy candidate no censure can be too severe. I venture to make these remarks as the representative of our Grand Master, and I am quite sure that if he had been present this evening he would have noticed the occurrence to which I have referred. I have only two other matters to bring specially before you. In the first place you are all aware, no doubt, of the sad loss that R.W. Bro. Gibbs, District Grand Master under England, has sustained by the death of his son. That loss was most sudden; the deceased gentleman left Bombay, only a few days before his death, full of health, and looking forward to promotion in his services, and all of a sudden Bro. Gibbs heard that he was dead. There was no preparation, the blow came upon him most suddenly, and he felt it keenly. I need not say that the brethren of the Masonic community sympathise deeply with Bro. Gibbs. I have here a resolution which I shall ask you to pass in the name of the M.W. the Grand Master; it is in his own words, and expresses his own feeling—as follows:—

"That the Office-bearers and Members of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India do tender to our Right Worshipful Bro. and Honorary Past Grand Master, the Honorable James Gibbs, and to Mrs. Gibbs, our unanimous expression of sincere sorrow and of our deep sympathy and condolence upon the severe bereavement with which it has pleased the Almighty Architect of the Universe to visit them, by the sudden demise of his amiable and talented eldest son. Our prayer is that *He*, to whom alone in the hour of trial and of darkness we must look for consolation, will comfort in His own good time our Right Worshipful Brother and his respected Lady under the severe dispensation with which they have been afflicted."

R.W. Bro. H. Maxwell said: "I have much pleasure in seconding the resolution, for all know Bro. Gibbs so well that I am certain you will sympathise heartily with him in his sad bereavement. I had the pleasure of knowing his son, who was a very able—and so far as his service had gone—successful young man; he was in the Royal Engineers, and working on the Trigonometrical Survey of Goozerat; and had only left Bombay and joined his department two days when he was struck down with Cholera."

The resolution was carried unanimously.

R.W. Bro. Balfour: "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master mentioned in a letter that he wrote to me to-day that our Grand Secretary had resigned his office, a fact which I have no doubt you aware of from the fact that a successor was nominated at the last Communication, but unfortunately the M.W. the Grand Master forgot to bring it forward at the last meeting, and he has forgotten to send me our Secretary's letter of resignation to-day. I only take this opportunity of alluding to the matter to say that our Grand Master has appointed Right Worshipful Bro. Rowell an Honorary Member of this Grand Lodge, and will on the next occasion the Grand Lodge may meet, or at a special meeting if necessary, present him with a gold medal in token of his honorary membership. I think it is right that the Grand Lodge should know this, and that a record should appear in the proceedings of this meeting, because I am sure no Grand Lodge ever had a more enthusiastic Secretary than Bro. Rowell, no Grand Lodge ever had a Secretary whose efforts have been more successful, and I think I may add that no Lodge ever had a Secretary more appreciated by those in whose good behalf he worked. (Applause). The position to which Scotch Freemasonry in India has attained during his term of office must be thoroughly known for the importance of his work to be realised; almost every thing is, I believe, in perfect order at this moment; our subscriptions come in very regularly, and, the greatest result of all, I think, our Charity Fund has a large sum to our credit. (Hear, hear.) This, I think,—and I am sure you will all agree with me,—is a proof that our Grand Secretary has worked hard in the best interests of Freemasonry, and has used all the influence he possesses to carry out the great aims and objects of our Order. I will leave it for our Grand Master to tell you in his own way and in his own words, what is his opinion of our distinguished Bro. Secretary; but having worked with Bro. Rowell often and long, not only occasionally, during the absence of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, but regularly as Chairman of the Masonic Hall Committee, I know with what vigour he has entered into every scheme for the benefit of the Craft, and how much time and labour he has bestowed in the carrying out of these schemes." (Applause.)

R.W. Bro. Rowell then said: "I have received invitations for the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of Grand Lodge to attend and instal the Worshipful Master elect of "Morland," R.W. Bro. Major E. H. Campbell; the date is fixed for the 28th December, to make it convenient for those brethren who are engaged in commerce that they may go and return between the mail days. I have also received an invitation from the R.W. Master elect of Lodge "Islam," requesting the honour of this Grand Lodge's company at his installation. I have received also several letters from members of this Grand Lodge from out-stations, regretting their inability to be present this evening, through press of business in their several stations." The Grand Secretary also announced that he had just received from the Secretary of the Joint Hall Committee a report of their proceedings, and he was glad to see from it that while the comforts of the Hall had been added to, the rents to the several bodies had been reduced 20 per cent., and that Craft Lodges would now only have to pay Rs. 40 per month each.

The Grand Master elect then requested the Grand Secretary to call out the names of those brethren who had been nominated for office in the Grand Lodge for 1878, and after obligating them, our R.W. Bro. invested them with their several collars, speaking a few appropriate words to each.

### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1878.

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| Hamilton Maxwell, D.G.M. | Cowasjee D. Furdoonjee, Gd. Av. B° |
| Col. Mallaby, S.G.M. | Johann F. Fasting, 2nd D. of C. |
| J. D. Wadia, S.G.W. | Henry Holland, G.S.B. |
| Dr. B. T. Giraud, J.G.W. | F. Allan, G. Jeweller. |
| Darasha R. Chichgar, G. Treas. | E. De Souza, G. Organist. |
| Edwin R. Freeborn, G. Sec. | J. P. Baird, G.S.B. |
| D. P. Mehta, S.G.D. | B. H. J. Rustomjee, 2nd G.S.B. |
| C. D. Wise, S.G.D. | Alex. Campbell, 3rd G.S.B. |
| W. H. Wilkinson, J.G.D. | Major P. Walshe, Pr. of G. Std. |
| John Y. Lang, J.G.D. | E. Beynon, Vice-Pr. of G. Std. |
| Adolphe Freidemann, G.B.B. | F. Cooper, G. Marshal. |
| Fred. T. Atkins, G. Bard. | R. Sharpe, 2nd G. Marshal. |
| W. F. Whitehead, Assist. G. Sec. | W. Jeffries, G.I.G. |
| A. W. E. Plumpton, G.D. of Music | Charles Houghland, G. Tyler. |
| Capt. A. Clarke, G. Dir. of Cer. | |

The Grand Secretary then announced that, according to the Bye-Laws, it was necessary on this occasion to elect three members to serve on the Grand Standing Committee, but as this had been left out of the summons, it was resolved that it should stand over until the next regular Quarterly Communication.

Bro. Johnston then announced that the Choral Festival, held at the Byculla Church previous to the meeting, had been a great success in a monetary point of view, as well as everything else, the collections having amounted to Rs. 407-0-0.

There being no further business before the meeting, it was closed in peace and harmony with solemn prayer at 9 p.m.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 5th JANUARY.

194—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.
1573—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)

## MONDAY, 7th JANUARY.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
190—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
396—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
463—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basing-toke.
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1060—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
1061—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1064—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1573—Carnadoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
M. M. 87—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

## TUESDAY, 8th JANUARY.

46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
66—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
194—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (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 8.0. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden-square, W.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.
184—United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton Kent.
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1361—Rowley, Masonic Room, Athenæum, Lancaster. (Installation.)
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1466—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.

## WEDNESDAY, 9th JANUARY.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
183—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road.
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury.
190—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
295—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
325—St. Luke, Couch and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
981—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1209—Lewisea, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1249—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1342—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.
1394—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1433—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1469—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1561—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
1580—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannoc, Staffs.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.

## THURSDAY, 10th JANUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.
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.
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, the Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington.
1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

35—Modina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
113—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street-hill, Exeter.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
539—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.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
901—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1146—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1204—Royd's, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill.
1613—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

## FRIDAY, 11th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
23—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 165 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
1636—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgenorth.

## SATURDAY, 12th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 12.
194—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1436—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1656—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

### MONDAY.

154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1302—De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.

### TUESDAY.

495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
R. A. 285—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

### WEDNESDAY.

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

### THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

### FRIDAY.

458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ongo-street, Goole.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—429—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.

TUESDAY—1—Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.

WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.
" R.A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.

THURSDAY—8—Journeymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.

FRIDAY—56—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**St. Andrew's Mark Lodge, No. 34.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Thursday evening, 27th December, Bro. J. Orensberg in the chair. Bros. W. Ronie G.S.D.I. P.M., T. R. Peel S.W., Arthur Middleton J.W., J. T. Richardson Secretary, &c. There was only a limited attendance of the brethren, but this may be accounted for by the festive season, and the very inclement state of the weather, snow,

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a foot deep in the streets, rendering locomotion of any kind almost impossible. Lodge opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for a joining member, Bro. W. Nicholl, of Truth R.A. Chapter, No. 22, Belfast, and proved unanimous in his favour. Ballot was then taken for Bros. J. T. Kirk, Thomas Willicott, Murray Thompson and P. H. Nicholls, candidates for advancement, and in each case it proved unanimous. The chair was then taken by Bro. W. Ronie G.S.D. and Bro. J. S. Kirk was presented and advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. The brethren then proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, their choice fell unanimously on Bro. Milligan S.W. Bro. J. T. Richardson was elected Treasurer, Bro. J. B. Kirk Tyler, and Bros. Milligan, Peel and Middleton were appointed Auditors. A petition was then presented, signed by several brethren, praying the sanction of the W.M. and Wardens for the formation of a Lodge of Instruction for the Mark degree, in Manchester. The required permission was granted, with best hopes that the Lodge of Instruction might prosper. Hearty good wishes were expressed from Union Mark Lodge, No. 32, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, at 8.30 p.m. The brethren then proceeded to refreshment, and a pleasant evening was spent at the social board, enlivened by harmony from Bros. Sly, Kirk, &c. We congratulate our Manchester brethren on the establishment of this Lodge of Instruction; we trust the interests of Mark Masonry will be advanced through its exertions.

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**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—Held at the the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday evening last, at 8. Bros. Read W.M., Moseley S.W., J. W. Smith J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Wing S.D., Sillis J.D., Hallam I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Pearcy, Millward, Isaac, Trewinnard, G. E. Cook, Heinrich, Gibbs, Garrod, &c. The business comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of Initiation, Bro. Heinrich candidate. Bro. Isaac worked the first, Bro. Pearcy the second and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Moseley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The ballot for a Governorship of one of the Institutions will take place on Monday evening next.

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**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.**—On the 1st inst., at Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., the W.M., Bro. Maidwell, after formalities, worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Posener candidate. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and Bro. Posener answered the questions. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of raising, and gave the traditional history. The following assisted the W.M. as Officers for the evening:—Bros. Biddell S.W., J. Fraser J.W., W. Fraser S.D., Ellis J.D., and West I.G. Bro. Biddell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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**The Old Concord Lodge, No. 172.**—The warrant was granted in the year of grace 1768, consequently this Lodge has attained the ripe age of 110 years, and if we may judge from the prosperous condition in which we find it at the present day, we may naturally anticipate—to use an oft-repeated phrase—it will continue to exist so long as the Craft is recognised. The installation meeting was held on Tuesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincolns-Inn-Fields. Bro. J. Sandilands Ward presided, and he was supported by a goodly array of Past Masters, Officers, and members of his own Lodge, whilst amongst the visitors we recognised Bros. W. C. Clark S.D. 3, T. Robins J.W. 25, J. J. Worstwick 50, S. Pownceby J.W. 55, A. G. Medwin 69, J. W. Bennett 73, Kedgley 79, C. Davey S.W. 141, W. T. Hamlin 196 Ireland, E. A. Baber P.M. 452, T. S. Willis 706, T. J. Cusworth W.M. 813, E. Bénard 869, R. Evans 862, E. Hart 1348, F. Whiting 1360, W. W. Morgan 1385, J. M. Burd 1425, E. Bowyer P.M. 1580 Provincial Grand Junior Deacon Herts, J. Saber 1502, G. Musgrave 1507, J. Garner W.M 1622. All preliminaries being formally complied with, the W.M. commenced the ceremonial portion of the evening by passing Bro. Piedune, performing his task in the manner so characteristic of those who fill the chair in this Lodge. Bro. Ward then vacated his seat in favour of Bro. George King P.M., and proceeded to introduce Bro. Alfred Dottridge as Worshipful Master elect. Bro. King administered the obligation, a Board of Masters was formed, and Bro. A. Dottridge regularly installed into the chair of King Solomon. Those brethren who are not privileged to wear the levels having been re-admitted, the W.M. was saluted, and he proceeded to invest his Officers:—Bros. Gaubert S.W., Headley J.W., Hancock Treasurer, G. King P.M. Secretary, Gladwell S.D., Stedman J.D., Pemberton nominated as I.G., E. Dottridge P.M. D.C., Drew Organist, T. C. Speight Tyler. The few remarks uttered by Bro. Dottridge in addressing his Officers on their several appointments were well considered, and won the approval of all present. Bro. King then gave the addresses, and completed his work as installing Master in a most forcible and impressive style. The report of the Auditors showed the Lodge funds were in an eminently satisfactory condition, while to the balance of the Benevolent Fund attached to the Lodge was credited the substantial sum of £224 13s 7d. Routine business followed, and an announcement was made that Bro. Gladwell S.D. had undertaken to act as Steward at the forthcoming Festival for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the Crown Room, where a capital banquet was served by Bro. Best, under the superintendance of Bro. Dawkins. In due course the cloth was cleared, and Bro. Dottridge proceeded with the list of toasts. The health of the Queen, he said, was amongst assemblies of Englishmen always received with welcome; especially so amongst Masons. Throughout her long and prosperous reign she has always studied the welfare of her subjects. She loves her people as she loves her children; she is a good mother, and this is evidenced by the consideration her children always accord her. She invariably sympathises with her people in their joy and in their distress, and in all deeds of charity she is ever at the head. The W.M. closed his remarks by calling on them all to honour the toast, with which he would couple Prosperity to the Craft. In speaking to the next toast, the health of the M.W. the Grand Master, Bro. Dottridge remarked that the brethren throughout the length and breadth of the land appreciated the way in which, in their emergency, the Prince of Wales had accepted the office left vacant by the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon. His Royal Highness was at all times cheerful and affable, and as a proof that Masonry under his rule was popular, he would merely direct attention to the Lodges, over 200, that have been added to the muster roll of Grand Lodge. He would call on them to drink the health of the Prince of Wales, whom all appreciated as a thoroughly good-hearted English gentleman. The brethren were then called upon to toast the Earl of Carnarvon, the W.M., stating that the Pro Grand Master at all times exhibited a knowledge of Masonic law and an acquaintance with the ancient landmarks. He was recognised by all as an able statesman; we, personally, could testify to his popularity as an able Mason. After due honour had been paid to the D.G.M. Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers, Bro. Dottridge gave the health of the Visitors. The members of the Old Concord were always pleased to see them; he recapitulated their names and several qualifications; he tendered them on behalf of his Lodge a hearty welcome, and personally he wished one and all a happy and prosperous new year. Bros. Cusworth, Bennett, and Bowyer, who were called upon by the W.M., acknowledged the compliment, and expressed the satisfaction of the Visitors at the way in which the proceedings, both in Lodge and at the festive board, had been conducted. Bro. Ward I.P.M. proposed the health of Bro. Dottridge, and referred to what he had said when he invested his officers as evidence of what might be expected of him. He (Bro. Ward) was convinced the W.M. would do honour to their choice, and the lustre of the Old Concord, which had shone brightly for upwards of 100 years, would not be dimmed under the present ruler of the Lodge. The W.M. said he hardly knew how to return thanks. He was reminded of an anecdote told of an old and gallant Member of Parliament, who declared he would at any time rather face an enemy than speak before a battery of bonnets in the Ladies' Gallery. He felt somewhat in the same position before the members of his Lodge. As Master he would exert himself to the best of his ability. He trusted they might have a successful year. He was gratified and proud to be in his present position and quarters. The Warrant was granted to hold the Lodge in Great Queen-street, and here, after 110 years, they were still holding their meetings. The Lodge had, in the course of its existence, passed through vicissitudes, but he trusted it would continue in its present prosperous condition for many, many years to come. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Past Masters; during the year they had lost one of the most respected—he referred to their late Bro. John Emmens—who had faithfully filled the post of Secretary to their Lodge for upwards of twenty years. Their immediate Past Master, Bro. Ward, had faithfully discharged his duty, and the brethren had unanimously voted him the P.M.'s jewel; this he had infinite pleasure in presenting. A similar jewel had been voted to many worthy recipients, but no worthier Master than Bro. Ward had ever filled the chair of the Old Concord Lodge. After this had been feelingly acknowledged by Bro. Ward, the remaining toasts were given; they comprised the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, responded to by Bros. Hancock and George King P.M.; Success to the Benevolent Fund, coupled with the name of Bro. P.M. Gurton, who replied; the Officers, acknowledged by Bro. Gaubert; and finally the Tyler's, which brought the evening to a close. The musical arrangements of the evening were entrusted to Bro. Stedman, who was ably assisted by Miss Jessie Royd, Bros. George Musgrave, Drew, and C. H. R. Marriott. Miss Jessie Royd's rendering of the song, by Skeaf, "Somebody," afforded intense gratification; Bro. Musgrave—always good—excelled himself in "The Tar's Farewell;" while Bro. Stedman's "Mary of Argyle" was given with exquisite finish.

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**Phœnix Lodge, No. 257.**—The installation of the Worshipful Master of this Lodge for the ensuing year took place on Thursday, 27th ult., a large number of members and visitors attending. Bro. Dr. Jacob O'Connor, on whom the choice of the brethren had fallen, having been duly presented to the W.M. (Bro. F. Court) by Bro. De Fraine P.M., was installed, according to ancient custom, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Court. The P.M.'s and W.M.'s present included Bros. Geo. Rake P.J.G. Warden, F. Pinoo P.P.J.G. Warden, W. H. Ford P.P.J.G. Warden, M. E. Frost P.G. Treasurer, J. Lillywhite and E. G. Holbrook P.P.G. Registrars, De Fraine P.P.G. Deacon, J. Cornelius Wheeler P.M. 257, G. Bond W.M. 487, J. Whale P.M. 309, H. Townsend W.M. 1428. Among the visitors and members present, in addition to the officers of the Lodge, were Bros. R. J. Murrell S.W. 1069, J. Gieve J.D. 1069, G. E. Kent sen. 1069, T. Robinson S.W. 309, Rev. W. M. Roberts, W. J. Andrews, H. J. Dowse, E. W. Jolliffe, A. H. Jolliffe, A. W. M. Roberts, H. C. Parker, Wyatt, C. M. Houghton, G. C. Hayles, E. J. Harvey, H. J. Rolls, W. Bull, &c. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, the W.M. appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. F. Court I.P.M., G. C. Puttock S.W., T. R. Williams J.W., J. Lillywhite P.M. Treasurer, J. R. Hayman Secretary, Rev. W. Minto Roberts Chaplain, T. King S.D., G. E. Kent jun. J.D., F. Pinoo P.M. D.C., E. J. Harvey I.G., Carter and Exell Tylers. A capital banquet was subsequently served, supplied in his usual style by Bro. Bond, Castle Hotel. The W.M. presided, and having proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master," Bro. Rake gave "The Earl of Carnarvon, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Officers of the Grand Lodge." Bro. Hayman proposed "The Provincial G.M. (Bro. Beach M.P.) and Officers of the P.G. Lodge," and Bro. Bake, the Junior Grand Warden, responded. The health of the W.M. was given in felicitous terms by Bro. Court, and enthusiastically received. Bro. O'Connor responded in an excellent speech,

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"The Installing Master and I.P.M." was proposed by the W.M., who referred to Bro. Court's valuable services to the Phœnix Lodge. The toast was well received, and duly acknowledged. Other toasts followed, including "the Visitors," proposed by Bro. De Fraine, and "The Past Masters of the Phœnix Lodge," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Pisco.

**De Loraine Lodge, No. 541.**—Installation meeting of this Lodge took place on the 21st of December, in the Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. There was an unusual large attendance of Past Masters and brethren. The Lodge was opened by Bro. N. Mein P.G.S.D. W.M., and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. George T. Dean W.M. elect was then presented to Bro. E. D. Davis P.M. P.P.G.S.W., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters being formed, he was duly inducted into the chair of K.S. according to ancient form. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. N. Mein I.P.M., E. J. Gibbon S.W., T. R. Richardson J.W., S. O'Flaherty Chaplain, R. Smaile P.P.G.S.W. Treasurer, G. Blandford Secretary, R. Wightman S.D., Gruit J.D., E. D. Davis P.M. D.C., R. Watson Organist, J. A. Baty I.G., J. Curry Tyler, H. Usher S.S., R. Reed J.S. After the business of the Lodge was concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, Pilgrim-street, where they sat down to a sumptuous banquet, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and duly responded to. The Masonic Charities were most eloquently advocated by Bro. E. D. Davis, the Installing Master, when a brother very generously intimated his intention of subscribing 5 guineas to the Schools. Amongst the visitors present were—Bros. J. S. Challoner P.P.G.S.W., T. Anderson W.M. 1712 Provincial Grand Treasurer, T. B. Winter 24 P.P.G.S.W., R. Smaile P.P.G.S.W., G. Tompson P.M. 481 P.P.G.S.W., W. Foulshom W.M. 1626 P.P.G.J.W., T. Blenkinsop P.P.G.J.D., W. Cockburn P.M. 24 P.G. Registrar, P. O. Smith P.P.G.P., G. Cockburn P.M. 24, A. M. Loades W.M. 24, J. Gibson Youll W.M. 685, W. A. Malcolm 124 P.P.G.S.B. Durham, W. Coxon 124 P.P.A.D.C., A. Wilson P.P.G.P., J. Bolam W.M. elect 24, J. Walker 124 P.P.G.O. Durham, J. Curry P.G. Tyler. The evening was enlivened with songs and glees by Bros. Gibbon, Donnison, and Ferry, assisted by Bros. Walker and Nutton, of Durham.

**Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871.**—An emergency meeting was held on Friday, 21st December, at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford. There were present Bros. J. J. Pakes W.M., G. T. Limn S.W., R. Harman J.W., F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. Sec., G. Harvey S.D., J. G. Vohmann J.D., W. A. R. Harris I.G., G. Andrews P.M. D.C., and several others. The W.M. Bro. J. J. Pakes initiated Messrs. George Hill and J. Stanley, and passed Bro. Weston. All the work was well done. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved—That a letter of condolence be sent to Mr. William Myatt, the father of Bro. W. Myatt P.M., who had died since the last meeting of the Lodge. The Lodge was closed and adjourned till Thursday, 24th January, to meet at 5 o'clock. There was no banquet. The father of the Lodge, Bro. F. Walters, wished the members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, which was echoed by all present.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**—At the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, E., on Wednesday, 2nd January 1878. Present—Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., J. McMillan S.W., Wolley J.W., Brasted S.D., C. Lorkin J.D., Maples I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, G. Ferrar Treas., E. Dietrich Secretary; and Bros. Jones, Carver, Cracknell, O. Dietrich, Little, Thornhill, Jamieson, Pollack, R. Olley, Lee, &c., &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. J. Lorkin, Bro. Thornhill being the candidate. Bro. Fieldwick worked the sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. McMillan was appointed W.M. for next week. Bros. Carver and Thornhill became members. Notice was given that the Fifteen Sections would be worked in this Lodge on the first Wednesday in February.

**Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 26th ult., at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark. Bro. E. S. Stidolph W.M. presided. He was supported by Bros. F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. Sec., J. G. Hooper Wilkins P.M., H. Faija S.D., and others. The work, done in an admirable manner, comprised the initiation of Mr. E. J. L. Sandilands and passing Bro. Hall. Some business was deferred until the next regular meeting. There was only one visitor present. The W.M. Bro. E. S. Stidolph, in his usual genial manner, presided at the festive board.

## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA.

THE necessary power having been received from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the new District Grand Lodge of Northern China was formally inaugurated on 9th November last, with the ceremonial customary on such occasions. All Master Masons residing or staying in Shanghai were invited to assemble at the Masonic Hall at 4 o'clock, and about eighty responded to the invitation. Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, Bro. Thorne formally announced the appointment; and having laid the patent on the altar, proceeded to open the District Grand Lodge in due form; the Very Rev. Dean Butcher, acting as District Grand Chaplain, offered a prayer. Bro. Thorne retired from the Lodge, and Bro. Gundry, as Senior Past Master, then took the chair, and having read the patent, announced that under that authority he was about to proceed with the ceremony of installation. Certain of the Grand Officers were deputed to request Bro. Thorne to re-enter; and he having been received with the ceremony befitting his rank, Bro. Gundry administered to him the obligation, and installed him in the chair of District Grand Master. After prayer by the District Grand Chaplain, grand honours were given, and solemn music played by the District Grand Organist, after which the District Grand Chaplain read the 132nd Psalm. The District Grand Master then proceeded to instal the following officers:—R. S. Gundry D.D.G.M., W. A. Turnbull D.G.S.W., J. Hart D.G.J.W., The Very Rev. Dean Butcher, D.D. Acting D.G. Chaplain, J. I. Miller D.G. Registrar, T. W. Kingsmill President of Board of General Purposes, P. Orme D.G. Secretary, R. Fergusson D.G.S.D., H. Evans D.G.J.D., H. S. Morris D.G.D. of Ceremonies, W. H. Anderson Acting Assistant Ditto, L. Moore D.G. Sword Bearer, G. B. Fentum D.G. Organist, J. Brown D.G. Pursuivant; H. D. Camajee, Goldspink, Palamountain, Hughes, D.G. Stewards, T. Hore D.G. Tyler. The first seven verses of the 95th Psalm (Venite) were then chanted, and prayer was again offered by the Grand Chaplain. The brethren were now requested by the Deputy D.G.M. to form procession and salute the D.G.M.; and the Chaplain having read certain portions of Scripture, an Anthem was sung; and the first meeting of the District Grand Lodge in Shanghai formally closed. The number of brethren present at the ceremony was a proof of the influence which Freemasonry exerts, and of the interest taken in it in Shanghai. We do not remember to have ever seen the great room of the Masonic Hall so well filled; and it was noteworthy that the assembly comprised nearly as many members of American, German, and Scottish Lodges, as of those working under the English Constitution. This fact was happily alluded to by the District Grand Master, as illustrating the perfect brotherhood and good feeling prevailing among Freemasons in Shanghai; and the sentiment was cordially endorsed by W. Bro. Birt, who, as the senior among the visiting Masters, acknowledged Bro. Thorne's welcome, and congratulated the members of the District Grand Lodge upon its constitution. Many other brethren had expressed their intention of being present; but for the unpropitious state of the weather, no doubt an even larger attendance would have been secured.—*North China Daily News.*

## VALLEY OF NEW ZEALAND.

### SUPREME GRAND COUNCIL 33°.

THE following letter of interest to Freemasons, is published in the *Otago Guardian* of the 21st October:—

SIR,—The following communication has come by this mail relative to the body in New Zealand calling itself the Supreme Council of New Zealand:—"Extract of minutes of Supreme Council, 33°, for England, Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, dated 10th October 1876.—New Zealand. This Supreme Council having been informed that a body has been established in New Zealand styling itself the Supreme Council 33° A. and A. Scottish Rite for New Zealand; and whereas no such body can legally exist in the dependencies of the British Crown under the Constitutions, which recite that there shall be but one Supreme Council 33° in each State or Nation, do now decide that instructions be sent to the Star of the South Chapter Rose Croix, at Greymouth, New Zealand, pointing out that the said body is illegal, and that no Masonic communication can be held with its members by Masons holding allegiance to this Supreme Council; and it is resolved that a copy of this minute be forwarded to Lausanne for communication to the Confederated Councils, and that copies of the same be transmitted likewise to the Supreme Councils not members of the Confederation. True extract—SHADWELL H. CLARKE 33°, Grand Secretary General.—Grand East, 33 Golden-square, London, W., 12th October 1876." It was unanimously resolved that no countenance should be given to the body in question. ROBERT PATERSON 30° Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

**St. John's Lodge, Melrose.**—The annual demonstration and festival of the above Lodge was observed on Thursday, the 27th ult. The business meeting was held in the Lodge room, when the election of Office Bearers, &c., took place. After dining in the Corn Exchange, about 100 of the brethren, who were decorated with insignia, &c., and each carrying a flaming torch, assembled at the Lodge room and marched in procession through the streets to Melrose Abbey, where the usual customs were observed, returning by Abbey-street to the Hall. The Hawick Volunteer band was in attendance. Large numbers of spectators assembled to view the procession, which was considerably larger than in former years.

**St. David's Lodge, Berwick.**—On Thursday, the 27th ult., being the Festival of St. John, the members of this Lodge met in their hall, and the Office Bearers for the ensuing year were installed, Bro. Henry Trotter Heron being appointed Worshipful Master. A dinner was afterwards held.

**St. John's Lodge, No. 65, Stonehaven.**—Met in the Masonic Lodge room on Thursday, the 27th ult., when the following Office Bearers were installed:—Bros. James Crockatt R.W.M., William Soddy P.M., R. B. Tawse Substitute Master, Wm. K. Wilson S.W., James Smart J.W., Alexander Greig S.D., John Watt jun. J.D., John Anderson I.G., James M'Gregor Secretary and Treasurer, James Murray sen. Architect, Robert Brechin Bible Bearer, and George Tawse Tyler. After the installation the brethren supped together in the Lodge room.

**Thurso.**—The Freemasons held their accustomed procession on the 27th ultimo, and made an excellent appearance. The brethren supped together in the Drill Hall, and afterwards held a ball and assembly.

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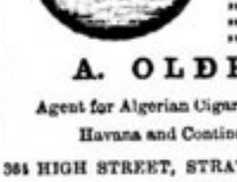


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## CERTAIN FORMS OF UNCHARITABLENESS.

THE subject of Charity has been worn tolerably threadbare, and there is no little difficulty in finding anything to say on it which has not already been said, possibly on many, many occasions before. We dare say the remarks which follow have the misfortune to have been addressed times without number to a Masonic public. Nevertheless, they appear to us to be not wholly unreasonable just now, when we are entering on a New Year, and are presumably anxious to regard everything and everybody in as favourable a light as possible. Just now we are supposed to have rubbed off all old scores. Differences which may have risen with others are forgotten, and we are starting on our career afresh, with hearty good wishes for every one. This, we believe, is the correct theory which prevails as to our duty at this particular season; and certainly eating and drinking about half-a-dozen times as much as is good for them, and clanking glasses with, and addressing little complimentary speeches to, their neighbours at the festive board may be accepted as formal evidence that Englishmen in general, and Masons in particular, fulfil their duty admirably, and that everybody is in love with everybody else. But though the theory is pretty universally observed in the letter, we have our doubts about the spirit of many who make the most show of having it. We have our doubts about their sincerity. The pretty things they say sound well, but in too many instances they are but a passing creation of the brain, and as such are valueless. "My dear Sir, I am so delighted to see you," says our neighbour Tomkins, and off he rushes to his wife, to enable her to receive the unexpected guest with the proper amount of cheerfulness and alacrity. With her, however, he speaks his mind candidly. "Why, hang it, there's that fellow Jones just dropped in, and making himself at home—a man, of all others, I abominate; but, of course we must *do* the civil." The wife acquiesces, but the civil thing is done, and Jones and Tomkins go on paying each other all the compliments they can think of, and in about the same spirit. Each knows the other is only playing a part, and the only thing real about the affair is the sense of greater or less admiration they entertain towards each other in proportion as they are more or less successful in their acting. This being so, of course no very serious amount of harm is done; that is, no deep-seated injury to the feelings of society is caused by this fashionable hypocrisy, but we question if it improves the morality. Of course, we do not blame Jones and Tomkins for greeting each other civilly, chatting more or less familiarly, according to the extent and duration of their acquaintance, and making neat little speeches about each other's merits. We are expected to do something of this kind, or in a very brief time we shall find we have earned for ourselves a somewhat unenviable character for rudeness. What we do blame them for, and that seriously, is the attempt they make to give an air of reality to what is merely a matter of form. We are very properly expected to be civil and obliging towards our neighbours, but we are not required to be so in the superlative degree. We would rather see people sincerely indifferent about each other's welfare than feign to be so overwhelmingly anxious. We would rather that men, when they meet together, should, as it were, let each other know that what they say in the way of compliment is merely conventional, instead of attempting to delude one another into a belief of its sincerity. There is no hypocrisy in observing the forms of civility, any more than in wearing a chimneypot hat in Regent-street, or a swallowtail coat for evening dress, but there is a vast deal in trying to persuade people you mean what you say. Jones knew quite as well as Tomkins that the latter's compliments were meaningless; and Tomkins would have stood better before the public had he been somewhat less impressive in his manner, or, as we have expressed it once before, more sincerely indifferent, and let it be seen that the pretty things he uttered were uttered as part of a certain ceremonial which fashion had ordained should be observed by people on receiving and dismissing visitors. Just now, especially, there is an abundance of complimentary language being bandied about among people, and everybody is in ecstasies of rejoicing over their neighbour's good fortune, but we fear there is little meaning in it, and that Society is only offering up its annual sacrifice of humbug on the altar of Fashion. Though we are far from wishing to think uncharitably of others, we can adopt no other conclusion than this, and we imagine the world would go on pretty much the same, and, perhaps, a good deal better, if people were a little less zealous in the cause of hypocrisy.

This is one of the most prevalent forms of that want of real charity which exists amongst men. Another is the wonderful zeal which some persons manifest in attributing motives to others. A. is going to town for a short holiday, and immediately there are a dozen reasons assigned for the visit. He has gone to consult a physician, or he is looking out for a wife, or he has quarrelled with his grandmother, there being, as a matter of fact, no special reason whatever for the visit. Or it may be he would rather have something done six months hence than now, and people say at once he is hard-up, or that a fortune is in store for him presently, or that he is currying favour in certain quarters and would like to see how he gets along before making his venture. In this case too, there is, in all probability, no reason assignable, and the person who would be the most astonished to hear that he was hard-up, or awaiting fortune, or currying favour, would be the hero of the romance himself. Again, A. calls on B., and immediately there are, if not a thousand and one reasons, at all events a good baker's dozen of them, assigned for this trifling fact. People take very good care in all these cases that the reasons are of an uncomplimentary character. They imagine, we presume, there would be no fun in attributing a reasonable or decent motive for this or that particular act of another person. In other words, there is no end to the evil thoughts which people insist on indulging in at others' expense, and all the while when they come in personal contact with them, they are hearty and apparently sincere in what they say. It would be more charitable if people would quietly abstain from assigning their own reasons for the conduct of others, but in such case the *quidnuncs* would find themselves in a difficulty, with their occupation entirely gone, and the possibility of picking up an ill-natured rumour or shave entirely out of the question.

A third form of uncharitableness is the facility with which people provide reasons for every trifling little occurrence in a man's life. Thus, he has a slight cold or cough; he grazes his knuckles, or sprains his ankle; he stays away from his Lodge; or he is an hour or two later than usual in reaching home; and, forthwith, there is every kind of sinister rumour afloat to explain this simple fact. The cold or cough is explained by the fact of his constantly returning home late at night, or rather early in the morning; he grazed his knuckles in a fight, or sprained

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his ankle when somewhat inebriated; he did not attend his Lodge as he had not recovered from a former debauch, and his late return home is only to be explained by some act of dissipation. It never occurs to people to suggest a simple or a harmless reason for these accidents of our daily life. A late return, for instance, might easily be accounted for by the loss of a train, or the breaking down of a cab or omnibus, but people are never too charitably disposed, and even if one of these reasons suggested itself, something malicious would be added to it. People are so wonderfully knowing, or at least they think themselves so, about other persons' affairs, that if their imagination had any approach to reality, the lives of many men would exhibit the most marvellous transformations from fair average virtue to an extraordinary standard of vice. Why people should trouble themselves in this fashion has always puzzled us, but they do so, and women, in particular, are conspicuous sinners in this respect, especially in regard to their own sex. Even Masons, in spite of the solemn charge administered to them at their initiation, seem to think it a part of their duty to indulge in this and the other forms of uncharitableness we have referred to. We know, of course, that when men become Masons, they by no means lay aside the weaknesses of humanity, but we should have thought they would give a practical turn to the lessons inculcated by Freemasonry, and especially in the matter of Charity. It is not so, however we very much regret to say, and there are numbers of Craftsmen who are as determined enemies to kindly feeling as they are to almsgiving. We should like to see it otherwise, and we think it would be well if people made the attempt to exercise a little self-restraint, and not fancy they can trace every petty act of a man's life to something sinister or discreditable. And possibly it would do them no great amount of harm if they were at the pains occasionally of saying what they mean, and meaning what they say; in other words, if they attempted to make a more intimate acquaintance with the virtue of sincerity. We certainly think the experiment might be made with very great advantage to many.

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The entertainment to the pupils of the Girls' School, who remain during the holidays, took place, as announced in our last issue, on Monday. Several brethren who take a great interest in the Institution attended, and made every effort to make the hours pass amusingly, we may say with complete success. Amongst those present were:—Bros. H. A. Dubois, M. B. White, Thomas Kingston, F. Burdett, Jabez Hogg, S. Rawson, Rev. T. W. Morris, W. W. Morgan jun., J. Faulkner, H. Massey, E. Cox, A. H. Diaper, B. Head, A. Sack, A. H. Tattershall, &c.

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The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday afternoon, at 4 p.m. Bro. Wm. Roebuck occupied the chair, and there were present Bro. W. Hyde Pullen, C. F. Matier, S. Rosenthal, F. Adlard, R. B. Webster, John Boyd, Jesse Turner, Jabez Hogg, W. F. C. Moutrie, H. Cox, &c., &c., and Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary announced that there would be nine vacancies at the April election, and on motion duly made and seconded, it was agreed that this number should be further increased to thirty. It was further stated that forty-six eligible candidates still remained on the list from the October election, as many as ten names having been struck off in accordance with the law which fixes the maximum limit of age for candidates at eleven. Twelve applications had since been entertained, and thus the number already of approved candidates was fifty-eight. Twenty-one new cases were submitted, and of these nineteen were approved, while the other two were held over for reference to the next Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers. There will thus be seventy-seven, and there may be seventy-nine candidates to compete for the thirty appointments to be balloted for at the April election. It was also proposed to recommend the expenditure of the sum of £1,500 in providing a new playground, with the requisite fences, &c., which is rendered necessary by the extension, now in progress, of the school premises. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings. The Boys' School Club held their usual dinner after the meeting.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

ON Wednesday, the 9th inst., the usual quarterly gathering of West Yorkshire Freemasons took place in the Corn Exchange, Wakefield, which had been most tastefully decorated, under the banner of the Lodge of Sincerity 1019, by the Officers of which the Lodge was opened in the usual style. At 1.30 p.m., the Prov. Grand Lodge entered, and was presided over by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir H. Edwards, Bart., Prov. Grand Master, supported by Bro. Tow, D. Prov. Grand Master, both of whom were saluted in the usual ancient style. In response,

Bro. Sir Henry Edwards Prov. Grand Master said: In compliance with established custom, I embrace the opportunity of meeting you thus assembled in this Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, to address to you a few words on topics of interest. I need only briefly express to you the pleasure I experience in being present with you to-day. In acknowledging your salutation, I appreciate most highly the reception again accorded to me by the Freemasons of West Yorkshire, and let me assure you, I am proud not only of belonging to your body as Freemasons, but also that I am called upon to preside over these quarterly gatherings. Allow me to offer the congratulations of the new year to every brother in this Province, and to express the hope that as new year succeeds new year, our distinguishing characteristics may still tend to bind us together in those bonds of brotherly communion for the promotion of peace and the extension of Charity, which have existed for so many centuries as principles of the Craft. It is our good fortune to meet under the banner of the Lodge of Sincerity in Wakefield at this winterly season of the year. We have an agreeable recollection of a previous occasion when, under the banner of Unanimity, we assembled in this same most hospitable town. I am delighted to perceive that Freemasonry is on the increase in Wakefield, and that Sincerity Lodge, the youngest of the three, founded in 1864, is growing up into a wide-spreading tree. Under its banner have been enlisted brethren of personal influence, who will carry the principles of the Craft wherever they go, so that wherever the name of Sincerity Lodge is mentioned, and wherever the names of its Worshipful Masters are spoken of, there also will the Lodge be esteemed and honoured. Sincerity Lodge numbers in its ranks 50 members, some of them the most active business men of the town. It is, I am informed by my Deputy, a popular Lodge, and one of which the present ex-Mayor of Wakefield had the honour of being elected the first Worshipful Master. Bro. William Clayton, of Oakenshaw Grange, as the result of a long and continued attendance to the duties of this Lodge, has earned the highest honour his brethren could confer upon him—viz., his election as W.M. for 1878 in the chair of the Lodge. We thank him for the excellence of the arrangements for receiving the brethren of this Provincial Grand Lodge to-day. The prosperity of Wakefield appears to follow the prosperity of its three Lodges. A visitor coming to the town now, after the lapse of a few years, would at once notice the change which is taking place in the architectural appearance of the streets. I am pleased to find this town will not be behind other towns in the Riding, and will shortly possess a magnificent Town Hall, a necessity which has long been felt, and at the inaugural ceremony of which this Prov. Grand Lodge may look forward to participate in hearty congratulations on the accomplishment of a noble work. On Saturday, 25th November, 1877, under the auspices of Lodge No. 493, I was present, on that wet and dismal day, at the commencement of a noble pile of buildings for the relief of suffering humanity—the Clayton Hospital—a credit to the town and its principal contributors, amongst whom were Colonel Charlesworth, and the family of our respected Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Tew, and which is approaching completion under its able architect, Bro. Bakewell of Leeds. Much of this architectural extension and educational expansion of Wakefield is due to the individual efforts of the Freemasons of the three Lodges—(applause)—and more particularly is owing to the untiring exertions of Bro. W. H. Gill, the original founder of the Lodge of Sincerity, who has shown himself to be not only an eminent speculative Mason in the science of jurisprudence, either Masonic or legal, but we may venture to call him also a scientific operative master builder. I trust I shall not be over stepping the circle of Masonic topics in alluding to the healthy rivalry and friendly emulation between Wakefield and Halifax with regard to the new bishopric. Whilst I and others advocate the claims of Halifax, there are doubtless many active friends in this room who advocate the claims of Wakefield to be a city. Both towns have, I believe, a more brilliant future before them than anything which has yet transpired in the history of either. The solution of this question is now in the hands of Government. Both towns desire to preserve in full activity everything that is loving and brotherly and true, and everything that is full of energy; and I cannot say whether the next time I am invited to Wakefield I shall have to describe it as the "city," or whether Provincial Grand Lodge visits the "city" of Halifax. I feel certain the efforts made by each town for this honour will only show that all did more than their ancestors to create an institution which shall be a blessing to increased populations in this Riding, and honour and praise to Jehovah, whom we serve as the great Architect of the Universe. (Applause.) I must make a brief remark upon the recent proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England relative to the position which that body has taken up towards the Grand Orient of France, and the Berlin Grand Lodge. The Prov. Grand Lodge must endorse the individual opinion of the Pro Grand Master of England in regretting the course which the Grand Lodge of the "Three Globes" of Berlin has followed. But we have faith in the wisdom and expediency of the course which our Grand Lodge has taken, lest we should be interfering with the internal regulations of an independent Masonic body, with which perhaps English Freemasons have at present a grand opportunity for bringing to the notice

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of the Emperor of Germany, through our Grand Master the Prince of Wales, certain recommendations, having for their object the removal from its constitutions of what may be most fittingly described as the "Jewish Disabilities." The Grand Orient has proposed a startling innovation, which must be repugnant to the human mind and startling to the general intellect. It would be impossible for English Freemasons to act in harmony with those who base their system of ethics upon such a doctrine as that of negation—a doctrine which has ever tended to retard the progress of the French nation, and which, in its very essence, must always mar the universal spread of those truly humanitarian ideas which include the exercise of every virtue, and by which the principles upon which the government of the Craft has been founded can only be effectually and logically inculcated in conjunction with a firm and unhesitating faith in the Grand Geometrician of the Universe. We believe that the Grand Lodge will, on this, as on the other question, uphold the integrity of Freemasonry, and that what will be done will be worthy of the position of our own Grand Lodge in the Masonic world. Passing from these speculations, let us in all brotherly kindness look upon the seventy-six dissentient Lodges of Freemasons in France as a most important body in a nation boasting thirty-eight millions of souls, in a country unequalled for natural advantages, immense industry, and unparalleled versality, sensitiveness, talent, and thrift. We hope that that great nation will shortly rejoice over its grand exhibition. We hope the opening, now close at hand, will inaugurate the advent of peace, which, when at Ripon, I had hoped would have dawned upon the new year. Let us still hope that all nations and tongues will be able to prepare themselves to play a part in the French Exhibition commensurate with their fame, their capacity, and their traditional responsibilities. May the principles of Freemasonry—on earth peace and goodwill towards men—have found full force, and may the shedding of blood cease between two portions of the human race, to whom has been committed the dominion of so large a share of the earth. This, I again repeat, is my sincere aspiration, and one which, I am sure, will find a responsive echo in all our hearts. (Loud Cheers).—*Yorkshire Post*.

## PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. E. PALMER OF WINCHESTER.

THE *Hampshire Chronicle* of the 5th instant contains a long account of a highly interesting event which occurred last week in the City of Winchester, and in which mine host of the George Hotel, Bro. W. E. Palmer, appears as the central figure. It seems that last year, when Bro. Palmer occupied the proud position of mayor of the city, the horses in his stables were attacked by a very malignant disease of an infectious character. This fact was necessarily brought to the notice of the Committee appointed by the Town Council, under the provisions of The Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act; and Bro. Palmer, who was a member of this Committee, at once placed himself unreservedly in their hands, and acting under the advice of the veterinary inspector, had all his horses slaughtered, closed his stables for a time—and, in fact, destroyed and virtually rebuilt them—burnt his harness, and took every means in his power, by the use of disinfectants, to prevent the spread of the disease to the horses belonging to his neighbours. This necessarily involved a loss of a considerable sum of money, which was stated at £700; but it turned out on inquiry, that while the owner of cattle, sheep, or pigs is entitled to compensation for the slaughter of his animals, the owner of horses was not, and no means could be found for enabling the City Council to compensate him legally. Under these circumstances, it was resolved that a testimonial in the shape of a purse of sovereigns, accompanied by an illuminated address on parchment, should be presented to him, and last week there was held a numerous gathering of citizens at the George Hotel, the chair being occupied by Mr. T. Stopher, ex-Mayor of Winchester, among those present being Messrs. McNamara, Frank Toole, R. L. Sindall, W. F. Meredith, W. C. Clarke, of Southampton, the artist who had been charged to design and prepare the illuminated address, and had done his work with such excellent taste, and others. The Chairman having briefly stated the object of the meeting, Mr. C. Saunders recounted the result of the efforts of the Testimonial Committee, and stated that £275 had been raised. Of this sum £25 had been expended on the address, and in expenses of postage, &c. So there remained a balance for presentation of £250. The Chairman then rose a second time, and in a neat and effective speech, expressed the sense of all present as to the public spirit which Mr. Palmer had shown on the occasion, and under the circumstances described above. He pointed out that others would probably have acted far otherwise, and by sending their horses into another country, have caused terrible loss of property. He also dwelt, at some length, on the other services which Mr. Palmer had rendered, and the respect in which he was held; and he further pointed out that that gentleman had not only lost the sum of £700 as stated, but had suffered in his business, for though there was no danger in doing so, people for a long time fought shy of using his stables. He concluded by wishing him long life and prosperity, and then handed to Mr. Palmer, who had been called into the room, the address and purse of £250. The testimonial was briefly acknowledged, yet with much feeling, Mr. Palmer saying that he was unable to find words which would adequately convey to them the gratitude he felt for their kindness, but thanking them all to the best of his poor ability. Votes of thanks were then passed to the officers of the Testimonial Committee and to the chairman for his kindness in presiding, after which most of the company adjourned to the ball room, where a handsome repast had been provided. We congratulate Bro. Palmer on this evidence of the appreciation in which he is held by his fellow citizens.

## THE LATE LORD KINNAIRD.

IT is with deep regret we note the death, after a brief but painful illness, of the Right Honourable Lord Kinnaird, Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland and Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire East. The cause of death was inflammation of the bowels, to which his Lordship succumbed at half-past two o'clock on Monday morning. The deceased nobleman was Grand Master Mason of Scotland during the years 1830-1, and it was mainly owing to his kindly influence and exertions that Freemasonry had made such progress in the Province over which he had so long, as well as so ably, presided. It will be in the recollection of our readers that on St. John the Baptist's day in 1876, a number of Perthshire brethren visited his Lordship at his seat—Rossie Priory—by whom they were most hospitably entertained. This visit gave proof, had proof been needed, of the cordial relations existing between the P.G. Master and those over whom he ruled. Lord Kinnaird was born in 1807, and was therefore in his 71st year. He was Lord Lieutenant of Perthshire, and is succeeded by his brother, the Hon. Arthur Kinnaird, M.P. We offer to his family the respectful tribute of our sympathy.

Bro. Gerard Henry gave his Annual Concert at Wimbledon, on Monday last, under the patronage of Sir H. W. Peek Bart. M.P., Sir Trevor Lawrence Bart. M.P., Sir Joseph Bazalgette, and several other influential gentlemen and brethren. Bro. Henry was assisted by Miss Marian Williams R.A.M., Miss Martha Harries R.A.M., Miss Green, Mr. Walter Wadmore, Mr. T. E. Gatehouse (violin), Mr. W. D. Sumner and Bro. Stephen Jarvis (pianoforte), all of whom gave entire satisfaction to a very numerous and fashionable audience. Bro. Henry was very well received in several of his baritone songs, notably in "Country, Home and King," and "'Twas only a year ago, love," the compositions of Bros. Stephen Jarvis and Leonard Barnes respectively. The Concert was in every way a complete success, showing that Bro. Henry's talent, both as vocalist and *entrepeneur*, are held in great esteem at Wimbledon.

Bro. the Rev. F. A. S. Bellamy, vicar of St. Mary's, Devonport, has been appointed Chaplain to the Sincerity Mark Lodge, No. 35, and Bro. G. Whitting, of No. 107, J.D. of No. 35.

The *Sunday Courier* of New York, announces, among other things, that there are nine Masonic bodies in Hartford, Connecticut. It also states that the Grand Master of Florida, Bro. Waagate, who has been seriously ill, is now happily reported to be convalescent.

The *Masonic Jewel*, on the authority of the *Springfield Republican*, reports a melancholy event which happened some time since in the Springfield Commandery. Doctor W. J. Sawin was to have been installed as E. Commander, and had made every preparation for the auspicious event. Being a large and full-blooded man, as well as an enthusiastic Mason, as the time approached for the fulfilment of the ceremony he became excited, but he partook of supper as usual, and then went from his residence to the Masonic Hall. He hurried upstairs, and having entered, took his seat at the Secretary's table, and in a few minutes, while putting on a pair of gloves, fell forward dead into the arms of his startled associates. Everything was done to restore animation but in vain, and the wife he had left only a little while before, in apparent health and strength, and who was to have witnessed, with other ladies, the ceremony of his installation, came only to find her husband a corpse. Bro. Dr. Sawin had held office as Past S.G. Warden, Illinois, as well as those of Dist. D.G. Master (Craft) and Dist. D. Grand High Priest (Arch). It is needless to say the Sir Knights dispersed in a state of profound grief at the dreadfully sudden decease of their comrade, and that the event has cast a general gloom over the Masonic community, and indeed among all classes in Springfield.

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## A LITTLE CRITICISM.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I go far beyond "A.T.Z.R." in his strictures on your Masonic contemporary. I think his "little criticism" far too gentle, and that he would have been perfectly justified in using his lash unsparingly; "Spare the rod, spoil the child," and this particular child to which your correspondent refers requires far more than the average amount of castigation, well and smartly laid on, in order to bring it to a proper sense of decency. But possibly "A.T.Z.R." indulged in mild instead of scathing criticism, because he felt that no amount of lashing would be productive of satisfactory results. I must admit there is some force in this view, in the supposition, at least, that I am right in my conjecture; but for my part I consider it eminently desirable the Masonic world should be undeceived as to the pretensions which your contemporary advances. I am confirmed in this belief by the trash I have just read in its issue of Saturday. With the exception of the reports, for which your contemporary, I believe, is chiefly indebted to that hard-working, accurate, and unassuming reporter, Bro. H. Massey, the contents of the last number may be ranged under the three heads of twaddle, cant, and impudence.

I will first take the article on "Time," which, as far as I am able to understand slipshod, ungrammatical English, is the acme of maudlin twaddle. "Time is immeasurable (*sic*), unexplicable (*sic*), unrestrainable, and unknown. It is, and it is not. It passes away and it lives again. It seems to leave us, and yet it is never ending. It has no commencement, no close, 'no beginning of years, or length of days,'" and so on through upwards of a column. I demur entirely to the last proposition. It is Eternity, not Time, which has no commencement or "close", and Time has both ending and "beginning of years," as well as "length of days." The revolutions of the Earth, Sun, and Moon enable us to determine the exact limits of certain portions of "Time." The Axial revolution of the Earth, the revolution of the Moon round the Earth, and that of the Earth round the Sun constitute the periods of time known respectively as a day, a month, and a year. To say that time is immeasurable—I beg pardon, "immeasurable"—is to deny the divine inspiration of the Scriptures, and in plain English, to affirm that the Bible is not the word of God as revealed to man. So much for the twaddle.

I will next pass to the cant, which I find well represented in the article entitled "A new Year's Greeting." Is there the slightest sincerity in the following passage—the only one I shall trouble you with: "At such a moment of time, the intersection of that narrow line which separates 1877 from 1878, just when we leave the past, known and familiar, and enter the future, hidden in ignorance and mystery, it is that the mind grows thoughtful, and the heart expands. For after all, say what we may, we are all 'members one of another' here." Is your contemporary prepared to extend to you in 1878 the recognition it has denied you in 1875, 1876, and 1877, the recognition which His Royal Highness the Grand Master himself has not considered it beneath his dignity to extend you? If he is so prepared, then shall I be only too happy to retract everything I have said in this letter, and apologise, in open, honest, manly fashion; but, till he does so, I maintain this affectation of charitable feeling towards others is gross, hypocritical cant, and nothing more. I judge journals as I do men,—not by what they say, but by what they do.

Under the third and concluding category of "impudence," I place the article on itself, the "puffery" of its own wares. Are not the following sentences a disgrace to the pen from which they emanate? "Started and upheld by one publisher, with no aid and no subscription list, subsidised by no Committee, the organ of no clique, it has simply appealed to the open Court of Masonic criticism, judgment, and fair play. It has antagonised none, assailed none, envied none, opposed none. It has never condescended to resort to personality or partizanship, it has never bandied words, it has taken notice of no insinuations, and has laughed at all malevolence." . . . "Had it not been for our publisher, Freemasonry in England would have been for years without a literature at all, and . . . . he has created a literature which is alike effective" (Heaven save the mark!) "and expanding." Is it not a fact that the proprietor and publisher of your contemporary is a Masonic tradesman, who, 'cute man of business that he is, sees clearly, that in these days of keen competition, he is most likely to succeed who blows his own trumpet the loudest—in other words, who advertises most freely. I do not condemn him for this; on the contrary, I applaud him for it; but, in the name of all that is Masonic, let there be no impudent pretence of promoting Masonic literature under the cloak of advertising Masonic jewellery and candles. The proprietor of what,—in spite of the annual issue, for a charitable purpose, of Grand Lodge Calendar,—are insolently declared to be "the four Masonic publications," finds it answer his purpose to issue them. He may as well incur the loss of a few hundreds on these publications as spend an equal amount in advertising in what we, Freemasons, are accustomed to call "profane" journals. The outlay thus incurred is part of his legitimate expenditure, and is no doubt a source of profit in the long run; but here the matter ends. I fancy, too, there is a gentleman, a Freemason, living in a certain street not a hundred miles from the Strand, in which the *Freemasons' Magazine and Mirror* was wont to be published for many years, who, if he cared about the matter at all, might be able to give another version of the reasons why, and the manner in which, your contemporary was started; but I have not spoken with him for months; perhaps he would rather think than say what he knows.

I am a plain-spoken man, one who calls a spade a spade, and nothing else. I am glad you have opened your columns to "A.T.Z.R.," with his clear argument and gentlemanly criticism. I trust you will find space for my simple English, and hope that you will allow other brethren, if they are so minded, to expose the ignorance and presumption of your Masonic contemporary.

I remain, fraternally yours,

7th January 1878. A PAST MASTER.

## THE RIGHT TO WEAR JEWELS.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As I am only a tyro in the millinery and jewellery department of Freemasonry, I shall be glad if some more experienced brother will inform me, if it is part of the unwritten law of Grand Lodge that no Past Master may wear a P.M.'s jewel unless it is presented to him by his Lodge and its cost provided out of the funds of the Lodge; if this is correct, it is of course irregular for a P.M. to wear a jewel he has paid for himself, or had presented to him by a section of his Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

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## GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Yours, of 29th December, contains a report of the annual meeting of Lodge Mother Kilwinning on 21st December, at which it was agreed to call the attention of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the "unfortunate step taken by the Grand Orient of France," &c. In order to guard against the impression that in such an important matter the Grand Lodge of Scotland requires to be urged to its duty by a Lodge in Ayrshire, acting upon the suggestion of a Brother living in Banffshire, I beg, through you, to intimate that the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart Bart., and his committee, sitting at Edinburgh, had taken action in the matter three weeks prior to the date at which the Kilwinning Lodge resolved to address Grand Lodge on the subject. This will be seen from the following excerpt of minute of the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland of 27th November last, a copy of which is in possession of the Grand Orient of France.

"The Grand Secretary directed the attention of Grand Committee to the recent change in the Constitution of the Grand Orient of France, whereby belief in God is not now essential to admission as Freemasons. Bro. Dr. Loth, representative from the Grand Orient, who had been asked to be present, having satisfied the Committee upon certain points in connection with the subject upon which they desired information, the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Bro. Wm. Mann P.M. No. 65, seconded by Bro. R. S. Brown P.M. No. 124:—'Having had their attention directed by the Grand Secretary to the recent change in the Constitution of the Grand Orient of France, whereby a profession of belief in Almighty God, the Great Architect of the Universe, and the immortality of the soul, is not now exacted of candidates for admission as Freemasons, and having maturely considered the same, instruct the Grand Secretary to intimate to the Grand Orient of France that, should it be the case that such a radical change in the fundamental principles of ancient Freemasonry has indeed been confirmed by the Grand Orient of France, Grand Committee will be under the necessity of recommending to Grand Lodge to sever the fraternal relations that have for so long a period subsisted between it and the Grand Orient of France.'"

As regards the sending a copy of the Kilwinning resolution to the Grand Orient of France, I may state that it was an instruction by Grand Committee at their meeting on the 24th December that I should intimate "that it is beyond the province of Mother Kilwinning or any other Lodge holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to communicate direct with any foreign Grand Lodge on the subject of Freemasonry."

Yours fraternally,

D. MURRAY LYON,

Secretary to the Grand Lodge.

Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, 2nd January 1878.

## THE REV. R. J. SIMPSON AND CHARITY ORGANIZATION.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the recent consecration of the Temple Bar Lodge, I was struck with the sublime teaching contained in the oration by our P.G. Chaplain, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, and left the Lodge more thoroughly convinced than ever that Freemasonry was an ornament to the world. Alas! this was only a fond hallucination, soon to be dispelled by the same reverend personage. When a series of toasts had been submitted to the brethren, our Rev. Brother was deputed to propose the toast of the Masonic Charities, and in the whole course of my experience I never listened to a greater abuse of opportunity than our Rev. Brother exercised. After lauding our Institutions, and holding them up as models of their kind, deserving every support, he descanted on the principle of charity-voting as laid down by the Charities' Organization Society, of which he is a moving

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spirit, and urged the brethren to pause ere they gave their donations, and begged them only to extend their generosity upon the reforms he advocated being carried into effect. Whatever Bro. Simpson may feel,—and I give him credit for all sincerity,—I certainly blame him for having introduced into a Masonic Lodge a subject calculated to breed dissension. The Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was present, and listened to our Rev. Brother with surprise and indignation; but, judicious man that he is, he turned to account all that had been so disparagingly uttered, and secured a Steward for his forthcoming Festival in the person of the W.M.

Let our Rev. Brother, who is considered as speaking with some authority, reflect ere he introduces extraneous matter, either in Lodge or at the banquet table. If he desires reform, let him adopt the proper course of submitting his views at the Quarterly General Courts of our Institutions, where they will receive due attention; but I doubt much if ever he will succeed in inducing the brethren to relinquish their power of voting in return for the money they so freely give, and so strenuously strive to obtain in support of our noble Charities.

Yours fraternally,

SPES BONA.

## OPENING OF A NEW MASONIC HALL IN LIVERPOOL.

ON Wednesday afternoon, 2nd inst., the most influential meeting of the Masonic fraternity seen for some time in Liverpool took place, on the occasion of the opening of the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, which is situate at the corner of Kirkstall-street, Westminster-road, Kirkdale, and has been erected for the purpose of giving accommodation for brethren at the north end of the town. The formal dedition of the building to Masonic purposes took place on Wednesday, in connection with the annual installation of the Walton Lodge, No. 1086, and was performed by Bro. H. S. Alpass P.G. Sec., who in addressing the brethren prior to the ceremony of consecration referred to Masonry a quarter of a century ago, as compared with the present time, and pointed out the great advantage gained by the erection of Masonic Halls as places of meeting over hotels.

In Liverpool there are only three Lodges which now meet in hotels, and those assemble at the Adelphi. This change had in a great measure ensured the grand success of Masonry in Liverpool,—indeed in the province as well. In this province there were more subscribing members of the Craft than in any other, and the numbers continue steadily to increase. He was sure it was the wish of the middle class, from which Masonry was largely recruited, that their Lodges should be dissociated with hotels, and in consequence of that feeling this beneficial change had taken place, with such excellent results. In exercising temperance, Masons of the present day were in advance of the age, and the Charities had been greatly assisted by the removal of Lodge rooms from hotels. In conclusion, Bro. Alpass expressed the honour he felt at having been entrusted with the duty of performing the ceremony of consecration, and he trusted that the Lodge, which numbers over 100 members, would be prosperous. He could say from what he knew of it, in its old meeting place in St. Laurence's Schools, that it had always been a well-worked Lodge. In wishing them prosperity, he hoped they would continue to cultivate that distinguished characteristic of every Freemason's heart—"Charity." Bro. the Rev. C. R. Hyde LL.D., gave the following prayer:—O Eternal God, mighty in power, and of Majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands, vouchsafe Thine aid, O Great Architect of the Universe, to us, who are gathered together to consecrate this place with all humility and readiness of heart, to display the beauties of true godliness. May Thy Holy Name never be mentioned in this temple but with that awe and reverence which are due from the creature to the Creator. May Thine aid be sought in all our lawful undertakings, and to Thee, O Supreme Ruler of the Universe, may we look up, on every emergency, for comfort and support. May Thy wisdom conduct us in all our undertakings, Thy strength support us in all our difficulties, and Thy beauty adorn the inner man. And may we all so live that the world shall see how dearly Masons love one another. Then, shall we not have laboured in vain, or wasted our strength for nought, for our work is before the Lord, and our recompense is with God. And give us all grace, that, by the frequent emblems of mortality which we shall behold, we may be led to contemplate our inevitable destiny, and guide our reflections into that most interesting of all studies, the knowledge of ourselves. Then shall we pass through the grave to a joyful resurrection, and behold that bright morning star, whose rising brings peace and tranquillity to the faithful and obedient of the human race." Afterwards the anthem "I have surely built thee an house to dwell in" (Dr. Boyce) was sung, Bro. Skeaf P.G.O. presiding at the harmonium. Bros. T. J. Hughes, Busfield, Queen and Haswell being the vocalists. Bro. Alpass then dedicated the building to Masonic purposes. After which he proceeded with the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. G. J. Townsend. He performed his task in a very able manner, supported by a Board of thirty-six P.M.'s. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, the W.M. appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. G. E. Hanmer I.P.M., Wm. Walker S.W., Rev. Dr. Hyde J.W., Wm. Archer P.M. Treas., J. Leece Sec., Casey S.D., Riley J.D., John Lunt P.M. P. Prov. G.D.C. D. of C., R. Beckett I.G., H. Gill S.S., Templeton J.S. Bro. John Lunt gave the charges to the officers, and completed his work in a most forcible and impressive manner.

The influential nature of the meeting may be seen by the fact that there were over 150 brethren, and no fewer than thirty-six Past Masters present. Among the P.M.'s of the Lodge were Bros. John Lunt P. Prov. G.D.C., W. Archer, J. C. Lunt, J. P. McArthur J.P., William Sephton, R. Abraham, J. Ellis, and G. E. Hanmer. In the evening a banquet was served in the dining hall, by Bro. Casey, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. The musical proceedings were under the direction of Bro. Skeaf Prov. G.O. An agreeable evening was spent, terminating a Festival long to be remembered by the brethren of this large and prosperous Lodge.

During the evening a splendid gold P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Hanmer, by the members of the Lodge, in token of their affection and esteem.

The edifice is Gothic, of ornamental brickwork, with an Ionic doorway, and has cost about £2,000. It consists of a Lodge room on the second floor, 55 feet by 28 feet, with segmental arched ceiling, which greatly promotes its acoustic properties; there are large ante-rooms, lavatories, &c., and a large dining hall on the ground floor, with the necessary offices, cloak room, &c. The hall is 70 feet by 28 feet, being 16 feet high. A striking novelty in the fitting of the building are the pneumatic bells and speaking tubes, and the communication thus readily established between the W.M. and the Tyler will be a great advantage for Masonic purposes. Messrs. R. Wells and Son, the constructors, have had to study the requirements of Masonic brethren rather than strict Gothic outlines, and in this they have succeeded admirably, the work having been personally superintended by Bro. John Wells Prov. G.S., who deserves great praise for the splendid building he has erected, and his untiring exertions in getting it completed in the short space of eight months. In a short time it is the intention of the directors, who are all members of the Walton Lodge, to have the walls and ceiling painted and decorated, and to make the Lodge room one not to be surpassed by any in the Provinces. The cost of the edifice has been borne exclusively by Masons, and the members of the Walton Lodge are the largest shareholders. All shares have been subscribed without any trouble.

## REVIEWS.

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*The Cure of Cataract and other Eye Affections* —The medical and surgical treatment of Lenticular Opacities. By Jabez Hogg, Consulting Surgeon to the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Royal Masonic Institutions, &c., &c., &c. London: Bailliere, Tindall and Cox, 20 King William-street, Strand. 1878.

THOUGH we cannot presume to offer an opinion on the professional merits of this work of Bro. Jabez Hogg, we do not hesitate to pronounce it a valuable addition to the literature on eye affections. His treatment of this particular class of disease is known to have been highly successful, and we are probably justified in saying that his reputation as a skilful Ophthalmic Surgeon is second to none. It is certain he can bring to bear on eye affections of every kind a long and varied experience, and under these circumstances it would be the height of presumption in us to criticise this work professionally. But we have noted it carefully, and we feel justified in saying that Bro. Hogg's treatment is, in all cases, clearly and to all appearances exhaustively laid down. He describes, in the first place, the various parts of the eye, and then the manner in which cataract is formed, as well as the predisposing causes which induce its formation. He next discusses the various modes of treatment, and enters at considerable length into the different kinds of instruments employed in the removal of cataract, expressing his opinion, as he goes on, of their comparative values, and then explains how the different operations should be performed. The treatise is abundantly illustrated throughout, so that the reader will experience but little difficulty in following Bro. Hogg. The expert, of course, will be able to see at a glance the value of the author's system, and even the non-professional reader, by the aid of a little patient study, cannot fail to obtain some insight into the subject. We thank Bro. Hogg for the opportunity he has afforded us of studying his treatise. It cannot but enhance his fame, and we trust it will have a large circulation, especially in professional circles.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of the first number of Vol. IV. of *Design and Work*, a Mechanics' Journal for Workmen of all Trades. [Publisher, Mr. Georges Parkess, 286 Strand, W.C.] It is well illustrated, and contains well-written articles, as well as a mass of information which cannot prove otherwise than useful to the class of readers whose interests it is specially designed to advocate. Accompanying the number is a very pretty coloured almanack, nicely printed in clear type, and simply, yet tastily, designed.

A highly interesting lecture "On the War in Turkey, with remarks on the Hellenic Nationalities," was delivered some time since, in the Free Church School Room, Queen's-road, Bayswater, by Bro. Dr. Theodus Mussabini, late special correspondent of the *Morning Advertiser* with the Russian army. The [illegible] described the relations of the Bulgars with the dominant Turkish race, gave it as his opinion that the Emperor of Russia had no alternative but to go to war with the Sultan. A vote of thanks to the lecturer concluded the proceedings. This lecture, it may be interesting to our readers to know, will be delivered again, in other localities, of which due notice will be given, so that those who are desirous of learning more of Bro. Mussabini's views on the war, will have the opportunity of doing so afforded them.

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# Old Warrants.

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## No. 106.

No. 8 "Ancients;" No. 5 from the "Union" of Dec. 1813 (1814), to the present time.

SEAL

ZETLAND, PRO G.M.

To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and loving brethren.

We, Thomas Dundas, Earl of Zetland, Baron Dundas of Aske, in the County of York, &c., &c., &c.

PRO GRAND MASTER

Of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

Send Greeting. Whereas it appears by the record of our Grand Lodge that, in the year 1752, a Warrant was issued to certain Brethren therein named, authorising and empowering them and their successors to open and hold a Lodge in London, which was then registered in the Books of the Grand Lodge No. 3, and by the Union of the two Grand Lodges, on the 27th December 1813, became No. 5, and was denominated the St. George's Lodge. And whereas it further appears that, on the 25th of March 1739, another Warrant was issued to certain Brethren therein named, authorising them and their successors to open and hold another Lodge in London, which was then registered No. 63, by the general alteration of numbers in 1740 became No. 56, by the general alteration in 1756 became No. 34, by the alteration in 1770 became No. 31, by the alteration in 1781 became No. 28, by the alteration in 1792 became No. 26, and by the Union of the two Grand Lodges, on the 27th December 1813, became No. 40, and was denominated the Corner Stone Lodge, and by the general alteration of numbers in the year 1832 became, and is now, registered in the Books of the Grand Lodge No. 37. And whereas the Brethren composing the said two Lodges have, by their Memorial and Petition, represented unto us that they are desirous of uniting together the said two Lodges so as hereafter to form but one Lodge, and have passed resolutions unanimously in their respective Lodges to that effect, and to that end have delivered up the said two recited Warrants to be cancelled, upon the issuing of a Warrant of Consolidation and Confirmation, which they have prayed us to grant accordingly. Now, know ye that we, having taken the subject into consideration, and we being willing to accede to their request, and from the confidence reposed in the Brethren, Do hereby grant this, our Warrant of Consolidation and Confirmation, unto our trusty and well-beloved Brethren, Ferdinand A. Echalaz, W.M. of the said Lodge, No. 5, Frederick George Cox, W.M. of the said Lodge, No. 37, John Charles McMullen, one of our Past Grand Deacons and a Past Master of both the said Lodges, James Prior De Paravicini P.M. of No. 37, Edward Galley Giles P.M. of No. 5, Henry Bellamy Webb P.M. of No. 37, John O. Freeman P.M. of No. 5, Charles Collingridge P.M. No. 37, and the other Brethren composing the said Lodges, authorising and empowering them and their successors to continue to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the Piazza Coffee House, Covent Garden, London, on the second Monday in the months of November, December, January, February, March, April, and May, in each year, or at such other times as to the Brethren thereof may appear necessary, and be regulated by their Bye-Laws in conformity with the General Laws of the Craft, under the title or denomination of

No. 5 The St. Georges and Corner Stone Lodge,

and to be registered in the Books of the Grand Lodge No. 5, and then and there (when duly congregated) to make, pass, and raise Free Masons according to the Ancient Custom of the Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And further, at the Petition of the said Brethren, We do appoint the said John Charles McMullen to be the Master, the said Frederick George Cox to be the Senior Warden, and the said Ferdinand A. Echalaz to be the Junior Warden, for continuing to hold the said Lodge until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed. Strictly charging that every Member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge shall be installed in ancient form and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his office. And we do require you the said John Charles McMullen, and your successors, to take special care that all and every the Brethren are, or have been, regularly made Masons, and that you and they and all other the Members of the said Lodge, do observe, perform, and keep the Charges, Laws, Rules, and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge, or transmitted by us or our successors, Grand Masters, or by the Deputy Grand Master for the time being. And we do enjoin you to make such Bye-Laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the Members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to, or inconsistent with, the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft, a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such Bye-Laws and Regulations, and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in books to be kept for that purpose. And you are in nowise to omit to send to us, or our successors, Grand Masters, or to the Most Honourable James Brownlow William Gascoyne Cecil, Marquis and Earl of Salisbury, K.G., &c., &c., &c., our Deputy Grand Master, or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being, at least once in every year a list of the Members of your Lodge, with the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein, and Brethren who shall have joined the same, together with the fees and monies payable thereon, according to the rules laid down in the Book of Constitutions, it being our will and intention that this, our Warrant, shall continue in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our said Grand Lodge.

Given under our Hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at London, this 6th day of December A.L. 5843, A.D. 1843.

By command of the M.W. Pro Grand Master.

(Signed) Gascoyne Salisbury, D.G.M.

William White, G.S.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Lodge of "St. George and Corner Stone," No. 5, Freemasons' Hall, London.

## No. 107.

No. 153, "Ancients;" No. 186 at the "Union (1814)," No. 135 A.D. 1832, and No. 117 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

Thos. Harper, D.G.M.

Malcomb Gillies, S.G.W. Thos. Mahon, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

We, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful the Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis, Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, Grand Master of Masons, The Right Worshipful James Harper, Esqr., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Malcomb Gillies, Esqr., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Thomas Mahon, Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful James Mansfield one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful John Merrington his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful John Cheese his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at Gosport, or elsewhere in, No. 153 and attached to, the Shropshire Militia, with consent of the Commandant of said Regiment for the time being, upon the second and fourth Wednesdays in every Month, and upon all other seasonable times and Lawful occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, James Mansfield, John Merrington, and John Cheese (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their powers and dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. John's Day, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this twenty-second day of March, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and ten, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Eight hundred and ten.

Robt Leslie,
Grand Secretary.

Note.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 7. Letter G. Fol. 170.

SEAL.

Be it known that, in pursuance of the Authority vested in the Most Worshipful Grand Master for that purpose, and upon the application of the Brethren composing the within mentioned Lodge, permission is hereby given for the said Lodge being in future held as a Civil Lodge, at the Trumpet Inn, or elsewhere in the Town of Shrewsbury, instead of a Military Lodge attached to the Shropshire Regiment of Militia, subject to all such Laws and Regulations as are contained in the Book of Constitutions, or shall hereafter be enacted by the Grand Lodge.

Free Masons' Hall, London, 23rd day of June 1820.

By command of His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, M.W. Grand Master.

William H. White } G. Sec.
Edw. Harper }

*Extract from* Vol. 7.

"Granted and revived in the Shropshire Militia 1810, formerly 13th Regt. Foot. Aug. 27th 1771."

The present title, No., &c. are, "Salopian Lodge of Charity," No. 117, Shrewsbury.

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## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Gosport Chapter, No. 903.**—The first annual meeting of this Chapter took place on Thursday evening, the 3rd inst., when the Principals for the year (Comps. H. Sloeman, G. F. Lancaster, and J. Wallingford) were duly installed in their respective offices as Z., H., and J. The ceremony was conducted by M. E. Comp. E. S. Maine P.Z. in the exceedingly correct and eloquent style for which he is justly celebrated. The other officers were invested as follow: Comp. N. Page E., C. B. Whitcomb N., W. Hillier P.S., F. Powell and V. Brown A.S., J. W. Stroud Treas., R. W. Downing Org., and L. Canvin Janitor. Besides the above there were present M. E. Comp. H. M. Emanuel P.Z. and P.P.G.J., and Comps. G. H. Morine and R. W. Mitchell, and as Visitors, M. E. Comps. Craven and Riddell, Principals of the Royal Sussex Chapter. M. E. Comp. Sloeman presided at the banquet, and the usual loyal and R.A. toasts were honoured.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—Held its usual meeting at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 4th inst., at 8 p.m. Present—Bros. Posener jun. W.M., Hine S.W., Simmonds J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Posener sen. S.D., Ellis J.D., Lane I.G.; also Bros. Hogarth, Pearcy, Kent, Crouch, Stroud, Reeve, Campbell, Bolton, &c. The minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in a very creditable manner, Bro. Reeve acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first, second, third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Ellis, of the Doric Lodge, No. 932, was elected a member. Bro. Hine was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

**Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.**—The meeting on Friday, the 4th inst., was the first which has been held at the new quarters of this Lodge, and, judging from the attendance on that occasion, the change is acceptable to the members. The annual selection of Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary took place, and resulted in the appointment of Bros. T. Cull, Eldridge, and Dickinson respectively. Bros. Hunter, Chant, and Yeomans were appointed as Audit Committee. The brethren of the Percy Lodge of Instruction were invited to work the Fifteen Sections on the last Friday in the month, and we understand that the invitation has since been accepted.

**Asaph Lodge, No. 1319.**—The regular meeting was held on Monday last, at 2 o'clock, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The W.M. Bro. Edward Terry occupied the chair. Bros. G. Buckland S.W., E. Swanborough J.W., C. Coote jun. Treas., E. S. Jones P.M. Sec., Wellard S.D., Harry F. Cox J.D., J. Maclean I.G., Delevanté Organist. Past Masters Bros. C. Coote, J. M. Chamberlin, W. A. Tinney, G. S. Jekyll, Jas. Weaver P.G.O. Middlesex, Frewin; also Bros. Beveridge, A. Thomas, H. Carter, Lionel Brough, Paulton, W. Smith, N. Fogarty, Kent, Pritchard, H. L. Winter, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were unanimously confirmed. Mr. A. Morten was ballotted for and duly initiated into the Order. The working in every respect was perfect. There were other candidates on the paper, but they were not present. Bro. J. M. Chamberlain P.M. delighted the brethren by his admirable and perfect delivery of the lecture on the Tracing Board in the first degree. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed; and the brethren separated early, to enable them to pursue their professional engagements. Bros. Whaley 1670 and Low 1589 were present as visitors.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**—At the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday evening, 9th inst. Present—Bros. McMillan W.M., Maples S.W., Dignam J.W., C. Lorkin S.D., Robinson J.D., C. Olley I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, G. Ferrar Treas., E. Dietrich Secretary, and Bros. Pollock, H. Meyer, R. Olley, O. Dietrich Secretary, J. Lorkin, Norman, Eldridge. After opening, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Norman candidate. The first and second sections were worked by Bro. Fieldwick, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge resumed to the first degree, and Bro. H. Meyer worked the first section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. McClean, of Confidence, No. 193, became a member. Bro. Maples was unanimously appointed W.M. for the next week. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. McMillan. The fifteen sections will be worked in this Lodge on the first Wednesday in February, Bro. Lee P.M. will preside.

**Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday last, at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill. Bro. George Penn the W.M. occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Parkhouse S.W., Smout sen. as J.W., W. J. Murlis P.M. Sec., W. Stephens P.M. Treas., Savage as S.D., Lander J.D., Adkins I.G., Older Org., and several brethren. The formal business of the meeting having been completed, Bro. Robert King was raised. Bro. W. Oldrey passed, and Messrs. C. Rowlands, C. Dewynter, John Roberts and J. Whittlesea initiated. A proposition was made by Bro. Murlis, that a ball be held this year in connection with the Lodge, this was unanimously supported, and a committee appointed to carry out the arrangements. A sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of Bro. Stephens, after which the W.M. closed the Lodge. Banquet over, the W.M. proposed the toasts of the Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon the Pro Grand Master, to whom the Lodge were greatly indebted for his kindness in allowing the use of his name, and the Earl of Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers; each meeting a hearty reception. Bro. Murlis gave the health of the W.M. which was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Penn, who next proposed the Initiates. The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge had been very successful with its new members, and he was gratified to see that he had four, on this the first meeting since his installation. Each of the initiates replied to the toast, expressing their pleasure at joining the Lodge, and their determination to work to the best of their ability. The next toast was that of the Visitors, each of whom replied. The health of Bro. Murlis the I.P.M. was heartily received by the members, and briefly acknowleged. The Treasurer, Officers, and Masonic Charities were severally honoured and the Tyler concluded the proceedings.

**Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.**—A meeting was held on Friday, 4th January, at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting-hill. Present:—Bros. Penn W.M., Crabb S.W., Smout sen. J.W., Smout jun. Sec., Spiegel S.D., Wood J.D., Lichtwitz I.G. Past Master Bro. Savage Preceptor; also Bros. Murlis P.M., Tettenborn, Gabb, Whittaker, Delane, Woodmason, Hatton and others. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Woodmason being candidate, after which the first and second sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. Savage, assisted by the brethren. A letter was read from Bro. Parkhouse, the Senior Warden of the Mother Lodge, in reply to the letter sent him; he expressed his sincere thanks for the sympathy accorded him in his affliction. A committee was appointed to arrange bye-laws for this Lodge of Instruction. It consisted of Bro. Penn W.M., Murlis P.M., Savage P.M., Adkins, and Spiegel. Bro. Spiegel will occupy the chair at the next meeting.

**Mornington Lodge, No. 1672.**—This young Lodge met at the Eagle, Sharesbrook, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. There were present Bros. W. R. Marsh W.M., Kockett S.W., Blackman J.W., E. Gottheil, a visitor, P.M., King Secretary, Redfern S.D., Lenson I.G., and several brethren. In the course of the proceedings, Bro. Palmer was passed to the second degree, and subsequently the third degree was conferred upon Bros. Whitfield, Perkins, Bramlen, and Baker. When the Lodge was closed, supper was partaken of, after which followed the various toasts. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Gottheil, who complimented the Lodge upon its efficiency, and the ability of its Master, whose private worth and Masonic qualities were so well known, not only in that Lodge but among the Craft in London in general. The W.M., in the course of his response, remarked that it had been his intention at the last meeting to announce that he proposed representing the Lodge at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution. He still intended to do so, believing that Institution to be deserving of steadfast support, as it is meant to assist those brethren who had seen better days and fallen into poverty and distress, and in their old age compelled to appeal, that the helping hand which might save them from sinking should be extended to them, and also for the widows, to render the close of their days happy and comfortable. Last year no less a sum than £16,000 was collected for this Charity, and he trusted that sum would be increased this year. It was a large sum, but by no means too large, because, as time progresses and Masons become more numerous, the demand upon those resources must become proportionately greater. He would now propose the health of the Officers. He had reason to be proud of his Officers, as they are fully qualified for their several posts. It is evident they must have considerably exerted themselves to acquire so perfect a knowledge of their duties, considering the Lodge had been established but a short time. Indeed, both S. and J. Wardens are quite capable to perform the duties of the Master's chair, and were it not for this fact his duties as Master of the Lodge would have been hard to carry out. He was pleased to say that these two officers are so well prepared as to be able to correct the Master should he slip. The S.W., in responding, said the W.M. cast a heavy responsibility upon him, by so much praise, which he was pleased to accept, but did not seem to feel he deserved; and doubly so by the genial kindness in which that praise was uttered. As soon as he had taken office, he felt a strong necessity to make himself familiar with the glorious Ritual of the Craft, to enable him to render all assistance, and to carry out the principles of Freemasonry. On an occasion like the present, the old year having just passed away and the new one scarce begun, a few words might not be out of place retrospectively in memory of hopes accomplished or unfulfilled, of joy and happiness, or sad calamities, which inevitably had caused suffering to many, and prospectively to pray that the year 1878 might be one utterly devoid of misfortune, and at its close may every Mason amongst us be endowed with stronger and deeper feelings of reverence for the sublime principles of the Order, and thus win the love and respect of his fellow men. The J.W. thanked the W.M. and brethren, and thought he could not do better than endorse all that had been so impressively said by the S.W. It was exceedingly gratifying to obtain so good a character from the W.M. He could only assure them that nothing on his part should be wanting to deserve similar praise in future. The Visitors' toast was responded to by Bro. Gottheil P.M. 185.

## RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

A MEETING of the Eboracum Conclave, No. 137, was held in the Conclave Chamber, Micklegate, York, on Tuesday the 3rd instant, the following members being present:—E. Sir Knights T. B. Whytehead M.P.S., E. Sir Knight T. Cooper V.E., Sir Knights J. Morgan S.G., J. S. Cumberland I.G., Rev. W. Valentine H.P., G. Simpson Recorder, C. G. Padel Prefect, A. T. B. Turner Herald, M. Mullington 1st Aide, T. Humphries as 2nd Aide, H. Jackson Sentinel, J. F. Taylor, &c. Bro. H. Aitken, of the York Lodge 236, was installed a member of the Order. A successful ballot was taken for Bro. G. W. Elliott, W.M. of the Anchor Lodge 1337, and M.P. for Northallerton. The annual election then took place, the result being that Sir Knights T. Cooper and J. Morgan were respectively elected to the offices of M.P.S. and V.E.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 14th day of January 1878, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.
To sanction the outlay of £1,500 for the purpose of providing a new playground, with requisite fences and adjuncts, rendered necessary by the building extension for the accommodation of additional boys.
To consider the following notices of motion, on the recommendation of the General Committee, held 8th inst.:—
That 30 boys be elected at the Quarterly Court on 14th April 1878, from an approved list of 77 candidates, which may be increased to 79 at the Quarterly Court on 14th inst.
That the House Committee be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding £1,500, to provide play ground, with requisite fences, drains, &c., rendered necessary by the addition to the number of boys, and the encroachment on present play space by extension of building.
The Chair will be taken at 12 o'clock at noon precisely.
By order, FREDERICK BINCKES (V.P.), P.G. Std., Secretary.
5th January 1878.
The EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY of this INSTITUTION will be held in the Summer of 1878.
H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., &c., Grand Senior Warden, in the chair.
Full particulars of date, locality, &c., will be duly announced. The names of Brethren as Stewards, to represent Provinces and private Lodges will be gratefully received.

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Has graciously signified his intention of presiding.
Brethren desirous of accepting the office of Steward upon this occasion will greatly oblige by forwarding their names and Masonic rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give every information required.
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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE movements in the Royal Family have been comparatively few during the past week. The Queen and Princess Beatrice are at Osborne. The Prince and Princess of Wales have been staying with their children at Sandringham, and have received a number of visitors, among whom must be mentioned the Duke of Connaught, who has since been to Windsor to see his brother, Prince Leopold, and subsequently to London. It is, we believe, pretty generally understood that Her Majesty will not open Parliament in person.

Two more Cabinet Councils have been held this week, at which, with the exception of Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., all the members were present. Indeed, considering that the Session begins on Thursday next, and that the present is a highly critical juncture, it would not much surprise any one if these gatherings of the Cabinet were held daily—supposing that were possible. But Ministers are only mortal.

Early on Wednesday morning, in spite of the dismal state of the weather, Woolwich was the scene of considerable excitement, owing to the departure of a battery of Artillery for the Cape, where their services are sorely needed. Crowds of people lined the streets and cheered them as they marched down to the pier, headed by the brass band of the R.A. Numbers of work people from the Royal Arsenal turned out for the purpose of wishing them God speed, to which the troops as cordially responded. The strength of the battery is five officers and 155 men, with eleven women and fifteen children. On reaching the pier, they embarked on board the Ibis, a river steamer, and later in the day were transferred to the Dublin Castle, in which they will be conveyed to the Cape. At 12.30 p.m. the latter vessel proceeded to sea for Dartmouth, and it was arranged that she would leave for the Cape, which will be reached in about a month's time, yesterday morning. The Dublin Castle also takes out the 90th Regiment of Foot, which, counting officers, non-commissioned officers, with rank and file together, is between 900 and 1,000 strong.

Since his speech at the Druids' dinner, Sir W. V. Harcourt, M.P., has had another opportunity of addressing a public meeting on the subject of the Eastern Question. This was on Wednesday evening, when he was present at the annual dinner of the Oxford Liberal Association. As a member of Mr. Gladstone's administrations, the political views of the learned gentleman do not need to be described. One suggestion is worth noticing. Sir W. Harcourt thought that an appeal should be made to the country in the present political crisis. In other words, and as though there were not excitement enough already, it is proposed we should be forthwith launched into all the worry and trouble of a general election. Many other members have likewise been speaking in public or addressing letters intended for publication to their constituents. Mr. C. Hamond, M.P. for Newcastle, though not in love with the Turk, is little more amiably disposed towards Russia. Sir. C. Adderley, in responding at Hanley for the toast of the House of Commons, spoke discreetly, and as a Minister, of course, from a ministerial point of view. Mr. Rathbone, in his speech in the Whitchurch Assembly Rooms, referred to the same subject, and so have Dr. Lush, Mr. E. Jenkins, Sir John St. Aubyn, Sir James Hogg, and Mr. Barclay, all of whom are members of the lower House of Parliament.

Temple Bar is being removed stone by stone, so that in a short time there will be no grounds of complaint as to the vehicular traffic of the Strand being further retarded by this relic of Stuart London. However, every portion of it is being sacredly cared for, and as soon as the Corporation of London has found a proper site, the Bar will be re-erected. This is as it should be. A building with which the names of such distinguished personages as Wren, the architect of it, Dr. Johnson, Oliver Goldsmith, &c., are associated,

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deserves preservation, while the increased traffic justifies its removal. One effect of this will be that on the occasion of future State visits of Royalty to the City, the ceremonial heretofore observed at the Bar will perforce have to be discontinued.

A serious collision occurred, on Tuesday night, in the Bristol Channel, between the Bristol Steam Navigation Company's steam ship Xema, and an Italian brig, the Pensiero, commanded by a Captain Ferro, bound from Cardiff to Constantinople. The result was fatal to the latter vessel, which foundered, and though every effort was made by Captain Staveling, only one out of a crew of eleven hands was picked up. The Xema, indeed, launched her lifeboat, but so fierce a gale was blowing, that it was swamped, though fortunately the hands, which had volunteered to man her, were saved. From the different accounts we have read, it would appear that the accident was the result of carelessness on the part of the Italians.

Terrible distress prevails in South Wales, owing to the number of ironworks and collieries which are either closed or only partially at work, and subscriptions are invited towards the relief of the sufferers. Soup-kitchens have been started in various places, and on Wednesday a meeting was held at Bristol, under the presidency of the Mayor, at which, though it was pointed out that there had been some exaggeration, it was admitted that the distress was greater than had been known at any period during the last forty years. It was resolved to open a subscription, and over £200 was promised in the room. Up to the same day, the factor of Merthyr Tydvil, where a better system of organisation for purposes of relief exists, had received £1,300.

On Saturday evening, a fire broke out at Messrs. May, the theatrical costumiers, 35 Bow-street, and in a very short time the place was gutted and the stock destroyed. Some twenty minutes elapsed ere the fire engines arrived, and this sufficed to permit of the flames getting so far the mastery that the fire was not put out till what was on the premises had been consumed. As the house is next to the Police Station, the Inspector on duty ordered the removal of the prisoners to the Tottenham Court-road sub-station. Another fire occurred, on Wednesday morning, at Langley, near Slough, at the residence of Colonel de Longueville, by which property to the value of between £10,000 and 12,000 was destroyed.

Dr. Kenealy appears to lead by no means a quiet life. A few days since, he was summoned in one of our County Courts by two reporters, one of whom claimed £4 as due to him, and the other £2. After hearing the evidence pro and con, the judge gave a verdict for both claimants, with costs.

A recently-issued police order contains an announcement that Chief Inspector Clarke, of the Detective Department, who was a co-defendant with Meiklejohn and others in the celebrated Detective Case, but was acquitted, has retired on a pension of £185 per annum. We also hear that Colonel Henderson has promoted Inspector Butt of the K Division to be Superintendent of the P Division, in the place of Superintendent Gernon, who has been appointed Chief Superintendent of the A Division, *vice* the late Superintendent Mott.

According to the Astronomer Royal, the average duration of sunshine during last week was only three hours and a half, or not much more than three-fifths of its possible duration. The total number of hours during which the sun was above the horizon, last week, was 55.

On Tuesday afternoon the half-yearly General Court of the Royal Humane Society was held at the offices, at Trafalgar Square, Mr. W. Hawes, Treasurer, occupying the chair. The Secretary, Mr. Lambton Young, read the report, from which it appeared that the income for the past year, including subscriptions, donations, and legacies, amounted to £2,153, while the expenditure was £2,019, the balance remaining, after giving due allowance for the balance brought forward, being £308. In the course of the year one gold medal, twenty silver medals, seventy-four bronze medals, four bronze clasps to former medallists, 115 testimonials on vellum or parchment, and forty money rewards, were given by the Society. The recipients of the silver medals included a young lady, Miss Grace Vernon Bussell, West Australia, who rode her horse into the sea and saved a part of the passengers and crew of the Steamship Georgette, and several officers and men in H.M.'s naval forces; Sub-Lieutenant R. A. J. Montgomerie, of H.M.S. Immortalité, being the most conspicuous. He, when his ship was cruising off the African coast, and going at about four-and-a-half knots per hour, dived in, clothes and all, after a man who had fallen overboard. It was night-time, and not only was the sea rough, but it abounded with sharks. He reached his man, and brought him to the surface, but not finding the ship, he began to feel exhausted, and proceeded therefore to divest himself of his clothes. While unfastening his trowsers, the man caught him by the leg, and they both sank. Fortunately, the garment slipped off, and he once again brought the man to the surface; but at last he became so exhausted that, in order to save his own life, he had to let go his hold of the man, and was shortly afterwards picked up by one of the ships' boats in an almost insensible condition. This, in the opinion of the Society, was reported as the most gallant act of bravery during the year, and on that account Sub-Lieutenant Montgomerie was also awarded the Stanhope Gold Medal.

The news from Italy is very sad. General Della Marmora to whom that country owes so much, has died after a brief illness at Florence, but in the fulness of years, at the age of 74. This is serious, but hardly had the intelligence of this reached us, when we heard that Victor Emmanuel himself was seriously ill, and as it very shortly proved, mortally ill. The founder of the new Italian kingdom had not yet completed his 58th year, having been born in 1820. His reign of close on thirty years had been a most eventful one; but the King, by his courage and frank bearing, very soon won a popularity which he was successful in retaining to the very close of his life. After the disastrous campaign of Charles Albert against the Austrians, which culminated in the defeat at Novara of the Sardinians, their unfortunate monarch abdicated in favour of his son, so that Victor Emmanuel's reign began under very inauspicious circumstances. But the new King was a politic, as well as a courageous, man, and he was fortunate in being able to gather round him a number of able assistants in the persons of Cavour, Della Marmora, and others. By the year 1855, the little Sardinian kingdom was sufficiently recovered to allow of its Sovereign sending a contingent of 15,000 men to take part in the operations of the allies against Russia. A visit to Queen Victoria, who graciously conferred on him the Order of the Garter, followed. Then came the war of 1859, when Lombardy was freed from the Austrian yoke, and added to the Sardinian kingdom. Tuscany, Modena, &c., &c., also determined on placing their fortunes under his sovereign direction, in spite of the attempts of Napoleon III. to prevent them. Savoy and Nice were yielded to France as compensation for her services. The other portions of Italy subsequently joined their fellow-countrymen, and at last, after the war of 1870, Rome itself, which was all that remained to the Pope of his dominions, was added, and Italy from a mere geographical expression became a compact kingdom of sufficient strength to take its place among the Great Powers of Europe. All this, under Providence, was the work of the Monarch whose death is so generally regretted, assisted, of course, by the many able statesmen and generals whose services he was fortunately able to secure. It is perhaps a noticeable coincidence that Victor Emmanuel's death occurred on the anniversary of that of his old ally Napoleon III. Victor Emmanuel is succeeded by his eldest son, Prince Humbert, who has already been proclaimed.

There has been more important fighting in the Balkans, mostly disadvantageous to the Turks. Sofia has been taken by the Russians, who have also forced their way through the Balkans by another pass. But the most important news is to the effect that the Sultan has resolved on applying for an armistice, and that officers are already on their way to the Russian head quarters, both in Europe and Asia, for the purpose of concluding an armistice of six weeks. This the Sultan has been counselled to do by the English Ministry. So that things look a little brighter than they did last week, though we are very far from being certain that peace will come, or even that this war will be confined to its present limits. However, we must be thankful for this slight improvement in the political world which has been vouchsafed.

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On Monday last an entertainment was given to the boys of the Royal Masonic Boys' School, by Mr. Bridgman Smith. It consisted of a description of the Prince of Wales' Indian tour, illustrated by some very fine dissolving views. Some chromatropes and comic views were also given, and afforded great amusement. Amongst those present were the Misses Binckes, Miss Pullen, &c.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 12th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 12.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.

## MONDAY, 14th JANUARY.

Quarterly Meeting of Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
90—St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate.
1435—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Reading.
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
589—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road Barrow-in-Furness.
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1353—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1502—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

## TUESDAY, 15th JANUARY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
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.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 249 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
246—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.
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni.
1437—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.

## WEDNESDAY, 16th JANUARY.

General Committee, Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
Grand Steward's Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. at 7.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1366—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
209—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
691—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
892—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
963—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
969—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, King-son-on-Thames.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
1049—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1096—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germans, Cornwall.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.

## THURSDAY, 17th JANUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Cheyners, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
813—New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.
1512—Hemming, Lion Hotel, Hampton Wick.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

## FRIDAY, 18th JANUARY.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 145 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

## SATURDAY, 19th JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

### MONDAY.

296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

### WEDNESDAY.

1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.

### THURSDAY.

600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

### FRIDAY.

1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
K. T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.
TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.
" 406—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 82 Nicolson-street.
THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
" R. A. 153—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Constitution-street.
FRIDAY—R. A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Union Lodge, No. 38, Chichester.**—The annual meeting was held on the 3rd inst., when Bro. Wyatt was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The Provincial Grand Master for Sussex (Sir W. W. Burrell Bart. M.P.), with his Provincial Grand Officers, paid an official visit to the Lodge, and were present at the banquet which subsequently took place.

**Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.**—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 8th January, at the Bedford Hotel, Southhampton-buildings, Holborn. Present—Bros. J. H. Dodson W.M., A. W. Tranter S.W., R. G. Webster J.W., W. G. Dickins Sec., R. P. Tate S.D., J. S. Brown J.D., T. B. Dodson I.G., Past Master Bro. J. Bingemann Preceptor; Bros. A. S. Melhuish, Abell, Cornu, Bond, Panter, Scott, and several others. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer, and the minutes of preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Soper, a candidate for the second degree, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted and withdrew. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Soper passed. The following sections of the lecture were worked: first section by Bro. Bingemann, second by Bro. Tate, third by Bro. Brown, and the fourth by Bro. Dickins. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. A. H. Wild was elected a member. Bro. Tranter was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, officers in rotation. Bro. A. J. Melhuish W.M. of the Constitu-

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tional Lodge was unanimously elected to work the installation ceremony on Tuesday, 12th February. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—Held its usual weekly meeting at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday evening last. Present—Bros. Moseley W.M., J. W. Smith S.W., Wing J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Sillis S.D., Hallam J.D., Heinrich I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Crawley, Pearcy, Halford, Millward, Cook, Trewinnard, &c. The usual forms were observed in opening, and the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was very ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Crawley acting as candidate. Bro. Millward worked the first, Bro. Pearcy the 2nd and 4th, and Bro. Tolmie the 5th sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. W. Smith was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The ballot for a Life Governorship of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution then took place, it resulted in favour of Bro. G. E. Cook, of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382. The Preceptor, Secretary, and Treasurer were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year. A vote of thanks was awarded to the W.M. for his able conduct of the business of the evening. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.**—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 8th January 1878. Present—Bros. Bedell W.M., J. S. Fraser S.W., Wm. Fraser J.W., Daniel S.D., Maidwell J.D., Aarons I.G., Maidwell jun., Rudderforth Preceptor, Hollands Sec., Wharman, Hamilton, Campbell, Z. Posener, Webb, Ellis, Crake. After the opening Bro. Hollands answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Hollands was passed. Bro. Wharman answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Wharman was raised. Bro. Webb, Preceptor of the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, gave the traditional history. The Lodge was closed down in the third and second degrees. Bro. Crake was elected a member. Bro. J. S. Fraser was appointed W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. The Lodge unanimously voted one guinea towards Bro. Morgan's tickets for the old men and women. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

**Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 121, Penzance.**—A meeting was held on Monday, when Bro. W. H. Kinsman was installed as W.M. by Bro. Boase P.M. The Board of Installed Masters included Bros. R. Lovell, J. Maxwell, and I. Levin P.M.'s of 121, F. Beringer, F. Jeffery jun. W.M. 318, and G. B. Pearce I.P.M. 318. After installation, the W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—R. Lovell I.P.M., J. J. Taylor S.W., A. O. Michell J.W., Rev. R. W. Aitken Chaplain, C. Read Treas., J. Lovell Sec., G. H. Small S.D., F. Holman J.D., M. Sampson I.G., T. Reynolds D.C., N. Jenkins S.S., T. Palmer J.S., and R. Reynolds T. The banquet was held in the evening at the Western Hotel.

**Fortitude Lodge, No. 131, Truro.**—Held on Tuesday, was attended by a large number of brethren desirous of paying respect to the W.M. elect, Bro. William J. Hughan P.M. P.S.G.D. England, whose researches in Masonic lore have obtained for him renown, not only in England, but in the United States and other parts of the world, and whose works have been translated into several languages. At the opening of the Lodge, Bro. E. Edwards W.M. presided, and the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Thomas Chirgwin P.M. P.P.S.G.W. (Mayor of Truro), who installed Bro. Hughan in the Master's chair in 1868. The Board of I.M.'s included Bros. W. Lake P.P.G.R., R. John P.P.G.D.C., W. J. Johns P.P.G.R., J. R. Crewes, and J. T. Tillman, all of 131, together with Bros. John Thomas 589 Redruth, J. R. Collins P.P.S.B. 339 Bodmin, W. F. Sharp 331 Truro, W. H. Jenkins P.P.G.S.W. 331, S. Serpell P.R.G. 331, and F. W. Dobb P.R.J.G.W. 589. After the installation, the W.M. appointed and invested Bros. E. Edwards I.P.M., J. H. Sampson S.W., J. C. Furniss J.W., T. Chirgwin P.M Treasurer, W. Porter Secretary, R. Lean S.D., S. Richards J.D., H. Toope Organist, J. A. McKinsey D.C., W. B. Morris I.G., J. Langdon Tyler. Bro. S. Holloway P.M. P.P.J.G.D. was appointed Steward to the Cornwall Masons' Annuity Fund. The banquet was held at the Red Lion Hotel, and sixty brethren sat down to it. Amongst the guests, besides those mentioned, were the following:—Bros. Sir James Hogg Bart. M.P., 53 (Royal Sussex), E. T. Carlyon P.P.S.G.W., W. Tweedy P.P.G. Treas., J. F. Hooper S.W. 699, J. Wallace S.W. 75, Rev. W. F. Fry P.P.G.C. (Rutland), and J. Jeffery J.W. 331. The W.M., in giving the toast of the Queen, mentioned the fact that Her Majesty had nearly 200 votes for the Masonic Charities. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe Prov. G. M. of Cornwall, and Sir F. M. Williams, Bart. M.P., D. Prov. G. M. of Cornwall, sent letters of apology for absence.

**Jordan Lodge of Instruction, No. 201.**—On Tuesday, the 8th January, at the Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, Portland-place. Present—Bros. Powell W.M., Goodwin S.W., Fox J.W., Hiscox Treasurer, Long S.D., Martin I.G., P.M. Bro. Koester Preceptor, Bros. Sherman, Hole, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Shearman candidate. Lodge opened in the second degree, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Martin candidate. The Lodge resumed to the first degree. The S.W. was appointed to preside at the next meeting. It was proposed by Bro. Koester, that in future the Lodge meet on Wednesday instead of Tuesday evenings. This was seconded by Bro. Long, and carried unanimously. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M., for the able manner in which he had filled the chair.

**The Polish National Lodge, No. 534.**—The regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. The chair was taken by Bro. J. H. Cummings W.M., Jas. F. Ebner S.W., John Aspinall J.W., W. Paas P.M. Sec., J. Taylor S.D., V. Jagielski J.D., Dr. Corrie Jackson I.G., J. Lancaster D.C., Beckett Tyler. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The ceremonial portion of the evening's proceedings comprised the passing of Bro. Bryant. The work was performed by the W.M., in a careful and effective manner. After the discussion of matters in connection with the Lodge it was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was served admirably, and to which ample justice was done. On the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were given and received with great heartiness. Bro. Rath I.P.M., in proposing the toast of the W. Master was genial and effective. He dwelt at some length on the honour associated, not only with the chair of K.S., but with chairs in general. He alluded playfully to the chariot of Apollo and the symbols we connect with it, to the symbols which are, as a matter of course, associated with the chair of St. Peter, to the chairs not long since presented by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts to the Lodge which bears her name, and last, but not the least interesting, to the triumphal arch of chairs erected by the loyal inhabitants of High Wycombe, on the occasion of the recent visit of Her Majesty to the Premier at Hughenden Manor. This last, indeed, might, perhaps, be described, not irreverently, as an illustration of the Royal Arch, and a very effective one too. No doubt, also, Bro. Rath had it in his mind to compliment his brethren, and the Master in particular, as *ses* CHERS (chair) *frères*, but Bro. Rath was merciful in his speech, and forebore to inflict on his hearers so far-fetched a play upon words. What he said he certainly felt, and it came none the less gracefully from his lips that it was spoken cheerfully, and was amusing as well as interesting. The toast was heartily acknowledged. In fine, we may say that the speeches were of a far better class than usual, many of them being models of eloquence. The brethren separated after an agreeable evening.

**William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.**—On Friday, the 4th inst., at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. Hayes W.M., Godden S.W., March J.W., Braun Sec., Rudderforth Preceptor Treas., Nichols S.D., Kennard D.C., Hill I.G., also Bros. George West, Parsons, Reid, Harris, Goodyear, &c. The Lodge opened and the minutes were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Goodyear being the candidate; Bro. Harris answered the questions previous to passing, was entrusted, and the Lodge opened in the second degree. The ceremony was then rehearsed by Bro. Hayes. Lodge being resumed, the first four sections were worked. Bro. S. Godden was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday, and the Lodge closed in due form.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Brasted W.M., Christian S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., C. Lorkin S.D., Dietrich J.D., Bonner I.G., Dallas Secretary, Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Cook, Lines, McClean, and others. The Lodge was opened; the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dietrich candidate. Bro. Lines answered the necessary questions, and was passed to the second degree. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and regularly closed down to the first. Bro. McClean, of Lodge 193, and Bro. Dietrich, of Lodge 1524, were elected members. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

**Fowey Lodge, No. 977.**—Held its annual meeting at Fowey on Monday, when Bro. H. W. W. Durant was installed as W.M. In addition to the members there was a large gathering of brethren from neighbouring Lodges. The ceremony of installation was conducted by Bro. Tonkin P.M., P.P.G.St., assisted by the following Past Masters:—Bros. Rev. Dr. Treffry P.P.G.C., D. Davis P.G.G., J. W. W. N. Abbott P.P.G.S.T., N. H. Lamb, J. Stephens, William Rundell, H. de Legh, and W. P. Smith. The W.M invested his officers:—Bros. N. H. Lamb I.P.M., A. P. Davis S.W., R. G. Gould J.W., Dr. Treffry Chaplain, H. W. Durant Treas., W. Tonkin P.M. Sec., A. Luke S.D., T. Walton J.D., T. Richards I.G., R. Roach and M. Johns Stewards, F. B. Williams D.C., and T. W. Beale Tyler. A statement of the accounts showed a balance of about £80. The brethren dined together at the commercial Hotel.

**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—Met at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, E.C., on Tuesday, the 8th inst. There were present Comps. G. J. Row Z., J. B. Sorrell H., George Newman J., T. W. White S.E., Walker S.N., F. Brown P.S., G. Darcey, E. Gottheil, W. Heckland, S. P. Wagstaff, C. W. Nochmer, E. B. Grabham, Jno. Seex, G. Waterall. The exaltation ceremony was rehearsed, all the officers acquitting themselves remarkably well. The following Comps. were then elected officers for the ensuing fortnight, J. B. Sorrell Z., George Newman H., F. Brown J., G. Waterall S.N., E. B. Grabham P.S. Comp. Heckland was elected a member. After the Chapter was closed, a conversation took place, when it was stated that many Companions who were in the habit of attending regularly when the time of meeting was 6.30 were unable to do so now that the time was altered to 7. It would be well if the Companions concerned would make it convenient to attend once more and, as there might not be any difficulty in making the alteration, return to the original time of meeting.

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**St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180.**—The installation meeting was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. A. L. Annett W.M., Pillin S.W., Farwig J.W., H. A. Stacey P.M. Sec., G. Bubb P.M. Treas., Stollard S.D., Wade J.D., Hart Org., Fletcher I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. L. Herf, Cameron, Stonor, Parsons, Smithett, Robinson; and Bros. Baker, Lakin, E. Swanborough, Levitt, Sarti, Pinto Leite, Mills, W. Sharpe, Paprill, A. Hays, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. Sale was raised to the third degree. Bros. Hay, Leper and Wertheimer were passed to the second degree, and Bro. E. Joseph was duly initiated into the Order. The ceremonies were perfectly and impressively rendered. Bro. Pillin S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and a Board of Installed Masters opened, and he was duly installed into the chair, in the presence of twenty Masters and Past Masters. The ceremony being well performed by Bro. Cameron P.M. The customary salutations were given to the newly-installed W.M., and he then invested his Officers:—Bro. A. L. Annett I.P.M., Farwig S.W., Stollard J.W., G. Bubb P.M. Treas., H. A. Stacey P.M. Sec., Wade S.D., Fletcher J.D., J. Wood I.G., W. C. Parsons D.C., L. Herf and Baker Wine Stewards, Gilbert Tyler. The W.M. intimated his intention to act as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. A sum of £2 was given to Bro. Gilbert the Tyler, as a gratuity. Bro. Robinson P.M. proposed, and Bro. Cameron seconded, that the sum of £10 be placed on the list of Bro. Stonor, who is a Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a sum of ten guineas be placed on the list of the W.M. Hearty good wishes were given from the numerous visitors, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the Crown Room, where a sumptuous and *récherché* banquet and dessert was provided by Bro. A. Best, superintended by Bro. Dawkins. Grace having been said, the W.M. remarked that the hour was late, and he would not make long speeches. The toast of the Queen and the Craft was given, and the National Anthem sung. The toast of the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was given, Bro. Cantle singing God Bless the Prince of Wales. The health of the Pro G.M. and the Deputy G.M. followed, and Bro. Cantle and Frank Percival sang the duet, Oh! Albion, Bro. Jas. Kift accompanying them on the piano. Bro. A. L. Annett I.P.M. said he had to propose the toast of the evening, the health of the W.M.; he had, during seven years, filled each office; and with sincerity he would ask them to drink the toast with the enthusiasm it merited. Bro. Stollard J.W. sang "Lady Hildred." The W.M. said he was pleased for the first time to respond to the toast, he had worked from the office of Director of Ceremonies, and he hoped at the expiration of his year as W.M. to have the expression of their satisfaction accorded him; he felt great pleasure in saying he would not forget the Charirties. (Cheers.) Bro. Cantle here sang "a Roving Life." The W.M. then gave the health of the I.P.M. He said the toast was never proposed with a greater degree of sincerity, the brethren had seen Bro. Annett's working, and he would be received amongst the Past Masters as another worthy addition to that honoured and respected body; he then, in the name of the Lodge, begged Bro. Annett's acceptance of the jewel, which he hoped he would live for many years to wear. Bro. Frank Percival here sang "The Anchor's Weighed," and was listened to with deserved attention. Bro. A. L. Anuett responded. He felt honoured by the expressions of the W.M., and the manner it had been received by the brethren. If his exertions had been appreciated, it was a great satisfaction to him. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Initiate, and Bro. E. Joseph briefly replied. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Visitors. The Lodge was always pleased to see Visitors. On this occasion there were forty present, but no matter how many, the Lodge would always give them a hearty welcome. He would couple with the toast the names of Bros. Reed and H. Lumley. These brethren both responded, and fully recognised the excellent working of the Lodge, and the hospitality accorded them. The next toast the W.M. said, was a special one; to propose the health of Bro. Cameron P.M., who had so ably performed the ceremony of installation. After a song from Bro. Percival, Bro. Cameron returned thanks. He felt great pleasure in doing anything for the good of his mother Lodge. There was a noble element in the Lodge, and he hoped to be associated with it for many years. The Past Masters was next given, coupled with the names of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Stacey had been Secretary for nineteen years, and is the Father of the Lodge; all knew his good qualities. Bro. George Bubb, since he had held the position of Treasurer, has added to the prosperity of the Lodge, in regard to its financial position; the greatest credit is due to him. Bro. Stacey acknowledged the compliment, and Bro. Bubb said he had their interests at heart; he hoped to occupy the position of Treasurer for many years; so long as they re-elected him, he would see that their funds were properly applied. (Cheers). The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Junior Officers of the Lodge, said—he was sure the selection he had made would give satisfaction; at the next regular meeting they would have an opportunity of seeing how ably they could carry out their duties. The W.M. was now compelled to retire, and Bro. G. Bubb took his place. Bro. H. M. Levy proposed the health of the Musical brethren, and wished them long life and prosperity. This met with a hearty response, and was suitably replied to. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated. The visitors were—J. Wilkinson S.W. 948, C. Brun J.D. 1608, Geo. Godey 341, A. Cooper 73, A. Barfield P.M. 35, D. Westhull 1681, Honeyball 1681, J. R. Behenna 1531, S. De Costa Andrade, H. F. Blake 795, C. H. Kohler 1381, D.W. Harrison 1681, Tuniovici 795, H. Reed P.M. 733, R. Baker 188, Buskin 766, G. A. Pillin 91, H. Benjamin, Chalfont 1425, Durlacher 4, C. Posener 1608, T. E. Tallent P. M. 186, H. W. Clemow 1589, J. Harris, W. Lumley P.G.S., H. Dicketts P.G.S., Lear Drew P.M. 157, Cantle W.M. 1441, W. Blake 795, H. M Levy P.M. 188, Tayler 177, Eglese late 1269.

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**Joppa Lodge, No. 188.**—The installation meeting was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. There was a numerous attendance of brethren and visitors, and several Grand Officers were present. Bros. L. Lazarus W.M., Miller S.W., M. Spiegel J.W., L. M. Auerbaan Treas., H. Berkowitz P.M. Chaplain, E. P. Albert P.G.P. P.M. Secretary, H. Hyman S.D., A. Campion J.D., R. Baker I.G.; and P.M.'s Bros. L. Alexander, Israel Abrahams, H. M. Levy, A. G. Dodson, M. Alexander, O. Roberts. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, with the exception of that relating to the election of Treasurer, the election of whom will take place at the next regular meeting. Bro. Cox was passed to the second degree, and Mr. J. Wynman was duly initiated into the Order. Bro. Miller S.W. and W.M. elect was then presented to the Lodge, and a procession was formed, headed by the Chaplain, the Past Masters and Grand Officers, who opened a Board of Masters, and Bro. Louis Lazarus duly installed his successor into the chair, in the presence of twenty-eight Masters and Past Masters. The Warden's chairs were occupied by Bros. Hyde Pullen P.G.S. and T. Cubitt P.G.P. The working of the W.M. in the ceremony of initiation and installation was highly commended. At the conclusion of the ceremony he received congratulations from all present. The brethren returned to the Lodge, and the W.M. was saluted according to ancient form, and then invested the following brethren:—L. Lazarus I.P.M., M. Spiegel S.W., M. Hymans J.W., E. P. Albert P.M. P.G.P. Secretary, Campion S.D., R. Baker J.D., H. Berkowitz P.M. Chaplain, H. P. Isaac I.G., S. Genese D.C., Blantz and Benjamin Stewards, Woodstock P.M. Tyler. The W.M. said he had pleasure in presenting to the retiring Master a jewel, in recognition of his working in the Lodge; he had also to speak of his excellent rendering of the ceremony of installation. He had great pleasure in placing the jewel on his breast, in testimony of what he had done, and he hoped it would be handed down to his children from generation to generation as a heirloom which he had richly deserved. The jewel was of a very novel and artistic design, with monogram, a fine brilliant, with two colours of enamel and forget-me-nots, set with diamonds; it had a suitable inscription, and is the work of Bro. Weigel, a member of the Lodge. Bro. L. Lazarus appropriately returned thanks for the very elegant gift. The report of the Audit Committee was read; it showed that the Lodge was in a flourishing condition. A distressed Bro. was relieved with the sum of two guineas; the resignation of two brethren was accepted; a sum of five pounds was placed on the list of Bro. M. Spiegel, who is a Steward for the next Anniversary Festival of the R. M. B. Institution. The Lodge was then closed. The brethren, 160 in number, sat down to banquet and dessert. The catering of Bro. Jennings was most successful, and the banquet was ably superintended by Bros. Keeping and M. Silver. Grace having been said, the W.M., in excellent and well-chosen remarks, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In giving that of the R.W. Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, he called on Bros. Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., John Boyd P.G.P. G.S., and T. Cubitt P.G.P. to respond. Bro. H. Pullen said he felt it a great honour his being a Grand Officer. He was sure the members of the Joppa Lodge were gratified that one of their Officers had been selected for Grand honours. It was the opinion of the Grand Officers present that the selection of Bro. Albert for office was a very good one. The Benevolent Fund attached to their Lodge was a credit to the members. Bro. L. Alexander acknowledged the toast of Success to the Benevolent Fund. He informed the brethren that the W.M. had contributed the sum of £2 2s, Bro. Blantz £4 4s, and Bro. Stransky £1 1s. The report was read; it showed an amount of £1,363 2s 10d in hand. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the I.P.M., Bro. L. Lazarus. The brethren had seen how ably he had conducted the duties of the chair during his year of office, also the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. L. Lazarus returned thanks, it was a great pleasure to him to know that he had concluded his year of office to their satisfaction. He had a pleasing duty to perform, and that was to propose the toast of the W.M., who was one who could and would do every duty to their satisfaction. He could conscientiously say he was the right man in the right place. The W.M. said he had seen how his predecessors had done their duty; he would do his utmost to promote the interests of the Lodge. He had only been six years a member, and was pleased to find himself in the position of Master, and thanked them for their kind expressions. He then proposed the toast of the Visitors. They were always gratified to see them. On this occasion they were too numerous to mention their names seriatim. Bro. I. P. Cohen responded. He was pleased to see the working of the Lodge. Bro. Peartree W.M. 185 also responded. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Past Masters, he thanked them for their presence, and assured them he would be guided by their advice. Bro. L. Alexander returned thanks. The toasts of the Wardens and Officers followed, and the Tyler's toast was given in due course. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Grove Ellis, who had secured the services of Miss M. Lynton, Madame Alice Barnett, Bros. J. A. Kift and C. Rowcliffe. The Visitors were Bros. Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., Lt.-Col. Shadwell Clerke P.M. 1383, C. Taylor 1426, T. Cubitt P.G.P., H. Lloyds 147, Markis 315, Mortlock 898, C. Davis 222, Gulliford W.M. 1017, H. Payne 720, M. Samuel, E. Williams 933, Noble 902, F. Dobbing 1693, W. H. Morson 1320, J. Beveridge 1319, Rosenstein, I. P. Cohen W.M. 205, S. Jewell 1559, P. Forge 619, T. Lyon 205, C. F. Hogard P.M. 205 S. Frankenburg 73, A. Isaacs 141, Horsey 3, Carter 77, W. Rowley 917, J. Lazarus P.M. 1017, J. Peartree W.M. 185, J. Boyd P.G.P., Phillips 975, Harry Jackson, Maclaren 933, &c.

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**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—Met at the Railway Tavern, London-street, Fenchurch-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 9th instant. Bro. Chapman was W.M., Walker S.W., Maidwell J.W., E. Gotthel P.M. Preceptor, J. K. Pitt Sec., Sayer S.D., Biddell J.D., Aarons I.G., Christopher Tyler. There were also present Bros. Abell, Fenner, Thoring, Cripps, Brookson, Harris, &c. Ceremony and several sections of second degree rehearsed. Opening and closing of the three degrees were also practised. Bros. Thoring, Cripps, and Serjeant-Major Brookson were admitted members. Lodge was then adjourned.

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**St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.**—At the meeting on Tuesday last, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, the W.M. Bro. Alfred Green presided. He was supported by Bros. A. Guttmann S.W., Wilden P.M. as J.W., D. Drysdale P.M. Sec., Alfred Withers S.D., Radcliffe J.D., Dr. Waters I.G., and T. C. Speight Tyler. There was a very good attendance of Past Masters and members. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremonial portion of the work of the evening comprised the raising of Bro. H. Green jun. to the sublime degree. The usual questions were put to the candidate, and he having answered them satisfactorily, was entrusted. The Lodge was then advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony was performed in a most careful and impressive manner. The W.M. also gave the explanation of the tracing board of the degree. The brethren then proceeded to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year, and this resulted in Bro. Alfred Green being again selected. Bro. Green acknowledged the compliment paid him, but feared the heavy nature of his private duties would hardly enable him to devote so much time to the work of the Lodge as he should desire. However, he knew he might rely on having the co-operation and support of the Past Masters of the Lodge, who were always ready to assist. Bro. Greenwood P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Speight Tyler, this being the twenty-ninth year he has filled that office in the St. Michael's Lodge. The Audit Committee was next appointed. Bro. Withers proposed an alteration in the Bye-laws, which would increase the annual subscription. Our worthy brother most efficiently advocated the course he wished the members to adopt, and most convincingly argued his case, which he illustrated by a comparison with other Lodges, some of which assembled in the same building where the St. Michael's Lodge had been so comfortably located for nearly a quarter of a century. He was supported by Bro. Radcliffe, and after the matter had been thoroughly ventilated, the motion was carried. The names of three gentlemen as candidates for initiation were then handed in, and one brother was proposed as a joining member. After which the Lodge was closed. The brethren then partook of light refreshments, and spent an hour or two in social conversation, interspersed with some capital songs.

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**York Lodge, No. 236.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, the W.M. the Rev. Wm. Valentine presiding, supported by Bros. T. Cooper P.M. 236, G. Balmford P.M. 236, T. B. Whytehead W.M. 1611, and the whole of the Officers; two Visitors were present from the Scots Greys Regiment. The business of the evening was the initiation of the Rev. A. B. Day, Rector of Cawood, which was ably performed by the W.M., who also appointed Bro. the Rev. J. Metcalfe Chaplain of the Lodge.

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**Harmony Lodge, No. 309.**—There was an unusually large attendance at the installation of the W.M. (Bro. Thomas Robinson), which took place on Thursday afternoon, the 3rd inst., at the Institution Hall, Fareham, the Lodge-room at the Red Lion Hotel not affording sufficient accommodation. Bro. J. Whale P.M. presided, and after the regular business had been transacted the W.M. elect was presented to the Installing Master (Bro. the Rev. Thomas Robinson P. Prov. G.S.W. Kent and P. Prov. G. Chaplain Cambridge, the father of the W.M. elect), by whom the ceremony of installation was most impressively performed. The W.M. subsequently appointed the following as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. James Taylor I.P.M., Andrew Nance S.W., Edgar Goble J.W., P.M. the Rev. Thomas White D.D. Chaplain, J. B. Goldsmith Treasurer, E. G. Holbrook and W. G. Heath Secretaries, A. R. Holbrook S.D., H. Jeans J.D., Norman H. Matthews D.C., the Rev. A. Headley J.D., R. Osborne Organist, James Holbrook and H. J. Andrews Stewards, T. Pannell Tyler. The banquet, which followed, took place at the Red Lion Assembly Rooms, the catering of the Misses White being, as usual, exceedingly good. The ordinary toasts were honoured, and, under the direction of Bro. Osborne P.P.G.O., some songs and glees were efficiently rendered by the choir, consisting of Bros. Pearman, Strond, Knight, and Grant, who kindly volunteered their services. Among those present, in addition to the Officers of the Lodge, were—Bros. James S. Easter P.M. 709 D.P.G.M. Kent, H. Ford P.P.G.S.W., James Tayler P.P.G.R., W. Edmonds P.P.G.R., M. E. Frost P.P.G. Treas., W. H. Ford P.P.G.J.W., Groves P.G.D.C., Dr. Beaumont R.N. P.M. 114, Lieutenant Robinson P.M. 709, E. Bunting P.M. 487, F. Court P.M. 257, G. A. Green P.M. 309, W. Johnston P.M. 359, J. Cornelius, Wheeler P.M. 257, J. Clay W.M. 804, G. Bond W.M. 487, H. W. Townsend W.M. 1428, C. B. Whitcomb W.M. 1605, Dr. E. T. Mortimer R.N. 349, Major-General Sir Frederick Fitz Wygram Bart 309, W. F. Burrell 1705, T. King S.D. 257, G. E. Kent jun. J.D. 257, J. R. Hayman Sec. 257, R. J. Murrell S.W. 1069, T. Bailey 309, J. H. Bridle 487, H. Gilbert 309, Dr. Edward J. Lovinge 309, Joseph Diaper 309, Dr. W. F. Brook 309, H. S. Penny 309, T. H. Williams 309, W. H. Harris 309, Joseph French 309, C. Emery 309, T. Mitchell 309, E. W. Jolliffe and A. H. Jolliffe 257, C. T. Mumby 1069, J. J. T. Thackara 487, R. Pink 257, &c.

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**Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford.**—On 19th ult., Bro. Ansell, at that moment W.M. elect, entertained an influential party of brethren at dinner in the banquet room, consisting of the Past Masters of the Lodge, and of Officers elect for the ensuing year. Bro. Alderman Randall P.M. Prov., Grand Treasurer, in speaking to the toast of his health on the occasion, complimented him on such a happy social gathering, which augured well towards the success of his year of office. The Installation took place at the Festival on St. John's Day, Bro. Houghton ably performing the interesting ceremony. After the installation of Bro. F. W. Ansell P. Pr. Gr. Sup. of W., as W.M., he proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. John Pratt P. P. Gr. Deacon as P.M., James Jenkin P.P.G. Sword Bearer S.W., Rev. Henry Deane Past Provincial Grand Chaplain Junior Warden, Henry Houghton P. Pr. J.W. Treasurer, W. B. Hobbs Past Prov. Grand Sword Bearer Sec., T. F. B. Evans Assist. Sec., F. Ryman Hall P. D. of Cer. S.D., J. Jesse Hughes J.D., Robert Payn Senior M. of C., W. Ellis Knowles Junior M. of Cer., James Muse Dormor I.G., W. R. Bowden P.G. Steward Organist, Edward Horn and Samuel Harris Stewards, William Stephens and George Norwood Tylers. The brethren gave their Annual Ball in the Clarendon Assembly Room on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when more than 120 members and friends assembled, the Craft appearing, by permission of H.R.H. the Prov. Gr. Master, Prince Leopold, in full Masonic costume.

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**Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781.**—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday last, when there was a very large attendance of members and visitors. The Lodge was opened by Bro. W. Hallett W.M., Charles Killick P.M. as S.W., Daniels P.M. J.W., John Wright P.M. P.G.P. Treas., E. T. Read P.M. Sec., Scheerboom S.D., Rawe J.D., Ould I.G., T. Hallett and Everett Stewards, W. Steedman P.M. Tyler. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the Lodge was opened up; Bro. Pringle, a candidate for the sublime degree was examined, entrusted, and formally raised. There were three candidates for the second degree; these brethren gave satisfactory replies to the usual questions, and were advanced a step in our mysteries. The ballot was taken for Messrs. John Pheysey Davies and Thomas Hudson; it proved unanimous in their favour, and they were introduced, and received the benefit of Masonic light. The Worshipful Master, though suffering from a relaxed throat, performed the whole of the ceremonies, and threw into his work an earnestness and impressiveness that rendered them very effective. Bro. Read, the worthy Secretary, in a few forcible remarks advocated the cause of a distressed brother on whom the hand of adversity had lately fallen; he was supported by Bro. P.M. Medland, and on the Worshipful Master proposing that the sum of £10 10s should be voted from the Benevolent Fund attached to the Lodge, the members unanimously gave their assent. Bro. Hallett then announced his intention to stand as a Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; he asked the brethren to vote him £20 from the Lodge funds. On an appeal being made to worthy "Bro. John," who is custodian of the Funds, he, with a genial smile, "thought they might be able to stand it," at the same time he reminded the brethren not to forget the Girls and the Boys. It was then notified that Bro. Shoring, an old and esteemed member, was a candidate for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the members were requested to lend him assistance. It was also agreed that any expense incurred for printing should be defrayed by the Lodge. After routine work, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet, which was well served by Bro. Kent. Ample justice was done to the repast, and in due course the W.M. rose to propose the toasts. After that of Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft, the National Anthem was sung; after the health of the M.W.G.M., Bro. Palmer sang God Bless the Prince of Wales. In speaking to the toast of the Pro G.M., Bro. Hallett remarked that the Earl of Carnarvon was a hard-working and most enthusiastic Mason, and he trusted the members would have opportunities of seeing and hearing him in Grand Lodge for many, many years. Bro. Norton here gave a capital recitation, entitled "Jane Conquest, or the Ringing of the Bell," which was applauded by all present. The next toast given was that of the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, associated with the name of Bro. John Wright P.G.P., who said the D.G.M. and the other Grand Officers had done, what he hoped all would strive to do, their duty. The Craft at large was, day by day, more highly appreciative of the honour of being chosen to fill office in Grand Lodge. As to Lord Skelmersdale, all would agree that he had done more to advance Masonry than any Deputy Grand Master who had preceded him. After Bro. Jones had favoured the company with the "Charge of the Light Brigade," Bro. Medland proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Palmer here gave a capital rendering of A. Sullivan's beautiful song, "A Last Chord," and the W.M. rose to reply. He returned them hearty thanks for the way in which they had received the toast. When he was elected to the chair he determined to throw all his energies into the work. He advocated the necessity of punctuality on the part of his Officers, and assured the members of his regard for the welfare of the Lodge. The health of the Initiates having been given and replied to, the Past Masters were proposed, and Bro. Medland responded. The remaining toasts comprised the Visitors, for whom Bro. Morgan replied; the Treasurer and Secretary, acknowledged by Bros. Wright and Read; and then the Masonic Charities, the support of which was warmly and most persistently advocated by Bro. John Wright, who dilated at some length upon what had been done during the past year, and drew a comparison as to the amounts being raised now as compared with only a few years back. Our genial brother closed his remarks by saying that the calls in the future are sure to be heavy and urgent, and we must exert ourselves to make provision for the many demands that will be made on our funds. The evening's proceedings were enlivened by capital singing, in addition to those already mentioned as contributing, we may enumerate Bros. Dickinson, Jepson, Sheerboom, Robinson, &c. Amongst the visitors were Bros. L. J. Turquand, E. Jones, J. Jepson, W. W. Morgan, &c.

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## PORTUNITIES OF MASTERS.

ve devoted more than one article to the duties
d privileges of Masters. We purpose on the
asion endeavouring to point out, not what he
entitled to do, but what, if he is a discreet man
es tact and even a moderate amount of intelli-
vill find ample opportunities for doing during
office.

l before all things, it depends almost entirely on
whether or not the members of a Lodge work
ly together. We assume that when he is
o the chair, there is a unanimous determination
whom he has been elected to preside over to
chair loyally on all occasions; while on his part
prepared to reciprocate this feeling of loyalty
g the rights and privileges of those who are
under his rule and governance. Starting thus
n his career, there is every reason why the ruler
ren he rules should go on prosperously, and why,
er month passes away, should be strengthened
d those feelings of fraternal regard which they
tertaining towards each other. But though
he most reasonable expectation in the world to
often happens that in the first place little
d then more serious misunderstandings arise,
ge, which started under its new Master so
and seemed to be so united and happy a family,
ganised. Now, the likelihood of this happen-
l to a minimum, if the Master has tact and
well as fair intelligence. In such case he is
nce to throw oil on troubled waters. By
g in one case, by a little firmness in another,
e of such powers of persuasion as may pertain
rd case, what might have turned into an angry
ummarily nipped in the bud, and the Lodge
rtunity of learning there and then that it
man to govern it; that he has the requisite
aintain the authority of the chair; that he
ler it beneath his dignity to be yielding in
inion, but is ever ready to meet those who
n in a cordial and fraternal spirit; and that
to the exercise of his suasive powers than
on of his authority to maintain the peace
of the Lodge. Many, of course, will say
new in all this. It has been said again
s applicable to every class of society which
constituted like ours. This is so, and we
it the slightest hesitation. Unfortunately,
invariably disposed to act up to all that is
m. They quickly recognise the justice of
we have just offered, but when the time
to practise what they profess to have
ach in others, they are found wanting.
ment, and yield when they should remain
on the powers they possess when it is their
nd employ their persuasive powers when
tion of the *fortiter in re* is necessary. Or
hey allow themselves to be animated by
d persist on being dictators when clearly
g more than constitutional rulers. It
uggest other cases in which a Master may
g his authority, but we need not multiply
universally admitted that the Master is
than a mere chairman, and, therefore,

recommendation of jolly-good-fellowship which is commonly supposed to be the one great virtue which chairmen are expected to exhibit.

So much for the maintenance of his authority as ruler of the Lodge, and the benefits to all interested in its welfare which must follow. But a Master is something more than a mere ruler, whose duty it is to uphold the dignity and respectability of his office. Something more is expected from him than that he should be able to interpret our laws and Constitutions, and fulfil his duties in the ceremonies of our Order. He must be likewise regarded in a kind of ministerial as well as magisterial capacity. He should be, essentially, one to whom the members of the Lodge will feel no compunction in applying for advice in all cases of Masonic difficulty. If he is the kind of man we have pictured him as a ruler, there is a reasonable probability, he will be one whom even the oldest Past Master will experience no hesitation in consulting, and no unwillingness in accepting such advice as may be offered. As an adviser, his tact and judgment will serve him admirably, while his intelligence will enable him to see clearly where the difficulty lies, and how it may be remedied. Brethren would probably hold back from consulting one who was arrogant; they would know that little or no allowance would be made for surrounding circumstances, that he would not be likely to pause and examine these patiently, and that his advice would be given, in all probability, overbearingly as well as hastily. On the other hand, there would be little use in consulting one who had little or no reliance on his own opinion. A man who is always in doubt as to the course he should pursue, as was Washington Irving's Peter the Twifler or Doubter, is the last person in the world to take into our confidence in case of difficulty. We do not, of course, mean that he would be more likely than others to betray the confidence reposed in him; but simply that his opinion, if he ever brought himself to offer one, would be of little value from his unfortunate habit of doubting. But assuming the Master is of the character described, we can see how great an advantage it is to have such a one to preside.

Of the other qualities, such as punctuality, &c., we need say but little; but there is one particular in which a Master may be of great service to his Lodge. While ready on all occasions to dispense hospitality with a free hand, let him not be afraid of avoiding lavish expenditure. There is a tendency now-a-days to judge of a man's merits by the length of his purse, and the amount of money he is ready to disburse on all occasions in season and out of season. It is clearly the duty of a Master to check extravagance when he sees there is a tendency, be it never so slight in that direction. Under a careless ruler there is a fair chance of Lodge funds being uselessly expended. We recognise, with jovial John Bull like loyalty, the justice of having a good dinner or banquet, but we are not of those who think it is absolutely necessary these banquets should be very expensive. There are times when it is proper to launch out a little when some more than usually distinguished guests are present, or at an installation; but, ordinarily, a simple banquet of good quality and well served —these, after all, are the chief considerations on such occasions—should be held sufficient, and this, it is well-known, ought not to be very costly. A Master who exerts his influence in favour of this kind of economy will do good service; for it must be remembered that "economy" has nothing in common with niggardliness, and is in no wise discreditable. Many are obliged to practise it in their homes, and are admired and respected the more, the more

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tise the same virtue in the Lodge, especially when, in many cases, it leaves a larger amount of funds for distribution among our Charities, or for the relief of the necessitous, yet deserving brethren, while in others it operates favourably by reducing the fees? Let wealthy Lodges by all means be liberal in their expenditure, though even these need not be lavish. It must not be overlooked that there is among Masonic Lodges the same risk of rivalry as in society, where people often pinch themselves for a month or two in order to eclipse their neighbours in some ball or party. Economy is a virtue, but too many people ignore it in the belief that it will be mistaken for meanness. Here, then, is another opportunity, and, indeed, the last on which we purpose commenting in this article, in which a Master may distinguish himself. We commend these notions to our readers. They may be a little old-fashioned, perhaps, but we do not think they are the worse for that.

## GRAND COMMANDERY OF VIRGINIA, U.S.A.

WE hasten to acknowledge, with fraternal thanks, receipt of copy of the Proceedings of this Grand Commandery at its Grand Annual Assembly, held in Lynchburg, on the 9th and 10th October of last year. On the former of those days, the Grand Commandery having been escorted from its head quarters at Arlington House to the Masonic Hall, an address of welcome, which evoked the hearty applause of all present, was delivered by Sir Knight S. T. Graham, of the De Molay Commandery, No. 4. R.E. Grand Commander Robert E. Withers having suitably acknowledged this, the Grand Commandery was opened in solemn form by the Grand Commander, who was supported by Sir Knight L. F. Johnson Deputy G. Commander and his other Grand Officers. Representatives from ten of the fourteen Commanderies in the jurisdiction were present, the Dove, No. 7, Stevenson, No. 8, Winchester, No. 12, and Johnson, No. 14, being excused from attending. The address of the Grand Master contained reference to all the leading events of the past year, and especially to his presence at the late triennial session, at Cleveland, Ohio, of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States. This address having been referred to a Committee, the Grand Treasurer reported that the memorial voted to the late Grand Recorder, John Dove, consisting of a gold pin set with diamonds, had been procured, and was in the possession of the Grand Commandery, while he had taken upon himself the responsibility of adding a "Dove," which was not only most appropriate as an emblem of peace, but was likewise the name, a part of the coat of arms, and the Masonic mark of the late Grand Recorder. The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence having been referred to a Committee, and some other business having been transacted, the Grand Commandery was dismissed till the morning of the following day, when it met in considerable numbers, and proceeded to the election of officers. Sir Knight R. E. Withers was re-elected Grand Commander, and amongst his principal officers must be mentioned Sir Knights La Fayette Johnson Deputy G. Commander, J. G. Bain G. Generalissimo, J. F. Regnault G. Capt. General, G. W. Dame G. Prelate, P. S. Coles G.S. Warden, J. L. Roper G.J. Warden, J. Evans G. Treasurer, and W. Bryan Isaacs G. Recorder. Those officers who were present having been duly installed, the Committee on the G. Treasurer's accounts delivered their report, from which it appears that the receipts during the year, with the balance remaining from the previous year, amounted to dollars 919·38, and the expenses to dollars 616·52, leaving a balance in hand on 9th October of dollars 302·86. The Committee on Charters and Dispensations recommended that the Harrisonburg Commandery under Dispensation receive a Charter, as No. 10. Invitations having been extended to the G. Commandery to hold its meeting at Winchester, Richmond, or Norfolk, a ballot was taken, and resulted in the selection of the last-mentioned place, where, in due course, it will be held on the second Tuesday in November of this year. Other business, including a vote of thanks to the De Molay Commandery, No. 4, for its courteous reception of the Grand Commandery, having been disposed of, G. Commandery was dismissed. So much for the Proceedings. The account of these is followed by a statement of the Commanderies, the results of which are gather from this that there are, as we ha Commanderies in this jurisdiction, the being No. 16, but there are no Nos. 13 an number of Sir Knights is 805, of whom si and seven affiliated, during the year. Knights withdrew during the same period, pended, and two expelled, while seven died numerically speaking, is the Richmond No. 2, which musters 213 Knights. The distance, follows the De Molay, No. 4, Lync the Grice, No. 10, Norfolk, with 81; and t No. 6, at St. Petersburg, with 79; the the newly-chartered Harrisonburg, No. 10, the Fredericksburg, No. 1, which musters whole concludes with a full and highly inte of the Committee on Foreign Correspondenc

## MASONIC BALL AT BLACKE

### PRESENTATION TO COLONEL LE GENDR STARKIE.

ON Thursday evening, the 10th inst., a Masonic Ba description took place in the Town Hall, the devoted to the funds of the East Lancashire Syst Educational and Benevolent Institution. Prior to the the ball-room, a preliminary assembly took place in t Court, Town Hall, his Worship the Mayor, Bro. James sided, and was supported by numerous Prov. G. Officers The Mayor said they had assembled for a purpose w doubt would give great satisfaction to all present, and t with the Masonic Craft generally. They should that da fiftieth birthday of the worthy Provincial Grand Maste cashire. He was sure it would be a source of grat present to see him in such a state of health as they f evening. He (the Mayor) was sure they all wis might have many happy returns of the day, and t be long spared to live amongst them. (Hear, hear.) then read the address, which, artistically speaking, piece of workmanship. It is contained in a massive gilt illuminated and decorated with Masonic emblems. Bro chinson P.P.S.G.W. of East Lancashire, was called up the address. When he looked back on the past, he rem Colonel Starkie was the son of a most noble Mason, and over the whole Province of Lancashire with such digni that he gained the goodwill of the brethren, and wh came that it was necessary that the Province should he was ready and willing to divide the district into two He (Bro. Hutchinson) was sure that so long as the Grand Master was at the head of the Order in this distri regard with sympathy, affection, and esteem, all the b dwelt under his care. Nobody knew better than he maintain those feelings of right and justice and charity, yet as forcible a manner as possible. Bro. W. Coddingto pleasure in supporting the presentation of the address. the pleasure of knowing Bro. Starkie for a number o whether he looked upon him as a Freemason, as a gen country squire of the good old English type, or, last least, as a thorough sportsman—(loud cheers)—he felt might go far indeed before they found one who his multifarious duties in so able and conscientious Bro. Starkie rose to reply. Anybody who was plac same situation as he was would feel most grati thankful, and also have sentiments almost similar which were in his mind, that it was hardly p find words adequate to express in proper language his than beautiful and touching testimony of their esteem and regar self on the one hand, and for the sentiments which had fl the lips of Past Grand Officers on the other; for t Masonic friendship which had been expressed by Brother Coddington, or by the high degree of hono had been done him by the Mayor of that great portant borough in presiding on that occasion. Bro. Hutchinson had alluded to the long relationship of with Freemasonry. He did not like to be egotistical, but say that he did feel proud that for a long series of years had been intimately connected in a very high position w masonry. (Cheers). He believed that if the principles Order were carried out with strict integrity they would s benefits of mankind by softening asperities, and to the adv of social and moral good to an incalculable degree, of wh outside the Order could have no idea. Since he had joined t it had led him to meet many men of different opinions, an had the advantage of discussing those opinions in and brotherly manner, without a wish on the part of eith the better of the other. It was a grand and noble Order; i narrow limits, but proud and noble lines. It had no dogm took the grand idea to benefit mankind on earth, and to f better for eternity. He might not have in himself the cap entirely to fill all the duties of the Offices he might ta since he had had the honour of ruling over that p he had met with such kindness of feeling, such nobleness o

ed the three Masters of the Lodges at Blackburn, be memorial, to accept from him, and the brethren ks, and also to accept from him, as a Past Grand d, his testimony to the zeal which he had always n the Lodges of the Province and in Blackburn Bro. Ashworth rose to propose a vote of thanks He said that the occasion which had brought as a most auspicious, pleasant, and interesting r occupied a high position in the town, and he service on that occasion in presiding and assisting the proceedings connected with the presentation. seconded the motion, and it was supported by Bro. he could not allow the proceedings to be concluded g his thanks to the Mayor for presiding, and the l uttered respecting him. He thought the town of l congratulate itself on the present mayoralty, be- fident the Mayor would not stoop to anything that ie civic office. It was no small position, and he o know the Mayor more personally for the kindness l on the present occasion. The Mayor, in return- e was much obliged to Bro. Starkie and the others teem which they had expressed concerning himself. vents which had already taken place during his a good augury to what he hoped would be a happy l it might be a happy new year to all. (Applause.) hen terminated, and the company adjourned to the lancing was kept up till an early hour of the morn- ly enjoyed.

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r, the 12th inst., was held the Quarterly of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. lonel Creaton presided, and there were pre- t him Bros. Griffith-Smith, Raynham W. Tattershall, John Faulkner, Joseph Mor- ibois, W. F. C. Mourie, J. D. Berry, S. ickes, H. Massey, J. Dennison, the Rev. A. l, James Terry, J. A. Rucker, D. Nicols, F. Peter de L. Long, John Boyd, G. J. Barron, nis Hirsch. The minutes of the last Court, e General Committee having been read and announced that there were eight vacancies for at the April election, and it was resolved mendation of the General Committee, to ten additonal girls be admitted, should It was then announced that there were four- ndidates remaining from last election—one off the list by reason of her age—and that n girls had been submitted and approved, total number of candidates who will com- ghteen appointments in April to twenty- een moved by Lieut.-Colonel Creaton, in the recommendatien of the Building Com- seconded, that authority be given for the all slip of land adjoining the premises; the ed £100. It was also moved that a wall he new laundry to the end of the new ese motions were carried, but a resolution W. Stewart to the effect that a committee enquire into the system of education pur- ol, with a view to ascertaining if any im- effected, was not accepted. A vote of hairman followed, and the Court then

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General Court of the Royal Masonic ys was held on Monday, the 14th instant, n, Bro. J. Symonds occupying the chair. . Rawson, S. Barton Wilson, F. Adlard, . Woodford, Lt.-Col. Creaton, W. Roe- G. Bolton, J. D. Berry, R. B. Webster, fter the usual preliminary business, four were submitted, but two of them were art, as they had not been presented in the others was found to be ineligible. was approved, and his name was placed here are now seventy-eight candidates e at the next election. As we stated l be only nine vacancies, but it was the General Committee that a further admitted to the School, and this recom- n accepted by the Court. Thus there taken into the School at the next half- for these appointments the number of ty-eight. The recommendation of the that a sum of £1,500 be expended in new playground was agreed to, and the who will ascertain what, if any, arrangements can be made with the lessees of the Alexandra Palace. This brought the business to an end, and after the usual compliment to the Chairman, the Court was closed.

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We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of a copy of the Lancaster Masonic Calendar for the year 1878. It has been compiled by Bro. Dr. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. England, and is printed by Bro. H. Longman, of Lancaster. It is very neat as well as very serviceable, containing, as it does, the dates of meeting of all the Masonic bodies in the City — Lodges, Chapters, Conclave, &c., &c. Clearly printed on coloured cardboard, stiff, to bear frequent handling, and small enough to be easily carried about. This is the fifth year of publication—a fact which shows that the brethren in Lancaster appreciate the labours of Bro. Dr. Moore, to whom, accordingly, we send fraternal greeting.

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We have great pleasure in announcing that on Thursday next, the 24th inst., an entertainment will be given, at the St. George's Hall, Langham-place, by the *employés* of Messrs. J. and C. Boyd and Co., in aid of the funds of the Royal Hospital for Incurables. The programme is in two parts, of which the first includes a four-part song, a duet, and glee, followed by Mr. Charles Dance's comic drama in two acts of "A Wonderful Woman," while the second comprises a long array of negro selections, and Mr. J. Kenny's one act farce of "Raising the Wind." The doors will be opened at 6 p.m., and the performances commence at 6.30 p.m. precisely. Carriages should be ordered for 10.15. Full particulars may be had of Bro. Ockenden, Honorary Secretary of the Committee of Management.

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We understand that it is the intention of the members of the Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 145, to hold, at their next meeting—which will take place on the 12th February —what may be termed an open night; that is to say, any Companion properly vouched for will have the privilege of attending. It is intended there shall be no exaltation, though the J. the H. and the Z. will have something to do: —an elucidation of the connexion of Royal Arch Masonry with the Craft; a part of the ancient ritual; clauses in the first section. The lectures on Moses' Rod; Banner; R. A. Jewel, &c., will be included in the programme. Those of our readers who remember the public nights given by this Chapter a few years back, will doubtless avail themselves of this opportunity of renewing their acquaintance with matters not usually introduced in Chapters. We advise those of our readers who have not heard the lectures to attend.

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The Installation Meeting of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, took place on Friday, the 11th inst.; our report will appear next week.

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We learn that another addition to the family of weekly publications is to appear immediately, under the name of "Society: a Journal of General Literature, for the Upper and Middle Classes." The first number will be issued on Thursday, 24th January.

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The consecration of the King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732, will take place on Wednesday, the 30th inst., at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross. Bro. Jas Terry P.M. 228, P.G.D.C. Herts, &c., is the Officer appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master to officiate. Bro. J. J. Michael P.M. 1507 is the W.M. designate, and Bros. W. M. Stiles and J. T. Briggs the Wardens designate. Bro. Saintsbury is the Secretary pro tem.

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## THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE AND THE ENGLISH FREEMASONS.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—The resolution adopted by the G.O. of France, at its General Assembly, in September last, is certainly an act which, not being universally understood, could by no means receive the approval of the Craft in every country; and this is much to be regretted by all lovers of the Order. Unity of purpose, community of ideas, of tenets and creeds, ought to be characteristic of the Fraternity. But, alas! this is not universally the case with us, and we confess there is no hope of its ever being so. First, there is the difference of country, of government, and of principles, religious and political; then we have the difference of Constitutions; of rites and ceremonies; that is to say, of formularies or Ritual, which is a very strong bar to anything like universal uniformity. Thus, under these circumstances, we find among the Craft Universal, as we travel over our terrestrial globe, just as many differences between its members as there are to be found in the faith, dogmas, and creeds of the great Christian family, and just the same tendency to change, innovation, or improvement, though a large majority of Christians acknowledge but one Supreme Head. Freemasonry has never enjoyed, and is not expected ever to boast of any such thing. But, as Masonry is not a religion, the comparison must only be taken for what it is worth. Among the criticisms written in England against the abrogation by Grand Orient of the second paragraph of its Constitutions there are many that may be considered fair, well-meant, and even judicious remarks; but there are also some that have been written in an uncharitable and haughty spirit, altogether alien to true Masonry. However, it must be observed that most of them proceed from erroneous notions of the facts in general, and a misconception of their sequences in particular. Some of the writers of these criticisms seem to have pictured to themselves French Masons as the very adepts of materialistic atheism, and Freemasonry itself as a kind of dogmatic school—a sort of old English University, wherein, to gain admittance, religious or sectarian tests are indispensably required. The Grand Orient repudiates the accusations made against it, and shows that in its Masonic government no alteration save the simple amendment of the 1st Article of its Constitutions has taken place; that its ritual and formularies remain the same as before; and that no other change is likely to be made in any way whatever. Noteworthy and concise, no doubt, is the report made by Bro. the Rev. Pasteur Desmons. It seems, however, to have been lost sight of, or purposely set aside by some critics, though therein only are to be found the reasons and motives by which the act of Grand Orient can be judged. He says:—"We ask the suppression of the 2nd paragraph of the 1st Article of the Constitutions because it appears to us full of contradiction with the article that follows it; because it is a cause of embarrassment to most W. Masters of our Lodges, who, under certain circumstances, at the admission of candidates, are compelled either to evade or violate the law; (and is not Masonry bound to always set the example by a strict observation of the law?) We ask the suppression of that paragraph, because it is altogether unnecessary to the true end and pursuits of Masonry. When a society of learned, or other men, gather together to study some scientific or social question, is there any need or obligation for it to place as the basis of its statutes or ordinances any theological formula whatever? Certainly not. They devote themselves to their object quite independently of all dogmatic or religious ideas. Why should it not be the same with Masonry? Is not its field wide enough, its sphere extended enough, not to be obliged to set foot on grounds that do not belong to it? We leave to theologians and casuists the care and trouble of discussing dogmas, and to authoritative churches that of issuing a syllabus. But we let Masonry be what it is, what it should always be, viz.:—an institution open to all progress, to all moral and elevating ideas, and to all sound aspirations. Let it never come down into the burning arena of theological discussions, which have ever engendered trouble and persecution. Let it refrain from ever claiming to be a church, a council, or a synod; for churches, councils, and synods have been frequently violent persecutors, and that, too, by taking for their basis of action some dogmatic points which, by their very nature, were essentially intolerant. Let Freemasonry stand above all these church and sectarian questions; let it prevail from its elevated sphere, and dominate by its discussions; let it be a safe refuge, always open to the victims of intolerance and despotism, to all those liberal minds that, with conscientious disinterestedness, search after truth!" Now, to fully understand the words above quoted, one must bear in mind they were addressed to a General Assembly of Grand Orient of France, whose tenets and principles, according to old formularies and ritual bear, more clearly than any other, the imprint of broad philosophical tendency. And it must not be overlooked that the practice of French Masonry is to have candidates examined as to their duty to God, their neighbour, and to themselves (a practice which some say is unknown in England); this necessarily leads to all sorts of inquiries respecting belief or unbelief; and candidates answer according to their conscience. Thus, in erasing from its Constitution that part of the first article the Grand Orient has removed from the power of the Lodge the right of inquiring into the religious par-

accepted the English form of admission, is pr
leaves no doubt to those who are not partic
French Masonry. But it has been proved rec
Bro. Thévenot, the acting Grand Sec., that thos
Grand Orient has been, from its origin, revis
only in the year 1849 that a declaration of fa
the first article of the said Constitution; and
brother, "under peculiar circumstances."
that Masonry from its foundation has had
politics and government interference in France
parallel in any other country; how it was hi
persecuted, under almost all successive gover
surprising. So much so, that at one time one of
who was then rather imposed upon it by the r
thought it advisable to propose that the societ
ledged by the State and declared to be
"institution d'utilité publique;" a step whi
the Fraternity under the immediate action
of the Government, without the least advan
Orient, to which the name only would ha
Masonic body. Grand Orient has, however, rer
stitution, the declaration of faith inserted in 184
every reason to believe that nothing short of such
smoothed the difficulties created daily by the
that could be put upon the law, as read in the first
Proclaiming absolute liberty of conscience, it felt
a reform demanded by a majority of the Lodges
tion, which reform, after a profound study of the q
mously, at last, voted by the General Assembl
which, being thus voted, is positively declared to
to their own "starting point," altogether in harm
modern exigencies, but also true Masonic princ
their own notions of them. We cannot forbear t
known, that the French, above all, like well-define
cise formulæ, well-written laws, without ambiguit
haps, to find it more trying to prick holes in them
speak with so much admiration of the British C
probably find it impossible to live under it; for th
stantly asking, with Jeremy Bentham, "Where is i
words of that constitution? What interpretation c
letter? How interpret its spirit?" It is conten
having so acted Grand Orient has "averted the old
Society," and that its action affects the well-being
versal. Nay, we have it upon the authority of the
land, that a declaration of faith, belief in God, and
of the soul was "part and parcel of the initial pri
masonry," and that such belief enters into all our
symbols, which would without it be not only a mean
an offensive mockery. Hence the question arises,
essentially theist in principles, and was a professio
times required to be made by a Freemason? If s
early times, or are still, the lines to be drawn betwee
unsectarian belief in admitting candidates, not in this
but under all the rites and Masonic powers that divid
the government of the Fraternity at large. In answer
who are fit and proper persons to be made Masons tho
makes allusion to an affirmation of dogma—Upright
judgment, strict morals, and good report. Such are th
required ere candidates are considered worthy of adm
Society. And, once admitted, every true Mason under
portance of the rule laid down by Anderson, not to
atheist and irreligious libertine." Vainly, also, we loo
pages of the Book of Constitutions for an affirmation
declaration of faith, comprising the belief in God and t
of the soul, as initial principles of Freemasonry. Tru
find something of the kind in the Charges of the three
these Charges, however beautiful they really are, might
compared with the written sermon that is unconcerned
inattentive congregation, and might also be taken by so
as metaphorical as the allusion to the "exchange of t
the trowel." The difference between the ceremony of i
and there would make it easy to admit a Jew, a Mahom
a freethinker in England, for there none would ever th
rupting the W.M. in his delivery of the Charges to prote
expressions contained therein; whilst it would have be
France to evade affirming or rejecting, by word of mout
answers made solemnly "upon the word of honour," wh
candidate, in his conscientious belief, may or may no
words of those Charges. Thus, distinguished candi
thinkers, scientific men, as for example Professor Tynd
Bishop Colenso, would object to a Charge being re
wherein the Bible is held as the "unerring standard of tr
tice," by which they should regulate their actions, while, i
charged upon their oath, they might declare that they
upon chronological and scientific grounds, with the impo
statement. The same Charges are however read to t
initiate; in England he takes the obligation upon the
the Sacred Law, which, it must be known, does not exist
Masonry, either as an ornament or as one of the necess
of the Lodge. It is curious to observe that the words repr
G.A.O.T.U., which G.O. of France virtually stands accuse
erased from its temples, are still heading the letters w
been written in their official capacity by both the Pres
Secretary of the "Conseil de l'Ordre," and of which a t
was recently published in your columns. Masonry canno
tarian or simply Christian in Germany any more than in E
in America. French Masonry proclaims liberty of conscie
neutral platform upon which alone universal Fraterni
established, and it declares it to be the old and impregnab
to which it must return if the Fraternity is to remain united

no doubt deal with the questions raised by the Grand nce, and it will do so in such a manner as to render the ed at acceptable to all Masonic bodies in the world. e appointed by Grand Lodge is certainly composed of ent and devoted brethren that could have been selected; iven them is a difficult one to fulfil, if they are anxious ht the basis of our ancient Landmarks, by consulting eds, and those Constitutions that have sprung from dogmatism is open to a good deal of argument pro and ust be proved, and not inferred. A principle must not nced, and thus accepted from mere supposition; it blished, as clearly as possible, by irrefragable proofs. onast, the author of "Histoire du Grand Orient de admitting that the first Lodge of Speculative Masons rance was established at Dunkirque, in 1721, by Lord se at the same time the existence of some other Lodges were constituted a few years later by Lord Derwentch or Scotch, French Masonry has its origin from those ame across the Channel. No one contests that England Mater of Speculative Masonry; no Mason denies ll will, as it were, acknowledge its authority, espe- bject that concerns the whole Fraternity, but it will viction that the Grand Lodge of England will decide ost with a due sense of its responsibilities towards nd throughout the world, and a proper care of the nce.

the honour to be, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

M.B.

nary 1878.

## MASONRY IN SOUTH WALES.

he 14th inst., one of the pleasantest meetings we attended, was held at the Castle Hotel, Neath, when t was given, presided over by Bro. Marmaduke M. Eastern Division South Wales. Our readers at at a Special Provincial Grand Lodge, held at mn, presided over by Sir George Elliott Bart., for aying a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Theodore Mansel Talbot, a resolution was also passed nany eminent services rendered to Masonry in South nergetic deputy, Bro. Edward J. Morris, of Swan- be Deacons of the Grand Lodge of England. This was passed unanimously, it was agreed should be s engrossed on vellum. After a little discussion, it the form in which the resolution should be pre- left to Bros Tennant and Whittington. As a result rs. De la Rue prepared one of the finest specimens manship—in the form of an Album, bound in Russia, spring-lock, and a monogram E.J.M. worked in ers on the side—which we have seen. Just before Bro. Morris' services by Prov. G.L. a few of his et together, and determined to present him with a esteem and deep affection with which he was nt the Province. Subscriptions rapidly flowed in, me to Bro. Morris's knowledge, and he at once reso- no further steps should be taken in the matter, iends considering that a beginning having been would be extremely discourteous to return such d been received, resolved simply to let matters not to seek any further subscriptions, but quietly ght be voluntarily sent, in the hope that in time be brought to regard the movement in its true e payment for services rendered, but as a token iends of their fraternal affection and esteem. To gratifying to Bro. Morris as it could be made, it ke him Vice-Patron of "Our Boys'" School—the ities having always been one of Bro. Morris's most t, as his literary tastes were well known, it was me hundreds of volumes of the best books of the welcome than any thing else, next to the Vice- hool, and as books require a receptacle to hold me carved oak book-case was provided for the eing ready, and the books and book-case bought, hat the most fitting way, in order that Bro. ght all—if they so wished—be present at the to invite him to a banquet. This was nd on Monday night it came off, quite as as had been anticipated. The chair was taken e Tennant D.P.G.M. Eastern Division South his right by Bro. Morris G.D. and P.D. Prov. Hall P. Prov. G.W., on the left by Bro. C. Bath Lowland Thomas P. Prov. G.W., and Bro. Evan The vice chairs were taken by Bro. Whittington ro. J. Jones Prov. G. Treas.; there were also outh P. Prov. G.W., D. Roberts P. Prov. G.W., G.W., C. Taylor P. Prov. G.D., T. D. Roberts St. George Canfield P. Prov. G. Supt., W. G. ot. Works, E. Jones P. Prov. G.D.C., G. H. White nt, T. Thomas P. Prov. G.S., E. S. Hartland ees P. Prov. G.S., D. R. Davies P. Prov. G.S., v. G.S.W. Western Division, J. B. Philipps ern Division, W. J. Morgan P. Prov. G.W., M. of the Merlin Lodge, Dr. Lewis Maestig, and thren from various Lodges in the Province. en cleared, Bro. Tennant gave the usual loyal thout which no social meeting of Freemasons which he announced that Bro. Morris was very unwell, and suffering from a severe cold; it would therefore be necessary to be brief. He then presented Bro. Morris, in the name of P.G.L., with the album; in the course of his remarks Bro. Tennant told his hearers how he had always looked up to Bro. Morris during his Masonic life. Bro. Morris had assisted at his initiation several years ago; since then he had always received advice, assistance, and encouragement from him. Bro. Bath then, in very feeling terms, spoke of the friendship which had existed between Bro. Morris and himself from boyhood, that even during the heat of boyish play an angry or cross word had never passed between them, and that in later life the friendship began as boys had only grown closer and more intimate. He would only speak of him as a friend, for as friends, as well as brother Masons were they there that evening, to show in some small way the esteem and affection with which he was regarded throughout the Province. He concluded with hoping that Bro. Morris would live long to enjoy, in his retirement, the perusal of the books which were now through him tendered for his acceptance. Bros. Tennant and Bath were repeatedly and warmly cheered in the course of their remarks, and Bro. Morris, on rising to express his thanks, was enthusiastically received, the applause being long continued with true Welsh heartedness. Speaking under great physical difficulty, Bro. Morris took the opportunity of saying how much he appreciated the recognition of his services by the Province, that he should hand down to his children the very handsome volume in which that recognition was recorded. Turning to Bro. Bath, he asked him to convey to his friends the assurance that he deeply felt the form in which they had chosen to manifest their kind feelings to him, their remembrance of his exertions in the cause of charity, so fittingly recognised by making him a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, and he would assure them that he should never take up one of the many books with which they had presented him without also thinking of the kind feelings which prompted the gift. The courtesy of the Dep. Prov. G.M. in presiding being acknowledged, as also the services of Bro. Chas. Bath, as Chairman of the Committee, and Bro. W. Whittington as Hon. Secretary, the brethren separated, in order to reach their respective homes by the several trains, many having travelled long distances in order to be present.

## PRESENTATION TO BRO. B. J. THOMPSON P.G. SEC. OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

TUESDAY evening, the 8th January, witnessed a ceremony which will long be remembered in the annals of Northern Freemasonry; it was the paying of a well-deserved tribute of respect and esteem to one who has laboured well and worthily in the Craft. A large and influential gathering met at the Masonic Hall, Maypole-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, for the purpose of presenting Bro. Thompson with a handsome and valuable testimonial. The chair was taken by Bro. John Hopper P.P.G.S.W., chairman of the Committee, supported by the following distinguished brethren:—L. M. Cockcroft D.P.G.M., T. Anderson P.G. Treasurer, E. D. Davis P.P.G.S.W. P.G.D.C., B. J. Thompson P.G. Sec., Rev. R. East G. Chaplain, T. B. Winter P.P.G.S.W., H. Laws P.P.G.S.W., J. T. Hoyle P.P.G.S.W., B. Clappam P.P.G.S.W., W. Foulsham P.P.G.J.W., W. Jackson P.P.G.J.W., J. Risdale P.P.G.S.D., P. O. Smith P.P.S.G.D., W. S. Hughes P.P.G.S.D., J. S. Wilson P.P.G.S.D., T. Henon W.M. 481, G. I. Dean W.M. 541, W. Cockburn P.M. 24, T. Cockburn P.M. 24, Mabern P.M. 1427, E. L. Armstrong S.W. 481, John Page Sec. 406, S. M. Harris I.G. 406, &c., &c. The testimonial, which had been subscribed to by all the Lodges in the province, as well as by private members, consisted of a very magnificent and massive silver tea and coffee service, with tray, upon which the following inscription was engraved, "Presented to Bro. Benjamin James Thompson P.M. P.P.S.G.W., Past Grand Secretary, by the Freemasons of Northumberland, in recognition of valuable services rendered to the Craft over a period of twenty-one years, as Provincial Grand Secretary. 8th January 1878." The Chairman, in a few well-chosen remarks, called upon the V.W. Deputy Grand Master to make the presentation. In doing so, he said there could only be one feeling amongst the brethren, and that was to do honour to the man to whom honour is due; personally, he had received valuable services from Bro. Thompson; in asking him, in the name of the brethren, of the Province, to accept the handsome testimonial which stood before him, he did so with a wish that he might be spared to spend a long life of health and prosperity, and would yet render much useful service to the Craft. Bro. Thompson, who, on rising, was received with applause, said, in the course of some well-chosen remarks, that he was particularly grateful to the Dep. P.G.M. for the kind expressions he had used, and assured the brethren that valuable as the present was in itself, it is of far greater value to him as a token of their kind feelings, which had been a recompense to him for any trouble he may have had. In conclusion, he thanked them heartily for the magnificent testimonial they had given to him. Votes of thanks were accorded to the V.W. Deputy Prov. G.M., the Chairman and the Committee. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting-room, where the tables were beautifully laid out at the expense of Bro. George Thompson P.P.G.S.W. The usual Loyal toasts were duly honoured. The health of Bro. B. J. Thompson was most enthusiastically received, and suitably replied to. The health of the Dep. P.G.M., the Chairman, and several other toasts, received their just due. The evening was enlivened by some capital harmony, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held at Ryde, on Wednesday, the 30th inst.

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# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.**—On Thursday evening, 17th inst., at Bro. Maidwell's, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C. Bros. Norden W.M., Aarons S.W., Da Silva J.W., Atkins P.M. Treas., Grammer Sec., Maidwell S.D., Campbell J.D., Smith I.G., Barnes P.M. as Preceptor, Littis P.M. 27, Walker W.M. 27, and numerous other brethren. The third ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Howlett candidate. The W.M. of the Egyptian Lodge then took the chair and rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Maidwell as W.M. elect. Bros. Gibbs and Smith were elected members, and after other business the Lodge was closed.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 14th inst. Present—Bro. J. W. Smith W.M., Wing S.W., J. W. Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Hallam S.D., Moseley J.D., Opperman I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Pearcy, Trewinnard, Sparrow, Read, Isaac, Hall, Burtle, Weeden, G. E. Cook, Halford, &c. All preliminaries having been observed, Bro. Read answered the usual questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted; Lodge was opened in the second degree, the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Read being candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first, Bro. Pearcy the second and third, and Bro. Tolmie the fourth and fifth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in second degree. Bro. Wing was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was accorded the W.M. for the very efficient manner in which he had conducted the business of the evening. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.**—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 15th January. Bros. J. S. Fraser W.M., William Fraser S.W., Maidwell J.W., Sayer S.D., Aarons J.D., Forrest I.G., Redderforth Preceptor, Hollands Secretary; Daniel, Harris, Quincey, Brighton, Norden, Hayes, West. The Lodge was opened in due form. The three degrees and the traditional history were rehearsed, in a very perfect manner, by the W.M. Bro. Hayes 1668 and Bro. Brighton were elected members. Bro. William Fraser was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. Notice was given by Bro. Daniel, W.M. of the Prosperity Lodge, that the Annual Ball would take place on 6th February, at the Cannon-street Hotel, when the Craft are fraternally invited to attend. The ceremony of installation will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday, 29th January.

**Lebanon Chapter, No. 73.**—The regular Convocation and election meeting of this Chapter was held on the 10th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Comps. J. W. Baldwin M.E.Z., J. Mason H., J. Cattley Mason J., F. Walters P.Z. S.E., M. D. Loewenstark S.N., Isaacs P.S., W. Dunham 2nd Asst. The Chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed, one brother was exalted. The election then took place, and Comps. J. Mason was chosen M.E.Z., J. C. Mason H., W. Dunham P.S., T. C. Speight P.Z. Janitor. A notice of motion was given, to present the retiring M.E.Z. with a gold jewel, in recognition of the able manner he had carried out the duties during his year of office. Several candidates were proposed for exaltation. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to a very excellent banquet. Comp. F. Walters P.Z. genially presiding. The usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were given. Comps. J. Stevens P.Z., Grabham 176, and several others were present as Visitors.

**St. John's Lodge, No. 90.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Monday, the 14th January, at The Albion, Aldersgate-street. Present—Bros. Sturmer W.M., W. Knapp Henderson S.W., Margetson J.W., J. Griffin Sec., Eglese Treas., Pearce S.D., Colpoys J.D., Stephens D.C., Brown I.G., Goddard Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Adam, McDougall, T. P. Griffin, Venn. Visitors—Bros. Baker P.G.D., Alderman Hadley P.G.D.C., Dr. Gooding W.M. elect No. 1 G.S., Gadsby, C. Warwick Jordan, and several others. Business—Bros. F. McDougall and Morrison were raised to the third degree. Bro. Henderson was installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Venn P.M.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday, the 12th inst., at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., Fenner S.W., Gibbs J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Hawkins S.D., C. Lorkin J.D., Bedwell I.G. Visitors—Bros. W. H. L. Davies 192, and F. McClean 193. After the Lodge had been opened, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Brock candidate. Bro. Moss worked the first four sections of the second lecture. Bros. Davies and McClean were elected members, and Bro. A. W. Fenner was appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

**Royal Lodge, No. 643.**—The regular meeting of the brethren of this Lodge was held at Mr. John Welborn's, Foord's Hotel, Filey, on Monday evening, for the purpose of electing the Officers for the ensuing year, when Bro. J. J. Field was elected Worshipful Master by a large majority. Bro. W. G. Long P.P.G.S.B. was elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Jefferson Tyler.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—On Friday the 11th inst., at the Star and Garter, Kew-bridge, at 7.30 p.m. Bros. Blasby W.M., May S.W., Costelow J.W., Irwin S.D., Dorey J.D., Gunner I.G.; Bro. C. Roe Preceptor; Bros. Kyezor, Goss W.M. 780, &c. Lodge opened in proper form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gunner candidate. Lodge opened in second degree, and Bro. Gunner was passed by the W.M., in a creditable manner. Bro. May was elected to the chair for the next meeting.

**Lily of Richmond Lodge of Ins**
Saturday, 12th January, at seven o'clock, at Br
hound, Richmond. Bro. J. Bateman P.M. W.M
J.W., Kyezor S.D., Harris J.D., Phillips Pre
Digby, Harris, Dean, Weaver, &c. Preliminary r
Bro. Kyezor offered himself as candidate, and
chair of K.S., and worked the ceremony of initiat
gave the lecture on the Tracing Board of the fir
and able manner. It was proposed by Bro. Kye
Bro. Wade, that the Annual Banquet of the Lo
held at the Greyhound, on Saturday, 2nd Febru
unanimously, Bro. Preceptor Phillips undertaking
arrangements carried out. The Lodge was clo
was adjourned until Saturday, 19th ult. Bro. W

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, N**
weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at B
Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Wallingt
S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Young S.D., Finch J.D.,
Sec., Smyth Treas.; Bros. Weige, Collins, Saud
others. The Lodge was opened and minutes r
Bro. Henderson answered the necessary questi
third degree. The Lodge was advanced to the
the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. He
The Preceptor then gave the traditional history
regularly closed down to the first degree, when Br
the necessary questions and was passed to t
Bro. Collins, of Lodge 860, and Bro. Henderson, of
elected members. Bro. J. Lorkin will preside next

**Rowley Lodge, No. 1051, Lancaster.**
meeting of this select and flourishing Lodge was
7th January, at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. T
Bros. T. Jackson W.M., H. Longman I.P.M., N
Alfred Sherriff J.W., J. D. Moore Sec., G. T. T
Jackson J.D., E. Simpson P.M. Prov. G.S., F. Dean
P.M., and a number of other Officers and brethren.
action of some Lodge business, the F.C. degree wa
Bro. R. Palmer by the W.M., on Bro. W. G. Welch
I.P.M. Bro. Dr. Moore P.G.S.B. of England then
Installing Officer, and Bro. Alfred Sherriff the W.
sented for Installation by Past Masters Longman
presentation being received, and the W.M. elect hav
adherence to the various rules and regulations,
stalled Masters he was duly and formally installed
K.S., and authorised to rule and conduct the Lod
twelve months. He was then greeted and saluted in
proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, as f
Jackson I.P.M., N. W. Helme S.W., G. T. Taylor J.W.,
(re-elected), H. Longman P.M. Sec., J. T. Jackson S
J.D., J. Vince I.G., James Aldous Org., A. K. Allinson
investure of each Officer the Installing Master delive
addresses as to the nature and character of their
symbolism of the jewel with which they were investe
tools were presented by the I.P.M., and the addresses
Wardens and members, delivered by the Installing
Longman P.M. and John Hatch P.M., and the ceremony
was concluded by the presentation of the gavel of Ob
Master, confirming him in the power and privilege
position in which he had just been placed. A hearty
was awarded to Bro. Moore for the impressive ma
the ceremony of installation had been conducted, and
distinguished Brother is so justly celebrated; and
responded to. Notice of motion having been given for
guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution
masons, and other business transacted, the Lodge was
usual formalities of the Craft. The brethren then ad
King's Arms Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had be
which those assembled, under the presidency of the
ample justice. After the cloth was drawn, the us
Masonic toasts were given, and those were enthusiasti
and responded to.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 122**
Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate
the 11th instant. Present—Bros. Hine W.M., Sim
Ellis J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Cleverley S.D., Lane J.D.,
also Bros. Bolton, Posener jun., Campbell, Crouch, R. W
Stroud, &c. The minutes of last Lodge meeting were
firmed. Bro. Posener jun. answered the usual questio
the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was op
second degree, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremon
Bro. Posener candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first
lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed, and t
of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Campbell candidate. Br
was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction,**
—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held on M
January, at the Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping. Bro
Horsley S.W., Greely J.W., Mortlock P.M. J.D., Jam
Braine Secretary, and several other brethren. The Lodge
in due form, and the ceremony of initiation efficiently re
the W.M., Bro. Braine being the candidate. Bro.
W.M. for next meeting. The Lodge closed in perfect ha
will meet on Monday next, 21st inst., at 8 p.m.

**Anchor Lodge, No. 1337.**—The annual meetin
stallation of the W.M. was held at Northallerton on Tu
5 p.m. the brethren met in the Lodge room, and the c
installation was performed very ably by W. Bro. A. C. Kn
940 P.P.G.S.D. Durham. The W.M. then proceeded to c

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officers, as follow:—Bros. G. W. Elliott M.P. I.P.M., W. A. S.W., M. Walmsley J.W., R. Pallister Sec., G. Oxendale W. H. Jones Chap., W. Hardy S.D., J. Wheldon J.D., I.G., G. Walker and G. Chapman Stewards, E. Wilkinson After the closing of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to the on Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Upson. The W.M. presided, and was supported by a goodly members, and the following amongst many visitors:—Ayre W.M., W. Hall and C. Greensides, Falcon 1416; Cleland S.W., Geo. Simpson M.C. and M. Millington I.G., 1611; G. H. Simpson, York 236; Jas. Usher P.M., and J. Altass, Philanthropy 940; J. Newton, Lennox W.M. Tees 509; J. C. Martin W.M., W. Bell and J. W. Restoration 111; T. Robinson, Harbour of Refuge 764, &c.

**Solitan Lodge, No. 1507.**—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday last, at Anderton's Hotel, E.C. Present—Bros. R. T. Kingham W.M., John W., C. J. Soales J.W., J. Willing jun. P.M. Treasurer, Giles Secretary, W. Side S.D., H. Stiles D. of C., Acre Steward, G. Colls I.G., J. Michael P.M. The having been confirmed, the W.M. proceeded with the the evening, which comprised the raising of Bros. W. J. Ford. The passing of Bros. R. Kearns, S. Ward, C. C. and J. H. Grant, and the initiation of Messrs. W. E. Harvey, F. W. Dimsdale and H. A. Dimsdale. These ceremonies concluded, the W.M. closed the Lodge, and the brethren to banquet, after which the W.M. proposed the usual Masonic toasts. Bro. Willing proposed the health of the as a brother who had done his best to give satisfaction, strives to do all he can for the Lodge. This toast having pledged, the W.M. replied; he fully appreciated the kind expressed towards him. The next toast was that of the to which Bros. Willing and Michael responded. W proposed the health of the Visitors. Next to charity hospitality the greatest jewel of a Freemason. The welcome, and he hoped they had passed a pleasant evening, Bros. Briggs and Shilcock replied. The W.M. next proposed each of whom responded. The Treasurer, Secretary and severally honoured, after which the Tyler toasted all stressed brethren, thus closing a pleasant evening. Were Bros. W. Roach 49, H. Webb P.M. 72, 193, 890, J. M. 157, J. D. White J.W. 190, J. Shilcock P.M. 449 Clemow 858, J. H. Bedwell I.G. 861, E. F. Pierdon Organ jun. 1385.

**Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1523.** day, the 16th of January, at the Havelock Hotel, Albion E. Present—Bros. J. H. Maples W.M., Dignam S.W., E. Dietrich Sec., G. Ferrar Treasurer, Robinson S.D., Woolley I.G., W. Fieldwick Preceptor; and Bros. J. B. Slater, Brasted, McClean, Jamieson, Pollock, R. Olley, H. Lee, Somers, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Slaiter, the third degree, was interrogated and entrusted. then opened up, and Bro. Slater was raised to the ster Mason. Bro. Dignam was unanimously elected next week. Bro. Lee worked the sections of the ed by the brethren. The Fifteen Sections will be Lee P.M. 1524 on the first Wednesday in February.

**Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.**—Met at the Mile-end-road, on Monday, the 14th inst. Bros. Ives S.W., Turquand J.W., W. J. Rawley S.D., Campbell T. J. Barnes Treasurer, Gottheil Preceptor, George Retary. There were also present Bros. George Verry, Coleman, Bate, Bonner, Holloway, Emery, Deason, &c. Mony was rehearsed, and the sections of the degree Bate, of 1306, was elected a member. A proposition rds the Benevolent Institution, to be placed on Bro. with some opposition, on the ground that ever since on of the Eastern Star and Tredegar Lodges the ing to the former were pronounced by the Committution to be void, a decree which the members consid unjust. The proposition was subsequently agreed rance of Bro. Verry that he possessed information to he existing disagreement could be satisfactorily ad- thanks were unanimously passed in favour of Bros. on, Rawley, and Gottheil, for their services during months. Bro. Huggett was elected W.M. for next st anniversary banquet of this Lodge will take place 18th inst., at this hotel, Bro. Huggett, W.M. of the omising to preside. Taking into consideration the of the room, and that Bro. Yates will have the cater- ecial care, a very enjoyable evening may reasonably

**Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.** 12th inst., at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, sent—Bros. Spiegel W.M., Adkins S.W., Smout sen. ice., Penn Treas., Smout jun. S.D., Woodmason J.D., Master Savage Preceptor; Marlis P.M., Newland, Hallon and others. The ceremony of Initiation was Crabb candidate; after which the ceremony of n as candidate. A vote of thanks was proposed nously to Bro. Adkins, for presenting the Lodge of lumns; to Bro. Marlis, for a very valuable ancient Smout sen., for a set of collars. It was announced rnarvon Lodge would have a Ball on the 22nd Feb., he Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Lodge ented to join the members of the Mother Lodge. ected W.M. for next meeting.

**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, at the Queen's Hotel, York, the W.M. Bro. T. B. Whytehead presiding. A successful ballot was taken for two candidates, and Mr. J. G. Joyce, Bandmaster of the Royal Scots Greys Regiment, now quartered in York, was initiated. The Senior Warden, on behalf of Bro. Richard Boggett P.M., of Hull, presented to the Lodge a copy of Dr. Bell's valuable Masonic Chart, "The Stream of English Masonry," and a vote of thanks to Bro. Boggett for his kind gift was heartily passed. Two brethren were proposed as joining members and the name of a candidate for initiation was proposed and seconded, after which the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A short toast list was gone through, the evening being enlivened by singing and recitations by Bros. Wyatt P.M., J. S. Cumberland, T. Humphries, G. C. Lee, &c. There was a good attendance of brethren and visitors, amongst them being Bros. T. Cooper P.M., G. Balmford P.M., C. G. Padel, M. Cooper, J. T. Seller, T. D. Smith, J. R. Jackson, M. Millington, G. Simpson, A. T. B. Turner, J. Kay, Robert Ware, W. W. Whytehead 236, W. Powell 236, and several brethren belonging to the Royal Scots Greys.

## PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

FURTHER progress is made in *Cassell's Family Magazine* with the new serial stories, "Time Shall Try," and "Suspense." Mr. Notley is the author of the former, and he seems to be working it up very successfully. The same may be said of the other tale, which is by the author of "A Hard Case." A highly interesting sketch is that of "Coffee Taverns," by the author of "Fish and Flesh in Leather Lane." The Billingsgate House is described at some length, and from this we gather that the arrangements for the public comfort are excellent, the coffee, &c., supplied being of very good quality, and everything in the kitchen and offices being a pattern of neatness and cleverness. This was opened in June of last year, but another, in the Edgware-road, was opened the previous month, and thus had a brief start of its companion establishment. Particulars are likewise given of this, and it is gratifying to hear that others are in the course of erection, or in contemplation, in such neighbourhoods as St. Giles's, Lambeth, Aldgate, and Poplar, and likewise that the matter is being taken up in our large provincial cities and towns. Indeed, Liverpool, we read, is in advance of London, its "British Workmen Public House Company, Limited," being of date anterior to the initiation in London of this excellent movement. Mr. Munro, C.E., contributes a valuable paper on "Submarine Telegraph Service." A Family Doctor writes seasonably as to the "Hands and Feet: their Ease and Comfort." Phillis Browne furnishes particulars of "How My Children were Drilled," and following this is another good paper on "The Nursing of the London Poor." The illustrated article on "Embroidered House and Table Linen" is to be commended, and so are the contributions entitled "The Average Servant," "A Tin of Sardines," the "Chit-Chat on Dress," and "King Baby; some Experiences of a Young Mother." "Iris," words by Bernard Copes, and music by J. Gordon Saunders, Mus.B., is a very tuneful song.

We have received from the same publishers Part I. of a new serial publication, entitled *Science for All*. It is illustrated freely and well, and, to judge from the contents of the opening issue, we are justified in expecting that it will be very popular. The character of the contents may be gathered from an enumeration of some few of them, such as Mr. Proctor's paper, headed "The Man in the Moon," "A Piece of Limestone," by Dr. H. Alleyne Nicholson; "A Fallen Leaf," by Mr. Robert Brown, F.L.S.; and J. E. H. Gordon's article on "Ice, Water, and Steam." The Introduction contains a brief sketch of the plan of the work, and from this also the reader will certainly be disposed to augur favourably of it, for we all know that Messrs. Cassell and Co. are very exact in the performance of what they undertake, and not only exact, but painstaking.

To Messrs. Ward and Graves, of Crown-court, Milton-street, E.C., we are indebted for Part I. of *The Journal of Travels: Adventures Ashore, Afloat, and Aloft*. The object in issuing this periodical, we are told, is to supply young people with literary matter of an instructive and edifying character, so that their attention may be distracted from the mass of pernicious stuff with which the public is almost overwhelmed. We cannot, of course, under these circumstances, refrain from expressing an earnest hope that the new periodical may have a long and prosperous future, and we should do this even had the contents of the first number been less worthy than it is of commendation. But the *Journal of Travels* begins admirably, and we hope will soon find itself sufficiently supported on its inherent merits, quite as much as for the excellent purpose with which it is started. The contents may be arranged in two categories. In one there is a number of short and interesting sketches, illustrative of the manners and customs of different peoples; while the other consists of about half a dozen serial stories, one of which, "Life and Travels of Christopher Columbus," is from the pen of that popular writer, M. Jules Verne. The periodical is issued in weekly parts, which are afterwards bound together into monthly numbers; the price of the weekly issue being one penny, and that of the monthly sixpence. There is room for improvement in the illustrations, but the letter-press is worthy of great praise.

The *Sunday Courier* of New York states that Confidence Lodge, No. 52, of Marysville, Kentucky, has been declared clandestine by the Grand Master of that jurisdiction, because the Master refused to surrender the Warrant. The ground of the trouble is the refusal of the Lodge in question to pay the tax imposed by the Grand Lodge for the Widow and Orphan Asylum.

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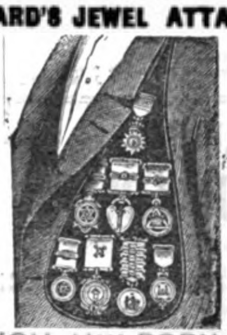

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## OPPORTUNITIES OF MASTERS.

WE have devoted more than one article to the duties and privileges of Masters. We purpose on the present occasion endeavouring to point out, not what he ought or is entitled to do, but what, if he is a discreet man and possesses tact and even a moderate amount of intelligence, he will find ample opportunities for doing during his term of office.

First, and before all things, it depends almost entirely on the Master whether or not the members of a Lodge work harmoniously together. We assume that when he is inducted into the chair, there is a unanimous determination among those whom he has been elected to preside over to support the chair loyally on all occasions; while on his part he is fully prepared to reciprocate this feeling of loyalty by upholding the rights and privileges of those who are for the time under his rule and governance. Starting thus favourably on his career, there is every reason why the ruler and the brethren he rules should go on prosperously, and why, as month after month passes away, should be strengthened and confirmed those feelings of fraternal regard which they began by entertaining towards each other. But though this is only the most reasonable expectation in the world to form, it too often happens that in the first place little bickerings and then more serious misunderstandings arise, and the Lodge, which started under its new Master so prosperously and seemed to be so united and happy a family, becomes disorganised. Now, the likelihood of this happening is reduced to a minimum, if the Master has tact and judgment as well as fair intelligence. In such case he is enabled at once to throw oil on troubled waters. By gently yielding in one case, by a little firmness in another, by the exercise of such powers of persuasion as may pertain to him in a third case, what might have turned into an angry squabble is summarily nipped in the bud, and the Lodge has the opportunity of learning there and then that it has the right man to govern it; that he has the requisite firmness to maintain the authority of the chair; that he does not consider it beneath his dignity to be yielding in matters of opinion, but is ever ready to meet those who differ from him in a cordial and fraternal spirit; and that he trusts more to the exercise of his suasive powers than to the assertion of his authority to maintain the peace and harmony of the Lodge. Many, of course, will say there is nothing new in all this. It has been said again and again and is applicable to every class of society which is in any way constituted like ours. This is so, and we admit it without the slightest hesitation. Unfortunately, people are not invariably disposed to act up to all that is expected of them. They quickly recognise the justice of such advice as we have just offered, but when the time comes for them to practise what they profess to have admired so much in others, they are found wanting. They lack judgment, and yield when they should remain firm, stand firm on the powers they possess when it is their duty to yield, and employ their persuasive powers when a sharp application of the *fortiter in re* is necessary. Or else, perhaps, they allow themselves to be animated by other feelings and persist on being dictators when clearly they are nothing more than constitutional rulers. It were possible to suggest other cases in which a Master may fail in maintaining his authority, but we need not multiply examples. It is universally admitted that the Master is something more than a mere chairman, and, therefore, that he should possess something more than the mere recommendation of jolly-good-fellowship which is commonly supposed to be the one great virtue which chairmen are expected to exhibit.

So much for the maintenance of his authority as ruler of the Lodge, and the benefits to all interested in its welfare which must follow. But a Master is something more than a mere ruler, whose duty it is to uphold the dignity and respectability of his office. Something more is expected from him than that he should be able to interpret our laws and Constitutions, and fulfil his duties in the ceremonies of our Order. He must be likewise regarded in a kind of ministerial as well as magisterial capacity. He should be, essentially, one to whom the members of the Lodge will feel no compunction in applying for advice in all cases of Masonic difficulty. If he is the kind of man we have pictured him as a ruler, there is a reasonable probability, he will be one whom even the oldest Past Master will experience no hesitation in consulting, and no unwillingness in accepting such advice as may be offered. As an adviser, his tact and judgment will serve him admirably, while his intelligence will enable him to see clearly where the difficulty lies, and how it may be remedied. Brethren would probably hold back from consulting one who was arrogant; they would know that little or no allowance would be made for surrounding circumstances, that he would not be likely to pause and examine these patiently, and that his advice would be given, in all probability, overbearingly as well as hastily. On the other hand, there would be little use in consulting one who had little or no reliance on his own opinion. A man who is always in doubt as to the course he should pursue, as was Washington Irving's Peter the Twijfler or Doubter, is the last person in the world to take into our confidence in case of difficulty. We do not, of course, mean that he would be more likely than others to betray the confidence reposed in him; but simply that his opinion, if he ever brought himself to offer one, would be of little value from his unfortunate habit of doubting. But assuming the Master is of the character described, we can see how great an advantage it is to have such a one to preside.

Of the other qualities, such as punctuality, &c., we need say but little; but there is one particular in which a Master may be of great service to his Lodge. While ready on all occasions to dispense hospitality with a free hand, let him not be afraid of avoiding lavish expenditure. There is a tendency now-a-days to judge of a man's merits by the length of his purse, and the amount of money he is ready to disburse on all occasions in season and out of season. It is clearly the duty of a Master to check extravagance when he sees there is a tendency, be it never so slight in that direction. Under a careless ruler there is a fair chance of Lodge funds being uselessly expended. We recognise, with jovial John Bull like loyalty, the justice of having a good dinner or banquet, but we are not of those who think it is absolutely necessary these banquets should be very expensive. There are times when it is proper to launch out a little when some more than usually distinguished guests are present, or at an installation; but, ordinarily, a simple banquet of good quality and well served —these, after all, are the chief considerations on such occasions—should be held sufficient, and this, it is well-known, ought not to be very costly. A Master who exerts his influence in favour of this kind of economy will do good service; for it must be remembered that "economy" has nothing in common with niggardliness, and is in no wise discreditable. Many are obliged to practise it in their homes, and are admired and respected the more, the more they recognise the obligation. Why should they not prac-

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tise the same virtue in the Lodge, especially when, in many cases, it leaves a larger amount of funds for distribution among our Charities, or for the relief of the necessitous, yet deserving brethren, while in others it operates favourably by reducing the fees? Let wealthy Lodges by all means be liberal in their expenditure, though even these need not be lavish. It must not be overlooked that there is among Masonic Lodges the same risk of rivalry as in society, where people often pinch themselves for a month or two in order to eclipse their neighbours in some ball or party. Economy is a virtue, but too many people ignore it in the belief that it will be mistaken for meanness. Here, then, is another opportunity, and, indeed, the last on which we purpose commenting in this article, in which a Master may distinguish himself. We commend these notions to our readers. They may be a little old-fashioned, perhaps, but we do not think they are the worse for that.

## GRAND COMMANDERY OF VIRGINIA, U.S.A.

WE hasten to acknowledge, with fraternal thanks, receipt of copy of the Proceedings of this Grand Commandery at its Grand Annual Assembly, held in Lynchburg, on the 9th and 10th October of last year. On the former of those days, the Grand Commandery having been escorted from its head quarters at Arlington House to the Masonic Hall, an address of welcome, which evoked the hearty applause of all present, was delivered by Sir Knight S. T. Graham, of the De Molay Commandery, No. 4. R.E. Grand Commander Robert E. Withers having suitably acknowledged this, the Grand Commandery was opened in solemn form by the Grand Commander, who was supported by Sir Knight L. F. Johnson Deputy G. Commander and his other Grand Officers. Representatives from ten of the fourteen Commanderies in the jurisdiction were present, the Dove, No. 7, Stevenson, No. 8, Winchester, No. 12, and Johnson, No. 14, being excused from attending. The address of the Grand Master contained reference to all the leading events of the past year, and especially to his presence at the late triennial session, at Cleveland, Ohio, of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States. This address having been referred to a Committee, the Grand Treasurer reported that the memorial voted to the late Grand Recorder, John Dove, consisting of a gold pin set with diamonds, had been procured, and was in the possession of the Grand Commandery, while he had taken upon himself the responsibility of adding a "Dove," which was not only most appropriate as an emblem of peace, but was likewise the name, a part of the coat of arms, and the Masonic mark of the late Grand Recorder. The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence having been referred to a Committee, and some other business having been transacted, the Grand Commandery was dismissed till the morning of the following day, when it met in considerable numbers, and proceeded to the election of officers. Sir Knight R. E. Withers was re-elected Grand Commander, and amongst his principal officers must be mentioned Sir Knights La Fayette Johnson Deputy G. Commander, J. G. Bain G. Generalissimo, J. F. Regnault G. Capt. General, G. W. Dame G. Prelate, P. S. Coles G.S. Warden, J. L. Roper G.J. Warden, J. Evans G. Treasurer, and W. Bryan Isaacs G. Recorder. Those officers who were present having been duly installed, the Committee on the G. Treasurer's accounts delivered their report, from which it appears that the receipts during the year, with the balance remaining from the previous year, amounted to dollars 919·38, and the expenses to dollars 616·52, leaving a balance in hand on 9th October of dollars 302·86. The Committee on Charters and Dispensations recommended that the Harrisonburg Commandery under Dispensation receive a Charter, as No. 10. Invitations having been extended to the G. Commandery to hold its meeting at Winchester, Richmond, or Norfolk, a ballot was taken, and resulted in the selection of the last-mentioned place, where, in due course, it will be held on the second Tuesday in November of this year. Other business, including a vote of thanks to the De Molay Commandery, No. 4, for its courteous reception of the Grand Commandery, having been disposed of, G. Commandery was dismissed. So much for the Proceedings. The account of these is followed by a statement of the Accounts, and a complete list of members of the several Commanderies, the results of which are tabulated. We gather from this that there are, as we have said, fourteen Commanderies in this jurisdiction, the highest number being No. 16, but there are no Nos. 13 and 15. The total number of Sir Knights is 805, of whom sixty were created, and seven affiliated, during the year. Twenty-five Sir Knights withdrew during the same period, eleven were suspended, and two expelled, while seven died. The strongest, numerically speaking, is the Richmond Commandery, No. 2, which musters 213 Knights. Then, but at a long distance, follows the De Molay, No. 4, Lynchburg, with 95; the Grice, No. 10, Norfolk, with 81; and the Appomattox, No. 6, at St. Petersburg, with 79; the smallest being the newly-chartered Harrisonburg, No. 10, with 20; and the Fredericksburg, No. 1, which musters only 25. The whole concludes with a full and highly interesting Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

## MASONIC BALL AT BLACKBURN.

### PRESENTATION TO COLONEL LE GENDRE NICHOLAS STARKIE.

ON Thursday evening, the 10th inst., a Masonic Ball of a brilliant description took place in the Town Hall, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. Prior to the proceedings in the ball-room, a preliminary assembly took place in the large Police Court, Town Hall, his Worship the Mayor, Bro. James Dickinson, presided, and was supported by numerous Prov. G. Officers and brethren. The Mayor said they had assembled for a purpose which he had no doubt would give great satisfaction to all present, and those connected with the Masonic Craft generally. They should that day celebrate the fiftieth birthday of the worthy Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire. He was sure it would be a source of gratification to all present to see him in such a state of health as they found him that evening. He (the Mayor) was sure they all wished that he might have many happy returns of the day, and that he might be long spared to live amongst them. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Thomas then read the address, which, artistically speaking, is a splendid piece of workmanship. It is contained in a massive gilt frame, richly illuminated and decorated with Masonic emblems. Bro. R. H. Hutchinson P.P.S.G.W. of East Lancashire, was called upon to present the address. When he looked back on the past, he remembered that Colonel Starkie was the son of a most noble Mason, and he reigned over the whole Province of Lancashire with such dignity and grace that he gained the goodwill of the brethren, and when the time came that it was necessary that the Province should be divided, he was ready and willing to divide the district into two great parts. He (Bro. Hutchinson) was sure that so long as their Provincial Grand Master was at the head of the Order in this district, he would regard with sympathy, affection, and esteem, all the brethren who dwelt under his care. Nobody knew better than he did how to maintain those feelings of right and justice and charity, in as gentle yet as forcible a manner as possible. Bro. W. Coddington had great pleasure in supporting the presentation of the address. He had had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Starkie for a number of years, and whether he looked upon him as a Freemason, as a gentleman, as a country squire of the good old English type, or, last though not least, as a thorough sportsman—(loud cheers)—he felt that they might go far indeed before they found one who could fulfil his multifarious duties in so able and conscientious a manner. Bro. Starkie rose to reply. Anybody who was placed in the same situation as he was would feel most gratified, most thankful, and also have sentiments almost similar to those which were in his mind, that it was hardly possible to find words adequate to express in proper language his thanks for that beautiful and touching testimony of their esteem and regard for himself on the one hand, and for the sentiments which had flowed from the lips of Past Grand Officers on the other; for the cordial Masonic friendship which had been expressed by his friend Brother Coddington, or by the high degree of honour which had been done him by the Mayor of that great and important borough in presiding on that occasion. (Cheers.) Bro. Hutchinson had alluded to the long relationship of his family with Freemasonry. He did not like to be egotistical, but he must say that he did feel proud that for a long series of years his family had been intimately connected in a very high position with Freemasonry. (Cheers). He believed that if the principles of their Order were carried out with strict integrity they would add to the benefits of mankind by softening asperities, and to the advancement of social and moral good to an incalculable degree, of which those outside the Order could have no idea. Since he had joined the Order it had led him to meet many men of different opinions, and he had had the advantage of discussing those opinions in a calm and brotherly manner, without a wish on the part of either to get the better of the other. It was a grand and noble Order; it had no narrow limits, but proud and noble lines. It had no dogma, but it took the grand idea to benefit mankind on earth, and to fit them better for eternity. He might not have in himself the capabilities entirely to fill all the duties of the Offices he might take, but since he had had the honour of ruling over that province he had met with such kindness of feeling, such nobleness of sentiment, such kind expressions of brotherly love and affection from those he ruled over, that he had felt how very great were his short-

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comings. He asked the three Masters of the Lodges at Blackburn, who had drawn the memorial, to accept from him, and the brethren also, his best thanks, and also to accept from him, as a Past Grand Officer of England, his testimony to the zeal which he had always found to exist in the Lodges of the Province and in Blackburn in particular. Bro. Ashworth rose to propose a vote of thanks to the Mayor. He said that the occasion which had brought them together was a most auspicious, pleasant, and interesting one. The Mayor occupied a high position in the town, and he had done a great service on that occasion in presiding and assisting so materially in the proceedings connected with the presentation. Bro. Blackburn seconded the motion, and it was supported by Bro. Starkie, who said he could not allow the proceedings to be concluded without expressing his thanks to the Mayor for presiding, and the sentiments he had uttered respecting him. He thought the town of Blackburn should congratulate itself on the present mayoralty, because he was confident the Mayor would not stoop to anything that would demean the civic office. It was no small position, and he hoped hereafter to know the Mayor more personally for the kindness he had manifested on the present occasion. The Mayor, in returning thanks, said he was much obliged to Bro. Starkie and the others for the marked esteem which they had expressed concerning himself. He thought the events which had already taken place during his mayoralty were a good augury to what he hoped would be a happy 1878. He trusted it might be a happy new year to all. (Applause.) The proceedings then terminated, and the company adjourned to the ball-room, where dancing was kept up till an early hour of the morning, and thoroughly enjoyed.

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On Saturday, the 12th inst., was held the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Creaton presided, and there were present to support him Bros. Griffith-Smith, Raynham W. Stewart, A. H. Tattershall, John Faulkner, Joseph Morrell, H. A. Dubois, W. F. C. Mourie, J. D. Berry, S. Rawson, F. Binckes, H. Massey, J. Dennison, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, James Terry, J. A. Rucker, D. Nicols, F. W. H. Ramsay, Peter de L. Long, John Boyd, G. J. Barron, L. Ruf, and Louis Hirsch. The minutes of the last Court, and those of the General Committee having been read and passed, it was announced that there were eight vacancies to be ballotted for at the April election, and it was resolved that the recommendation of the General Committee, to the effect that ten additonal girls be admitted, should be agreed to. It was then announced that there were fourteen eligible candidates remaining from last election—one had been struck off the list by reason of her age—and that the names of ten girls had been submitted and approved, thus raising the total number of candidates who will compete for the eighteen appointments in April to twenty-four. It was then moved by Lieut.-Colonel Creaton, in accordance with the recommendatien of the Building Committee, and duly seconded, that authority be given for the purchase of a small slip of land adjoining the premises; the price not to exceed £100. It was also moved that a wall be built, from the new laundry to the end of the new grounds. Both these motions were carried, but a resolution by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart to the effect that a committee be appointed to enquire into the system of education pursued in the School, with a view to ascertaining if any improvement can be effected, was not accepted. A vote of thanks to the Chairman followed, and the Court then broke up.

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The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, the 14th instant, at the hour of noon, Bro. J. Symonds occupying the chair. Present—Bros. S. Rawson, S. Barton Wilson, F. Adlard, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Lt.-Col. Creaton, W. Roebuck, H. Massey, G. Bolton, J. D. Berry, R. B. Webster, and J. Mason. After the usual preliminary business, four new applications were submitted, but two of them were quickly out of Court, as they had not been presented in time, and one of the others was found to be ineligible. The remaining boy was approved, and his name was placed on the list, so there are now seventy-eight candidates eligible to compete at the next election. As we stated recently, there will be only nine vacancies, but it was recommended by the General Committee that a further twenty-one boys be admitted to the School, and this recommendation has been accepted by the Court. Thus there will be thirty boys taken into the School at the next half-yearly election, and for these appointments the number of competitors is seventy-eight. The recommendation of the General Committee that a sum of £1,500 be expended in the erection of a new playground was agreed to, and the question of a swimming bath was referred to a Committee, who will ascertain what, if any, arrangements can be made with the lessees of the Alexandra Palace. This brought the business to an end, and after the usual compliment to the Chairman, the Court was closed.

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We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of a copy of the Lacaster Masonic Calendar for the year 1878. It has been compiled by Bro. Dr. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. England, and is printed by Bro. H. Longman, of Lancaster. It is very neat as well as very serviceable, containing, as it does, the dates of meeting of all the Masonic bodies in the City — Lodges, Chapters, Conclave, &c., &c. Clearly printed on coloured cardboard, stiff, to bear frequent handling, and small enough to be easily carried about. This is the fifth year of publication—a fact which shows that the brethren in Lancaster appreciate the labours of Bro. Dr. Moore, to whom, accordingly, we send fraternal greeting.

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We have great pleasure in announcing that on Thursday next, the 24th inst., an entertainment will be given, at the St. George's Hall, Langham-place, by the *employés* of Messrs. J. and C. Boyd and Co., in aid of the funds of the Royal Hospital for Incurables. The programme is in two parts, of which the first includes a four-part song, a duet, and glee, followed by Mr. Charles Dance's comic drama in two acts of "A Wonderful Woman," while the second comprises a long array of negro selections, and Mr. J. Kenny's one act farce of "Raising the Wind." The doors will be opened at 6 p.m., and the performances commence at 6.30 p.m. precisely. Carriages should be ordered for 10.15. Full particulars may be had of Bro. Ockenden, Honorary Secretary of the Committee of Management.

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We understand that it is the intention of the members of the Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 145, to hold, at their next meeting—which will take place on the 12th February—what may be termed an open night; that is to say, any Companion properly vouched for will have the privilege of attending. It is intended there shall be no exaltation, though the J. the H. and the Z. will have something to do:—an elucidation of the connexion of Royal Arch Masonry with the Craft; a part of the ancient ritual; clauses in the first section. The lectures on Moses' Rod; Banner; R. A. Jewel, &c., will be included in the programme. Those of our readers who remember the public nights given by this Chapter a few years back, will doubtless avail themselves of this opportunity of renewing their acquaintance with matters not usually introduced in Chapters. We advise those of our readers who have not heard the lectures to attend.

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The Installation Meeting of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, took place on Friday, the 11th inst.; our report will appear next week.

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We learn that another addition to the family of weekly publications is to appear immediately, under the name of "Society: a Journal of General Literature, for the Upper and Middle Classes." The first number will be issued on Thursday, 24th January.

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The consecration of the King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732, will take place on Wednesday, the 30th inst., at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross. Bro. Jas Terry P.M. 228, P.G.D.C. Herts, &c., is the Officer appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master to officiate. Bro. J. J. Michael P.M. 1507 is the W.M. designate, and Bros. W. M. Stiles and J. T. Briggs the Wardens designate. Bro. Saintsbury is the Secretary pro tem.

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HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Much watchfulness must be exercised as winter advances, and the earliest evidences of ill health must be immediately checked and removed, or a slight illness may result in a serious malady. Relaxed and sore throat, diphtheria, quinsey, throat cough, chronic cough, bronchitis, and most other pulmonary affections will be relieved by rubbing this healing Ointment into the skin as near as practicable to the seat of mischief. This treatment, so simple and effective, is admirably adapted for the removal of these diseases during infancy and youth. Old asthmatic invalids will derive marvellous relief from the use of Holloway's remedies, which have brought round many such sufferers, and re-established health after every other means had signally failed.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

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## THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE AND THE ENGLISH FREEMASONS.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—The resolution adopted by the G.O. of France, at its General Assembly, in September last, is certainly an act which, not being universally understood, could by no means receive the approval of the Craft in every country; and this is much to be regretted by all lovers of the Order. Unity of purpose, community of ideas, of tenets and creeds, ought to be characteristic of the Fraternity. But, alas! this is not universally the case with us, and we confess there is no hope of its ever being so. First, there is the difference of country, of government, and of principles, religious and political; then we have the difference of Constitutions; of rites and ceremonies; that is to say, of formularies or Ritual, which is a very strong bar to anything like universal uniformity. Thus, under these circumstances, we find among the Craft Universal, as we travel over our terrestrial globe, just as many differences between its members as there are to be found in the faith, dogmas, and creeds of the great Christian family, and just the same tendency to change, innovation, or improvement, though a large majority of Christians acknowledge but one Supreme Head. Freemasonry has never enjoyed, and is not expected ever to boast of any such thing. But, as Masonry is not a religion, the comparison must only be taken for what it is worth. Among the criticisms written in England against the abrogation by Grand Orient of the second paragraph of its Constitutions there are many that may be considered fair, well-meant, and even judicious remarks; but there are also some that have been written in an uncharitable and haughty spirit, altogether alien to true Masonry. However, it must be observed that most of them proceed from erroneous notions of the facts in general, and a misconception of their sequences in particular. Some of the writers of these criticisms seem to have pictured to themselves French Masons as the very adepts of materialistic atheism, and Freemasonry itself as a kind of dogmatic school—a sort of old English University, wherein, to gain admittance, religious or sectarian tests are indispensably required. The Grand Orient repudiates the accusations made against it, and shows that in its Masonic government no alteration save the simple amendment of the 1st Article of its Constitutions has taken place; that its ritual and formularies remain the same as before; and that no other change is likely to be made in any way whatever. Noteworthy and concise, no doubt, is the report made by Bro. the Rev. Pasteur Desmons. It seems, however, to have been lost sight of, or purposely set aside by some critics, though therein only are to be found the reasons and motives by which the act of Grand Orient can be judged. He says:—"We ask the suppression of the 2nd paragraph of the 1st Article of the Constitutions because it appears to us full of contradiction with the article that follows it; because it is a cause of embarrassment to most W. Masters of our Lodges, who, under certain circumstances, at the admission of candidates, are compelled either to evade or violate the law; (and is not Masonry bound to always set the example by a strict observation of the law?) We ask the suppression of that paragraph, because it is altogether unnecessary to the true end and pursuits of Masonry. When a society of learned, or other men, gather together to study some scientific or social question, is there any need or obligation for it to place as the basis of its statutes or ordinances any theological formula whatever? Certainly not. They devote themselves to their object quite independently of all dogmatic or religious ideas. Why should it not be the same with Masonry? Is not its field wide enough, its sphere extended enough, not to be obliged to set foot on grounds that do not belong to it? We leave to theologians and casuists the care and trouble of discussing dogmas, and to authoritative churches that of issuing a syllabus. But we let Masonry be what it is, what it should always be, viz.:—an institution open to all progress, to all moral and elevating ideas, and to all sound aspirations. Let it never come down into the burning arena of theological discussions, which have ever engendered trouble and persecution. Let it refrain from ever claiming to be a church, a council, or a synod; for churches, councils, and synods have been frequently violent persecutors, and that, too, by taking for their basis of action some dogmatic points which, by their very nature, were essentially intolerant. Let Freemasonry stand above all these church and sectarian questions; let it prevail from its elevated sphere, and dominate by its discussions; let it be a safe refuge, always open to the victims of intolerance and despotism, to all those liberal minds that, with conscientious disinterestedness, search after truth!" Now, to fully understand the words above quoted, one must bear in mind they were addressed to a General Assembly of Grand Orient of France, whose tenets and principles, according to old formularies and ritual bear, more clearly than any other, the imprint of broad philosophical tendency. And it must not be overlooked that the practice of French Masonry is to have candidates examined as to their duty to God, their neighbour, and to themselves (a practice which some say is unknown in England); this necessarily leads to all sorts of inquiries respecting belief or unbelief; and candidates answer according to their conscience. Thus, in erasing from its Constitution that part of the first article the Grand Orient has removed from the power of the Lodge the right of inquiring into the religious persuasion or unbelief of the candidate. That they would have done better had they done away with the moral trials, and simply accepted the English form of admission, is probably a question that leaves no doubt to those who are not particularly acquainted with French Masonry. But it has been proved recently, in a letter from Bro. Thévenot, the acting Grand Sec., that though the Constitution of Grand Orient has been, from its origin, revised many times, it was only in the year 1849 that a declaration of faith found its way into the first article of the said Constitution; and that, says this worthy brother, "under peculiar circumstances." Now, the struggles that Masonry from its foundation has had to make to eschew politics and government interference in France, are perhaps without parallel in any other country; how it was hindered, watched, and persecuted, under almost all successive governments, is something surprising. So much so, that at one time one of our Grand Masters, who was then rather imposed upon it by the ruler of the country, thought it advisable to propose that the society should be acknowledged by the State and declared to be assimilated to an "institution d'utilité publique;" a step which would have put the Fraternity under the immediate action and direct control of the Government, without the least advantage to the Grand Orient, to which the name only would have remained as a Masonic body. Grand Orient has, however, removed from its Constitution, the declaration of faith inserted in 1849, after having had every reason to believe that nothing short of such a course could have smoothed the difficulties created daily by the double construction that could be put upon the law, as read in the first and second articles. Proclaiming absolute liberty of conscience, it felt bound to accede to a reform demanded by a majority of the Lodges under its jurisdiction, which reform, after a profound study of the question, was unanimously, at last, voted by the General Assembly of Convent, and which, being thus voted, is positively declared to be a simple return to their own "starting point," altogether in harmony, not only with modern exigencies, but also true Masonic principles, according to their own notions of them. We cannot forbear to state, as is well known, that the French, above all, like well-defined principles, precise formulæ, well-written laws, without ambiguity, in order, perhaps, to find it more trying to prick holes in them. And they who speak with so much admiration of the British Constitution, would probably find it impossible to live under it; for they would be constantly asking, with Jeremy Bentham, "Where is it? What are the words of that constitution? What interpretation can be made of its letter? How interpret its spirit?" It is contended now that by having so acted Grand Orient has "everted the old landmarks of the Society," and that its action affects the well-being of the Craft Universal. Nay, we have it upon the authority of the Pro G.M. of England, that a declaration of faith, belief in God, and the immortality of the soul was "part and parcel of the initial principles of Freemasonry," and that such belief enters into all our ceremonies and symbols, which would without it be not only a meaningless, but also an offensive mockery. Hence the question arises, is Freemasonry essentially theist in principles, and was a profession of faith at all times required to be made by a Freemason? If so, what were in early times, or are still, the lines to be drawn between sectarian and unsectarian belief in admitting candidates, not in this or that country, but under all the rites and Masonic powers that divide between them the government of the Fraternity at large. In answer to the question who are fit and proper persons to be made Masons the English Ritual makes allusion to an affirmation of dogma—Upright men, of sound judgment, strict morals, and good report. Such are the qualifications required ere candidates are considered worthy of admission into the Society. And, once admitted, every true Mason understands the importance of the rule laid down by Anderson, not to be "a stupid atheist and irreligious libertine." Vainly, also, we look into the first pages of the Book of Constitutions for an affirmation of doctrine or declaration of faith, comprising the belief in God and the immortality of the soul, as initial principles of Freemasonry. True it is that we find something of the kind in the Charges of the three degrees. But these Charges, however beautiful they really are, might, perhaps, be compared with the written sermon that is unconcernedly read to an inattentive congregation, and might also be taken by some candidates as metaphorical as the allusion to the "exchange of the sceptre for the trowel." The difference between the ceremony of initiation here and there would make it easy to admit a Jew, a Mahomedan, or even a freethinker in England, for there none would ever think of interrupting the W.M. in his delivery of the Charges to protest against the expressions contained therein; whilst it would have been difficult in France to evade affirming or rejecting, by word of mouth, by proper answers made solemnly "upon the word of honour," what truth the candidate, in his conscientious belief, may or may not see in the words of those Charges. Thus, distinguished candidates, great thinkers, scientific men, as for example Professor Tyndall, or even Bishop Colenso, would object to a Charge being read to them wherein the Bible is held as the "unerring standard of truth and justice," by which they should regulate their actions, while, if they were charged upon their oath, they might declare that they disagreed, upon chronological and scientific grounds, with the import of such a statement. The same Charges are however read to the Israelite initiate; in England he takes the obligation upon the volume of the Sacred Law, which, it must be known, does not exist in French Masonry, either as an ornament or as one of the necessary fittings of the Lodge. It is curious to observe that the words represented by G.A.O.T.U., which G.O. of France virtually stands accused of having erased from its temples, are still heading the letters which have been written in their official capacity by both the President and Secretary of the "Conseil de l'Ordre," and of which a translation was recently published in your columns. Masonry cannot be sectarian or simply Christian in Germany any more than in England or in America. French Masonry proclaims liberty of conscience, as the neutral platform upon which alone universal Fraternity can be established, and it declares it to be the old and impregnable position to which it must return if the Fraternity is to remain united, before its enemies, and to fight with success the battle of progress and civilisation. With remarkable moderation and prudence Grand Lodge of

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England will no doubt deal with the questions raised by the Grand Orient of France, and it will do so in such a manner as to render the decision arrived at acceptable to all Masonic bodies in the world. The Committee appointed by Grand Lodge is certainly composed of the most eminent and devoted brethren that could have been selected; but the task given them is a difficult one to fulfil, if they are anxious to bring to light the basis of our ancient Landmarks, by consulting our old records, and those Constitutions that have sprung from them. Mere dogmatism is open to a good deal of argument pro and con. Facts must be proved, and not inferred. A principle must not be simply deduced, and thus accepted from mere supposition; it must be established, as clearly as possible, by irrefragable proofs. Bro. A. G. Jonanst, the author of "Histoire du Grand Orient de France," while admitting that the first Lodge of Speculative Masons on record in France was established at Dunkirque, in 1721, by Lord Montagu, proves at the same time the existence of some other Lodges in Paris, which were constituted a few years later by Lord Derwentwater. English or Scotch, French Masonry has its origin from those brethren that came across the Channel. No one contests that England is the Alma Mater of Speculative Masonry; no Mason denies that origin. All will, as it were, acknowledge its authority, especially upon a subject that concerns the whole Fraternity, but it will be with the conviction that the Grand Lodge of England will decide on something, but with a due sense of its responsibilities towards the Masonic mind throughout the world, and a proper care of the rights of conscience.

I have the honour to be, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

M.B.

Paris, 7th January 1878.

## FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH WALES.

ON Monday, the 14th inst., one of the pleasantest meetings we have ever attended, was held at the Castle Hotel, Neath, when a capital banquet was given, presided over by Bro. Marmaduke Tennant D.P.G.M. Eastern Division South Wales. Our readers will recollect that at a Special Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Cardiff, last autumn, presided over by Sir George Elliott Bart., for the purpose of paying a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Prov. G. M. Bro. Theodore Mansel Talbot, a resolution was also passed recognising the many eminent services rendered to Masonry in South Wales, by his energetic deputy, Bro. Edward J. Morris, of Swansea, now one of the Deacons of the Grand Lodge of England. This resolution, which was passed unanimously, it was agreed should be sent to Bro. Morris engrossed on vellum. After a little discussion, it was decided that the form in which the resolution should be presented, should be left to Bros Tennant and Whittington. As a result of their task, Messrs. De la Rue prepared one of the finest specimens of illuminated penmanship—in the form of an Album, bound in Russia, with solid silver spring-lock, and a monogram E.J.M. worked in massive silver letters on the side—which we have seen. Just before the recognition of Bro. Morris' services by Prov. G.L. a few of his personal friends met together, and determined to present him with a token of the high esteem and deep affection with which he was regarded throughout the Province. Subscriptions rapidly flowed in, when the matter came to Bro. Morris's knowledge, and he at once resolutely insisted that no further steps should be taken in the matter, but some of his friends considering that a beginning having been made, and that it would be extremely discourteous to return such subscriptions as had been received, resolved simply to let matters take their course; not to seek any further subscriptions, but quietly accept any that might be voluntarily sent, in the hope that in time Bro. Morris might be brought to regard the movement in its true light, not as a mere payment for services rendered, but as a token from his Masonic friends of their fraternal affection and esteem. To render the token as gratifying to Bro. Morris as it could be made, it was resolved to make him Vice-Patron of "Our Boys'" School—the welfare of the Charities having always been one of Bro. Morris's most devoted cares. Next, as his literary tastes were well known, it was thought a gift of some hundreds of volumes of the best books of the day, would be more welcome than any thing else, next to the Vice-Patronship of the School, and as books require a receptacle to hold them, a very handsome carved oak book-case was provided for the books. The album being ready, and the books and book-case bought, it was arranged that the most fitting way, in order that Bro. Morris's friends might all—if they so wished—be present at the presentation, was to invite him to a banquet. This was accordingly done, and on Monday night it came off, quite as many being present as had been anticipated. The chair was taken by Bro. Marmaduke Tennant D.P.G.M. Eastern Division South Wales, supported on his right by Bro. Morris G.D. and P.D. Prov. G.M. and Bro. J. G. Hall P. Prov. G.W., on the left by Bro. C. Bath P. Prov. G.W., Bro. Rowland Thomas P. Prov. G.W., and Bro. Evan Jones Prov. G. Sec. The vice chairs were taken by Bro. Whittington P. Prov. G.W., and Bro. J. Jones Prov. G. Treas.; there were also present Bros. T. G. South P. Prov. G.W., D. Roberts P. Prov. G.W., P. Rowland P. Prov. G.W., C. Taylor P. Prov. G.D., T. D. Roberts P. Prov. G.D., H. St. George Caulfeild P. Prov. G. Supt., W. G. Davies P. Prov. G. Supt. Works, E. Jones P. Prov. G.D.C., G. H. White P. Prov. G. Pursuivant, T. Thomas P. Prov. G.S., E. S. Hartland P. Prov. G.S., W. J. Rees P. Prov. G.S., D. R. Davies P. Prov. G.S., Robt. Margrave Prov. G.S.W. Western Division, J. B. Philipps P. Prov. G.W. Western Division, W. J. Morgan P. Prov. G.W., M. Wayne Morgan W.M. of the Merlin Lodge, Dr. Lewis Maestig, and a number of other brethren from various Lodges in the Province. After the cloth had been cleared, Bro. Tennant gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, without which no social meeting of Freemasons begins work. After which he announced that Bro. Morris was very unwell, and suffering from a severe cold; it would therefore be necessary to be brief. He then presented Bro. Morris, in the name of P.G.L., with the album; in the course of his remarks Bro. Tennant told his hearers how he had always looked up to Bro. Morris during his Masonic life. Bro. Morris had assisted at his initiation several years ago; since then he had always received advice, assistance, and encouragement from him. Bro. Bath then, in very feeling terms, spoke of the friendship which had existed between Bro. Morris and himself from boyhood, that even during the heat of boyish play an angry or cross word had never passed between them, and that in later life the friendship began as boys had only grown closer and more intimate. He would only speak of him as a friend, for as friends, as well as brother Masons were they there that evening, to show in some small way the esteem and affection with which he was regarded throughout the Province. He concluded with hoping that Bro. Morris would live long to enjoy, in his retirement, the perusal of the books which were now through him tendered for his acceptance. Bros. Tennant and Bath were repeatedly and warmly cheered in the course of their remarks, and Bro. Morris, on rising to express his thanks, was enthusiastically received, the applause being long continued with true Welsh heartedness. Speaking under great physical difficulty, Bro. Morris took the opportunity of saying how much he appreciated the recognition of his services by the Province, that he should hand down to his children the very handsome volume in which that recognition was recorded. Turning to Bro. Bath, he asked him to convey to his friends the assurance that he deeply felt the form in which they had chosen to manifest their kind feelings to him, their remembrance of his exertions in the cause of charity, so fittingly recognised by making him a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, and he would assure them that he should never take up one of the many books with which they had presented him without also thinking of the kind feelings which prompted the gift. The courtesy of the Dep. Prov. G.M. in presiding being acknowledged, as also the services of Bro. Chas. Bath, as Chairman of the Committee, and Bro. W. Whittington as Hon. Secretary, the brethren separated, in order to reach their respective homes by the several trains, many having travelled long distances in order to be present.

## PRESENTATION TO BRO. B. J. THOMPSON P.G. SEC. OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

TUESDAY evening, the 8th January, witnessed a ceremony which will long be remembered in the annals of Northern Freemasonry; it was the paying of a well-deserved tribute of respect and esteem to one who has laboured well and worthily in the Craft. A large and influential gathering met at the Masonic Hall, Maypole-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, for the purpose of presenting Bro. Thompson with a handsome and valuable testimonial. The chair was taken by Bro. John Hopper P.P.G.S.W., chairman of the Committee, supported by the following distinguished brethren:—L. M. Cockcroft D.P.G.M., T. Anderson P.G. Treasurer, E. D. Davis P.P.G.S.W. P.G.D.C., B. J. Thompson P.G. Sec., Rev. R. East G. Chaplain, T. B. Winter P.P.G.S.W., H. Laws P.P.G.S.W., J. T. Hoyle P.P.G.S.W., B. Clappam P.P.G.S.W., W. Foulsham P.P.G.J.W., W. Jackson P.P.G.J.W., J. Risdale P.P.G.S.D., P. O. Smith P.P.S.G.D., W. S. Hughes P.P.G.S.D., J. S. Wilson P.P.G.S.D., T. Henon W.M. 481, G. I. Dean W.M. 541, W. Cockburn P.M. 24, T. Cockburn P.M. 24, Mabern P.M. 1427, R. L. Armstrong S.W. 481, John Page Sec. 406, S. M. Harris I.G. 406, &c., &c. The testimonial, which had been subscribed to by all the Lodges in the province, as well as by private members, consisted of a very magnificent and massive silver tea and coffee service, with tray, upon which the following inscription was engraved, "Presented to Bro. Benjamin James Thompson P.M. P.P.S.G.W., Past Grand Secretary, by the Freemasons of Northumberland, in recognition of valuable services rendered to the Craft over a period of twenty-one years, as Provincial Grand Secretary. 8th January 1878." The Chairman, in a few well-chosen remarks, called upon the V.W. Deputy Grand Master to make the presentation. In doing so, he said there could only be one feeling amongst the brethren, and that was to do honour to the man to whom honour is due; personally, he had received valuable services from Bro. Thompson; in asking him, in the name of the brethren, of the Province, to accept the handsome testimonial which stood before him, he did so with a wish that he might be spared to spend a long life of health and prosperity, and would yet render much useful service to the Craft. Bro. Thompson, who, on rising, was received with applause, said, in the course of some well-chosen remarks, that he was particularly grateful to the Dep. P.G.M. for the kind expressions he had used, and assured the brethren that valuable as the present was in itself, it is of far greater value to him as a token of their kind feelings, which had been a recompense to him for any trouble he may have had. In conclusion, he thanked them heartily for the magnificent testimonial they had given to him. Votes of thanks were accorded to the V.W. Deputy Prov. G.M., the Chairman and the Committee. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting-room, where the tables were beautifully laid out at the expense of Bro. George Thompson P.P.G.S.W. The usual Loyal toasts were duly honoured. The health of Bro. B. J. Thompson was most enthusiastically received, and suitably replied to. The health of the Dep. P.G.M., the Chairman, and several other toasts, received their just due. The evening was enlivened by some capital harmony, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held at Ryde, on Wednesday, the 30th inst.

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## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.**—On Thursday evening, 17th inst., at Bro. Maidwell's, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C. Bros. Norden W.M., Aarons S.W., Da Silva J.W., Atkins P.M. Treas., Grammer Sec., Maidwell S.D., Campbell J.D., Smith I.G., Barnes P.M. as Preceptor, Littis P.M. 27, Walker W.M. 27, and numerous other brethren. The third ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Hewlett candidate. The W.M. of the Egyptian Lodge then took the chair and rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Maidwell as W.M. elect. Bros. Gibbs and Smith were elected members, and after other business the Lodge was closed.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 14th inst. Present—Bro. J. W. Smith W.M., Wing S.W., J. W. Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Hallam S.D., Moseley J.D., Opperman I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Pearcy, Trewinnard, Sparrow, Read, Isaac, Hall, Bartle, Weeden, G. E. Cook, Halford, &c. All preliminaries having been observed, Bro. Read answered the usual questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted; Lodge was opened in the second degree, the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Read being candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first, Bro. Pearcy the second and third, and Bro. Tolmie the fourth and fifth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in second degree. Bro. Wing was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was accorded the W.M. for the very efficient manner in which he had conducted the business of the evening. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.**—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 15th January. Bros. J. S. Fraser W.M., William Fraser S.W., Maidwell J.W., Sayer S.D., Aarons J.D., Forrest I.G., Rodderforth Preceptor, Hollands Secretary; Daniel, Harris, Quincey, Brighton, Norden, Hayes, West. The Lodge was opened in due form. The three degrees and the traditional history were rehearsed, in a very perfect manner, by the W.M. Bro. Hayes 1668 and Bro. Brighton were elected members. Bro. William Fraser was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. Notice was given by Bro. Daniel, W.M. of the Prosperity Lodge, that the Annual Ball would take place on 6th February, at the Cannon-street Hotel, when the Craft are fraternally invited to attend. The ceremony of installation will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday, 29th January.

**Lebanon Chapter, No. 73.**—The regular Convocation and election meeting of this Chapter was held on the 10th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Comps. J. W. Baldwin M.E.Z., J. Mason H., J. Cattley Mason J., F. Walters P.Z. S.E., M. D. Loewenstark S.N., Isaacs P.S., W. Dunham 2nd Asst. The Chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed, one brother was exalted. The election then took place, and Comps. J. Mason was chosen M.E.Z., J. C. Mason H., W. Dunham P.S., T. C. Speight P.Z. Janitor. A notice of motion was given, to present the retiring M.E.Z. with a gold jewel, in recognition of the able manner he had carried out the duties during his year of office. Several candidates were proposed for exaltation. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to a very excellent banquet. Comp. F. Walters P.Z. genially presiding. The usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were given. Comps. J. Stevens P.Z., Grabham 176, and several others were present as Visitors.

**St. John's Lodge, No. 90.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Monday, the 14th January, at The Albion, Aldersgate-street. Present—Bros. Stormer W.M., W. Knapp Henderson S.W., Margetson J.W., J. Griffin Sec., Eglese Treas., Pearce S.D., Colpoys J.D., Stephens D.C., Brown I.G., Goddard Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Adam, McDougall, T. P. Griffin, Venn. Visitors—Bros. Baker P.G.D., Alderman Hadley P.G.D.C., Dr. Gooding W.M. elect No. 1 G.S., Gadsby, C. Warwick Jordan, and several others. Business—Bros. F. McDougall and Morrison were raised to the third degree. Bro. Henderson was installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Venn P.M.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday, the 12th inst., at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., Fenner S.W., Gibbs J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Hawkins S.D., C. Lorkin J.D., Bedwell I.G. Visitors—Bros. W. H. L. Davies 192, and F. McClean 193. After the Lodge had been opened, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Brock candidate. Bro. Moss worked the first four sections of the second lecture. Bros. Davies and McClean were elected members, and Bro. A. W. Fenner was appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

**Royal Lodge, No. 643.**—The regular meeting of the brethren of this Lodge was held at Mr. John Welborn's, Foord's Hotel, Filey, on Monday evening, for the purpose of electing the Officers for the ensuing year, when Bro. J. J. Field was elected Worshipful Master by a large majority. Bro. W. G. Long P.P.G.S.B. was elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Jefferson Tyler.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—On Friday the 11th inst., at the Star and Garter, Kew-bridge, at 7.30 p.m. Bros. Blasby W.M., May S.W., Costelow J.W., Irwin S.D., Dorey J.D., Gunner I.G.; Bro. C. Roe Preceptor; Bros. Kyezor, Goss W.M. 780, &c. Lodge opened in proper form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gunner candidate. Lodge opened in second degree, and Bro. Gunner was passed by the W.M., in a creditable manner. Bro. May was elected to the chair for the next meeting.

**Lily of Richmond Lodge of Instruction.**—Met on Saturday, 12th January, at seven o'clock, at Bro. Palmer's, the Greyhound, Richmond. Bro. J. Bateman P.M. W.M., Wade S.W., Lamb J.W., Kyezor S.D., Harris J.D., Phillips Preceptor; Bros. Fisher, Digby, Harris, Dean, Weaver, &c. Preliminary requirements observed, Bro. Kyezor offered himself as candidate, and Bro. Dean took the chair of K.S., and worked the ceremony of initiation. Bro. Dean then gave the lecture on the Tracing Board of the first degree, in a fluent and able manner. It was proposed by Bro. Kyezor, and seconded by Bro. Wade, that the Annual Banquet of the Lodge of Instruction be held at the Greyhound, on Saturday, 2nd February; this was carried unanimously, Bro. Preceptor Phillips undertaking to see the necessary arrangements carried out. The Lodge was closed, and the meeting was adjourned until Saturday, 19th ult. Bro. Wade will preside.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Wallington W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Young S.D., Finch J.D., Slater I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas.; Bros. Weige, Collins, Sanderson, Darnell, and others. The Lodge was opened and minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Henderson answered the necessary questions leading to the third degree. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Henderson candidate. The Preceptor then gave the traditional history. The Lodge was regularly closed down to the first degree, when Bro. Collins answered the necessary questions and was passed to the second degree. Bro. Collins, of Lodge 860, and Bro. Henderson, of Lodge 1365, were elected members. Bro. J. Lorkin will preside next week.

**Rowley Lodge, No. 1051, Lancaster.**—The Installation meeting of this select and flourishing Lodge was held on Monday, 7th January, at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. There were present Bros. T. Jackson W.M., H. Longman I.P.M., N. W. Helme S.W., Alfred Sherriff J.W., J. D. Moore Sec., G. T. Taylor S.D., J. T. Jackson J.D., E. Simpson P.M. Prov. G.S., F. Dean P.M., T. Atkinson P.M., and a number of other Officers and brethren. After the transaction of some Lodge business, the F.C. degree was conferred upon Bro. R. Palmer by the W.M., on Bro. W. G. Welch by Bro. Longman I.P.M. Bro. Dr. Moore P.G.S.B. of England then took the chair as Installing Officer, and Bro. Alfred Sherriff the W.M. elect was presented for Installation by Past Masters Longman and Taylor. The presentation being received, and the W.M. elect having signified his adherence to the various rules and regulations, in a Board of Installed Masters he was duly and formally installed into the chair of K.S., and authorised to rule and conduct the Lodge for the next twelve months. He was then greeted and saluted in due form, and proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. T Jackson I.P.M., N. W. Helme S.W., G. T. Taylor J.W., W. J. Sly Treas (re-elected), H. Longman P.M. Sec., J. T. Jackson S.D., Thos. Bell, J.D., J. Vince I.G., James Aldous Org., A. K. Allinson Tyler. On the investure of each Officer the Installing Master delivered appropriate addresses as to the nature and character of their duties, and the symbolism of the jewel with which they were invested. The working tools were presented by the I.P.M., and the addresses to the Master, Wardens and members, delivered by the Installing Officer, Bro. H. Longman P.M. and John Hatch P.M., and the ceremony of installation was concluded by the presentation of the gavel of Office to the new Master, confirming him in the power and privileges of the high position in which he had just been placed. A hearty vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Moore for the impressive manner in which the ceremony of installation had been conducted, and for which this distinguished Brother is so justly celebrated; and this was duly responded to. Notice of motion having been given for a vote of ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and other business transacted, the Lodge was closed with the usual formalities of the Craft. The brethren then adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared, to which those assembled, under the presidency of the new W.M., did ample justice. After the cloth was drawn, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and these were enthusiastically received and responded to.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—At Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 11th instant. Present—Bros. Hine W.M., Simmonds S.W., Ellis J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Cleverley S.D., Lane J.D., Simpson I.G.; also Bros. Bolton, Posener jun., Campbell, Crouch, R. W. Pearcy, and Stroud, &c. The minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Posener jun. answered the usual questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened to the second degree, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Posener candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Campbell candidate. Bro. Simmonds was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction, No. 1306.**—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 14th January, at the Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping. Bros. Cox W.M., Horsley S.W., Greely J.W., Mortlock P.M. J.D., Jamieson I.G., Braine Secretary, and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation efficiently rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Braine being the candidate. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for next meeting. The Lodge closed in perfect harmony, and will meet on Monday next, 21st inst., at 8 p.m.

**Anchor Lodge, No. 1337.**—The annual meeting for the installation of the W.M. was held at Northallerton on Tuesday. At 4 p.m. the brethren met in the Lodge room, and the ceremony of installation was performed very ably by W. Bro. A. C. Knowles P.M. 940 P.P.G.S.D. Durham. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and

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invest his officers, as follow:—Bros. G. W. Elliott M.P. I.P.M., W. A. Hutchence S.W., M. Walmsley J.W., R. Palliser Sec., G. Oxendale Treas., Rev. H. Jones Chap., W. Hardy S.D., J. Whelden J.D., J. Stainsby I.G., G. Walker and G. Chapman Stewards, E. Wilkinson Tyler. After the closing of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to the Golden Lion Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. J. Simpson. The W.M. presided, and was supported by a goodly number of members, and the following amongst many visitors:—Bros. Geo. Ayre W.M., W. Hall and C. Greensides, Falcon 1416; J. S. Cumberland S.W., Geo. Simpson M.C. and M. Millington I.G., Eboracum 1611; G. H. Simpson, York 236; Jas. Usher P.M., W. Simpson and J. Alteon, Philanthropy 940; J. Newton, Lennox 123; A. Ilry W.M. Tees 509; J. C. Martin W.M., W. Bell and J. W. Johnson, Restoration 111; T. Robinson, Harbour of Refuge 764, &c.

**Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. Present—Bros. R. T. Kingham W.M., John Douglass S.W., C. J. Scales J.W., J. Willing jun. P.M. Treasurer, W. M. Stiles Secretary, W. Side S.D., H. Stiles D. of C., H. Lovegrove Steward, G. Colls I.G., J. Michael P.M. The minutes having been confirmed, the W.M. proceeded with the business of the evening, which comprised the raising of Bros. W. Garrett and J. Ford. The passing of Bros. R. Kearns, S. Ward, C. C. Cruikshanks and J. H. Grant, and the initiation of Messrs. W. E. Smith, W. Davey, F. W. Dimsdale and H. A. Dimsdale. These ceremonies concluded, the W.M. closed the Lodge, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, after which the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Willing proposed the health of the W.M. He was a brother who had done his best to give satisfaction, and always strives to do all he can for the Lodge. This toast having been acknowledged, the W.M. replied; he fully appreciated the kind sentiments expressed towards him. The next toast was that of the Past Masters, to which Bros. Willing and Michael responded. The W.M. now proposed the health of the Visitors. Next to charity he considered hospitality the greatest jewel of a Freemason. The visitors were welcome, and he hoped they had passed a pleasant evening. Bros. Webb, Briggs and Shilcock replied. The W.M. next proposed the Initiates, each of whom responded. The Treasurer, Secretary and Officers were severally honoured, after which the Tyler toasted all poor and distressed brethren, thus closing a pleasant evening. The visitors were Bros. W. Roach 49, H. Webb P.M. 72, 198, 890, J. T. Briggs P.M. 157, J. D. White J.W. 190, J. Shilcock P.M. 449 P.P.J.G.W., A. Clemow 858, J. H. Bedwell I.G. 861, E. F. Pierdon 948, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1523.**—On Wednesday, the 16th of January, at the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, E. Present—Bros. J. H. Maples W.M., Dignam S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., E. Dietrich Sec., G. Ferrar Treasurer, Robinson S.D., Francis J.D., Woolley I.G., W. Fieldwick Preceptor; and Bros. J. B. Shackleton, Slaiter, Brasted, McClean, Jamieson, Pollock, R. Olley, T. Ainsley, W. H. Lee, Somers, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Slaiter, a candidate for the third degree, was interrogated and entrusted. The Lodge was then opened up, and Bro. Slater was raised to the degree of Master Mason. Bro. Dignam was unanimously elected W.M. for the next week. Bro. Lee worked the sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Fifteen Sections will be worked by Bro. Lee P.M. 1524 on the first Wednesday in February.

**Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.**—Met at the Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, on Monday, the 14th inst. Bros. Ives W.M., Huggett S.W., Turquand J.W., W. J. Rawley S.D., Campbell J.D., Cole I.G., T. J. Barnes Treasurer, Gottheil Preceptor, George Hollington Secretary. There were also present Bros. George Verry, Myers, Hogg, Coleman, Bate, Bonner, Holloway, Emery, Deason, &c. The second ceremony was rehearsed, and the sections of the degree worked. Bro. Bate, of 1306, was elected a member. A proposition to vote £5 towards the Benevolent Institution, to be placed on Bro. Verry's list, met with some opposition, on the ground that ever since the amalgamation of the Eastern Star and Tredegar Lodges the proxies appertaining to the former were pronounced by the Committee of that Institution to be void, a decree which the members considered unfair and unjust. The proposition was subsequently agreed to, upon the assurance of Bro. Verry that he possessed information to the effect that the existing disagreement could be satisfactorily adjusted. Votes of thanks were unanimously passed in favour of Bros. Barnes, Hollington, Rawley, and Gottheil, for their services during the past twelve months. Bro. Huggett was elected W.M. for next Monday. The first anniversary banquet of this Lodge will take place on Monday, the 28th inst., at this hotel, Bro. Huggett, W.M. of the Mother Lodge, promising to preside. Taking into consideration the extreme comfort of the room, and that Bro. Yates will have the catering under his especial care, a very enjoyable evening may reasonably be anticipated.

**Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.**—On Friday, the 12th inst., at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting-hill. Present—Bros. Spiegel W.M., Adkins S.W., Smout sen. J.W., Smout jun. Sec., Penn Treas., Smout jun. S.D., Woodmason J.D., Poulter I.G., Past Master Savage Preceptor; Murlis P.M., Newland, De Haye, Crabb, Hallon and others. The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Crabb candidate; after which the ceremony of raising, Bro. Hallon as candidate. A vote of thanks was proposed and carried unanimously to Bro. Adkins, for presenting the Lodge of Instruction with columns; to Bro. Murlis, for a very valuable ancient Bible; and to Bro. Smout sen., for a set of collars. It was announced that the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge would have a Ball on the 22nd Feb., for the benefit of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Lodge of Instruction consented to join the members of the Mother Lodge. Bro. Adkins was elected W.M. for next meeting.

**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, at the Queen's Hotel, York, the W.M. Bro. T. B. Whytehead presiding. A successful ballot was taken for two candidates, and Mr. J. G. Joyce, Bandmaster of the Royal Scots Greys Regiment, now quartered in York, was initiated. The Senior Warden, on behalf of Bro. Richard Boggett P.M., of Hull, presented to the Lodge a copy of Dr. Bell's valuable Masonic Chart, "The Stream of English Masonry," and a vote of thanks to Bro. Boggett for his kind gift was heartily passed. Two brethren were proposed as joining members and the name of a candidate for initiation was proposed and seconded, after which the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A short toast list was gone through, the evening being enlivened by singing and recitations by Bros. Wyatt P.M., J. S. Cumberland, T. Humphries, G. C. Lee, &c. There was a good attendance of brethren and visitors, amongst them being Bros. T. Cooper P.M., G. Balmford P.M., C. G. Padel, M. Cooper, J. T. Seller, T. D. Smith, J. R. Jackson, M. Millington, G. Simpson, A. T. B. Turner, J. Kay, Robert Ware, W. W. Whytehead 236, W. Powell 236, and several brethren belonging to the Royal Scots Greys.

## PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

FURTHER progress is made in *Cassell's Family Magazine* with the new serial stories, "Time Shall Try," and "Suspense." Mr. Notley is the author of the former, and he seems to be working it up very successfully. The same may be said of the other tale, which is by the author of "A Hard Case." A highly interesting sketch is that of "Coffee Taverns," by the author of "Fish and Flesh in Leather Lane." The Billingsgate House is described at some length, and from this we gather that the arrangements for the public comfort are excellent, the coffee, &c., supplied being of very good quality, and everything in the kitchen and offices being a pattern of neatness and cleverness. This was opened in June of last year, but another, in the Edgware-road, was opened the previous month, and thus had a brief start of its companion establishment. Particulars are likewise given of this, and it is gratifying to hear that others are in the course of erection, or in contemplation, in such neighbourhoods as St. Giles's, Lambeth, Aldgate, and Poplar, and likewise that the matter is being taken up in our large provincial cities and towns. Indeed, Liverpool, we read, is in advance of London, its "British Workmen Public House Company, Limited," being of date anterior to the initiation in London of this excellent movement. Mr. Munro, C.E., contributes a valuable paper on "Submarine Telegraph Service." A Family Doctor writes seasonably as to the "Hands and Feet: their Ease and Comfort." Phillis Browne furnishes particulars of "How My Children were Drilled," and following this is another good paper on "The Nursing of the London Poor." The illustrated article on "Embroidered House and Table Linen" is to be commended, and so are the contributions entitled "The Average Servant," "A Tin of Sardines," the "Chit-Chat on Dress," and "King Baby; some Experiences of a Young Mother." "Iris," words by Bernard Copes, and music by J. Gordon Saunders, Mus.B., is a very tuneful song.

We have received from the same publishers Part I. of a new serial publication, entitled *Science for All*. It is illustrated freely and well, and, to judge from the contents of the opening issue, we are justified in expecting that it will be very popular. The character of the contents may be gathered from an enumeration of some few of them, such as Mr. Proctor's paper, headed "The Man in the Moon," "A Piece of Limestone," by Dr. H. Alleyne Nicholson; "A Fallen Leaf," by Mr. Robert Brown, F.L.S.; and J. E. H. Gordon's article on "Ice, Water, and Steam." The Introduction contains a brief sketch of the plan of the work, and from this also the reader will certainly be disposed to augur favourably of it, for we all know that Messrs. Cassell and Co. are very exact in the performance of what they undertake, and not only exact, but painstaking.

To Messrs. Ward and Graves, of Crown-court, Milton-street, E.C., we are indebted for Part I. of *The Journal of Travels: Adventures Ashore, Afloat, and Aloft*. The object in issuing this periodical, we are told, is to supply young people with literary matter of an instructive and edifying character, so that their attention may be distracted from the mass of pernicious stuff with which the public is almost overwhelmed. We cannot, of course, under these circumstances, refrain from expressing an earnest hope that the new periodical may have a long and prosperous future, and we should do this even had the contents of the first number been less worthy than it is of commendation. But the *Journal of Travels* begins admirably, and we hope will soon find itself sufficiently supported on its inherent merits, quite as much as for the excellent purpose with which it is started. The contents may be arranged in two categories. In one there is a number of short and interesting sketches, illustrative of the manners and customs of different peoples; while the other consists of about half a dozen serial stories, one of which, "Life and Travels of Christopher Columbus," is from the pen of that popular writer, M. Jules Verne. The periodical is issued in weekly parts, which are afterwards bound together into monthly numbers; the price of the weekly issue being one penny, and that of the monthly sixpence. There is room for improvement in the illustrations, but the letter-press is worthy of great praise.

The *Sunday Courier* of New York states that Confidence Lodge, No. 52, of Marysville, Kentucky, has been declared clandestine by the Grand Master of that jurisdiction, because the Master refused to surrender the Warrant. The ground of the trouble is the refusal of the Lodge in question to pay the tax imposed by the Grand Lodge for the Widow and Orphan Asylum.

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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

AMONG the more recent visitors to the Queen at Osborne is the Imperial Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria-Hungary, who returned to Claridge's Hotel on Saturday evening, having been accompanied by the Duke of Connaught as far as Portsmouth, where he was received by the Commander-in-Chief, and under his guidance inspected the arsenal and dockyard. Since then his Imperial Highness has been the guest of the Duke and Duchess of Hamilton at Hamilton Palace, and will shortly make a trip in the Highlands. On Tuesday, theQueen held a Council, at which were present—the Duke of Richmond and Gordon (President), the Duke of Connaught, Lord John Manners, and Mr. R. A. Cross. Afterwards Sir Henry Elliot G.C.B., introduced by Mr. Secretary Cross in the absence of Lord Derby, had an audience of Her Majesty, and kissed hands on his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary at Vienna. Mr. Alderman Lewis Jarvis, of King's Lynn, was subsequently introduced, and received the honour of knighthood. On Monday, Professor Bell, of Boston U.S.A., and Colonel Reynolds, had the honour of visiting the Queen at Osborne, and exhibiting the mechanism of the Telephone. After a short explanation by the former gentleman, the capabilities of this wonderful instrument were fully tested, and Professor Bell held a conversation with Mr. Ormiston at Osborne Cottage. The Queen herself then communicated with Sir Thomas and Lady Biddulph, who reside there, and after Miss Kate Field, who was staying at the Cottage, had sung some songs, the Duke of Connaught conveyed Her Majesty's thanks to the lady telephonically. Later in the evening, telephonic communication was established with Cowes, Southampton, and London. From the first came four-part songs, from the second a bugle retreat, which was quite startling, and from the third "God Save the Queen," played on an organ. The experiments were continued till nearly midnight, and were repeated on Tuesday morning, when, in addition to the Royal party, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, Lord John Manners, the Marquis of Ripon, and several members of the Household. The Post Office authorities rendered very efficient service.

The Prince of Wales left Sandringham towards the end of last week, in company with the Prince Imperial of France, and on Friday evening they left together on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Hamilton, at Hamilton Palace. On alighting at the Bothwell Station of the Clydesdale branch of the Caledonian Railway, and drove in carriages to the Palace, taking *en route* the historic Bothwell Bridge, the scene, so familiar to all readers of Sir Walter Scott's *Old Mortality*, of the defeat of the Covenanters by the Duke of Monmouth in 1679. His Royal Highness left for London in time to be present at the opening of Parliament.

On Wednesday evening, according to custom, the ministerial and opposition leaders gave full-dress Parliamentary dinners. The Earl of Beaconsfield gave his at the Foreign Office, and among those present were H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief, the Earl of Wharncliffe, mover, and the Earl of Loudon, seconder, of the address in the Lords, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Marquis of Salisbury, the Marquis of Exeter, the Lord Chancellor, the Marquis of Bradford, the Earl of Bradford, &c., &c. Sir Stafford Northcote entertained, at Downing-street, the Hon. Wilbraham, mover, and Mr. Tennant, seconder of the address in the Commons, Mr. Secretary Hardy, Mr. W. H. Smith, First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord John Manners, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Sir C. B. Adderley, &c., &c. Earl Granville as leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords received the chief Liberal peers at his house in Carlton-house-terrace, and the Marquis of Hartington the Liberal chiefs in the Commons at Devonshire House.

The event of the week has been the opening of Parlia-

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ment. Her Majesty entrusted this duty to certain Loyal Commissioners, to wit the Lord Chancellor, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Marquis of Hertford, Earl Beauchamp, and Lord Skelmersdale. With the contents of this important state address our readers are already familiar. It will be enough, therefore, if we state that both Houses, after the speech had been delivered, adjourned and met again at their usual hour, when the address was duly moved and seconded in both. In the Lords the other speakers were Earl Granville, the Prime Minister, the Duke of Argyll, and the Marquis of Salisbury, after which the address was agreed to. In the Commons, when the real interest of the meeting was over, that is, when the Marquis of Hartington, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Gladstone had spoken, an amendmend was proposed by Mr. M. Henry, which is of no interest whatever. Nevertheless it caused the debate to be adjourned.

Cabinet Councils were held on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, a fact of sufficient significance, as showing how grave is the crisis through which we are now passing. On Monday, the Earl of Derby, who has been confined to his house by indisposition, was absent. On Tuesday the Council was to have been held at the noble Earl's residence in St. James's-square, but counter-orders were issued at the last moment, and it was held as usual at the Prime Minister's official residence in Downing-street. On this occasion three other members of the Cabinet were absent, by reason of their being at Osborne, as already stated.

During the few days that remained before Parliament was opened, a very considerable number of members of the Commons House addressed their constituents or were present at important meetings, and without a single exception they severally spoke on the Eastern Question, the Liberals in opposition to any departure from, and the Conservatives in support of, the policy of the Government, so far as such policy is known. Messrs. Bright, Muntz, and Chamberlain at Birmingham, Messrs. Holmes and Fawcett in Hackney, Sir C. Dilke at Chelsea, and others, were in favour of peace. Sir C. Russell M.P., at the annual meeting of the London and Westminster Working Men's Constitutional Association, with Captain Pim, M.P., spoke at some length, and a resolution of entire confidence in the Earl of Beaconsfield was passed unanimously. At Manchester, at a meeting in the Town Hall, convened by the Mayor, the Bishop of the diocese and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Salford were both present and spoke, the former moving a resolution in favour of strict neutrality, while the latter moved an amendment in favour of neutrality as far as the honour and interests of the country will permit. There was immense confusion during the whole of the meeting, but though the opposition was powerful, the resolution was carried. On Wednesday two meetings were held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, and Exeter Hall, respectively. At the former, the Hon. and Rev. W. H. Fremantle presided, the object of the gathering being to promote the free navigation of the Dardanelles and Bosphorus, and to protest against any attempt to maintain the present conditions affecting these Straits by force of arms. Mr. Mundella presided at the latter, and was supported by several fellow Liberal members of Parliament It is needless to say the resolutions were carried at both meetings.

There have been Home Rule meetings and a demonstration in favour of the four released Fenian prisoners in Dublin since we last wrote. The latter took place in honour of the released Fenians, who were met on landing at Kingston by a large concourse of people, and conducted in procession through the leading thoroughfares of the city to the European Hotel. The excitement of the occasion has been attended with fatal results in the case of Sergeant McCarthy, who had been attended for heart disease when in prison, and who expired suddenly on Tuesday morning at a Dublin hotel, whither he had gone in order to breakfast with Mr. Parnell M.P. As to the Home Rulers, there was a private conference of the members composing this section of the House of Commons, to the number of about thirty. The result is that Mr. Butt remains the leader of the party, and it was agreed to move an amendment to the Queen's Speech to the effect that Irish business should have its proper share of attention from Parliament. On Monday and Tuesday a conference of the Home Rule League was held in the Rotunda, when a large number of delegates and M.P.'s were present. The resolutions agreed to on Saturday were accepted, and others were passed having reference to the policy and management of the party.

The grief that is felt throughout Italy at the death of King Victor Emmanuel is most intense, all parties expressing their sympathy with the Royal Family, and vieing with each other in their praise of the deceased monarch, the first who reigned over a re-united country, in which patriotic work he, as became a gallant Sovereign, was always the central figure. The funeral was fixed for Thursday, but the account of this last sacred office that can be rendered him will necessarily be reserved for our next issue. The lying-in-state was witnessed by thousands, and the number of societies which had requested to be present in the Pantheon on the day of the funeral is said to be little short of 2800. Nor are the regrets for the premature death of the King of Italy confined to that party. The other States in Europe have expressed their sorrow and sympathy, and most of them sent representatives—Germany its Crown Prince, Austria-Hungary, the Archduke Regnier, France, Marshal Canrobert, and Her Majesty, the Earl of Roden.

In consequence of the sad event just referred to, the marriage of the King of Spain with his cousin, the Infanta Mercedes, daughter of the Duke de Montpesier, has been postponed till the 2nd February. The bride designate has already won the hearty goodwill of the Spaniards by her disinterestedness in having it declared in the Cortes, in her name, that she would not accept the usual allowance to which she will be entitled as Queen.

The crisis in the East is daily assuming more gigantic proportions, and it is difficult to say what will be the upshot of the present involved state of affairs. There seems no reason to doubt that Russia means to do her utmost to "smash" her adversary, for notwithstanding the Sultan has sent commissioners to arrange an armistice, and the terms of a durable peace, the Russian generals continue to advance their troops nearer to Adrianople, their object evidently being to be in a position to exact the severest terms possible. This was somewhat different from the moderation which the Czar displayed in his conversation with Lord Loftus at Yalta, as reported by the latter. Then there was no idea of territorial aggrandizement, now it is difficult to know what Turkey will have left. So much for the negotiations. The fighting continues, and the Turks have lost Nish to the Servians and Antivari to the Montenegrins. There has also been a battle on a large scale near Philippopolis, Suleiman Pacha being in command of the Turks. In Asia the latter have been defeated near Baibart. The only set off against these serious disasters is the destruction, to a greater or less extent, of houses and property, and the loss of life caused by the bombardment of Eupatoria, Theodosia, and Yalta. As to the state of the Roumalians the news is of the most horrible character, thousands and thousands of families flying, foodless and shelterless, in the direction of Constantinople. So writes Mr. Layard to the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and the same story comes from other sources. Numbers of these poor people die by the way. So it is with the poor prisoners who are being sent to their several destinations and are dying like flies. Yet this war is being waged in the cause of Christianity and humanity.

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At the Stated Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Ireland, held at Dublin, on St. John's Day, the 27th day of December A.D. 1877, A.L. 5877, the following brethren were proclaimed and saluted as Grand Officers for the year 1878:—

His Grace The Duke of Abercorn, K.G. as Grand Master.
Robert William Shekleton, Q.C. as Deputy Grand Master.
The Marquess of Headfort, D.L. as Senior Grand Warden.
Lord Dunboyne, D.L. as Junior Grand Warden.
Robert Warren, D.L. as Grand Treasurer.
The Earl of Bandon, as Grand Secretary.
Rev. John J. Macsorley, Rt. Hon. and Most Rev. Lord Plunket, Bishop of Meath } as Grand Chaplains.
Alderman Joseph Manning, J.P. as Senior Grand Deacon.
Theophilus E. St. George as Junior Grand Deacon.
George A. Stephenson, J.P. as Grand Superintendent of Works.
George Moyers, LL.D, J.P. as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Harry Hodges, as Grand Steward.
Humphrey Minchin, M.B. as Grand Sword Bearer.
Charles O. Grandison, as Grand Organist.
James Creed Meredith, LL.D. as Grand Inner Guard.
Samuel B. Oldham, as Deputy Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 19th JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

## MONDAY, 21st JANUARY.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, at 5.
1300—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, 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. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Trafalgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
382—Royal Union, Chequer's Hotel, Uxbridge.
424—Borough, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1496—Duncombe, King's Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge, Devon.
1502—Israel, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

14—Tuscan, 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.)
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, The Restaurant, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1158—Southern Star, Montpelier Tavern, Walworth.
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C. at 4.30.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.

## WEDNESDAY, 23rd JANUARY.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. at 6.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1119—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-st., Newcastle.

## THURSDAY, 24th JANUARY.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1429—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Fe thers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood.

## FRIDAY, 25th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
27—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
167—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
705—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
814—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Instruction.)
1050—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1274—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts.

## SATURDAY, 26th JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

### SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.

### MONDAY.

302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
367—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

### TUESDAY.

448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
K. T.—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

### WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.

### THURSDAY.

971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
R. A. 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
R. A. 367—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
K. T. 59—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

### FRIDAY.

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield.
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

### SATURDAY.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—44—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, 429 High-street.
" R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—112—St. John Fisherrow, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.
THURSDAY—302—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.
FRIDAY—223—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.**—The meeting on Saturday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel, was well attended. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Richard Stanway, who was supported by Past Masters James Stevens, N. B. Headon, J. H. Townend, and John Seex; James Freeman S.W., Blackie J.W., Edward Moody P.M. Secretary, W. H. Catchpole S.D., Thos. Hamer J.D., George Jenkins Org., Chas. Taylor I.G., Richard Hooker and W. H. Hook Stewards. After the Lodge had been opened Bro. Turner was raised to the sublime degree, and Bro. T. R. Vowles was passed. The ballot was taken for two candidates for admission, and was unanimous in their favour. One of these gentlemen, Mr. William Paul Metchim, was present, and he was introduced and received Masonic light. The consideration of several matters in connection with the Lodge ensued, after which the brethren partook of a substantial repast. The customary toasts were done full justice to, and the speeches were interspersed with songs, which were given with great spirit, the several contributors being greatly assisted by the accompaniment of Bro. Frost. Bros. Moody and Morgan diversified the entertainment by giving recitations. The Visitors comprised Bros. T. Eastgate 1563, S. Catterson 545, C. J. Perceval 174, H. A. W. Reeves 1500, G. Saul 1201, J. J. Kinsey 1321, Joseph Lake (Islington) 1471, John Broadbent 507, E. T. Smith 534, Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., H. Clements 754, G. W. Cousins 890, W. Panter 65, W. W. Morgan 1385, Thurston St. John, &c.

**Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Monday the 7th inst., at Castle Hotel, Brecon. Present—Bro. Rd. Webb W.M., A. Phipps S.W., T. Butcher J.W., Thomas Jones S.D., J. G. Wotton J.D., J. A. Whittle Sec., H. O. A. Maybery Steward, W. Webb I.G., A. Orlopp Tyler, Past Masters H. St. G. Caulfeild and E. C. Phillips. Business—To initiate Mr. Duncan Guilding. At the close of the initiation, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant W.D.P.G.M. for the South Wales Eastern Division, entered the Lodge, and was saluted in due form. Having taken the chair, Bro. Tennant raised the Lodge to the third degree, and proceeded with the installation of Bro. Richard Webb as W.M. for the present year. All the members of the Lodge, the Past Masters excepted, retired, and when re-admitted saluted the W.M. in Masonic form. Under the directions of the W.D.P.G.M., these were fully and impressively given. The brethren having taken their seats, the W.M. invested the following as his Officers for the current year,—each Officer after he was invested being led to his seat by the W.D.P.G.M., who delivered a few words in relation to the duties they were expected to perform. Thomas Butcher S.W., Thomas Jones J.W., J. A. Whittle Sec. (reappointed), Frank Grundy S.D., Wm. Webb J.D., H. O. Aveline Maybery Steward, John Morgan I.G., James Jones Tyler. The Lodge having been closed in ancient form, and with perfect harmony, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared for them. The usual loyal toasts having

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been given and honoured, Bro. P.M. Phillips rose and gave the toast of the P.G.M., Bro. Sir George Elliott, and coupled with it the name of Bro. Tennant, to whom he gave a hearty Masonic welcome, it being his first visit to Brecon since his recent appointment as D.P.G.M. Bro. Phillips spoke of the service the late Deputy Bro. E. J. Morris had done to the province, and trusted that his successor would prove as good a friend and brother to the Brecknock Lodge as Bro. Morris had been. The D.P.G.M., in responding, said that on behalf of the P.G.M. he returned thanks, and hoped that as the province became better acquainted with Bro. Sir George Elliott, they would learn to like and esteem him. On behalf of himself, he thanked them all very much indeed for the hearty reception they had given him, and for the honour they had done him in inviting him to their Lodge. He could only tell them, as he had told other Lodges in the province, that it was a matter of regret to him that he was not able to pay more frequent visits, but, so far as possible, it was his intention to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the various Lodges, and, so far as it was in his power, to know and to be known by every Brother in the province. Although he could not visit the Brecknock Lodge so frequently as he should like, they might depend upon any assistance he could render them at any time they might be in want of it. He was desirous of seeing a uniform working throughout the Lodges of the province. When the late Pro G.M. Bro. Talbot entered that office he introduced what was called the Oxford ritual, and the brethren could not do better than adhere to it, for it was a simple, pure, and most solemn ritual. If any of the Lodges had not adopted that ritual he trusted that, in course of time, they would do so. He would take that opportunity of impressing upon the brethren present, and every other brother in the province, the necessity of upholding the dignity of Freemasonry. They should carry the principles of Masonry into the outer world, and not confine them within the walls of their Lodges. He could assure them, if they did so, the more they would appreciate those principles, and they would thereby become good men and good Christians. He could not sit down without congratulating Bro. Webb upon the high honour the Lodge had paid him by electing him a second time to the chair of the Lodge. He wished him a very prosperous year. Bro. P.M. Caulfeild then proposed the health of the W.M., and said that he had additional pleasure in doing so from the fact that he had proposed his re-election. In proposing the re-election of Bro. Webb, he had done so from the knowledge of the manner in which Bro. Webb had done his work during the past year. He had also known him since he himself had joined the Lodge, and he had always been one of the most constant attendants therein, and his kind manner and good disposition had commended themselves to the brethren in general. The W.M. returned his sincere thanks for the compliment which had been paid him. He had not been so efficient as he should have liked, but with the kind assistance which the Past Masters and Officers had given him during his first year of office he had been able to pull through, and he hoped that, with the same assistance, he should be able to pass through another year. Bro. Webb having proposed the new Initiate, Bro. Guilding, who responded in suitable terms, Bro. W. Games proposed the toast of the Visitors, coupling with it the name of Bro. Bolden. Bro. Bolden, in reply, thanked the brethren for the kind reception they had given him, and regretted that his early departure from Brecon would prevent his coming among them to join their Lodge. The toast of the Masonic Charities having been given by the Chairman, the Deputy Prov. G.M. responded, by saying that charity was one of the most distinguished marks of Masonry. They had their Institution for Aged and Distressed Masons and for Widows of Masons; they had their Boys' and Girls' Schools. A few years ago he had had the honour of representing the Boys' School as Steward for the Province, and through the liberality of the Lodges within the Province, he had had the privilege of taking up £250, and towards that amount the Brecknock Lodge had contributed liberally. He now represented the Girls' School, and he hoped that the result of his Stewardship would prove as successful as it had been in the case of the School for Boys. The toast of the Officers for the Past Year brought a pleasant and instructive evening to a close.

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**Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 732**—On Thursday, 10th inst., at the Royal Pavilion Rooms, Brighton, Bro. Alderman Davey was unanimously elected W.M. of this Lodge. There was a very numerous assembly of the brethren, including Bro. the R.W. Sir W. W. Burrell Bart. M.P., Prov. G.M. of Sussex, and his Officers. At the close of the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a sumptuous repast was provided by Messrs. Mutton, the old established caterers of King's-road, who gave the utmost satisfaction to the company, which numbered in all 100. The W.M. Bro. Davey presided, supported by his Provincial Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. H. Scott D.P.G.M., J. Dixon S.W., C. P. Henty J.W., H. M. Dewey (Rev.) Chaplain, H. Crosskey Treas., V. P. Freeman Sec., Thomas J. Byass S.D., T. H. Crouch J.D., G. A. Wallis Superintendent of Works, J. M. Kidd D.C., C. Sandeman A.D. of C., G. Marin S.B., A. King Org., W. Rintz Pursuivant, W. G. Sharp, J. H. Farncombe, W. J. Nell, and F. Holford Stewards. The visitors present included the Mayor of Brighton (Bro. Alderman Mayall), Bros. Aldermen Lamb, Martin, Cox, Abbey, and Brigden; also Councillors E. Martin, W. R. Wood, Hayllar, Nell, W. J. Smith, Bennett, and Soper. There were also present the following members of the Lodge:—J. Solomon I.P.M., J. N. Kidd, V. P. Freeman, W. Reed, C. G. Reed, Walter Smith, George Smith, G. Day, S. Martin, E. Carpenter, A. Partridge, H. N. Jenner, G. H. Evershed, J. W. Douglas, Joseph Newnham, J. Rutter, E. Histed, J. T. Chappell, R. W. Mard, T. Hughes (Tyler). The general company present included Bros. W. R. Wood jun., J. McWhinnie, P. Willard, W. A. Butt, S. T. Foat, C. G. Reed, P. Capon, J. H. Capon, C. J. Corder, Rose, W. H. German, R. B. Smithers, T. J. Nell, Thos. Wilkinson, W. Marchant, F. Willard, W. Wright, G. de Paris, C. Wren, Jas. Curtis, T. J. Sabine, C. H. Hudson, F. Harris, R. J. Pope, W. R. Wood jun., T. J. Sabine, C. Hudson, Sandeman, F. Tillstone, H. Freeman, Kuhe, Cole, D. Smith, F. Noakes, Dr. Cunningham, Pierpoint, G. Gale, J. Anderson, J. Fabian, G. Stone (Newhaven), J. W. Hughes, Nash, Bennett, &c., &c. After the banquet, the usual toasts appropriate to the Craft were given, and the health of the W.M. Bro. Davey was received with the utmost enthusiasm. The Mayor of Brighton responded to the toast of the Visitors, in a most eloquent speech, and Sir W. W. Burrell delivered a truly able exordium to the brethren on the duties of Freemasons. During the evening, Bro. Kuhe P.G.O., favoured the company with one of his exquisite pianoforte performances, and the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing by Bro. Soper and Bro. Willard, accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Cole. Bro. C. W. Hudson also gave, in his usual able style, the recitation of "My Lord Tom Noddy," which called down great applause. The evening's entertainment passed off with the greatest success.

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**Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.**—A meeting was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday. The W.M. Bro. H. R. Jones presided. The following Officers and brethren were amongst those present:—Bros. W. A. Morgan S.W., E. H. Boddy J.W., J. Frost Sec., P. Cocke P.M., J. G. Kowney P.M., Wardroper, J. J. Holland, S. C. Landon, W. Price, G. Clark, H. F. Goodchild, G. Fortescue, R. Neal, and A. A. Denham. Mr. John Sanders, a solicitor, well known in the district, and clerk to the Wandsworth Board of Guardians, was initiated by the W.M. Bro. Price was afterwards passed to the second degree. Upon the motion of Bro. P. Cooke P.M., who spoke in feeling terms, it was unanimously decided that a letter of condolence be sent to Bro. George Howick P.M., who has lately sustained a severe loss by the death of his wife. The names of Mr. J. W. Marshall, The Oaks, Balham, and Mr. P. V. Denham (the former proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. E. H. Boddy; and the latter proposed by Bro. A. A. Denham, and seconded by Bro. J. J. Holland) were given in to the Secretary, and these gentlemen will be balloted for at the next meeting. After other formal business had been transacted, the Lodge was closed.

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**Bective Chapter, No. 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale.**—The regular Quarterly Convocation of this Chapter was held on Friday, 11th January, at one o'clock. In the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z., Earl Bective, M.P. Prov. Grand Superintendent, the chair was occupied by E. Comp. John Bowes P.Z. Prov. G.S.N., supported by E. Comps. W. Dodd P.Z. H., Rev. Canon Ware as J., Compe. Dr. Page E., Robert Godfrey N. acting P.S., W. James, Dr. Waller No. 2 S.C., and a goodly number of other Companions. The Chapter was opened by the Principals, when the members generally were admitted. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for three candidates, duly proposed, all of which were unanimously accepted, and Bros. Wareing P.M. and Anderson being present, were duly exalted. The thanks of the Chapter having been accorded to the acting M.E.Z., and there being no further business, it was closed with the usual solemnities.

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**Underley Lodge, No. 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale.**—The annual Festival of this flourishing Lodge was held on Friday, 11th January, at three o'clock, when the members and visitors assembled unusually strong. The Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. Bro. Robert Godfrey, assisted by his Wardens, and Bros. John Bowes P.M. P.P.J.G.W., W. Dodd P.M. P.P.J.G.W., Rev. Canon Ware P.M. P.P.J.G.W., Wareing P.M., W. James P.M., Atkinson P.M., Dr. Page P.M., Greenbank, — Wilkinson, Quincy, Dr. Waller No. 2 S.C., Pusey S.W. W.M. elect., Anderson Tyler, and a number of other brethren. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Greenbank claimed preferment, and having proved his claim, was entrusted; and in due course raised by the W.M. The Lodge having been lowered, Bro. John Bowes assumed the chair of K.S., and Bro. Pusey having been presented, was installed in ample form as W.M. for the ensuing year, and saluted, proclaimed, and greeted in the several degrees. A cordial vote of thanks was carried by acclamation to Bro. Bowes, the Installing Master. After labour, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, for the annual banquet, which did great credit to the hostess, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, under the guidance of the genial W.M. The toasts were enlivened by recitations and songs, from Bros. Dr. Waller, Dr. Page, W. James, R. Godfrey W.M., Quincy, Sisson, &c. Bro. Page proposed the health of the Installing Master, and referred to his long and intimate acquaintance with that brother, and his readiness at all times to "come to the rescue." We will only add that the W.M. lives in the hearts of the brethren, and that his year of office must be a happy and prosperous one. So mote it be.

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**York Mark Lodge (Time Immemorial).**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Masonic Hall, York, the following brethren being present:—T. B. Whytehead W.M., Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett S.W., J. Ward as J.W., G. Garbutt Secretary, T. Cooper P.M. as M.O., J. Tissiman S.O., C. G. Padel J.O., C. D. Barstow as S.D., M. Millington J.D., A. T. B. Turner I.G., J. Redfare Tyler. A successful ballot was taken for two candidates, and Bro. E. Whitehead, York 936, and Bro. G. C. Lee, Eboracum 1611, were advanced to the honourable degree. A petition for an appendant Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was then brought forward, and received the unanimous recommendation of the Lodge. A vote of thanks was passed to the S.W., for a handsome gift of collar jewels for Senior and Junior Wardens. The Lodge then went into committee on the Report of the Bye Laws Committee, which was afterwards, with some trifling alterations, agreed to, and formally adopted. The W.M. (Bro. T. B. Whytehead) proposed, and the S.W. (Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett) seconded, W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, Grand Mark Secretary, as an honorary member of the Lodge. Two candidates for advancement were proposed, and one joining member, and the Lodge was closed in ancient form.

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**Faith Chapter, No. 141.**—Met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 16th instant. Immediately upon the confirmation of the minutes, Comp. E. Gottheil, in the presence of Comps. T. Mortlock P.Z., Thomas Cubitt P.Z., George Dyer H. (subsequently admitted, the latter two Comps. being visitors), and C. Hogard, the retiring Z., proceeded to instal Comps. John Constable M.E.Z., W. Gompertz H., and James Pinder J. The M.E.Z. then invested Comp. C. Hogard with the collar of I.P.Z. The Comps. were next re-admitted, and the following Officers invested:—Bros. M. Bamberger Treas., R. Z. Bloomfield S.E., J. D. Barnett S.N., Hollands P.S., D. Posener 1st Asst., C. Ochse 2nd Asst., F. Croaker D.C., Potter Tyler. Bro. Charles Ranken Garnett S.D. 1707, and Isaac Quincey of 1178, were then duly presented, and exalted to the degree. The Chapter being closed, banquet was served, made doubly pleasant by the genial supervision of Bro. Clemow, and then followed the usual toasts. The responses, though of the stereotyped character, namely everybody praising everybody else, some deservedly so, and others who have no claim for such distinction, only that in the present instance most of the commendatory language was extremely *a propos*. The visitors justly remarked that in their experience, during a considerable series of years, they had never witnessed officers immediately upon their installation and investiture proceed to perform their appointed work with so much address and ability. The M.E.Z., always careful in all he undertakes, was excellent; and even to the lowest officer each Companion completed his work most satisfactorily. As to the performance of the installation ceremonies, Comp. Cubitt observed: It was a treat; he had never seen them done better. There was some very pleasant and amusing singing, by Comps. Mortlock, Constable, Stead, and Pinder, and a few more speeches by the exaltees and subordinate officers before the assembly separated. It should be mentioned that the report of the Audit Committee, which was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes, showed the Chapter to be, financially speaking, in a most gratifying condition; upon this the members have every reason to congratulate themselves, as also upon the fact that under the guidance of the present chief its prestige and prosperity can scarcely fail to be considerably increased.

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**Sincerity Lodge, No. 174.**—It is proverbial that at Installation Meetings of the brethren of this prosperous Lodge there is sure to be a large attendance; the members on Wednesday last assembled unusually strong, and there was a very long list of visitors, amongst whom we may mention Bros. H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, Jas. Terry P.M. 228, P.G.D.C. Herts, &c., G. Ward Verry P.M., T. J. Barnes P.M. 554, T. J. Maidwell W.M. elect 27, J. H. Cambridge S.W. 15, R. Moss 152, A. Mellish 188, Aug. G. Perceval 453, J. J. Berry P.M. 554, W. Hodges S.D. 1382, E. C. Beedell 1607, R. Still 1437, W. W. Morgan 1385, J. S. Carbines, Jas. Newham, B. Farrow, G. Weige, John Tyler, W. H. Hubbert, Wilfred March, Walter Rawley, George Palmer, &c. The W.M. Bro. G. J. Hilliard opened his Lodge, and after the minutes had received confirmation, proceeded with the work of the evening, which was unusually heavy. The ballot was brought into request for Gro. H. G. Savage, formerly a Past Master of the Lodge, and this resulted in his being accepted, and placed again on the list of members. Bro. Gray was a candidate for the third degree, and he was examined, entrusted, and in due course raised. There were three candidates for the second degree; they all gave evidence of progress in their Masonic knowledge, and Bro. Hilliard completed the work of his year of office by passing them. The chair was now taken by Bro. John Newton P.M., and the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. John Appleby, was presented and formally obligated. Those brethren not entitled to wear the levels were now requested to retire, and a Board of I.M.'s was formed. Bros. Rawley and T. J. Barnes acted as Wardens. On the re-admission of the brethren the appointment of Officers was made: Bros. G. H. Seddon S.W., Dunstan J.W., Rawley P.M. Treas., John Newton P.M. Sec., Webb S.D., Jones J.D., F. Brown I.G., Verry Tyler, James Fraser D.C., Miller W.S. After the addresses had been given, the new W.M. had an opportunity of giving the brethren "a taste of his quality," as there was a candidate for initiation, for whom the ballot had been taken at a previous meeting. This gentleman, Mr. John Thomas Cook, was introduced and initiated into our mysteries, Bro. Appleby and his Officers performing their duty in a most perfect and impressive manner. Bro. Rawley P.M. proposed, and Bro. C. Lacey P.M. seconded a motion that £10 be voted from the funds of the Lodge to the R.M.B.I., the amount to be placed on the list of Bro. C. J. Perceval. This was unanimously agreed to. The resignation of a member was then tendered and accepted. Bro. Appleby, on behalf of the Lodge, presented the retiring Master, Bro. G. J. Hilliard, with the jewel voted at the last meeting; he hoped he should have the pleasure of seeing it adorn Bro. Hilliard's breast at many future gatherings of the Lodge. The I.P.M. thanked the brethren; he trusted the day was far distant when his associations with the Sincerity Lodge would cease. A cordial vote of thanks was then passed to Bro. John Newton, for his services as Installing Master, and then the Lodge was closed. The banquet was capitally served, and the W.M. proceeded with the toasts. After that of the Queen and the Craft and the M.W. the Grand Master, the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was sung. The third toast comprised the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers. Bro. Appleby said the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master were most deservedly popular; when we take into consideration the great extent of Freemasonry, we may form an idea of the amount of work entailed on the Grand Officers. We have with us to-night one who holds the responsible post of Assistant Grand Secretary; he would couple with the toast the name of Bro. H. G. Buss. On rising to respond, Bro. Buss said: The W.M. had justly remarked that a vast amount of work devolved on the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers. The Pro G.M. always found opportunity when the calls of his duty were paramount. No one was more popular than Lord Skelmersdale, most especially so in his own Province. This had been the first Lodge he (the speaker) ever visited. It was here he made the acquaintance of Capt. Oman, a representative man of his day, and one who was doubtless well remembered by many present. Our worthy brother then related some interesting episodes in connection with the history of the Lodge, and concluded by thanking the brethren for the way they had received the toast. The health of the Initiate was given, and Bro. Newton sang the "Entered Apprentice" song. Bro. Cook acknowledged the compliment; they had given him a hearty reception; he thanked them for it. To be a worthy Mason was the sincere wish of his heart. The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by Bro. Hilliard, after which Bro. Moss sang the well-known descriptive song, made famous by Henry Russell, of "The Desert," the accompaniment, so essentially necessary here, being admirably played by Bro. G. H. Seddon. The W.M. thanked them for having unanimously placed him in the chair. It would be his utmost endeavour to carry out the expressed wish of the Installing Master, and hand down the warrant to his successor unsullied. Before sitting down he would propose success to the Charities, they had with them, in the person of Bros. Terry and Perceval, brethren who would ably advocate the cause of the Masonic Institutions. Bro. Terry was Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Perceval had undertaken to act as Steward at the approaching Festival for that Institution. He would leave the advocacy of the claim of the Charities to these brethren, and would content himself with calling on the members to drink success to the Masonic Charitable Institutions. Bro. Terry in the course of his reply referred to the progress made by the Masonic Institutions during the past thirty years. He considered the Charities belonging to our Order were better supported than the majority of similar institutions. He then directed special attention to what had been done during the past twelve months. The amount raised up to the 31st December reached £43,000. The Institution with which he was more immediately connected had emerged from the obscurity in which it was enveloped a few years back, and now stood foremost. Bro. Terry then recapitulated the benefits his Institution was conferring, and congratulated those present on the additions that were being made for those who desired to participate in the advantages offered by our Scholastic Institutions. Last year, thanks to the exertions of his Board of Stewards, he had a very successful Festival; this year he trusted he might realise fully as large an amount. He then referred to the present depression of trade, which prevented many from giving as liberally as they could desire. He trusted both his colleagues would be successful, and referred to the unsatisfactory state of health of Bro. Little, which prevented the Secretary of the Girls' School taking so active a part as he could desire. Bro. Binckes had a member of the Royal Family for his Chairman; this, he was sure, would be gratifying to all. He then passed a deserved eulogy on Bro. C. J. Perceval, who, though he had already qualified himself as a V.P. of the Benevolent Institution, had kindly again undertaken the duties of Steward. Bro. Terry closed his remarks by saying that the I.P.M. Bro. Hilliard had offered to serve as Steward for the Festival of the Boys' School. Bro. Perceval was gratified at the reception given to him in his capacity of Steward, and he thanked the members for the cordial response made to his appeal. The health of the Visitors was then given from the chair. The Lodge desired to give them a hearty welcome. Bro. Barnes was called on to reply; the W.M. remarking that personally he was much indebted for the instruction he had received from Bro. Barnes. Bro. Barnes, in a most comprehensive speech, replied. He expressed the gratification the Visitors had felt at the effective way in which the work of the Lodge had been carried out. The health of the Past Masters was acknowledged by Bro. Hilliard, and the Officers severally responded to their toast. The summons for the Tyler followed, and then the brethren dispersed. During the evening Bros. Hall, Moss, Miller, Weige, &c., favoured the company with songs; Bro. Keeble gave a dramatic sketch, while Bro. Seddon contributed an excellent pianoforte solo.

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**Confidence Lodge, No. 193.**—This old established Lodge held its first regular meeting since the installation on Monday, the 14th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. H. Leah, Bro. H. T. Reed occupied the chair. Bros. T. B. Biddle S.W., Footit J.W., Warne P.M. Treasurer, Shackell P.M. Secretary, James S.D., B. Lemere J.D., W. J. Hall I.G., S. Webb P.M. D.C., N. Webb P.M. W.S.; P.M.'s Bros. Kershaw, Shackell, H. Webb, Birch; and Bros. McLean, Webster, Turner, Smith, Lothian, Silvester, R. Pye, C. H. Davis, Craske, Rickell, B. P. Todd, Adams, Williams, Bridgman, D. McLaren, Holloway, Mutt, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Roxby was passed, and Bros. Silvester and Pye were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons, by the acting W.M. Bro. H. Leah having now arrived, Bro. S. Webb proposed, and Bro. Birch seconded, that a committee be formed for the revision of the Bye-laws, this to consist of the W.M., Bros. Warne P.M., and S. Webb P.M. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Clemow. The W.M., in appropriate terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In speaking to the toast of the Visitors, Bro. Leah said it was a source of gratification to every W.M. to have them present. Their advent formed a chain of mutual intercourse and sympathy at our Masonic gatherings, and every member was pleased to see them. He referred to a pleasing episode, as regarded Bro. Howe's visit. He was lately a member, and the brethren hoped to see him among them again. He would call on Bros. Moojen and H. M. Levy to respond. Bro. Sylvester here favoured the brethren with a very clever parody on "Nancy Lee." Bro. Levy returned thanks. He dilated on the charitable feeling evinced by the W.M., whose heart and soul was in Freemasonry; his great desire was to promote the interests of his Lodge, and follow in the footsteps of his

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predecessors, whose able working was recognised throughout the Craft. Bro. Moojen followed, and endorsed all Bro. Levy had said; from his personal knowledge of the W.M., he felt the praise was well deserved. Bro. Reid I.P.M. then rose. He had great pleasure in proposing the health of the worthy Bro. who occupied the chair. In consequence of Bro. Leah's having, that day, had his professional avocations to attend to, they had not seen his working, but they would have an opportunity at the next meeting. They knew him as a thorough good Mason; he is a Life Governor, and has been Steward for the three Charities; he has done his duty in that respect, and he (the speaker) was sure he would do his duty in the Lodge. At the banquet he had ably presided, and under his guidance the Lodge would continue to prosper. Bro. S. Webb P.M. here sang "A Father's Love." The W.M. felt great pleasure in responding to the toast. He gave very apt illustrations of the principles of Freemasonry. By the retirement of a brother he had been elected to the chair; he was, however, pleased to greet that brother that evening. He apologised for his own absence from the Lodge; he had, however, done all he could to perfect himself in his duties, and he hoped to be able to perform all required of him; he was fully repaid for all the trouble he had taken by the reception he had met with that evening. Reference had been made to what he had done for the Charities; he would advise the brethren to visit the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon, or the Girls' or Boys' Schools, and he was sure they would never grudge anything they gave to them. He would be happy to again serve as Steward; his heart was in the cause, and he thanked them for the kind manner each Bro. had received the toast. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters. He had to thank the I.P.M. for the able manner he had performed the duties of the chair; Bro. Reid, he had been informed, had worked the two degrees beautifully and impressively. Bro. Shackell Sec., H. Webb, S. Webb, and other Past Masters were all worthy of a hearty reception. (Cheers.) Bro. Reid responded; his great pleasure would be to assist the W.M.; the Past Masters would also do all that might be required of them. Bro. S. Webb followed; he hoped the W.M., and also every Officer he had appointed, would work the ceremonies properly; the ritual should be the pride of Masonry; it was a pleasure to see a brother in the chair whom the brethren and visitors could say had worked well. The toast of the Officers was next given; the W.M. impressed on them the necessity of attending the Lodges in their various districts; he was sure they would help him in the conduct of the Lodge. Bro. H. Webb responded to the toast, and was followed by Bro. James S.D. The Tyler's toast concluded a very agreeable and harmonious evening. The visitors were—Bros. J. Thompson 1693, J. W. Roberts 1693, Western 1693, R. J. Owen P.M. 144, T. Moojen Chigwell Lodge, Empson, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

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**St. Paul's Lodge, No. 194.**—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Tuesday, 15th inst. Bros. C. Hunt W.M., Seager S.W., Randal P.M. as J.W., Veal P.M. Treas., Fowler P.M. Sec.; P.M.'s Bros. Randall, Western, Watts, Eaves, H. Renshaw. After Lodge had been opened and formalities fully observed, Bro. Seager 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., in a manner that reflected great credit on Bro. Hunt for his impressive and perfect rendering. The newly installed W.M. invested the following Officers:—Bros. C. Hunt I.P.M., McBean S.W., Compton J.W., Veal P.M. Treas., Fowler P.M. Sec., Renshaw S.D., Paget J.D., Fisher I.G., Smith Tyler. The members, by the way they received the newly appointed Officers, testified that the W.M. had made an excellent selection. The Installing Master was complimented at the conclusion of the ceremony by all present. Bro. Watts P.M., by courtesy of the W.M., initiated his friend, Mr. James Chapman. The W.M., in feeling and appropriate remarks, presented Bro. C. Hunt I.P.M. with an elegant P.M.'s jewel of elaborate design, and suitably inscribed, which had been unanimously voted to him for the able manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair. Bro. Hunt eloquently returned thanks. Hearty good wishes were then given, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren, fifty in number, sat down to a very sumptuous and *récherché* banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. E. H. Rand. The loving cup was handed round, and grace was sung. In proposing the toast of the R.W. Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers, the W.M. said he would associate with the toast the name of Bro. Cottebrune, who had honoured them by his presence that evening. Bro. Cottebrune is a well and worth representative of Grand Lodge, and the W.M. had to thank him for his instruction, which had enabled him to occupy the chair; the Craft also owed him a debt of gratitude, for he was never weary of advancing its interests. Bro. Cottebrune thanked the W.M. for the kind manner he had spoken of the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers. Many of them held high and distinguished positions. He (the speaker) had the pleasure of visiting the St. Paul's Lodge during the past year, and he had met many members of the Lodge at the Lodge of Instruction. He was pleased to see Bro. Hunt, who had just vacated the chair, perform the ceremony of installation. The manner in which the W.M. had invested his officers was most creditable. Bro. Watts also had ably performed the ceremony of initiation. In concluding, he thanked them for their kind expressions. The W.M. next proposed the Masonic Charities, and regretted the absence of Bro. J. Terry; he would, however, call on Bro. Randall P.M. to respond. Bro. Randall spoke of the able management of the three Institutions. By the kindness of the Masonic brethren they had raised over £42,000 during the past year, and he hoped the brethren would not forget to subscribe liberally this year; as they well know, Charity meets its own reward. The toast of the Initiate was given and the "Entered Apprentice" song was sung, and Bro. Chapman replied. He was proud at having the opportunity to join this noble Order; from what he had already seen, it was to him a source of regret that he had not joined before. However, he would in future show that he fully appreciated the beautiful ceremony he had listened to that evening. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors; he mentioned their names, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many distinguished Masons present. Bros. Loewenstark, Righton, Beasley, and H. M. Levy severally returned thanks; all expressed their pleasure at the hospitality accorded to them. The I.P.M., Bro. Hunt, then proposed the health of the W.M., whom he was pleased to say he had introduced to office. He had performed every duty in the inferior offices, and he could assure them that Bro. Seager was capable of performing the ceremony of initiation, though on this occasion he had given way to Bro. Watts. At the next meeting they would see that their selection had been the right one. The W.M. thanked the brethren for their kind expressions. He assured them that during his occupation of the chair they would see that he had in every sense their interests at heart. The toast of the Past Masters was next honoured. The W.M. spoke of their excellent qualifications, and called on Bro. Hunt to respond. After a few words from Bro. Hunt the toast of the Officers was given, to which Bro. McBean S.W. replied. The Tyler was then summoned. Amongst the visitors were Bros. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., W. H. Murlis P.M. 1642, A. D. Loewenstark P.M. 1017, H. Garrod P.M., Bassington J.W. 205, C. A. Woods 145, Ernst P.M., Hollibone 231, R. H. Pearson P.M. 1196 and 1642, Collens 766, H. Parker P.P.G.O. Middlesex, Godfroy 1365, Beasley P.M. 780, W. Jarvis 14, Whitehead 933, Badkin W.M. 1365, Blakey 311, Wrighton 23, Deko 1328, Thurley Beale 201, J. Stedman 172, T. R. Jones 325, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. To Madame Thaddeus Wells was entrusted the musical arrangements. She was assisted by Miss Alice Frith, Bros. Thurley Beale and Stedman, and Bro. H. Parker accompanied on the piano. Every satisfaction was evinced at the efforts of this party, who were most energetic in their desire to contribute to the enjoyment of the brethren.

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**Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663, Devizes.**—The installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Town Hall, on Tuesday last, the 15th inst. There were present Bros. T. Raymond W.M., Dr. J. W. Burman S.W., W. H. Burt J.W., D. A. Gibbs P.M. Treas., W. Nott P.M. Sec., Rev. T. F. T. Ravenshaw P.M. P.G. Ch. England, H. J. Ward P.M., Thos. H. Chandler P.M. P.S.G.W. Wilts, and many other members of the Lodge, whilst amongst the visitors were Bros. R. D. M. Lawson P.M. 632 P.P.S.G.W. Wilts, W. Munro P.M. 326 P.P.G.D.C. Bristol, W. H. Dill P.M. 906 P.G.P. Somerset, G. F. Tuckey P.M. 326, Rev. W. C. Lukis S.W. 837, A. Browne Sec. 632, &c. The W.M., after opening the Lodge and having had the minutes read and confirmed, announced that, since the last meeting, he, with several members of the Lodge, had, as a deputation from the Lodge, attended the funeral, on the 28th ult., of Bro. Holloway, a P.M. and member of the Lodge. A vote of condolence to his widow on her loss was unanimously passed. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree by the W.M., who then requested Bro. William Nott P.M. and Sec. 663 and P.J.G.W. Wilts to take the chair. This was done, and Bro. Nott then proceeded, according to ancient custom, to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. J. W. Burman S.W. in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year, which ceremony being completed and the brethren re-admitted, the customary salutes were given and proclamations made. The Officers were appointed and invested by the W.M., the Installing Master addressing them collectively and individually as to their duties and the manner in which they ought to be performed. The list of Officers was as follows:—Bros. Thos. Raymond I.P.M., T. H. Chandler P.M. 355 P.S.G. Wilts S.W., Harry Howse J.W., Rev. H. Richardson P.M. Chap., D. A. Gibbs P.M. Treas., W. Nott P.M. Sec., W. Day S.D., J. A. Randell J.D., W. E. Fulford I.G., Thos. Waite P.M. M.C., G. S. A. Waylen and W. H. Bush Stewards, and John Hayter Tyler. The usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens and brethren were delivered by the Installing Master. After sundry routine business, letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from many brethren, including one from the D.P.G.M. Bro. Goldney, and another from Bro. Watson Taylor, of Erlestoke Park, who, at the same time, announced that he had sent a supply of venison and game for the banquet. Two new candidates for initiation were proposed for ballot at the next meeting. The alms bag was sent round, in aid of the Charity Fund of the Lodge, and the Lodge being then closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the Crown Hotel. After the banquet, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The W.M., in replying to the toast of his health, mentioned that he should shortly be leaving Devizes, but that his idea of the importance of his office was such that he should not make any professional arrangements which would interfere with his punctual attendance to his duties during the ensuing year. Bro. Nott took occasion, on being requested to propose the toast of the Masonic Charities, to remind the brethren that he was going up as Steward for the Province to the Festival of the Girls' School, in May, and solicited the support of the brethren, in consequence of which a considerable number of subscriptions were then and there made to his list.

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**Camalodunum Lodge, No. 660.**—On Tuesday the brethren of this Lodge held their annual installation meeting in the Freemasons' Hall, Yorkersgate, Malton. The installing Master was Bro. Samuel King P.M. P.P.G.J.W. of Orchard Cottage, Malton; and the W.M. elect for the coming year was Bro. William King. After the installation of the Worshipful Master, he appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. Harold Copperthwaite S.W., A. W. Walker J.W., the Rev. E. A. B. Pitman Chaplain, R. H. Bower Treas., W. Constable Sec., F. A. Wand D.C., John W. Marshall S.D., John Gibson jun. J.D., Thomas Goldie I.G., J. B. Nichols and Jas. Buckle Stewards, and Kirton Wandby Steward and Tyler. After the installation and appointment of Officers, a banquet was held at the Talbot Hotel, at which visitors from several other Lodges in the Province were present. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were well received, and the musical brethren of the Lodge went through a capital programme.

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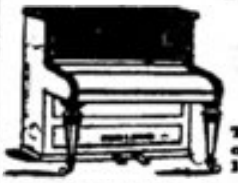

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## FRENCH VIEWS ON ENGLISH IDEAS OF FREEMASONRY.

IT is evident from a letter we published last week from a valued correspondent in Paris, and from the two letters in a translated form which appeared in our issue of the 29th ult., that our French brethren are as yet unable to recognise the true character of the objections raised in England, Ireland, and Scotland, to the recent act of the Grand Orient of France. The last mentioned body, in September last, resolved to expunge from the first article of its Constitutions that clause which declared explicitly that belief in God and the Immortality of the Soul, is a fundamental principle of Freemasonry. The grounds by which this course is justified, as stated by Bro. the Rev. Pasteur Desmons, are principally these:—that the paragraph containing such declaration, was in contradiction with that which followed it, that it was a frequent cause of embarrassments to W. Masters, and that it was unnecessary, as the objects of Freemasonry are independent of all dogmatic or religious ideas. We Freemasons, as the Rev. Bro. Desmons put it, "leave to theologians and casuists the care and trouble of discussing dogmas, and to authoritative churches that of issuing a syllabus." And further on our Rev. Bro. added, let "Masonry never come down into the burning arena of theological discussions, which have ever engendered trouble and persecution. Let it refrain from ever claiming to be a church, a council, or a synod, for churches, councils, and synods have been frequently violent persecutors, and that, too, by taking for their basis of action some dogmatic points which, by their very nature, were essentially intolerant." Writing to Bro. Hyde Clarke on the 14th November last, Bro. Thevenot, Chief Secretary, says:—"the Grand Orient of France have not abolished the Masonic formula 'to the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe,' as you appear to believe, still less have they made profession of atheism in their General Assembly of September 1877." And then Bro. Thevenot somewhat later proceeds to show how the Grand Orient "in common with the founders of the Order, understood that Freemasonry should remain in every State a neutral ground to which all opinions could be admitted, and should there be respected; and on which all honourable men, without distinction of nationalities, religions, races, or colour, could shake hands" And Bro. St. Jean, who is President of the Council of the Grand Orient of France, writing on the 28th of the same month, to Bro. Sir Ed. Borough, Bart., representative of the G. Orient at the G. Lodge of France, speaks to a similar effect. "Let it suffice for me to affirm that, in modifying an article of their statutes, the Grand Orient of France by no means intended to make profession either of atheism or materialism, as would seem to be understood. No alteration has been made either in the principles or in the practice of Masonry, and French Freemasonry remains what it has always been—a fraternal and tolerant brotherhood, which respects the religious faith and political convictions of its adepts, and leaves in these delicate questions to each one the liberty of his conscience." These statements, which are part only of certain recent declarations, coming as they do from (*a*) the Rev. brother who delivered the Report of the Committee appointed to deal with the proposed amendment of the first article of the Constitutions of the G Orient; (*b*) the chief official in the bureau of the Grand Secretaries; and (*c*) from the President of the Council of the G. Orient respectively, are of the greatest importance, and may be accepted by our readers as authoritative definitions of the nature of the amendment which has been recently sanctioned by the annual General Assembly of the Grand Orient of France. And criticising them in this light, we feel disposed to affirm that, as they stand, and but for the further knowledge we possess of their full meaning, there is nothing in the several propositions we have quoted to which the slightest objection could be raised by the most exacting of our English, Scotch, or Irish brethren. Passing by for a moment the stated contradiction between the two paragraphs of the first article, the Craft in the United Kingdom fully recognises and invariably acts upon the proposition that the care and trouble of discussing dogmas must be left to theologians and casuits. We know that "theological discussions have ever engendered trouble and persecution." We do not dream of claiming for Freemasonry that it is "a church, a council, or a synod." We are quite prepared to regard Freemasonry as a "neutral ground" on which "all honourable men, without distinction of nationalities, religions, races, or colour," can "shake hands." We are aware the Grand Orient of France at its recent annual Assembly neither made, nor intended to make any profession "either of atheism or materialism," for otherwise there would be no meaning in the clause of the first article as it now stands "*elle n'exclut personne pour ses croyances.*" We are also prepared to believe that our French brethren consider that French Freemasonry, as now constituted, may still be defined to be "a fraternal and tolerant brotherhood, which respects the religious faith and political convictions of its adepts, and leaves in these delicate questions to each one the liberty of his conscience." We confess we have some difficulty in reconciling the retention of "the Masonic formula, *To the Glory of the great Architect of the Universe,*" which, it seems, still figures at the head of the official documents issued by the Council of the Grand Orient—with the exclusion from the first Article of the principle of belief in God. We should have imagined the natural logical acumen of our French brethren would have led them to avoid laying any great stress on a contradiction so obvious. However, the Masonic formula in question is not abolished, and remains, as heretofore, at the head of official documents which emanate from the Council of the Order. We presume, therefore, there is a meaning in all this, though it is not for us to attempt to explain that meaning. But to return to our main argument. We say that as far as the statements go which we have quoted, they are seemingly unexceptionable. It is not on any of the grounds, which Bros. Rev. Desmons, Thevenot, and de St. Jean have severally combated above, that, as we have said, even the most exacting English, Irish, or Scotch Mason objects to the recent proceedings of Grand Orient. Religious and political discussions are strictly forbidden in our Lodges, and all honourable men, without distinction of "nationalities, religions, races, or colour," are eligible to be admitted into our ranks. But here is the point at which all sympathy between the Craft in these islands and in France ceases; now, at least, that the Grand Orient has amended its Constitutions as stated. We sanction the admission of men of *all* religions, but we exclude, *ipso facto*, the men of *no* religion whatever. In France, the atheist as well as the theist is eligible. Our definition of the phrase "liberty of conscience" is entirely different from that which prevails in France. We impose certain limits on freedom of conscience. We say there are certain points beyond which this freedom becomes as dangerous to society as the tyranny of which it is the exact opposite. In France it is

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otherwise. A man may or may not believe in the existence of God and the Immortality of the Soul, and whether he does so believe or not is held to be of no account, in respect of his eligibility as a candidate for reception into Masonry. We believe that it is in accordance with the old landmarks of our Order that a candidate for initiation should make a solemn declaration beforehand of his belief in God. This is all we require of him in this one particular. We do not call upon him to declare the nature of that belief; in other words, we do not ask if he is a Christian or a Jew, a Mahommedan or a Parsee. A simple declaration that he is a theist suffices, and once he is admitted into the Fraternity, he will have reason to dread any offence against his religious convictions, for religious, as well as political discussions, are forbidden in our Lodges. Our Paris correspondent of last week remarks: "Vainly we look into the first pages of the Book of Constitutions for an affirmation of doctrine or declaration of Faith, comprising the belief in God and the immortality of the soul, as initial principles of Freemasonry. True it is that we find something of the kind in the Charges of the three degrees." Our correspondent must pardon us if we differ with him on this very material point. Our "Book of Constitutions" contains, first, a summary of the Ancient Charges and Regulations to be read at the installation of a Worshipful Master; secondly, the Charges of a Freemason, &c., &c., "for the use of Lodges;" and "to be read at the making of new brethren;" and thirdly, "the Regulations for the Government of the Craft." Thus our "Book of Constitutions" contains in effect, a declaration of Masonic principles and the regulations for the government of the Craft arranged separately, but nevertheless to be considered as one book. A candidate on signing the declaration that, *inter alia*, he will cheerfully conform to all the antient usages and established customs of the Order, accepts the Charges as well as the Regulations, and we have a right to believe that a person about to offer himself as a candidate for initiation will be at the pains of inquiring what manner of society it is he is anxious to join. A man who offers to become a Freemason will either already understand that he will not be called upon to say or do anything against his conscience, or he will learn this of his proposers. Our Constitutions—that is, our principles and our laws, may be known without difficulty, for are they not published openly to all the world? Thus, there is no secrecy as to the initial principles to which a candidate will be invited to subscribe. There is, of course, the risk in England, and doubtless in other countries, that a freethinker, provided he is not notoriously such, may find his way into one of our Lodges; but this simply means that some men there are who have no conscience, and will do or say anything in order to gain some particular end. It is sufficient that he has consented to accept the pre-requisite conditions on which he is admitted. We cannot ensure that his acceptance is a real one. But these are matters on which we need not dwell. We began by pointing out that our French brethren do not yet recognise the grounds on which we in the United Kingdom object to the recent proceedings of their Grand Orient. It is not because they are bent on banishing all discussion of religious, as of political, questions from their Lodges. It is not because we object to the admission of men of *all* religious opinions. It is because in our judgment they have destroyed the first and most important of our ancient landmarks, and are now prepared to extend to the atheist the privileges they have hitherto granted only to theists.

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We have received copy of an appeal made by the Lodge "Light of the Balkans" (Le Lucie dei Balcani) Orient of Belgrade, in the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of Italy, on behalf of those unfortunate poor and distressed Servians who are now suffering so grievously from the terrible calamities of war. The members of the Lodge have used their utmost efforts, but the misery is too great to be grappled with by so small a body, and this appeal, which is signed and countersigned by Dr. Marco Pollack, Venerable (W.M.) of the Lodge, Cornelius de Draskoczi Treasurer, and Nathan Leuchtag Secretary, respectively, is addressed to members of all Masonic Lodges throughout the world. Even the smallest donations in money, clothes, or hospital stores will be gratefully received and acknowledged in the official organ of the Grand Orient of Italy. We willingly give publicity to this appeal, and sincerely hope it may be fruitful of good in alleviating the distresses of the poor Serbs.

We acknowledge, with fraternal thanks, receipt of the *Irish Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for* 1878, "published under the sanction of the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ireland." It contains a correct list of all the Lodges, Chapters, and Preceptories on the registry of Ireland, and also a list of the present members of the Prince Grand Rose Croix Chapters and higher degrees. The other Masonic information it contains is similar to what we find in our own Grand Lodge Calendar, and relates to Grand Officers, Provincial Grand Officers, distribution of Lodges in the Provinces, days of meetings, &c., &c., with nominal lists of members of the Board of General Purposes, &c., &c. It is very neatly—we may say handsomely—got up, and reflects great credit on those to whom the work of compilation has been entrusted. We repeat our thanks to the Deputy Grand Secretary for his fraternal courtesy in forwarding to us this copy, with all the more heartiness that it will enable us to show our appreciation of the gift by giving greater publicity in these columns to Masonic doings in Ireland. If our Irish brethren will but kindly furnish us with more intelligence, we shall be enabled to make our columns more interesting and more acceptable than we have reason to believe they now are.

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Like the Lancaster Calendar, which we noticed last week, the Eboracum Masonic Calendar for 1878 will be found very serviceable to the brethren living in the ancient city of York. It is called "Eboracum," because the compiler, Bro. Whytehead, is W.M. of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, and none will doubt the propriety of the name seeing that the city of York was known anciently as "Eboracum." This little Calendar contains the days of meeting for the Lodges, R.A. Chapter, Mark Lodge, K.T. Preceptory, and Red Cross Chapter, of which the city boasts. Then follow the Officers of the Prov. G. Lodge N. and E. Yorkshire, and the Lodges under its jurisdiction; those of the Prov. Grand Chapter and the Chapters under it; the Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters and other Masonic bodies in the N. and E. Ridings, together with the Craft Lodges in the W. Riding which are situated near York. The Charges in the three degrees, the explanation of the working tools in each, and the "Entered Apprentice" song are appended. It should be added that this almanack is published by the compiler at his own expense, and gratuitously distributed by him among Craftsmen.

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The second annual Masonic Ball at Rugby was held under the auspices of the Lodge of Rectitude, No. 502, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., in the large room of the Town Hall, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. The scene was a very animated one. The number of visitors was 160, and not only were there the brethren in their Masonic clothing, but a goodly number of officers in their regimentals were present in addition, and these, with the gay dresses of the fair sex, made the ball one of the most brilliant that could well be imagined. The supper was excellent, and the wines of good quality. The Duke of Rutland's band played a choice selection of music, and dancing was kept up with great zest till the small hours of the morning. The whole of the arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Henry Bennett, and he is to be congratulated on the success which attended his efforts.

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The Fourth Annual Ball of the Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1288, was held at the Myddelton Hall, Islington, on Tuesday. The Stewards were Bros. T. Goode, J. W. Simmonds, B. Jackson, C. J. G. Wood, F. Goode, S. Price, R. Hollyman, W. Fysh, and Cook. Bro. F. S. Rothschild was Hon. Secretary, and Bro. T. Goode Treasurer to the Committee. Upon Bro. T. Meekham devolved the arduous duties of M.C.; not that on a festive occasion like this the duties are so very arduous, but the office is one requiring firmness and tact, and Bro. Meekham displayed these to advantage. There was a large attendance, and everything passed off most satisfactorily.

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A Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Berks and Bucks will be held at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, at 12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, the 29th inst., for the appointment of Provincial Grand Officers, and the despatch of other business. The banquet will be served at the Windsor Castle Hotel, at 1 o'clock.

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### CHARITY ORGANISATION.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Press of business prevented my reading your impression of last week until to-day. Permit me a word in reply to "SPES BONA."

I am sorry he thinks I "abused my opportunity," it is very evident that the great majority of the brethren present did not think so.

I must, however, beg my Brother not to put words into my mouth which I never uttered.

I neither urged the brethren "to pause ere they gave their donations," or "begged them only to extend their generosity upon the reforms I advocated." I regret to say this is a gross misrepresentation, and I am sorry any Brother should have thus shown his "charity." I will always speak the truth, and select my own time and place for doing so—and no better opportunity could be found than at a friendly meeting of the brethren.

I shall always advocate the cause of our Charities, but I shall not cease to protest against the many grievous blots in the system of election to them, and I shall not study to suppress the truth because any Secretary is present.

I hope the time may come when it may not be considered a necessary part of a Secretary's duty to attend every possible banquet, and when a high sense of Masonic obligation and a genuine feeling of brotherly feeling will be able, through Masters, Officers, and Lodge Stewards, to uphold our Charities, and entertain without undue sensitiveness a suggestion for their improvement.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

R. J. SIMPSON.

19th January 1878.

P.S.—Not liking anonymous letters, I append my name. I am in good hope others may do likewise.

### A FIT AND PROPER CANDIDATE.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the last No. of the *Freemason* there is a letter signed by "An Old Steward for the Charities," commenting upon what he presumes to call "the weakest case I have ever known;" and charging the Committee of the Boys' School, with acting with regard to this case in a "most hap-hazard, happy-go-lucky" way. As a member of that Committee, I beg to reply that the whole of the facts and surroundings of the case were thoroughly known to the Committee, who considered it so strong a one that they did not scruple to bring it before the Quarterly Meeting, which confirmed their judgment, and recorded a large number, for a first application, of votes in favour of the case. So much for the action of the Committee; now about the case, which I consider one of the most deserving and strongest on record.

The father of the poor orphan did not cease to subscribe to his Mother Lodge until, by order of his employers, he had left the colony; he never left Masonry, but continued an active and zealous Mason until he was done to death by the tyranny of the Panama government. I have read letters of the members of the Lodge there, thanking him for his attendance and usefulness; and I have also read in the newspaper of the town that he was followed to the grave by all the Masons in the place. What could our poor slandered dead Brother do more, there not being an *English* Lodge within probably one or two thousand miles? Masonry, he had been taught to believe, was universal, so he naturally attended and worked in the only Freemasons' Lodge within reach.

These facts were well known to the Lodge that recommended the petition, and to the brethren who backed, and still back, the poor orphan's circular; and they are not men likely to betray our Boys' School, but rulers in the Craft, brethren very high up in it; Vice Patrons, Vice Presidents, Governors of, and Subscribers to the Charities, who have recorded their votes for this case, and who will continue to record them until the orphan of our slandered late brother be given the chance of acquiring a good education to fit him to tread in his father's footsteps, and prove how a layman would suffer himself to be done to death rather than betray the best interests of his employers. I may mention that the exceptions in the first part of law 54 justified the Lodge and brethren in recommending the case, and the Quarterly Court in accepting it.

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## LITERATURE.

THE present number of the *New Quarterly* is far from being up to that standard of excellence we have been led to expect in a magazine of such standing. It is by no means an unreadable number, and certain among the contributions are interesting; but past experience justifies us in looking for something more commendable than are the majority of the articles. The paper on "Early Literary Journals," by C. Elliot Browne, is light, chatty, and agreeably written. One or two of the quotations from the journals noticed by the writer will bear requotation. Thus, the following, from the *Mercurius Democritus*, of 8th April 1652, are amusing: At the time they were written we were at war with the Dutch, and Blake and Van Tromp were blazing away at each other continually. No wonder, then, the hits at the Dutch should be numerous. The first reads thus:—"There is a fresh-water seaman, lately come sick home from the Navy, saith the Dutch Fleet lies so heavy on many of the seamen's stomachs since the last engagement, that their breaths smell of nothing ever since but pickled herrings." Another is as follows: "The Dutch have lately devised a stratagem to keep their harbours from freezing by placing in every haven a fire ship that's so hot that it thawes the ice faster than it freezeth." This, as to the religious parties of the time, is laughable: "To-morrow is a great dispute at the Bears Garden, between a Presbyterian Chamber-Maid, who hath challenged an independent Fishwoman to dispute with her about the point of Predestination." This will suffice to show how amusing is Mr. C. Elliott Browne's contribution. We are also pleased with "Cool Haunts in the Italian Highlands," by Evelyn Carrington, which is well written, while the information it contains will be found valuable by those who have a visit to Italy in contemplation. The rest of the number is mediocre in character.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has been pleased to accept a copy of Captain Crawley's Billiard Book, dedicated by permission to His Royal Highness, and to express to the author his appreciation of the beauty and completeness of the work.

The *Keystone* gives a brief obituary notice of the late Bro. Harvey Hazlerigg, a Past Grand Master of Indiana, who died on the 15th December last, and was buried with Masonic honours, and who had been a member of the Craft for close on forty years. From this we gather that he was elected High Priest in 1848, and had served uninterruptedly as such till 1866. In a period of twenty-three and a-half years he had held office, consecutively, as W.M. of a Lodge, High Priest of a Chapter, E. Commander of a Commandery, Grand Master of Grand Lodge, and E. Grand Commandor of Grand Commandery. In Arch Masonry he was one year Grand King, and ten years Grand High Priest; in Templar Masonry he served one year as Captain-General, two years as Grand Generalissimo, ten years as Deputy G. Commander, and two years as Grand Commander; and in Craft Masonry he had been for one year Senior Grand Warden, four years Deputy Grand Master, and subsequently Grand Master. He had been a member of Grand Lodge since 1844, and during the whole of the thirty years that had elapsed since, had never once missed attending a Communication, and not only was he present but he served on some important committee at every session. He had devoted much time to the study of Masonry. Our readers will not be surprised to hear that such a brother as this "was held in high esteem by the Craft."

We learn from the *Sydney Evening Post* that:—

"A new Lodge of Free and Independent Masons, under the English Constitution, was to be opened, under the name of the Empress of India, at Woollahra, on Thursday, 29th November last, and a very elegant and costly suite of furniture had been designed and manufactured by Mr. W. Alexander, of Park-street. The wood used is of colonial pine and ash. The chair of the W.M. is richly carved with fluted columns, and Corinthian capitals in gold; the back being richly enamelled in blue and gold, relieved with a silver scroll, and surmounted by Solomon's crown in gold, the Wardens' chairs being similarly decorated without the crown, in blue and gold. The pedestals, columns, and candlesticks are manufactured to correspond with, and illustrate the various orders of architecture. The upholstering throughout is blue silk velvet, fringed with solid silver bullion, and has a very rich and imposing effect."

According to the *Keystone*, a letter has been brought to light which shows that there were Freemasons in the City of Philadelphia as early as the year 1715, or two years before the establishment of our English Grand Lodge. It is possible there may have been members of our Fraternity in that city and at that date, and further, that they may have met together "for Craft purposes." The writer of this letter states "Ye winter has been very long and dull—and we have had no mirth or pleasure, except a few evenings spent in festivity with my Masonic brethren." We think it will be necessary to wait for some corroborative evidence of this before accepting it.

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# NEW SOUTH WALES.

## INSTALLATION OF THE DISTRICT GRAND MASTER.

ON Monday, 19th November 1877, Bro. John Williams J.P. was installed District Grand Master of the Freemasons' Lodges of New South Wales, under the English Constitution, with great ceremony, and in presence of a large concourse of the Craft. The Masonic Hall, in York-street, was beautifully and appropriately decorated for the occasion with evergreens, flags, flowers, and Masonic emblems and devices, and the appearance of the interior of the building was strikingly impressive. On the southern wall was a portrait of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and on the northern and western walls portraits of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the parent Lodge. The words—"Peace, Love, and Harmony," appeared on a white ground at the western end of the hall; while all around the building were emblems of the Craft, nicely arranged with a view to ornamental effect. There were between 600 and 700 of the brethren, and almost every Lodge in the colony was represented; the brethren appearing in evening dress and full Masonic Craft clothing. Many of the brethren, Past Masters of the Craft, were decorated with jewels of great value, all indicative of degrees of merit in Masonry, and these, with the beautiful regalia and insignia of the Order, added greatly to the brilliancy of the scene. The *tout ensemble* was, indeed, one of great magnificence, and one that is seldom witnessed, and then only by members of the Masonic Craft. The Right Worshipful Bro. James Squire Farnell, Esq., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of the Masonic Lodges in New South Wales under the Irish Constitution, presided at the ceremony, administered the obligation to Bro. Williams, and installed him as District Grand Master. Precisely at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the District Grand Lodge was opened in due form; on the right of the Worshipful Master being Bro. R. W. Sedgwick, Provincial Grand Master of New South Wales, under the Scottish Constitution. The Grand Chaplains, Bro. Dr. Beg, and Bro. Dr. White, were, with other officers, on the platform. An efficient choir, under Bro. Fisher, occupied a position at the left of the dais, Bro. Broadhurst presiding at the organ, and Bro. A. B. Smith of the United Service Lodge, acting as assistant Organist. The Lodge having been opened in the various degrees, prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplains, and the opening hymn sung, "Hail, Eternal, by whose aid," Bro. Nicholas Hopson, who acted as Marshal, with Bro. F. G. Davidson as Director of Ceremonies, announced the arrival of the Officers of the District Grand Lodge and the Grand Master, and these entered the Lodge in procession, heralded by a flourish of trumpets and headed by a banner, the Organist playing Meyerbeer's grand processional march. Having entered the open space in the centre of the hall and approached the pedestal, Bro. Westcott P.M. read the patent authorising the installation, under the hand of Lord Skelmersdale, and autographed by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and Right Worshipful Master Farnell then administered the obligation to Bro. Williams in due Masonic form, invested him with the insignia of his office, and installed him as Right Worshipful Master of the Freemasons of New South Wales, under the English Constitution. A procession was formed by the District Grand Officers, the newly-installed Right Worshipful Master being conducted around the aisle with some solemnity by Bros. Farnell and Sedgwick, the choir singing, with great effect, the Masonic anthem, "March, march onward, Masons true." The newly-installed Master then took his seat in the Master's chair in the east, and Bro. Farnell proclaimed from the east, west, and south the installation.

The next business was the installation of Bro. William Henry Simpson, as Deputy District Grand Master, who was duly invested by the Worshipful Grand Master, and inducted in the chair on the Master's right. Then followed the investment of District Grand Lodge Officers, as follow:—the brethren in each case being presented by the Directors of Ceremonies, P.M.'s Hopson and Davidson:—Bros. Henry Westcott P.M. Senior District Grand Warden, Wm. G. Cassidy P.M. Junior District Grand Warden, Rev. Wazir Begg P.M. LL.D. and Rev. W. White P.M. LL.D. District Grand Chaplains, A. Gardner P.M. District Grand Registrar, R. Leeworthy P.M. District Grand Secretary, Norman Selfe P.M. President of Board of General Purposes, Mathew Medway P.M. District Grand Senior Deacon, Nicholas J. Robinson P.M. District Grand Junior Deacon, John Booth P.M. District Grand Superintendent of Works, F. B. Davidson P.M. District Grand Director of Ceremonies, Henry Wager P.M. District Grand Assistant do., Edward Kirschner P.M. District Grand Sword Bearer, Carroll P.M. District Grand Organist, David Mitchell P.M. District Grand Pursuivant, S. A. De Lissa P.M. District Grand Tyler. Also the following District Grand Stewards:—Bros. F. Wright, James, Mulholland, T. Read, W. Bull, and John Marsden. The Rev. Thomas Marshall B.A., of Mulgoa, was unable to attend, and his installation as Grand Chaplain could not take place.

The Right Worshipful Master then addressed the brethren. He said he thought under the circumstances, and the honourable position he occupied, he would be something more or less than a man if he did not feel particularly gratified and proud of the honourable position in which they had placed him. Indeed, he need scarcely say that it was not of his seeking to be there; but their desire. It had been felt for some time past that a change was essentially necessary. That change had taken place. It had pleased them to elect him again, after the lapse of ten years. His long retirement was made a charge against him of neglect of Masonry; but the brethren of the three Constitutions would believe him when he said that the interests of Masonry had never been forgotten by him. It was particularly gratifying to him to be placed in this honourable position, but more so to receive such a complimentary letter as he had from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge in England, expressing pleasure at his re-election to office. He would read the letter:—"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 16th August 1877. Dear Sir and Brother,—I have the pleasure to hand you herewith the Patent of your appointment to be District Grand Master of New South Wales, in succession to Bro. A. T. Holroyd, resigned, an office which you have already held with so much credit to yourself and satisfaction to your brethren in the district, that they again desire you to resume your sway over them. I sincerely trust that your efforts in the cause of Masonry may be as successful now as they were on a former occasion, and that health and strength may be granted you to carry out the duties of the office as formerly, for the general benefit of the Order. I have the honour to be, yours truly and fraternally, John Hervey, G.S. John Williams, Esq., Right Worshipful District Grand Master for New South Wales." Notwithstanding the length of time that had elapsed since he had occupied the proud position that he now did, it was gratifying to find that even the Grand Lodge of England had not forgotten the services he had rendered to the Craft ten years ago. He might not possess the same amount of strength that he did ten years ago, but he thought it would take but a short time to get into harness again. Some doubt was expressed as to the position of some of his brethren and their right to retain their distinguishing badges, but, so far as he was concerned, he had no desire to take away any rank that he believed they had received in a legal manner. He believed what the brethren had received they had received legally. He had no object in view but the good government of the Craft. He would know no distinctions amongst the brethren in Masonry. He had only to say in conclusion that he hoped to be able to carry out all the good wishes mentioned in the letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge in England. (Applause.)

The office of District Grand Treasurer being vacant was then filled up by the unanimous election of P.M. Bro. Nicholas Hopson, on motion by Bro. Simpson, seconded by Bro. Begg, and supported by Bro. Webster.

Bro. Hopson made an appropriate acknowledgment of the honour conferred.

The Right Worshipful Master then granted a dispensation to open a Lodge at Woollahra, on Thursday, to be called the Empress of India.

Several hymns were nicely sung by the choir during the ceremony, and the Lodge was closed, the brethren singing the National Anthem.

A grand banquet was held in the evening, in the Hall, at which about 150 brethren sat down.

The Right Worshipful Master presided, having on his right Bro. Farnell, Provincial Grand Master of New South Wales, under the Irish constitution, and on his left Bro. Sedgwick, P.G.M. of New South Wales, under the Scotch Constitution. Among other masons occupying seats at the Master's table we noticed Bro. J. Davies (Postmaster-General), John Sutherland, J. F. Burns, J. Booth, Dr. Begg, Leeworthy, Simpson, Coley, Kennedy, Dr. White, and Guise. The viands and liquors were of the very best description, and did credit to the cuisine of host Hook, who was the caterer. The tables were very nicely laid out, and ornamented with beautiful bouquets of flowers, &c. The following were the toasts:—"The Queen," "The Prince of Wales, and Grand Lodge of England." "The District Grand Master of New South Wales under the English Constitution," "The Grand Lodge of Ireland, coupled with the name of Grand Master Farnell," "The Grand Lodge of Scotland, coupled with the name of Grand Master Sedgwick," "The Deputy District Grand Master, and the Grand Officers under the English Constitution," and, "Our next happy meeting." Between the speeches, some very good vocal music was provided by Bros. Fisher, Jackson Barnett, Colly, Levison, Meyer, Rogers, and Davies, accompanied by Bro. Broadhurst on the pianoforte. The beautiful glee, "Spring Delights," was especially well rendered, as a double quartette. In the course of the speech-making, Bro. Farnell spoke in favour of separating from the parent lodges, and having a separate Constitution for Australia, but the W.M., and Bros. Sedgwick, D. G. Simpson, Westcott, Cassidy, and Guise held opposite views, and expressed the opinion that the time had not yet arrived for separation to take place, and their opinion appeared to be in accord with the large majority of those present. The company separated shortly after 10 o'clock, having spent a very pleasant evening.—*Sydney Evening Post*, 20th November 1877.

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According to the *Sunday Courier* of New York, the Grand Lodge of Texas has passed a resolution not to recognise the Grand Orient of France, "on account of its disbelief in God and the immortality of the soul."

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The *Voice of Masonry*, for the current month, contains a very elaborate sketch, by Bro. W. J. Hughan, of the early history of Royal Arch Masonry in Boston, his text being the Centennial of St. Andrews' Royal Arch Chapter, Boston, Mass., which was celebrated on 29th September 1869. The date of its consecration was stated on the tickets issued for this interesting ceremonial as the 28th August 1769, but Bro. Hughan mentions, in a footnote, that the Chapter met before that. The number contains likewise, the first portion of a most interesting account of the "Early History of Masonry in Vermont," by Bro. George F. Koon, of the Historical Committee Grand Lodge Vermont. To this we shall take an opportunity of referring at an early opportunity.

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# Old Warrants.

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## No. 108.

No. 198, "Ancients;" No. 245 at the "Union of 1813 (A.D. 1814)," No. 172, A.D. 1832, and No. 147 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

LAU. DERMOTT, D.G.M.

THOMAS CARTER, S.G.W. R. DAVY, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the GRAND LODGE of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince John (the third), Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heretable Captain and Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Falkland, and in that part of Great Britain called England, and Masonical Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Laurence Dermott, Esq^r., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Thomas Carter, Esq^r., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Robert Davy, Esq^r., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and
No. 147 Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Robert Dearle Talmash, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Thomas Cuthbertson his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful John Thompson, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Fox and Goose, King-street, Seven Dials (or elsewhere in London), upon the First and Third Monday of each Kalendar Month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Robert Dearle Talmash, Thomas Cuthbertson and John Thompson (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Twentieth day of January, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy-seven, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred Seventy and Seven.

WM. DICKEY,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 6, Letter F.

The present title, No., &c. are, The "Lodge of Justice," No. 147, Deptford.

## No. 109.

No. 358 "Ancients;" No. 462 A.D. 1813, at "Union," No. 308 A.D. 1832, and No. 247 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS HARPER, D.G.M.

ARCHIBALD HERRON, S.G.W. JEREMIAH CRANFIELD, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful the Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Archibald Herron, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Jeremiah Cranfield, Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Abraham Carl one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful John Croal his Senior
No. 358 Warden, and the Worshipful Thomas Forrest his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at some convenient and proper place or Hall at, or in, Demerara, upon the second and fourth Tuesday in every month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Freemasons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Abraham Carl, John Croal, and Thomas Forrest (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Freemasons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this twenty-eighth day of July, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirteen, and in the year of Masonry Five thousand Eight hundred and thirteen.

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ROBT. LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 12, Letter M.

The present title, No., &c. are, The "Union Lodge, No. 247, George Town, Demerara, S.A.

## No. 110.

No. 88, "Ancients;" No. 111 at the "Union" of 1813, No. 90 from A.D. 1832, and No. 76 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOL, GRAND MASTER.

THOS. HARPER, D.G.M.

ROBERT GILL, S.G.W. WM. BUNWOOD, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful The Most Noble and Puissant Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Athol, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Robert Gill, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful William Bunwood, Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful John Batson one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Major J. Perry his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful William Hooper his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the house known by the sign
No. 88 of the Baker's Arms, in the High Street, Winchester (or elsewhere), upon the second and fourth Thursday in every Month, and on all seasonable times and Lawful occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, John Batson, Major J. Perry, and William Hooper (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their powers and dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this twenty-ninth day of January, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred Sixty and one, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred Sixty and one.

ROBERT LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered of date in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 3. Letter C and E. Dup.

[G.L.] [G.L.]

This Warrant is renewed, the original having been burnt, this 7th April 1801

Edward Harper,
D.G. Secty.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Lodge of Economy, No. 76, Freemasons' Hall, Winchester.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 26th JANUARY.

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

1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

## MONDAY, 28th JANUARY.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1305—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, 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. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Trafalgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

48—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
M.M. 146—Moore, Athenæum, Lancaster.

## TUESDAY, 29th JANUARY.

Audit Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
Provincial Grand Chapter, Berks and Bucks, Masonic Hall, Windsor, at 12.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
66—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Hemley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 209 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.

310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.

## WEDNESDAY, 30th JANUARY.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Wimsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1732—King's Cross, Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville Road, at 3.30. (Con.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1149—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

## THURSDAY, 31st JANUARY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1420—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

111—Restoration, Freemason's Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.
807—Caldwell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
906—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.

## FRIDAY, 1st FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
814—Raleigh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
903—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, 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.)
1512—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulburne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
[illegible]—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.
691—St. John's, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.
[illegible]—Salem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
709—Invicta, Corn Exchange, Queen-street, Ashford.
788—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
889—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
1351—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
1525—Fal, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1547—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.

## SATURDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY.

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

1430—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

MONDAY.

R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.

WEDNESDAY.

304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds.
433—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
1283—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
R. A. 259—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.

THURSDAY.

904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.

FRIDAY.

242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
309—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
321—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1648—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

SATURDAY.

R. A. 308—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—349—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.
FRIDAY—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.

# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction, No. 1305.** The members met at the Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping, on Monday evening, at 8 o'clock. Present—Bros. Mortlock P.M. W.M., Baldwin S.W., Jameison J.W., Brame Secretary, Cox S.D., Bigg I.G., and several others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Wilson, a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions and withdrew. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Wilson candidate. Bro. Baldwin was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Ivy Lodge, No. 1441.**—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Tuesday last, the 22nd inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. The brethren present were—Bros. C. Poupard W.M., L. Cornellissen S.W., W. Ashwell J.W., J. J. Castle P.M., C. S. Jolly Secretary, G. Mattock P.M. Treasurer, Knight Smith S.D., Forster J.D., G. Skegg I.G., and about thirty of the brethren. Bros. Powell, Wyan, and Morley were raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., in a most perfect manner, his working being excellent. The next business (there being no passings or initiations) was to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, when the choice of the brethren was unanimous in favour of Bro. L. Cornellissen, a choice which redounds great credit upon the brethren, as he is a Mason in every way, both by act and word; both Treasurer and Secretary were re-elected. The names of several gentlemen were given in as anxious to join this young and prosperous Lodge. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where they sat down to a very plain, but well cooked and substantial, supper, for this Lodge is very careful not to spend too much of its receipts on the fourth degree, as was shown in the course of the evening, when Bro. P.M. Castle responded to the toast of the Charities. As Steward of that Lodge next month, he would take up to the Festival of the Aged Masons a sum exceeding one hundred and thirty pounds, which for so young a Lodge speaks volumes. The brethren were much entertained by the excellent singing of Bro. J. John Castle, and Bro. Knight Smith; also the readings of Bro. Reynolds. This closed a most pleasent evening.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**—At the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday evening, the 23rd inst. Present—Bros. E. Dignam W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., W. Robinson J.W., G. Ferrar Treas., E. Dietrich Sec., Woolley S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Jameson I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, and Bros. J. B. Shackleton, Jones, Brusted, McMillan, C. Olley, McClean, R. Olley, Maples, Lee, Somers, Streeton. The Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. McMillan candidate. The first four sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. J. B. Shackleton, assisted by the brethren. Bro. C. Lorkin was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on the first Wednesday in February.

**West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.**—The regular meeting was held on the 17th inst., at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. T. W. Adams, the chair was occupied by Bro. J. Smith P.G.P.; G. S. Elliot S.W., J. J. Howes P.M. J.W., F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex Sec., J. Johnson S.D., E. Mallett W.M. 141 as I.P.M., A. Black [illegible].M. 186 I.G., W. Pennefather P.M. D.C., W. Matthouse Steward, T. McButt W.S., &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The acting W.M. then initiated Mr. Samuel Hume, passed Bro. J. Howard, and raised Bros. W. McCluer Butt, C. Goodwin, W. Morton and J. Chapman. Several propositions for initiation

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and joining were handed in to the Secretary, and the Lodge was closed, until the 21st March. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. T. Butt, personally superintended by his sons. Bro. J. Smith presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured, and an agreeable evening passed. The visitors were Bros. E. Clark 1 586 and W. Morton 1423.

**Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.**—A meeting was held on Friday, 18th January, at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting Hill. Present—Bros. Smout sen. W.M., Murlis P.M. S.W., Penn W.M. J.W., Smout jun. Sec., Tettenborn S.D., Poulter J.D., Spiegel I.G., Savage P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Lichtwitz, Hatton, Wood, DeHaye, Bartle jun., and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bartle candidate. The Secretary read the report of the Committee appointed to arrange the Bye-laws, which were approved by the members of the Lodge, and ordered to be printed. The W.M. then handed to the Secretary, for distribution, the announcement circulars for the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge Ball. A Committee, to be presided over by Bro. Penn W.M., was appointed, and the 22nd February fixed for the Ball to be held. Tickets can be obtained of the Stewards, or of Bro. Murlis P.M. Hon. Sec., 154 Lancaster-road, W. 10s 6d for a gentleman's, 7s 6d for a lady's, and 16s for a double ticket; to include supper.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

A SECOND meeting of the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Thursday last, at Freemasons' Hall. The minutes of the previous meeting having been disposed of, it was announced that permission had been received that the Grand Hall might be used for a concert on the evening of the Festival. The thanks of the meeting were recorded for such gracious permission. The other business of the meeting comprised the discussion of musical arrangements, the appointment of special Stewards, and the ballot for places at the Festival, &c. The work being completed, the meeting was closed by a vote of thanks to the chairman.

The regulations to be observed on the day of the Festival are as follows:—

1.—That each Steward do attend on the day of the Festival at Five o'clock, that proper arrangements may be made for the reception and convenience of the Brethren.

2.—That each Steward remain at his own table, and endeavour to prevail on the brethren under his banner to cease all conversation during the speeches and singing.

3.—That during the speeches, each Steward keep his seat, so as not to interrupt the view of the speaker.

4.—That each ladies' Steward do appoint a brother of his own Lodge to act for him at the table during his necessary absence, with a request to conform to the preceding regulations.

5.—That no brother be allowed in the ladies' gallery, except the ladies' Stewards.

6.—That no lady be permitted to be introduced into the dining hall.

7.—That for the sake of convenience the Stewards are requested to prepare their several lists in the early part of the evening (if they have not previously sent them in), and deliver them to the Secretary or Collector of the Institution. *This arrangement will save much confusion.*

How to Prove a Will.—Now the first step to be taken in "proving" is to ascertain who is the executor. There may be two or even more executors; they will probably be expressly named by the document itself, but not necessarily so, for there is sometimes an "executor according to the tenor" of the will. Let us suppose that two executors have been so appointed, and that both are willing to undertake the duties. The title of the executors is founded upon their testator's written will, and the latter also contains the specific rules and limits of their conduct in administering the estate; so that some act obviously requires to be done to give the will a legal stamp and currency, and to afford evidence of the authority of the executors. This act is called "proving a will." The executors have to be sworn to a document called an *oath*, which identifies the "paper writing" annexed to it as the original will of the testator, and which declares that the deponents (or the persons taking the oath) are the executors named in such will, that they will well and faithfully administer the estate; that the testator died at such a place on such a day; and that the personal estate does not exceed so much. They also make an affidavit for the purposes of the Inland Revenue Office as to the amount of the testator's gross personal estate, so that the proper *ad valorem* stamp-duty may be paid. The original will is then deposited in the Court of Probate, and a compared copy of it, written on parchment, with the official seal attached, called the probate copy, is given to the executors as their title deed, so to speak. Before probate, however, the executors may perform all the ordinary acts of administering a will, such as receiving and giving receipts for debts due to the testator, paying his debts, and selling and assigning any part of his personal estate.—From "Popular Papers on English Law," in *Cassell's Magazine*.

The drawing (in connection with Bro. W. W. Morgan jun.'s ballot) for Life Governorships of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place on Tuesday, the 12th February, at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435, on Thursday, the 31st inst., at the Union Tavern, Air-street, W. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock, by Bro. E. Farwig as W.M., with Bros. Woods S.W., Belfrage J.W., and Mauder Preceptor.

The banquet of the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, will be held on Monday, 28th inst., at 6.30 p.m., at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road. Bro. Geo. Huggett, the W.M. of the Tredegar Lodge, No. 1625, will preside on the occasion. Tickets, price 4s each, may be had of Bro. G. Hollington, 87 Mile End-road, E., Hon. Sec., or of any Member of the Lodge.

In future the meetings of the Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933, will be held at the Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, on Friday evenings. The proceedings will commence at 8 o'clock.

Miss Fanny Albert, a favourite pupil of Sir Julius Benedict, and daughter of Bro. H. Albert P.M. No. 9, has received from Sir Julius a certificate of merit, which testifies her thorough proficiency. We feel justified in predicting that this talented pianiste will eventually take foremost rank in her profession.

It was rumoured on Thursday evening that the Earls of Derby and Carnarvon had tendered their resignations to the Prime Minister, but nothing confirmatory had been heard up to the time of going to press.

It is reported that the sum for which the Chancellor of the Exchequer will ask the House of Commons to vote for the necessities of Her Majesty's Naval and Military Services will be ten millions.

## THE THEATRES, &c.

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**PRINCESS'S.**—At 7.0, OUT TO NURSE. At 7.45, JANE SHORE.
**OLYMPIC.**—At 7.0, A ROUGH DIAMOND. At 8.0, TURN OF THE TIDE.
**STRAND.**—At 7.30, FAMILY TIES. At 9.30, THE RED ROVER.
**GAIETY.**—At 7.30, THE GRASSHOPPER. At 9.15, FAUST.
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**VAUDEVILLE.**—At 7.30, A WHIRLIGIG. At 8.0, OUR BOYS, and A FEARFUL FOG.
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**COURT.**—VICTIMS, &c.
**CRITERION.**—At 7.30, THE PORTER'S KNOT. At 8.45, PINK DOMINOES.
**ST. JAMES'S.**—At 8.0, THE LADY OF LYONS.
**DUKE'S.**—At 7.30, FARCE, and SARDANAPALUS.
**FOLLY.**—At 7.30, PEACOCK'S HOLIDAY, and A NIGHT OF TERROR.
**ROYALTY.**—At 7.30, LOVE'S ALARMS. At 8.15, LA MARJOLAINE.
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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE debate on the address in the House of Lords was finished in one night, and though their lordships have met regularly since, there has been but little business of a nature to attract much attention. The subject of Conservancy Boards was referred to on Monday, and on Tuesday, Earl Beauchamp brought down her Majesty's gracious answer to the address. In the House of Commons, however, the sittings have been longer, and there has been more talking, if not more business. The debate on the address lasted two nights, owing to Mr. Mitchell Henry moving an amendment, to the effect that a greater share of attention to the affairs of Ireland should be paid than was indicated in the speech from the throne. This portion of the debate was confined almost exclusively to Irish members, or those officially connected with Ireland. At length a division was called for, and there voted for the amendment 48, and against it 301. The result was received with much cheering. On Monday, when Mr. W. Egerton brought up the report on the address, there was a sharp conversation on the Eastern Question. A long debate followed, on the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, that the Union Justices (Ireland) Bill should be read a second time, but the Bill found only 38 supporters to 138 opponents, and the motion, therefore, failed. The O'Conor Don then moved the second reading of the Irish Sunday Closing Bill, and the motion was agreed to without a division. Leave was afterwards granted to Sir C. Adderley to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to Merchant Seamen, with a view to bringing seamen under the provisions of the Employers and Workmen Act and the Conspiracy Acts of 1875, and of consolidating the discipline laws applicable to seamen; and the Bill received a first reading the same evening. On Tuesday, the Government were asked certain questions as to certain communications which had taken place with the Porte, after which the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in reply to a question put to him the day before by Mr Dillwyn, which he had not felt justified in answering at the moment, said that the Queen having received a direct personal appeal from the Sultan, had sent, by the advice of the ministers, the following telegram to the Emperor of Russia:—"I have received a direct appeal from the Sultan which I cannot leave without an answer. Knowing that you are sincerely desirous of peace, I do not hesitate to communicate this fact to you, in the hope that you may be able to accelerate the negotiations for the conclusion of an armistice which may lead to an honourable peace." This was received with loud cheers. On Mr. Dillwyn asking if the reply would be laid on the table, the Chancellor declined to do so, on the ground that the communications of the Czar and Sultan with Her Majesty were private, personal, and direct, but as that made to the Sultan had been sent on the advice of ministers, he had received Her Majesty's permission to communicate it to the House,

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Lord George Hamilton afterwards rose, and moved for a select Committee to inquire into and report as to the expediency of constructing public works in India on loan. After a debate, which occupied the greater part of the sitting, the motion, with the addition of the words—"both as regards financial results and the prevention of famines" was agreed to. On Wednesday, the sitting lasted less than an hour. On Thursday, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in reply to a question by the leader of the opposition, stated it was his intention, on Monday next, to ask for a sum of money sufficient to enable Her Majesty to meet such eventualities as may arise. The reason he assigned for the Government having such a resolution was that though a week had elapsed since Parliament met, no information whatever had been received as to the terms on which Russia was willing to conclude peace. The rest of the evening was devoted to matters relating to the conduct of business in the House.

The Queen is still at Osborne, where she has been joined by Prince Leopold, and on Tuesday she received the Earl of Roden on his return from Italy, whither he had been sent as Her Majesty's representative at the funeral of the late King of Italy. But though there is little to chronicle of Royal doings in the Isle of Wight, there is one principal member of the Royal family who has been playing his part in public, and as usual admirably. The Prince of Wales has this week visited Cambridge, for the purpose of unveiling the Statue erected in the Fitzwilliam Museum to the memory of the late Prince Consort, who, it will be remembered, was Chancellor of the University of Cambridge from the year 1847 till his death. The Prince reached Cambridge on Monday evening, and on his arrival at the station was greeted with loud cheers by a strong muster of the public, and the many ladies on the platform waved their handkerchiefs in welcome. Dr. Thomson, Master, and the Rev. the Vice-Master of Trinity College were also there to receive him; and having acknowledged his reception, His Royal Highness drove off in Dr. Thompson's carriage to Trinity Lodge. Later, the Prince dined with Dr. Atkinson, the Vice Chancellor, in the hall of Clare College, where a number of distinguished guests, including his grace the Duke of Devonshire, the Chancellor, Earl Powis, High Steward, Lord Suffield, &c., were present. On Tuesday, the ceremony was held. There was a strong muster of ladies assembled in the Museum, and the gaiety of the scene was enhanced by the scarlet robes of the doctors of the University. At a quarter before twelve o'clock, the Duke of Devonshire, Chancellor, preceded by the High Steward and the Vice Chancellor, entered, with other distinguished personages, and a little after twelve His Royal Highness was announced, and entered, accompanied by Lord Suffield, Colonel Teesdale, and Mr. Knollys. A procession having been formed, the Chancellor addressed the Prince on the object of his visit, and the latter having replied, drew a silk cord, and the veil was removed from the statue. A few other speeches followed, after which His Royal Highness held a levee, which was numerously attended, and then left to return to Sandringham, which he reached at seven p.m. It should be added that the statue is by the late Mr. Foley, and is not unworthy the reputation of that eminent sculptor.

The singular drama which was enacted in an office close by the Holborn Viaduct, on Tuesday of last week, has terminated, as regards the career of the man Jackson, who was the assailant, and who, having fled to escape the penalty of his crime, was seized with remorse and committed suicide on Saturday afternoon in a churchyard near Lewes, Sussex. An inquest has been held, and the verdict of the jury was to the effect that the deceased had committed suicide, but there was no evidence as to his state of mind at the time. According to a paper Jackson has left behind him there was a kind of duel between him and Mr. Hamburger. However, the latter, whose condition is precarious, but not beyond all hope of recovery, will doubtless give his version of the matter when his health permits him.

The tremendous fire in Watling-street was, as surmised at the time, attended with the loss of one life, that of a labourer. The inquest into the circumstances attending his death has been held, and the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the evidence, and added the expression of their opinion that it is dangerous to use naphtha lamps at such times, without at least precautions being taken. Another inquest has been held into the death of Mr. J. Baron, of the Haymarket, fishmonger, who was killed by the fall of his house and the adjoining one on Thursday last; but the proceedings were adjourned till the afternoon of yesterday, and as they involve the inquiry into the cause of a newly built house, almost completed, falling down, it is more than probable they will extend over some time.

A very unusual event has come to the knowledge of the public, by accident. A number of the regular supporters of the Government had an interview early this week with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, their object being to learn whether Ministers were prepared to support the conditions which Mr. Cross, as the mouthpiece of the Government, laid down last summer as being necessary for the maintenance of England's neutrality. Many, besides those who formed the deputation, had given their adhesion to the movement, and the Chancellor's answer appears to have been a becoming one. He declared the Government were determined to uphold the policy they had laid down. That such a deputation should have sought an interview with the Minister affords unmistakable evidence of the serious character of the present political crisis. The danger to our interests, moreover, is imminent, for it is clear that if we do not bestir ourselves shortly, the opportunity will be lost.

The marriage of the King of Spain with his cousin, the Princess Mercedes, daughter of the Duke of Montpensier, was celebrated, on Wednesday, with all the pomp and circumstance which Spaniards know so well how to exhibit at such grand public ceremonials. The marriage itself was held in the Church of the Atocha, in the presence of the representatives of foreign sovereigns and the principal dignitaries of the kingdom. On leaving the church, the King and Queen returned to the royal palace by the Puerto del Sol, and the monarch and his bride were enthusiastically received along the whole line of route. It is an event on which every one must congratulate, not only the king and his bride, but the country, which cannot but benefit by it.

The attempt on the part of the Porte to open negotiations with Russia, with a view to the conclusion of a lasting and honourable peace, appears to be a farce instead of a solemn palaver. At least, the Russian Commander-in-Chief has received the Turkish envoys, but there is no intelligence that any serious steps are being taken to bring about an armistice. And while this pretence of negotiating is being kept up at Kezanlik, the Russian armies are advancing in all directions. Adrianople, which the Turks evacuated without firing a shot, is now occupied by the troops of the Czar, and will be very shortly, if, indeed, it is not already, the head-quarters of the Grand Duke Nicholas. General Gourko, at the head of a large force, has been attacking Suleiman Pasha, whose object was to reach the sea coast as soon as possible; and, if the latest news be true, there is reason to believe that he has succeeded in doing so, and that a part of his army is already being conveyed by sea to Gallipoli, for the purpose of occupying the narrow isthmus of that name, a position which is essential to a successful defence of Constantinople. Of course, Suleiman did not succeed in effecting his retreat without loss, and the Russians claim to have killed 4,000 Turks and captured 3,000 more, together with forty-nine cannon. In other places the Servians and Montenegrins have gained some minor successes over the enemy, and, in fact, the Sultan's armies are being worsted in all directions. However, it has been resolved to defend Constantinople, and Ahmed Mukhtar Pasha has been entrusted with the command of the troops now being collected for that purpose. But the most terrible news of all relates to the sufferings of the unfortunate Turkish fugitives, who, to the number of some 300,000, it is said, are hastening to the capital. Hundreds, of course, die by the way, and the pictures drawn by newspaper correspondents of the sufferings of these unfortunate people are harrowing in the extreme. Many women, we are told, in their terrible agony, fling their children under the wheels of the railway carriages, preferring to see them die instantly than to endure a protracted agony. This is the result of a war waged by "holy Russia" for the purpose of extending the benefits of humanity and civilization *à la Russe* among the subjects of the Porte. Evidently, the moment is at hand when England will have to intervene by force, or be effaced for ever from the list of the great empires of the world. We trust the eyes of those who have advocated the cause of Russia are at length opened, and that they see now what Russia's true object was in attacking Turkey. Even the personal appeal of our most gracious Sovereign has been treated by the Czar with contempt.

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## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—At the Old Rodney's Head, No. 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday the 21st inst. Present—Bros. Wing W.M., Hallam S.W., Moseley J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Pearcy S.D., Elliston J.D., Heinrich I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Trewinnard, Robison, Byott, Read, Powell, Halford, Alford, Millward, &c. The usual formalities having been gone through, the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Powell answered the usual questions, leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Powell acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first, Bro. Pearcy the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. R. W. Byott of the Finsbury Park Lodge 861, was elected a member. Bro. Hallam was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—At Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 22nd January. Present—Bros. Maidwell W.M., Aarons S.W., Daniel J.W., Hayes S.D., Forrest J.D., Wharman I.G., Rudderforth Preceptor, Hollands Secretary, Quincey, Wren P.M. After the Lodge had been regularly opened, Bro. Quincey answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Quincey was raised. The W.M. gave the Traditional History. The first and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Rudderforth, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed down in the third and second degrees. Bro. Wren, P.M. of the following Lodges: Nos. 174, 1056, 1228, and the Chigwell, was elected a member. Bro. Loewenstark, W.M. of the Samson Lodge, will work the ceremony of installation on Tuesday next, 29th January, Bro. Maidwell as Master elect. The Craft are fraternally invited to attend.

**Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145.**—The installation meeting was held on Tuesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. Moult W.M., J. Boyd P.G.P. P.G.S. Treas., G. S. States P.G.S. Sec.; P.M.'s Bros. T. Bull, E. H. Thiellay, and a numerous assemblage of brethren, with over thirty visitors. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Porpa and T. James were raised to the third degree in a very excellent manner by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. D. Haslett S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge and duly installed into the chair by Bro. John Boyd, in a faultless and impressive manner. On the re-admission of the brethren, and the customary salutations given, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers: Bros. Leggott S.W., Lister J.W., J. Boyd P.G.P. Treas., G. S. States P.G.S. Secretary, Dr. Wilkinson S.D., Wood J.D., J. Chinnery I.G., Kerrill D.C., Curtis and Reed Stewards, and Grant Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted, it showed a balance in hand of £81 18s 5d. Bro. T. Ball P.M. proposed, and Bro. G. S. States seconded, that a sum of twenty guineas be placed on the list of Bro. J. Boyd, who is a Steward for the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This was carried unanimously. The W.M. then presented Bro. W. Moult I.P.M. with a very elegant gold jewel, suitably inscribed, for the able and efficient manner he had conducted the duties of the chair during his year of office, and in token of the respect he is held in by the brethren. Hearty good wishes were given, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins, that gave unqualified satisfaction. The W.M., in appropriate terms, proposed the usual toasts. Bro. Hyde Pullen P.G.S. returned thanks for the Grand Officers. Bro. Moult I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M.; he alluded to his having been initiated in the Lodge, how he had passed every office with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Lodge. After a response from the W.M., Bro. T. Ball P.M. proposed the toast of the Visitors, and a very able respondent was found for them in Bro. Seager W.M. St. Paul's Lodge. The toast of the Past Masters was given and responded to. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Treasurer, Bro. John Boyd, and Bro. G. S. States Secretary, mentioned that the former respected brother had been twenty-one years a member of the Lodge and fifteen years Treasurer; he hoped he might be among them for many more years. He also referred to the eminent services rendered by Bro. G. S. States. The toast of the Officers and Tyler was given. The W.M. provided the brethren with a great musical treat. Miss Florence Levander, whose voice is much improved, sang charmingly, and was deservedly applauded and encored. Miss Baxter, and Bros. Lean and Large also contributed some capital songs.

**Domatic Lodge, No. 177.**—This Lodge held its installation meeting at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday the 11th inst. Bro. Willing W.M. occupying the chair. There was a numerous gathering both of members and visitors, and after the usual preliminary business was disposed of, Bro. Willing raised Bro. J. White to the sublime degree of W.M., after which he proceeded to initiate Mr. Alfred Moseley into the mysteries of the first degree. The Treasurer's accounts, as audited, were eminently satisfactory. All not entitled to be present at the induction into the chair of the W.M. elect, that is to say all brethren below the rank of installed Master, having withdrawn, the ceremony of installing Bro. I. Buscall, the Master elect was performed by the out-going Master Bro. Willing, who was not only perfect in the discharge of his duty, but likewise was most impressive in the manner in which he fulfilled it. The new W.M. having been proclaimed and saluted, proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers for the year, the following were the brethren elected to fill the offices appended severally to their names:—Bros. E. White S.W., H. Spink J.W., J. Smith P.G.P. Treas., W. Foxcroft Secretary, J. Willing I.P.M., W. Harris S.D., T. Williams J.D., T. McLean I.G., W. Herbage D.C., E. W. Kent Steward. The W.M. having received the congratulations of those present, closed the Lodge, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, under his presidency. On the removal of the cloth, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, those of the Queen and the Craft, His Royal Highness the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, &c., &c., being received with the usual enthusiasm. Bro. Willing I.P.M. proposed that of the Worshipful Master, and in doing so congratulated him on the eminence he had attained in the Lodge, and further expressed his belief that, having regard to the ability and zeal which Bro. Buscall had invariably exhibited, his year of office would be a most advantageous one for the interests of the Lodge. Bro. Buscall, in reply, thanked Bro. Willing for the complimentary terms in which he had spoken of him, and expressed a hope that his prediction might be realised; that his efforts in behalf of the Lodge would be as successful as he and they could desire. He also thanked all present for the kind readiness with which they had endorsed the sentiments expressed by Bro. Willing, concluding an able speech by proposing the health of his predecessor in the chair, to whom he presented the elegant Past Master's jewel which had been voted by the Lodge. Other toasts were given, the intervals between being enlivened by music and singing. But there is an end to all things, even to Masonic Lodge meetings, and so the Tyler's toast brought the entertainment to a close.

**Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.**—This highly important and influential Lodge held a meeting on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. Bro. John Peartree W.M. presided. There were also present Bros. J. D. Barnett I.P.M., D. Posener S.W., G. S. Pare J.W., John Constable P.M. Treasurer, Phil. Levy Secretary, W. D. Bayley S.D., F. Croaker J.D., J. M. Barber I.G., G. Bilby P.M. Organist, Busch Steward, Potter Tyler; also P.M.'s Bros. S. Solomon, J. Ross, N. Moss, S. E. Moss, Myers, N. Gluckstein, E. Gottheil, and a considerable attendance of lay brethren. The visitors were Bros. G. L. Walker 429, Lewis Lazarus, formerly a member of this Lodge, and H. S. Hooper 435. All preliminaries having been disposed of, the W.M. proceeded to pass to the second degree Bros. Barnes, Boas, Kosminski, and Muhsam, and to confer the third degree upon Bro. Feigl. Next in order came the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in favour of Bro. David Posener W.M., John Peartree Treasurer, thus returning to the position held by him for the last seventeen years, and only temporarily relinquished in consequence of being elected Master last year; Potter Tyler. The sum of £10 10s each for the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and £10 for the R.M.B.I. were unanimously voted, and ordered to be placed upon the lists of Bro. Bayley, Pare, and Gluckstein, who will act as Stewards for these respective Institutions at the coming Festivals. Supper was then served, and its enjoyments ended, the customary expressions of a variety of Loyal and social sentiments found vent. Her Majesty the Queen, H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., Lords Carnarvon, Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers Past and Present, each came in for a more than usually enthusiastic applause, induced partly by inherent loyalty and cheerful submission to recognised authority; but more especially by the earnest and fervent manner in which the W.M. submitted the various toasts. Bro. Peartree's popularity in the Lodge is of long standing, and it must have been highly gratifying to him to find that during the term of his distinguished but responsible year of office, his conduct has been such as to still more endear him to every member of the Lodge. The feelings of affection were unmistakably manifested by the hearty applause with which his name was received, when, in a few brief but sincere words, Bro. J. D. Barnett I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. Further on, P.M. S. Solomon, in the course of his speech as President of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, most feelingly referred to the many disinterested services of the W.M. in connection with that fund; and the enthusiasm reached its height when one of the P.M.'s, inspired with the idea that it would add grace to the proceedings, suggested that bumpers should be drunk to the health of Mrs. Peartree, whose many wifely and womanly virtues were fully deserving the compliment. It was not at all surprising that the W.M. faltered in his reply, so thoroughly was he unmanned by emotion. With some effort he became more composed, and responded, in words full of gratitude, with a simple eloquence only to be achieved by those who speak from the bottom of their heart. The toast of the evening was, of course, that of the W.M. elect, Bro. Posener, who being already a Past Master of the Upton Lodge is naturally well fitted for the important post he is about to occupy. The W.M. referred to that brother's high qualities as a man and Mason, his charitable disposition, and expressed his pleasure that the suffrages of the brethren had proved in favour of one so worthy in all respects. The W.M. elect responded in suitable terms. Bro. J. Constable, the Treasurer, in his response, referred to the honours conferred upon him by the Charitable Institutions, acknowledging their appreciation of his slight services in a variety of ways (three testimonials, handsomely written on vellum, were exhibited in the room). He was proud of the Lodge in which he had received his Masonic birth, and through whose instrumentality he was enabled to accomplish his charitable enterprises. Bros. P. Levy Secretary and G. Pare J.W. responded for the Officers. Bros. Bayley, J. Ross, and Constable assisted in the entertainment by a few pleasing songs. Bros. Lazarus and Hooper responded for the Visitors. The brethren then separated with mutual hearty good wishes.

**Industry Lodge, No. 186.**—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 22nd inst., at the Restaurant, No. 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Black, owing to a domestic bereavement, the chair was occupied

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by Bro. T. S. Mortlock P.M. Bros. Hook S.W., D. J. Robinson J.W., W. Mann P.M. Sec., J. Powell S.D., W. Philp I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. E. W. Noehmer, Tallent, Wylie, Seex; Bros. Rickard, Horsey, Stanbury, Coleman, Sharp, Harmer, Downie, Allison, Bowden, Dyer, Hope jun., Earl, Reed, Chubb, Rogers, Buck, &c. After the Lodge had been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Mr. Bischoff was ballotted for and duly initiated, Bro. Mortlock performing the ceremony in his usual perfect and impressive manner. Bro. D. J. Robinson J.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge; the Senior Warden, Bro. Hook, being at the present time W.M. of the Sackville Lodge, East Grinstead. A Board of Installed Masters was then opened, and Bro. Robinson was installed into the chair by Bro. T. S. Mortlock. The W.M. was saluted, and with appropriate remarks he appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. W. H. Hook S.W., Powell J.W., Lake P.M. Treasurer, W. Mann P.M. Secretary, Allison S.D., Philp J.D., Johnson I.G., Noehmer P.M. D.C., Rickards W.S., Hook jun. Organist, Woodstock P.M. Tyler. The selection of Officers seemed to give the greatest satisfaction to the members, and the expressions of opinion must have been eminently gratifying both to the Master and to those appointed. The audit report was read and adopted. A discussion as to the removal of the Lodge then took place. Bro. Seex moved, and Bro. Noehmer seconded a proposition, that a committee be formed, to consist of the W.M., Wardens, Past Masters, Treasurer, Secretary, and others, to report thereon at the next regular meeting. It was proposed that the sanction of the Lodge be granted to Bro. Horsey to carry on a Lodge of Instruction at the Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, E.C. A vote of condolence was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the I.P.M., Bro. Black, on his recent bereavement. A sum of £20 was voted for the R.M.B.I., to be placed on the list of Bro. Noehmer P.M., who is a Steward at the next Anniversary Festival. Bro. T. S. Mortlock P.M. stated that the Lodge was Vice-President of all the Charities. He trusted they might always be able to give twenty guineas when required. Hearty good wishes were given, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert provided by Bro. Cole. The W.M. genially presided, and in introducing the toasts said: Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen was the Patroness of our Order; three of her sons were Masons. With the toast he would couple the Craft. The National Anthem was then sung. The next toast was one all are proud to receive. Our Masonic Sovereign, the Head of our Noble Order, and our future King. Those who were privileged to be present at the installation of the Prince of Wales, witnessed a sight that has never been equalled. Since then Masonry had greatly advanced and flourished. The next toast, the W.M. said, was one equally deserving of their recognition. The Pro Grand Master had been selected by the M.W. the Grand Master to preside in his absence, and the brethren could testify how Lord Carnarvon had filled his high position. His qualities as a statesman were equally appreciated, and he was ever ready with his services if he could advance the interests of the Order. The Deputy G.M. the R.W. Lord Skelmersdale deserved the same meed of praise; with this toast he would couple the names of the Grand Officers past and present. Bro. Mortlock then rose: it was some time since he had acted as I.P.M.; it was his pleasure now to propose the health of the W.M.; he regretted Bro. Black had not the honour of initiating the candidate; he knew he could perform any ceremony required of him. Their new W.M. had been a member of the Craft only three years and three months; he was now placed in office, and they had a good example in the perseverance shown by him. In selecting the W.M. the brethren had placed the right man in the right place. He hoped he might live long and be spared among them for many years; when he retired from the chair he would have the good wishes of every Bro. in the Lodge. Miss May Woodville here sang "When the Heart is Young." The W.M. rose to reply. He thanked them very much for the cordial manner they had responded to the toast. He found it difficult to express his feelings. He was proud of the position he occupied at being elected to the chair so early in his Masonic career. He asked them for their hearty support during his year of office, and again thanked them for the manner they had responded. The next toast given was the health of the Initiates; without them Lodges could scarcely prosper. In addition, the introduction of new members gives the W.M. an opportunity to show his proficiency. From the attention Bro. Bischoff had paid to the ceremony, he was convinced he would be all the Craft required of him. Bro. Daniel then sang "Jack's Yarn." Bro. Bischoff thanked the W.M. for having so kindly spoken of him. He was pleased he had entered the ranks of Freemasonry, and regretted not having joined earlier; from what he had seen he felt a great pleasure in being among them, and being associated with so noble an Order. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. By the interchange of visits, Lodges promoted harmony and good fellowship. He would call on Bros. Gottheil, G. Everett, and Keeble to respond. Bro. Gottheil said he would be brief. He had to thank Bro. Mortlock for being present that evening; he was pleased to see how that worthy Bro. had performed the ceremonies of initiation and installation. However, from the way in which the W.M. had presided, he agreed with Bro. Mortlock that the W.M. was the right man in the right place. Bro. G. Everett followed, and endorsed all that the former brother had so elegantly expressed since he was initiated. The W.M. has carried out the motto of the Lodge—Industry. He (the speaker) had visited many Lodges, but had never more thoroughly enjoyed himself. These remarks were supplemented by Bro. Keeble, who agreed with what had been said by those who had preceded him. The Past Masters was next given; the W.M. regretted the absence of the I.P.M. This toast was one that he felt an especial pleasure in proposing. The great aim of those who aspire to the chair is to rank among those who have done their duty to the satisfaction of the Lodge, and made themselves distinguished in Freemasonry. He hoped at the expiration of his year of office to become one of these, and to deserve a portion of the just encomiums he has frequently heard passed. Bro. Hook S.W. delighted the brethren with a very humorous buffo song. Bro. T. S. Mortlock thanked the W.M. for the kind manner he had brought the names of the Past Masters before the Lodge. They were established in a bond of union, and should continue so, so long as they continued to do all for the interest of the Lodge. The older members, he was sure, would co-operate with the younger ones. Bro. W. Mann P.M. followed, and urged the claims of the Masonic Charities; these were primary, and should go before anything after the business of the Lodge. He (Bro. Mann) was always ready to act as a Steward; they had, however, already one from the Lodge this year, and if they had not funds sufficient, the Industry Lodge would help to find them. Bro. Mortlock and himself have always been foremost in advocating the cause of the Institutions. With the permission of the W.M he would propose the toast of Success to the Masonic Charities, coupled with the name of Bro. Noehmer P.M., who is a Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bros. Dyer P.M. and Wyle P.M. then said a few words. They thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and stated how pleased they were to see him occupying the chair. Bro. Noehmer thanked the Lodge and the W.M. for the kind support they had promised him in his capacity of Steward; he hoped to carry up a list that the Lodge would be proud of. The glee, "Who would o'er the downs so free," was sung. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Officers, he had to thank them for the attention they had paid to the I.P.M.: he was sure they would give him their support during his year of office. Bros. Hook and Powell severally responded. The Tyler's toast was next given, and a very agreeable and harmonious evening was brought to a close. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Hook S.W. The artistes comprised Miss May Woodville, Miss Riley on the pianoforte, and Bros. Daniel and C. Morgan. The visitors were Bros. W. Hamlin 1622, C. Sawyer 1619, F. T. Keeble 1426, J. A. Reid 1673, Jno. Hiscox 1420, M. F. Cox W.M. 1314, W. Coleman 1604, Geo. Everett P.M. 177 and 1381, B. Needham 1624, B. Benningfield 1589, E. Gottheil P.M. 141, 185, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c.

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**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—Met at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 23rd inst. There were present Bros. Biddle W.M., Sergt.-Major Brookson S.W., Aarons J.W., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, J. K. Pitt Sec., Staley S.D., F. Croaker J.D., Sayer I.G., Christopher Tyler, D. Posener, Bush, Harris, Powell, Bone, Gomm, Walker, Maidwell, Feigl, Boas, Campbell, and Jas. Lonttit P.M. 413 S.C. The ceremonies of the third and first degrees were rehearsed, and very creditably conducted by the W.M. Bro. Posener then gave the categorical responses of the first section of the second Lecture. Bro. Lonttit, having been elected a member, thanked the brethren for their kindness in conferring upon him that honour, and expressed his satisfaction with the careful way in which the work was performed, and bestowed especial eulogism upon Bro. Posener for the manner in which he illustrated the section. Such careful work was rarely seen in Scotland. If it could be introduced there, he was sure it would prove of immense advantage, not only to individual brethren, but to the Scottish Craft as a body. Bro. Brookson was then elected W.M. for next Wednesday. To judge from his work in the two inferior chairs, it may be confidently concluded that the duties of Master will on that occasion be performed with unusual ability. Bro. Maidwell announced that the ceremony of installation would be rehearsed by Bro. Loewenstark W.M. Samson Lodge, at the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, held at the Hercules, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, the 29th inst., at 7 p.m.

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**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday, the 19th of January, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Bros. Joseph Stock W.M., Gibbs S.W., Hawkins J.W., Killick Secretary, Holford Treas., C. Lorkin S.D., Bedwell J.D., Brock I.G. Visitor—Bro. Hyland 201. Business—The Lodge was opened in the usual manner, and minutes of last meeting confirmed. The ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed, Bro. Fenner candidate. The sections of the second lecture were worked. Bro. Hyland was elected a member, and Bro. Gibbs appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

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**Old Globe Lodge, No. 200, Scarborough.**—A meeting of this Lodge was held on the 16th inst., when Bro. A. W. Tomlinson was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. J. W. Woodall P.M. P.P.S.G.W., assisted by Bros. W. H. Smith P.M. D.P.G.M. Lincolnshire, G. H. Walshaw P.M. P.P.G. D.C., J. W. Taylor P.M., and D. Fletcher P.M. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as Officers:—R. Y. Powley I.P.M., C. Emerson S.W., W. B. Richardson J.W., J. W. Woodall P.M. Treas., J. R. Dippie Sec., G. Dippie S.D., C. Roberts J.D., B. Shaw Org., E. Cooper I.G., S. Middleton D.C., R. Hume and W. S. Meek Stewards, J. Verity Tyler. There was a large muster of members and visiting brethren. The usual banquet afterwards took place.

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**Lodge of Israel, No. 205.**—There was an unusually large attendance of members and visitors, on Tuesday evening 1st, at the Cannon-street Hotel, the attraction being to once more welcome Bro. A. M. Cohen on his being installed in the chair of K.S. A little over thirty years ago, Bro. A. M. Cohen was Master of this Lodge, and discharged the duties of the office most ably. Since that time, as a P.M., he has been an unfailing and regular attendant in the discharge of his Masonic duties. For many years he has been a most efficient Secretary to the Lodge, and the President of its Benevolent Fund. Having gone through the various grades he was unanimously elected to the chair, and installed on Tuesday, the ceremony being

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admirably worked by Bro. C. F. Hogard P.M. and Prov. G. Sup. Works Essex, the present Secretary of the Lodge. Among the P.M.'s present to support Bro. A. M. Cohen, were Bros. M. I. Emanuel, Francis Buckland, Hy. M. Harris, Lionel Jacobs, Samuel M. Harris, Biggs, Latour, &c. The visitors were numerous, and among them were J. Phillips Joppa, E. P. Albert P.G.P., 188, 439, and 1017, Frank Murley Peckham 1475, John Peartree W.M. 185, R. Wood 15, John L. Miller W.M. 188, M. D. Loewenstark W.M. 1668, Edgar Bowyer P.M. 1471 and 1580, and P.G.J.D. Herts, W. H. Gulliford W.M. 1017, H. C. Levander P.M. 142, P.G. Sec. Middlesex, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, S. Solomon P.M. 185, L. H. Auerbaun 188, Arthur Blackman 23, W. G. Kent 1297, M. Samuels 188, W. Grunwald 199, J. Painter 511, and Lazarus P.G. Officer Wilts. The W.M., having been installed, proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—addressing a few pithy remarks, admonitory and congratulatory, to each, whilst handing the tools and emblems—Bros. I. P. Cohen I.P.M., A. Bassington S.W., H. J. Phillips J.W., Chas. Coote P.M. Treas., who, during the ceremonies, kindly officiated as Organist, C. F. Hogard P.M. Sec., L. Norden S.D., S. Gompers J.D., H. M. Harris P.M. D.C., H. Smith I.G., J. Da Silva W.S., and J. Rawles Tyler. In investing Bro. A. M. Cohen with a P.M.'s jewel, the W.M. congratulated him upon the able manner in which he had fulfilled his duties during his term of office, so that he had won hearty good wishes from every member of the Lodge. Prior to the installation, the out-going W.M. initiated Mr. Israel Richmond, and passed Bros. A. S. Hogetoren, and Lewis Henry Leon. The labours of the evening over, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and duly responded to. Whilst the brethren were enjoying themselves, the wants of the more needy members were not forgotten, for among the toasts was Prosperity to the Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund. During the evening a large number of subscriptions were announced, the result being the addition of a handsome sum to the fund. The banquet was served in admirable style, and the arrangements made for the comfort of the brethren afforded very general satisfaction.

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**United Strength Chapter, No. 228.**—The regular convocation of this Chapter was held on Tuesday last, the 22nd inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. Comps. Jas. Terry M.E.Z., John Winsland H., Robert Griggs J., Jas. Hillhouse S.E., White S.N., Halford P.S., Killick and Pearcy A.S.; also Comps. Newton P.Z., A. W. Fenner, Davies, Stock, Fysh, Cook, J. Woodman, P. Woodman, Simmonds, Timothy; also, as Visitors, Comps. H. P. Isaac Joppa Chapter No. 188, J. Hill Domatic Chapter 177. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of last convocation confirmed. Bros. M. Moseley, of the United Strength Lodge 328; Thos. Goode, W.M. of Lodge 1288, and Bartlett, were duly exalted. Comp. Terry being the M.E.Z. it is sufficient to say that the ceremony was performed in a faultless manner. The bye-laws drawn out by the Committee appointed at the last convocation were read, and after due consideration adopted. The Chapter was then closed, and the Comps. adjourned to a most excellent repast, at the completion of which, grace having been said, the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were duly proposed and honoured. The health of the exaltees was proposed by the M.E.Z. in felicitous terms, and was responded to in a very able manner, particularly by Comp. Bartlett. The health of the Visiting Comps. were then proposed and responded to. Comp. Newton P.Z. proposed the health of the M.E.Z., and referred to the high estimation in which Bro. Terry was held by the Comps., as well as other brethren in the Craft. This was received with great cordiality. The M.E.Z. responded in his usual happy style, and congratulated the Comps. on the success of the Chapter. He then proposed the health of his principals, H. and J., and referred to their great ability and the assistance he had received from them. The other Officers were also honoured. The proceedings were enlivened by Comp. Isaac, who gave a recitation; by Comps. Killick, Stock, Griggs, Fenner, and Davies, who sang some capital songs. The Janitor's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a conclusion.

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**Loyalty Lodge, No. 243, Guernsey.**—The ceremony of installation in this Lodge took place on Wednesday, 16th inst., when there was a large attendance of brethren. Bro. W. Helman S.W. was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the installing officers being Bro. F. M. Bichard P.M. and Bro. P. Le Page P.M. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Bros. T. Helman S.W., J. R. Thomas J.W., E. Le Huray S.D., T. Le Ray J.D., F. M. Bichard P.M. Treasurer, W. Robin Secretary, J. T. Snell I.G., B. Pleace D.C., J. H. Parsons Steward, and C. Romeril Tyler. The brethren afterwards partook of a liberal banquet. The evening's proceedings were of a most enjoyable and harmonious character.

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**Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342.**—The installation of the W.M. of this Lodge for the ensuing year took place on Wednesday, 16th January, at Freemasons' Hall, St. George's-square, Portsea. Bro. W. Payne, on whom the choice of the brethren had fallen, having been duly installed, appointed his officers as follow:—Bros. H. J. Guy I.P.M., J. W. Willmott S.W., R. Barnes J.W., W. C. Redward P.M. Treasurer, J. R. Willson P.M. Hon. Sec., G. C. Adames S.D., J. Craven jun. J.D., C. Knott I.G., J. Dyer D.C., T. Good and J. E. Buck Stewards. The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Bro. R. Turney P.M. 342, to whom a cordial vote of thanks was accorded and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Among the brethren present were Bros. G. Rake P.M. 487 P.G.J.W., G. S. Lancaster P.M. 487 P.P.G.W., J. Lillywhite P.M. and Treas. 257 P.P.G.R., J. Whale P.M. 309, W. Hillier W.M. 903, J. Clay W.M. 804, J. Ogburn P.M. 342 P.P.G.W., C. B. Whitcomb W.M. 1705, W. C. Redward, J. Craven, S. R. Ellis, H. Cawte, R. Turney, G. Wilkins, J. R. Willson, Hodge, and H. J. Guy, P.M.'s 342, J. R. Hayman Sec. 257, the W.M. of No. 797 (Dartmouth), Hall S.W. 804, Clark 804, and a large number of the brethren of the Royal Sussex Lodge. The banquet was supplied by Bro. G. F. Sherman in his usually efficient manner. Nearly fifty attended. The usual toasts were given during the evening, and several songs enlivened the proceedings. Owing to illness Bro. M. E. Frost P.M. 487 P.G. Treas. was unavoidably absent. The W.M. also received several letters from W.M.'s of neighbouring Lodges, regretting their inability to attend on account of business engagements or illness.

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**William Preston Lodge, No. 766.**—A meeting was held on Thursday last at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C. Present—Bros. S. D. Ewins W.M., C. R. Catmore S.W., E. Kidman J.W., W. Worrell P.M. Sec., Capt. G. J. Kain P.M. Treas., W. Drake S.D., W. J. Roberts J.D., W. J. Colleus D.C., G. Newman P.M. Steward, W. F. Smart I.G., W. Grant Tyler. Past Masters Bros. W. J. Miller, B. Abbott, A. Braun, J. Pringle, A. C. Rees, and several visitors. The formal business of the evening having been disposed of, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. J. Turle Lee, pass Bros. C. Pay, E. Wood and W. J. Heath, each of the ceremonies being performed in a most impressive manner. Bro. A. C. Rees brought forward a motion of which he had given notice, and after some discussion the Lodge was closed. The members adjourned to banquet, which was well served. At the conclusion the W.M. gave the usual toasts, presiding at the banquet table, as in the Lodge, in a most efficient manner. Several of the members contributed to the harmony of the evening, which, throughout, passed off most enjoyably. The W.M. suggested that the proceeds of the Charity box, sent round during the evening, be given to the Tyler, and this met the approval of all present.

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**Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction.**—Held its weekly meeting at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst. Bros. R. J. Ould W.M., Scheerboom S.W., Warner J.W., J. E. Ives S.D., Robinson J.D., Ellingford I.G., Turquand Preceptor; there were also present Bros. W. Hallett, S. Hallett, Breden, Hogg, Pringle, Williams, and several others. Lodge opened in due form with prayer. Bro. Hogg, acting as candidate for raising, was asked the usual questions, and entrusted. Lodge opened in the 3rd degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. E. Ives, who worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the 1st Lecture, and 3rd section of 2nd Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge closed in due form, and adjourned till Wednesday, the 30th inst., when the Fifteen Sections will be worked by Bro. J. E. Ives. The proceedings will commence at 7 o'clock precisely.

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**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—On Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Powsell-road, Dalston. Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., Young J.W., Bonner S.D., Christian J.D., Mardell I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., Allen Preceptor; Bros. Collins, Slater, Lines, Darnell, Harding, and others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Christian candidate. Bro. Cook answered the necessary questions; the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Cook candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Allen worked the first and second sections of the lecture. Bro. C. Lorkin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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**Dobie Lodge, No. 889.**—The installation meeting of the brethren of this Lodge was held on Wednesday the 16th inst., at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames. Bro. Francis Buckland the W.M. and P.M. of 205 presided in the chair of K.S., and there was a large attendance of members and visitors. The routine business having been gone through, Bro. Buckland proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. Geo. Porter, and the efficient manner in which the ceremony was conducted elicited warm remarks of approbation, both from the brethren and visitors. The newly installed Master then proceeded to appoint his Officers as follow:—Bros. Saunders P.M. 1503 S.W., Mitan J.W., Linton S.D., Nuttall J.D., Cartwright P.M. Treasurer, Squire P.M. Sec., Bond P.M. D.C. The labours of the evening over, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, served in capital style by Bro. Hardy, and the brethren passed a very pleasant evening.

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**City of London Lodge, No. 901.**—The brethren of this prosperous Lodge assembled on Monday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, E.C., under the presidency of Bro. George Porter, who was most ably supported by his Officers. The visiting brethren present included Bros. Allison 1298, J. Hooper 1515, J. Stewart 948, Francis Buckland P.M. 205, E. B. Grabham P.M. 19, J. Greenwood 1326, J. Morrill 704, W. Gilbert P.M. 1327 P.P.G.J.W. Herts, John Deale S.W. 59, W. R. Haycock P.M. 1441, Geo. Potter 177, Charles Arkill 192, Thomas Noton 1309, Isaac Buscall W.M. 177, W. Beacham 167, W. G. Kent 1297, W. T. Freborn 1326, J. Martin 733, James Power 1622, Lucas 192, Thomas Markham 1288, J. Mitchell W.M. 231, E. R. Cutler, &c., &c. Messrs. Charles Baxter, Robert Clinch, Edward Valentine, Perrin Harris, and George Albert Cundy having been severally ballotted for, and declared in each case unanimously elected, were duly initiated. Bro. George D'Arcy, who had been unanimously elected to the chair of K.S., was then duly installed, the ceremony being most ably worked by Bro. Henry D'Arcy P.M. The officers appointed were as follow:—Bros. W. C. Rabardt S.W., A. Ginger J.W., T. Wallis S.D., C. E. Micklefield J.D., Henry D'Arcy P.M. Treasurer, W. Alder Secretary, C. Beaumont I.G., and S. Wingrove W.S. After the ceremonies, the brethren adjourned to a most excellently served banquet, to which full justice was done, and the customary toasts duly responded to. The brethren separated at an early hour, well pleased at having spent so enjoyable an evening.

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**Sykes Lodge, No. 1040.**—The installation of Bro. Enos Wilson P.M. as Worshipful Master took place on Wednesday evening, the 16th instant, in the Freemasons' Hall, Driffield. The ceremony was performed in accordance with the ancient rites, by Bro. Tom Turner P.M. of the Constitutional Lodge No. 294, Beverley; and the Worshipful Master invested with the collars and jewels of office the following officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. James Elgey I.P.M., W. Santon P.G.S. S.W., John Dunn J.W., Ralph Teal P.M. Treasurer, James Scott Wilson Secretary, Marmaduke Simpson S.D., George Bielby J.D., William Barnby D.C., Henry Holgreaves I.G., Richard Davison P.M. and Jonathan Turner P.M. Stewards and Robert Potts Tyler. It was arranged to hold a Masonic ball in the Assembly Rooms on the 12th February next.

**Lewis Lodge of Instruction, No. 1185.**—Held its weekly meeting on Wednesday evening, the 16th of January, at 7 o'clock, at King's Arms Hotel, Wood-green. Present—Bros. Vesper P.M. Preceptor, Goodfellow W.M., T. H. Turner P.M. S.W., H. G. Gush J.W., S. Johnson Hon. Sec., A. Durrant P.M. Treas., Johnson S.D., F. Knight I.G., P.M. Bro. Leared, &c. The Lodge was opened in ancient form with solemn prayer; the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Wigmore having offered himself as candidate, answered the usual questions, was entrusted, and withdrew. The Lodge was then opened up, and Bro. Wigmore was passed to the degree of a F.C. The Lodge was closed in the 2nd degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Vesper, to the great regret of all the brethren, resigned the office of Preceptor, the state of his health rendering it impossible for him to attend regularly. Bro. Turner P.M., at the earnest request of the brethren, undertook the duties. On and after Wednesday, 6th February, this Lodge of Instruction will meet at 7.30 instead of at 7 as heretofore.

**Urban Lodge, No. 1196.**—Most of our readers know something of the Old Saint John's Gate, Clerkenwell, famous in days of yore as the quarters of the Military Knights of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, an Order instituted so far back as the days of the Holy Wars. To that other section of our supporters who have not visited this quaint old place we say, if they will take the trouble, they will be well repaid. About thirty-three years ago, the building was thoroughly renovated and restored; it then came into the possession of Bro. Benjamin Foster, a worthy man, whose literary tastes well qualified him to preside over the destinies of this historical and interesting place. It was here that David Garrick first gave his cronies a taste of his quality, and the members of the Urban Club, with Dr. Samuel Johnson as President, and such men as Oliver Goldsmith associated with them, were regularly to be found holding their meetings. The Urban Lodge, which held its installation gathering on Wednesday last, was formed by members of the Urban Club, and is composed of brethren who are associated with literary pursuits. The members assembled at half-past four o'clock; there were present Bros. James Simpson W.M., Past Masters Tickle, Dr. J. E. Carpenter, J. W. Pearson, H. Marsh, &c.; the Officers of the Lodge, and a goodly array of Visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Charles Lacey P.M. 174, J. G. Hilliard I.P.M. 174, F. Brown W.M. 1607, John Newton P.M. 174, James Terry P.M. Sec. R.M.B.I., T. Purkiss W.M. 1695, C. Montrie P.M., Murlis P.M., Watts, Hill, Birch, Hepburn, C. J. Perceval, Barge, Walter, Mulley, Roberts, Dowsing, Frye, Wickins, Halford, Morgan, &c. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the Auditors' report was read and adopted; it represented that the Lodge was free from all liabilities, and had a substantial balance standing to its credit. There was likewise a balance of upwards of £50 to the credit of the Benevolent Fund. Bro. Tickle P.M. then took the chair, and Bro. Webb as Director of Ceremonies introduced Bro. E. G. Legge as the W.M. elect. Bro. Legge then took the obligation, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and he was placed in the chair of King Solomon. On the re-assembling of the brethren, the following were appointed as Officers:—R. W. Blachford S.W., J. F. Heath J.W., Dr. J. E. Carpenter P.M. Sec., Eckstein S.D., Radford J.D., Charles Hawksley I.G., Fairchild Steward, Tickle P.M. Wine Steward, Webb D. of C., Steedman Tyler. In consequence of the absence of Bro. R. W. Simpson P.M., his investiture as Treasurer was deferred till next meeting. The address to the Master was given by Bro. Marsh, whose state of health, we sincerely regret to say, was not such as his many friends and admirers could desire. However, the veteran threw into his work a touch of the old fire, and deeply impressed his hearers with the solemnity of his utterance. The installing Master gave the addresses to the Wardens and brethren, and thus concluded his task, which had been carefully carried out in all its details. After the discussion of business matters the Lodge was closed. The banquet was capitally served, and after grace Bro. Legge briefly introduced the toasts; that of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Craft was followed by the National Anthem. In giving that of the M.W. the Grand Master, Bro. Legge referred to the filial duty the Prince of Wales was that day engaged in, of unveiling a statue of the late Prince Consort at Cambridge. The third toast comprised the R.W. the Pro Grand Master, the D.G. Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers. Bro. Legge said that all who attended Grand Lodge were charmed with the way the Pro Grand Master treated the questions under discussion. This evidenced he took a thorough interest in his duties. He then regretted the absence of Bro. John Hervey, the Grand Secretary, who was suffering from the effects of a slight accident. He felt assured that while we were presided over by such men as those who at present filled the principal offices in Grand Lodge prosperity would attend the efforts of the Craft. The health of the I.P.M. was next offered, in felicitous terms, by Bro. Legge. He held a jewel; it gave him great pleasure, on behalf of the Lodge, to present it to Bro. James Simpson. The brethren in open Lodge had kindly voted a handsome sum towards it, and this the brethren had largely supplemented. Bro. Legge then remarked that Bro. Simpson was adorned with other jewels; he trusted the one he had then the pleasure of presenting him with would not be held lowest in his esteem. He had already worked hard and well, but there was still a large field open to him, the field of Charity, which he hoped would be made productive. The gift was most gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Simpson; he could not sufficiently express his feelings; he did not feel he was worthy of the great honour conferred on him. Before sitting down he would, however, propose the health of the W.M., who he was proud to see succeeding him in the chair. Dr. Carpenter here favoured the company with the popular song of "Sweethearts;" he was accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Lehmeyer. Bro. Legge then rose: It was now he began to feel in hot water. He returned them sincere thanks for the hearty way in which they had received the toast. In conducting the Lodge, he felt assured he should have the support of the Officers. He then referred to the Charities: a great deal had to be said and done for the Masonic Institutions. The Urban Lodge had not been unmindful of their claims. Several of the Past Masters had served Stewardships; he, next year, intended to serve as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Legge concluded by saying that too many candidates were knocking at our doors. He was convinced every one present would join him in drinking "Success and Prosperity to our Masonic Institutions." After "The Englishman" had been sung by Bro. Dowsing, Bro. James Terry, who entered the room in the course of the W.M.'s remarks, rose to reply. He apologised for his late arrival, which had been caused by his attendance at a Chapter, where he had just assisted in installing the Principals. He recapitulated what the three Masonic Institutions had accomplished during the past year, and commented on what they proposed to do during the present. He thanked Bro. Legge for the promise he had given to act as Steward, and expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing him in his present exalted position. To the toast of the Visitors, which was cordially given by the W.M., and heartily received by the members, Bros. Charles Lacey, Montrie, Murlis, Hilliard, Morgan, and several others, replied. The remaining toasts comprised the Past Masters and the Officers, each received due acknowledgment. The W.M. then summoned the Tyler, and the brethren dispersed, after spending an enjoyable evening.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—Held its regular meeting on Friday, the 18th instant, at Bros. Bolton and Lano's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate. Bros. Simmonds W.M., Ellis S.W., Lane J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Crouch S.D., Hine J.D., Kent I.G.; also Bros. Posener jun., Smith, Campbell, Wallington, Lyons, Pearcy, Bolton, &c. Minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree; Bro. Smith answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree. The W.M. retired in favour of Bro. Wallington, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising, in his usual correct manner, Bro. Smith acting as candidate. The W.M. resumed the chair. Lodge was closed in the third degree. Bro. Fenner worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lyons, of the mother Lodge 1227, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Ellis will preside at next meeting. A vote of thanks was cordially voted to the W.M., this being the first time of his occupying the chair of K.S. at this or any other Lodge. Bro. Hine presented the Lodge with a poignard, and a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded him for his gift. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

**Finsbury Park Master Masons Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.**—Held at the Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Friday, 18th January. Bros. L. R. Rogers P.M. Preceptor, Walker, of Egyptian No. 27 W.M., Dunn jun. S.W., Press J.W., Davis S.D., Edmunds J.D., Oldis I.G. Lodge opened and minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Maidwell W.M. elect of No. 27, candidate for passing, was examined, entrusted, and retired. Bro. Rogers P.M. then presented Bro. Maidwell as W.M. elect, and Bro. Walker performed the installation ceremony, after which Bro. Maidwell invested the Officers. Proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be presented to Bro. Walker for his kindness in presiding. Bro. Dunn jun. was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro Maidwell was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. In addition to those already enumerated, there were present Bros. P.M.'s Davis and Pigot; Bros. Jefferys, Campbell, &c.

**Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.**—Held at Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Wednesday, 16th January. Bros. P. Dickinson Preceptor, Dunn jun. W.M., Walker S.W., Press J.W., Spurgin S.D., Evans J.D., Thompson I.G., P.M.'s R. Firbank, Wright, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Bee, a candidate for passing, was examined, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the 2nd degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Dickinson then presented Bro. Dunn jun. as W.M. elect, and Bro. Walker performed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Dunn jun. investing the Officers. Bro. Dickinson worked the third section of the 1st lecture. Bro. Walker was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.**—Held its weekly meeting at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross, on Tuesday last, the 22nd inst. Present—Bros. J. W. Smith W.M., F. Sillis S.W., Edmonds J.W., Adams Preceptor, Stiles Sec., Slade S.D., Lovegrove J.D., Saintsbury I.G., and a fair muster of brethren. The usual preliminaries were duly observed, minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Raney acting as candidate. Bro. Beattie answered the usual questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced to the second degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, in a very correct manner. Bro. Sillis was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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## HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

IT is a great feature in the present generation of Freemasons, and one on which they are most heartily to be congratulated, that the desire for a knowledge of the history of our Society is assuming rapidly such very considerable proportions. This is evidenced by the increased number of Masonic historical sketches. Some of those containing accounts of different Lodges we have already noticed, and we purpose now directing our attention to one which gives a clear and succinct history of the Craft in one of our Provinces. It is the work of one who speaks with authority; indeed, there is no one who is more competent than he is as to this particular Province. It was published some few years since, and to a certain extent it must be known among Craftsmen; but it is possible that this knowledge does not extend much beyond the limits of the province of which he writes. We have, therefore, thought it well to give in these columns a *résumé* of the contents of this eminently interesting sketch. It is by Bro. Kelly, P.P.G.M. of the Province, than whom, as we have already said, no one is more capable—both from the many high positions he has held, and also from the deep interest he has invariably taken in the doings of the Craft—to write a sketch of this character.

As in the case of nearly every Province in England, the early history of Freemasonry in Leicestershire and Rutland is veiled in the greatest obscurity. It seems that on the 7th December 1739, a Lodge was constituted as No. 170, to meet at the Wheat Sheaf, Leicester, but beyond the bare record of its constitution, nothing whatever is known of its history. It is not in a printed list of Lodges brought down to 19th April 1763, the No. 170 there given being Evangelist's Lodge at Antigua, constituted 10th November 1753, and from this circumstance Bro. Kelly surmises that the Lodge had a very brief existence. The next we read of is derived from Cole's list of Lodges for 1767, and is to the following effect:—"No. 197 (figure of a Pelican) Leicester, first and third Thursday, 21st August 1754." The only additional information we have of this Lodge is to the effect that in 1768, "Several years letters returned. No Lodge." This, then, had perhaps, an even briefer existence than the first. The next reference to Freemasonry in Leicester is found in the *Leicester and Nottingham Journal* of 7th May 1763, in an account of the rejoicings at Leicester, on the 5th of the month, in connection with the day of Thanksgiving for the peace with France. On that occasion, the High Sheriff of the County, the Mayor and Aldermen of the town, and the rest of the corporation went in procession through the town, and among the bodies which accompanied them were "Two Lodges of the most ancient, honourable, *friendly* and *agreeable* fraternity of the free and accepted Masons." The Order of Procession is given in Bro. Kelly's sketch, and we quote it accordingly:—

"1st. The Tyler, with his sword and jewel.

"Two present Masters of Lodges with their proper jewels, each bearing, in their left hands, the bible, compass and square belonging to each Lodge, and, in the right hand, each a common gavil.

"Three late Masters, with their proper jewels, each bearing, in their left hand, their authority from the Grand Lodge, with book of Constitutions, rules, and orders, &c., &c.

"Two Senior and two Junior Wardens, with their jewels and columns of their Order in their right hands.

"Two Secretaries, with their jewels, &c.

"The other Tyler, with his sword and jewel, as above.

"All elegantly dressed, according to the formality, and kept up with exactness and decorum peculiar to their Ancient Order."

One of these Lodges, Bro. Kelly says, "was undoubtedly No. 91, as the writer possesses the Grand Lodge Certificate of Bro. William Licquorich, a member of the Lodge, dated the tenth day of September, 1764," and then he goes on to describe its character and dimensions, adding "It is in the beautiful handwriting, and bears the signature of the celebrated Lawrence Dermott, Past D.G.M. and G.Sec. (the author of the *Ahiman Rezon*), and has the seal of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Masons affixed, the device being the Square and Compasses, surmounted by a dagger within a circle, inscribed with the motto, 'Virtue and Silence, Grand Lodge of London.'" We learn further respecting this Lodge that not only did it work the three Craft degrees, "but also the Mark and Arch Mariners, the Royal Arch, the 'Super Excellent,' and the Knights Templars, and other chivalric degrees." Bro. Kelly has its seals for the various degrees in his possession, but the records are unfortunately lost, and consequently there is no chance of obtaining any definite information as to its career. The records of the Grand Lodge do not contain even the date of its formation, but they stated the first Master was Robert Gray, and Sampson Skidmore and Thomas Phipps the first Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. The Lodge became dormant after a time, but was revived in 1775, when Bro. William Burley was W.M., and it met "at the Leather Bottle or elsewhere in Leicester." It figured as No. 114 on the revision of numbers in 1814, at which time it met at the George Inn, but having made no return to Grand Lodge, it was erased in 1821.

Another of the Lodges, formerly known as No. 47, and now as the "Knights of Malta," No. 50, Hinckley, was constituted in 1764, its warrant, which bears date the 30th January of that year, having been granted by the Earl of Kelly, Grand Master of the *Ancient*, or as they were subsequently called the *Athole*, Masons. This Lodge, however, was originally held in Macclesfield, and it was not till the year 1803 that the warrant, as Bro. Kelly informs us, was "transferred to sundry brothers to convene at Hinckly, in Leicestershire, at such house and upon such times as may be most convenient."

In the year 1774 a deputation was granted by the then Grand Master, Lord Petre, to Sir Thomas Fowke, Knt., Groom of the Chamber to H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland, brother of George the Third, appointing him to preside over the destinies of the Craft in the Province. On 31st August 1776, there was, according to the *Leicester Journal*, a Masonic funeral, and Bro. Kelly has extracted the following particulars from that journal, which we have thought it well to reproduce:—

"On Sunday morning, August 25th, died, at his house in this town, Mr. Thomas Brown, worsted maker. He was a member of the Honourable and Ancient Society of Free and Accepted Masons. His brethren, as a mark of their esteem, attended the funeral, and preceded the corpse to All Saints' Church; they were all dressed in deep mourning, adorned with their jewels, and in the uniform and regalia of their Order. The greatest concourse of people we ever remember to have seen on such an occasion attended the procession, which was very well conducted, and made in the following order:—

"1st.—The Tyler of the Lodge, with his sword of office.

"2nd.—Two Wardens, with their columns and ensigns of office.

"3rd.—Two senior brethren, with a cushion supporting the bible, square and compass.

"4th.—The Master, with the ensigns of his office.

"5th.—The Past Masters.

"6th.—The Secretary, with his ensigns.

"The rest of the brethren walking two-and-two, according to seniority, and followed by the Deacons with their black wands. Six Master Masons supported the pall."

About this time many representatives of county families,

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though they do not appear to have taken part in Masonry in the County itself, held high office in the Craft. Thus in 1762 and 1763 Earl Ferrers was Grand Master (Moderns); in 1764, the Hon. Thomas Shirley was Senior Grand Warden and the year following Bro. Anthony Keck, of Stoughton was one of the Grand Stewards. In 1774, the Hon. Thomas Noel, M.P. for the County, who became Viscount Wentworth the same year, was Senior Grand Warden, and Sir Thos. Fowke was a Grand Steward. In 1779 Viscount Tamworth was Senior G. Warden and G. Steward. The year following Bro. John Peach Hungerford, of Dingley (High Sheriff of the County in 1772, and M.P. for the County from 1774 to 1790) was Senior Grand Warden and a Grand Steward, and the same offices were held in 1783 by the Hon. Warlington Shirley.

Another extract from the *Leicester Journal* records the following:—

"On Wednesday, June 23rd 1783, the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren, of Lodge No. 91, had a meeting to celebrate their most excellent Patron, St. John the Baptist. They walked in procession from the Pelican, in Gallowtree Gate to St. Martin's Church, where a sermon was preached on the occasion from the 1st Epistle of Paul to Timothy, c. i., v. 18.

After Divine Service, they went in procession to Brother Joseph Smith's, the Crown and Thistle, in Loseby Lane, where they dined, and the greatest harmony prevailed, enlivened by toasts of the Craft suitable to the occasion."

On 7th November 1786 Sir Thomas Fowke died, and the office of Prov. Grand Master became vacant, and so remained for two years, when it was conferred on Bro. Thomas Boothby Parkyns, M.P. for Leicester, who was P.G.M. for Derbyshire and Notts, and upon whom was bestowed in 1795, an Irish peerage, with the style and title of Lord Rancliffe. This office he continued to hold till his death in 1800, but though occupying several distinguished positions in Freemasonry in London, he seems to have taken no interest whatever in Masonry in his Province, except on one occasion, when he was present at an Emergency Meeting on the 27th April 1791 of the St. John's Lodge, which had been constituted the year previous, after which he presented the set of silver jewels for the officers, which are still in use in the Lodge.

So much for the earlier and more obscure portion of the history of the Craft in Leicestershire, from which it will be seen that only one of the Lodges we have thus far mentioned exists still; while but one other survived the Union, and for a short time only. We now enter on the second and more complete period. We have just spoken of the St. John's Lodge as having been constituted in 1790, the date of its warrant being 31st August. This Lodge still exists, and as the Hinckley Lodge, now "the Knights of Malta," was not transferred thither till the year 1803, we must consider the St. John's as being the mother Lodge of the Province. The original Warrant having been lost or mislaid, a Warrant of Confirmation, dated 20th April 1820, was granted from G.M. the Duke of Sussex. It is from the records of this Lodge, which was for so long a time the only one in the county holding under the Grand Lodge Moderns, that we obtain such memorials of the Provincial Grand Lodge as yet remain. It is not, indeed, till 1833 that the proceedings of the latter are separately minuted.

It is not a little singular that the Warrant of the St. John's Lodge was granted to some of the principal officers and members of Lodge No. 91 of Ancient Masons, and that the "ancient" Warrant for a long time remained in the hands of Bro. Horton, who was Master of the old and new Lodge; and it was several months before it was delivered up to some of the ancient brethren who still desired to work under it. The Lodge was opened for the first time on the 11th November 1790, at Bro. Joseph Smith's, the Lion and the Dolphin Inn, Market-place, and it is recorded that Bro. Charles Horton R.W.M., by order of the R.W. P.G.M., installed the officers in due form, and that thanks were voted to the latter for his attention in granting the Warrant. Those present on this memorable occasion, in addition to the Master, were Bros. Joseph Smith S.W. and P.M., Thomas Ball J.W., Thomas Phipps Treasurer and P.M., John Hill, William Green, Joseph Dean, Henry Davey, John Blower, and Robert Daniel, Tyler: to these, therefore, must be ascribed the honour of having been "the founders of Freemasonry in Leicester in modern times." In connection with the foregoing facts two circumstances will be noted as being of an unusual or extraordinary character. These are the facility with which a "modern" Warrant was granted to a number of officers and brethren belonging to an "ancient" Lodge, and that the landlord of the house in which the Lodge held its meetings was one of its principal officers. However, in the days when these things happened, there was a certain laxity in the manner in which the government of Freemasonry was administered. Wise laws had been framed, and there were no doubt wise brethren who were fully capable of administering them; but in spite of this we find that strange things were done, which would be enough to frighten our modern sticklers for the rigid observance of the Constitutions, into their graves.

*(To be continued.)*

## FREEMASONRY IN PENNSYLVANIA.

THE Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of this Jurisdiction held their Annual Grand Communications on St. John the Evangelist's Day (27th December). The former met in Corinthian Hall of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, at 10 a.m. on that day, under the presidency of M.W. Bro. Robert Clark, G.M., who was numerously supported by his Grand Officers and the representatives of subordinate Lodges. The Reports of the various Committees were highly satisfactory, and shewed that Freemasonry in the Keystone State was in a very flourishing condition. An application for a new Lodge at Royer's Ford, Chester County, was referred to the Grand Officers, with full powers to act. An admirable portrait of the late Past Grand Master, Bro. Samuel H. Perkins, the work of E. D. Marchand, was presented on behalf of the artist to Grand Lodge. The gift was accepted, and a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the donor. Grand Master Clark then delivered an able and interesting valedictory address, in which he reviewed the principal events of his Grand Mastership. This address was listened to with profound attention. He then installed his successor, M.W. Bro. James Madison Porter, in the chair of Grand Master, with the customary and time-honoured ceremonies proper to the occasion. Grand Master Porter then delivered an address in which he, in the first instance, dwelt at some length with satisfaction on the flourishing condition of Freemasonry in the Jurisdiction, and then defined the principles which would serve for his guidance in administering the affairs of Grand Lodge. The following are among the principal Grand Officers who were installed at the Communication, namely, Bros. Michael Nisbet, Dep. G. Master, Samuel B. Dick Senior G. Warden, and Conrad B. Day Junior G. Warden; Thomas R. Patton G. Treasurer, and John Thompson G. Secretary.

The Convocation of Grand Chapter was held in the Renaissance Hall of the Temple, in the evening of the same day. In the course of the business M.E. Comp. Alfred R. Potter, G.H.P., delivered his annual address, in which he recapitulated the events of the year just closed; referring, in particular, to the very prosperous state of capitular Masonry in the State. The following are the principal officers for the ensuing year, and as all of them were re-elected, the prospects of the coming year are brilliant indeed: Comps. Alfred R. Potter, M.E. Grand High Priest, William C. Hamilton, M.D., Grand King, Hibbert P. John Grand Scribe, Thomas R. Patton Grand Treasurer, and John Thompson Grand Secretary. At the close of the meeting the Grand Officers accepted an invitation to be present at the annual banquet of Jerusalem H.R.A. Chapter, No. 3, in the Banqueting Hall of the Masonic Temple.

We have gleaned the above particulars from the columns of our esteemed contemporary the *Keystone*.

The Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278, will in future hold its meetings at Bro. R. Smith's, the "Salmon and Ball," Bethnal Green Road, on Wednesday evenings, at 8.30 p.m. Bro. G. Ward Verry is the Preceptor, and Bro. R. J. Chitson the Hon. Secretary.

The Installation Ceremony will be worked by Bro. A. J. Melhuish, W.M. of the Constitutional Lodge, No 55, on Tuesday, 12th February, at the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, held at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock.

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# ORDER OF THE TEMPLE IN IRELAND.

## INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AS GREAT PRIOR.

FROM THE "DUBLIN MORNING MAIL," 29TH JANUARY.

ON Monday afternoon, at the Masonic Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was installed Great Prior of the Order of the Temple in Ireland, in presence of a large assembly of Knights, including several from England. The Earl of Skelmersdale, Great Prior of England, who had been deputed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master to represent him on the occasion, and to assist at the ceremony, was unable to be present owing to the crisis in Parliament. However, there were at their posts Viscount Powerscourt Great Constable of the Order, Lord Dunboyne the Grand Master's Standard Bearer, the Earl of Huntingdon the Great Prior's Standard Bearer, together with Lord Edward Pelham Clinton, Sir David Roche, Bart., Captain Fitzgerald, Captain Percy Bernard, and Captain Newenham, and a host of Knights from the City and Provinces, including the following:—Holt W. Archer, James Allen, Dr. Browne, Major Bayly, John A. Baker, George Bell, Jessop Browne, Samuel Benner, Major Bailey, James Baird, H. H. Bottomley, John F Bewley, Captain Cosby, D.L., Thomas J. S. Casey, Davenport Crosthwaite, LL.D., Pro Chancellor, Wm. Comyns, Dr. Cameron, Rev. Dr. Creswell, M. J. M'Coy, Andrew Carleton, Major Cooper, George Crowe, William Curtis, Thomas Dockrell, George Drury, Captain Dawes, Major Davoren, Samuel Dobbin, Thomas Drought, W. P. O'Donoghue Mus. Doc., John D. Elliott, Major Elliott, James W. Fair, Joshua Fay, Dr. Finney, Wm. Boyle Fitzsimmons, of White Abbey, County Antrim, C. Foot, H. Florence, H. Flavelle jun., James Flynne, John Forsyth, St. George Freeman, of Waterford, Rev. Joseph A. Galbraith F.T.C.D., Henry Gibson, R. Wm. Griffin LL.D., Charles O. Grandison, Richard Garnett, Dr. Hamilton, William J. Hepburn M.D., Harry Hodges, John Hodges, Captain George Huband, Richard Harvey Drogheda, Preceptor of St. John's 384, Wm. G. Huband, John H. Jessop, Alexander D. Kennedy, H. C. Kelly, Thomas Kennan, H. G. B. Kane, Wm. B. Kelly, Edward H. Kinahan D.L., Thomas W. Kinahan, John V. Legge, John A. Lee, W. B. Leonard, Rev. J. J. MacSorley, James H. Macanlay, James Creed Meredith LL.D., George Mitchell, Wm. Henry Newenham, James H. North, Samuel B. Oldham, Plato Oulton, Wm. D. Pattison, Philip R. Patman, Henry E. Phillipson, Captain Phillips, Joseph Phillips, Robert Reeves, Wm. H. Reilly, Wm. Saunderson M.D., Wm. Shaw, George Speer, Wm. D. Sharpe, Arthur St. George, Colonel St. George, Theophilus E. St. George, Edward D. Thorpe, Robert Warren D.L., Joseph S. Wilson, Thomas George Wills Sandford D.L., Wm. Whyte, Richard L. Whitty, Joseph Wonfor, George Woodworth, Joseph H. Woodworth, David Wood, A. K. Young, &c.

At four o'clock the Knights assembled in the Grand Lodge room, arrayed in their panoply. Each wore a tunic with a Latin cross on the left breast, and a mantle with the cross of the Order on the left shoulder. They were armed with swords in black scabbards, the hilts also black, and fashioned into a skull and crossbones. The Preceptors of the various encampments were distinguished by crimson hoods. On the right hand side next the dais the Knights Commanders formed up, and opposite to these the Great Prior's Council, while the Preceptors and their Knights clustered around. They had not long to wait surveying each other, or the splendid decorations of the Grand Lodge room, when a flourish of trumpets and a rataplan on the drums proclaimed the arrival of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Grand Prior Designate, who was received by Capt. Huband, Acting Great Prior, and conducted to the robing-room. A special Great Priory was opened in the Prince Mason's Chapter Room, Captain Huband Acting Great Prior on the throne. Thither the Duke of Connaught was conducted by Viscount Powerscourt, Great Constable of the Order, and having halted at the foot of the throne, the Acting Great Prior presented to the Great Prior Elect the Grand Master's patent of his appointment, and asked him the usual questions, which His Royal Highness answered in a satisfactory manner. The Primate —represented in the absence of the Most Rev. Lord Plunket, Bishop of Meath, by the Rev. John James M'Sorley—recited the prayer for the occasion. The Acting Great Prior then asked the Great Prior Designate whether he was willing to take the obligation of the office. His Royal Highness replying in the affirmative was conducted to the Priory Chapel, which, with its stained glass window in mullions and tracery, and the altar lit up with tapers, and the assembly of the Knights, recalled the days of the Crusades and tournaments. Here the Prelate administered the obligation, which was announced to the Knights without by a roll on the drums and a flourish of trumpets. A procession having been formed, His Royal Highness the Great Prior was conducted to the Grand Lodge Room, where the main body of the Knights waited to witness his installation, and express their fealty.

Col. Howard St. George acted as Sub-Marshal, Lord Huntingdon carried the G. Prior's Standard, Lord Dunboyne the G. Master's Standard, Captain Richard Donovan and Captain Willes-Sandford Acting as Captains of the Guard, and Mr. Maxwell Close, M.P. D.L., Captain of the Guard of the Convent General. Sir David Roche, Bart., bore the Vexillium Belli, and Captain Percy Bernard the Beauseant; Captain Cosby D.L., and Captain Newenham respectively acting as Captains of the Guard, while Mr. Theophilus E. St. George was Herald, and Captain Byng A.D.C. Sword Bearer, the Aides-de-Camp being Lord Edward Pelham Clinton and Captain Fitzgerald. During the procession, the following hymn, composed expressly for the occasion by John Francis Waller LL.D. V.P.R.D.S., member of the Order of the Temple, was chanted, to the music of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," composed by Arthur Sullivan, Mus.D.:—

Raise we hearts and voices
In glad minstrelsy,
Brothers of our Order,
Christian Chivalry.
Ours the mightiest Captain,
Worshipped and adored,
Sin and Death He vanquished—
Christ, our King and Lord.
Raise we hearts and voices,
In glad minstrelsy,
Brothers of our Order,
Christian Chivalry.

Ours no earthly Temple—
That is past and gone—
Ours the Temple mystic,
Christ, chief corner stone.
Prophets and Apostles
Its foundation sure,
Fitly framed, the building
Living stones secure.
Raise we hearts and voices, &c.

Loyal homage give we
To our Patron Queen,
Long, o'er wide-spread nations,
Be her happy reign.
Where the Arctic regions
Freeze in icy chains,
Where the Ind lies burning,
There Victoria reigns.
Raise we hearts and voices, &c.

Honour the Grand Master
Whom those nations own,
Through her vast dominions
Heir to England's throne.
May he count it ever
Knightliest place to be
Master of our Order,
Christian Chivalry.
Raise we hearts and voices, &c.

Greet with heartiest welcome
Him who bears each name,
Dear to Christian Ireland,
Dear to England's fame.
May those names their splendour
Round our Prior fling—
Holiest saint of Erin,
Briton's knightliest king.
Patron, Master, Prior,
Love to each accord;
Glory, honour, worship
Unto Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The accompaniment was played on the organ by Mr. Charles O. Grandison. At the conclusion of the hymn the great Officers and Grand Crosses took the positions assigned to them on the dais by the Sub-Marshal, and the acting Great Prior assumed the throne. The great Prior Designate was then led to the foot of the throne, supported by two Knights. His warrant of appointment having been produced, the acting Great Prior installed His Royal Highness as Great Prior, assisted by Viscount Powerscourt, who, on behalf of the Grand Master, invested the Great Prior with the Grand Cross and Ribbon of the Order. The herald (Mr. Theophilus E. St. George) then proclaimed, after a flourish of trumpets and roll of drums, the titles of His Royal Highness in the east, in the south-west, and in the north-east, viz.: —"By the authority and in the name of the most eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Albert Edward Prince of Wales, I proclaim H.R.H. Prince Arthur William Patrick Albert Duke of Connaught and Strathearn and Earl of Sussex, in the peerage of the United Kingdom; Duke of Saxony and Prince of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, and Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, one of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Councillors, personal A.D.C. to Her Majesty the Queen, Lieutenant-Colonel of the 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade, Honorary Colonel of the Isle of Wight Artillery Militia, Hon. Colonel of the East Kent Mounted Rifles and Colonel of the London Irish Rifle Volunteers, Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Temple and Great Prior of Ireland."

The drums again rolled and the trumpets sounded, after which the organ pealed forth an accompaniment to the National Anthem, which was sung by Dr. O'Donoghue, and joined in with one accord by all present.

The Great Prior, as his first official act, appointed Capt. Huband Sub-Prior, and installed him to that office, presenting him with his abacus and warrant.

The Great Officers then passed by the foot of the throne, one after another, and having promised fealty and obedience to the Great Prior, returned to their places.

All the Knights, with drawn swords, also marched past the Great Prior, the Officers saluting him with their swords. Having returned to their places, the procession of the Great Officers was re-formed, and conducted the Great Prior to the chapel, where, having assumed the throne, he ordered the Great Priory to be closed.

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**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—On Saturday, 26th of January, at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Bros. John Gibbs W.M., Hawkins S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Killick Secretary, Halford Treasurer, Bedwell S.D., Crosbie J.D., Fenner I.G., Pearcy Preceptor. Lodge opened, and minutes confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Thompson candidate; also the ceremony of passing, Bro. Moseley candidate. Several sections of the first lecture were worked. Bro. Hawkins will preside at the next meeting.

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**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**—At the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, E., on Wednesday, 30th ult., Bro. C. Lorkin W.M., Woolley S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., Brasted S.D., McMillan J.D., Slaiter I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, G. Ferrar Treas., E. Dietrich Sec., and Bros. Jones, Pollack, Maples, McClean, Bonner, R. Olley, Marsh, Martin, Lee, Shackleton, &c. The Lodge was duly opened at 8 p.m., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed Bro. McClean offered himself as a candidate for the third degree, was interrogated and entrusted. The Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. McClean was raised to the degree of Master Mason, the W.M. ably doing his work. The Lodge was then closed down to the first degree, and Bros. Fieldwick and Lee worked four sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Woolley was elected W.M. for Wednesday, 13th February. Bro. Martin of the Euphrates Lodge 212 was elected a member. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on Wednesday next, the 6th February, by Bro. Lee P.M. 1524. Members of the Craft who can make it convenient to attend are fraternally invited.

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# AUCKLAND—NEW ZEALAND.

## INSTALLATION OF BRO. G. S. GRAHAM AS D.G.M. FOR AUCKLAND, N.Z., AND

## BRO. THE HON. FRED. WHITAKER AS PROV. G.M. FOR NORTH ISLAND OF NEW ZEALAND, S.C.

THE ceremony of installing Bro. G. S. Graham P.M. the District Grand Master elect of the English Constitution, and Bro. F. Whitaker as Provincial Grand Master of the Scotch Constitution in the North Island of New Zealand, was performed on St. Andrew's Day, 30th November last, in the Choral Hall, Symonds-street. Nothing in the annals of Masonry in Auckland can compare with the grandeur of the spectacle, the solemn precision and regularity of the proceedings, and the evident sense of deep responsibility under which the prominent actors laboured. The success which has attended the entire ceremony, together with the great number of prominent and influential citizens who attended as members of the Craft—comprising representatives of trade and commerce in all branches, could not but be struck with this proof of the great progress which Masonry has made in Auckland during the past few years. Old settlers, like Bros. Lazar and Whitaker, assembled in the Choral Hall, whose experience in Masonry ranges back to the extent of an ordinary lifetime, could not but be gratified at the extension of that universal brotherhood, which above all other human institutions is calculated to disseminate and maintain the highest principles of social morality, to support law and order, to lift the soul to the contemplation of great and ennobling studies, and to combine men of all races, nationalities and creeds in a common bond of sympathy, and to promote universal charity and benevolence. Already Freemasonry has outlived monuments, empires and creeds, which have "become the sport of doubt." Through the dim period of the Middle Ages it has carved its records upon the great public buildings of Europe, upon the tracery of the cathedral windows and the ornamentation of palaces, and in our day it is achieving work equally noble, comprehensive, and far-reaching. The sun never sets on its Lodges, spread as they are over the whole habitable globe, among every race, and in every clime.

But not only has Freemasonry embraced in its ample fold all climes, and tongues, and families of the earth, but it has numbered in its ranks from the days of its foundation the highest and noblest. The grand principles of loyalty which it teaches have attracted princes and monarchs to the Order. Hence the intimate and constant connection of Sovereigns and members of the Royal Family with the Masonic Order. James I., of Scotland, presided over the Lodges in his kingdom, and was very regular in his attendance at their meetings. James II., of Scotland, appointed William St. Clair, of Roslin, Earl of Orkney and Caithness, Grand Master. In 1502, Henry VII., of England, presided over the Lodges of his kingdom. He assembled a Grand Lodge in his palace, and with his own hands laid the foundation stone of "Henry VII.'s Chapel" in Westminster Abbey. The good Queen Elizabeth was "the most attached friend" of the Order. James I. was "a great friend" of Masons. Charles I., by the help of Freemasons, laid the foundation stone of St. Paul's Cathedral. George IV. was patron. William IV. was patron for Scotland and Grand Master for England. At the present day, four crowned heads of Europe are honorary members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. At the great Masonic meeting held at the Hague in celebration of the sixteenth anniversary of the installation of Prince Frederick of the Netherlands, as Grand Master of the Dutch Freemasons, the Crown Prince of Germany delivered a speech, in the course of which he said:—"Nationalities have created frontiers; Freemasonry desires charity, tolerance, and liberty, without distinction of frontiers. I am happy on this day, which I shall never forget, to be able to raise my voice in Holland to testify my adhesion to the principles of the Order, and to express the hope that in the struggle engaged in for the free development of the peoples and the liberty of the human mind, the final victory will remain with the Order." The Crown Prince's speech was received with the greatest enthusiasm. In 1852, Her Majesty the Queen (God bless her) became Patroness of the Freemasons' Boys' School. In 1831, Queen Adelaide became Patroness of the Freemasons' Girls' School. In 1838, a piece of plate, weighing 1,800 ounces, was presented to the Duke of Sussex by the English Freemasons, on his completing twenty-five years as their Grand Master (the same period as was served by the late Earl of Zetland), and this same piece of plate was sent to the Grand Lodge as a gift by the Duchess of Inverness after the Duke of Sussex's death. During the Duke of Sussex's Grand Mastership, the foundation stones of the following buildings were laid by him, accompanied by the Duke of Leinster as Grand Master of Ireland, with full Masonic ceremonial:—The Hammersmith Suspension Bridge, in 1825; the London University and the Caledonian Asylum, in 1827; the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, in 1828; and the Charing Cross Hospital in 1831. In 1822, the Duke of York laid the foundation stone of the Eton and Windsor Bridge, and in 1808 the foundation stone of Covent Garden Theatre was laid by the then Prince of Wales, both with full Masonic honours. The late King of Hanover was initiated into Freemasonry as Duke of Cumberland in 1796. His Royal Highness Prince William of Gloucester was initiated in 1795, and Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, was elected Grand Master in 1781. Their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of York and Gloucester were initiated in 1766. The Crown Prince of Prussia (Frederick the Great) was initiated in 1738, Frederick Prince of Wales in 1737, Emperor of Germany in 1735, and William the Third of England was initiated in 1690. So much for facts which are patent and well-known. According to a manual which is authorised by the Grand Lodge, and revised by a committee of skilled brethren every year, the connection between Freemasonry and the reigning family goes much farther back still, for we read in it that Henry VI. was initiated in 1450; that Edward III. revised the Constitution of Masonry in 1358; and that Prince Edwin formed a Grand Lodge at York in 926, the year in which King Athelstan granted the Freemasons a Charter. So far back as A.D. 690 King Edgar was an illustrious Protector. In 826, Alfred the Great took a leading part in Masonry. At the present day, to us loyal Masons, it is a matter of deep gratitude to "the Most High," that "the Royal Princes" of England—the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, and Prince Leopold are members of the Craft, and that "the Heir Apparent" now honours himself by occupying "The Throne of King Solomon."

The preparations for the important event we are about to record, were made, from time to time, by the General and Ball Committee. Where all worked so indefatigably it is unnecessary to particularise, but a meed of praise is due to the officers and brethren of the Irish Constitution, and especially to Bros. Wade, Tyler, and Batt, the Secretaries, whose exertions were unwearied. The Craft were fortunate in having the services of so eminent a musician as Bro. Brown as Organist, whose skill in organising the choir, and superintending the practices was in a large measure conducive to the success of the ceremony. The following gentlemen composed the choir:—E. Harker, W. H. Skinner P.M., A. Brock P.M., Dr. Purchas, Morgan, Withers, George, C. Hesketh, Reed, Pauline, Catran, W. M. Brown, J. C. Brown, Burns, H. Mills, and H. Brett.

The furniture of the Lodge room was of the most magnificent description, Lodge Sir Walter Scott, Thames, having, with fraternal liberality, lent for the occasion their fine furniture, which was presented to that Lodge by Bro. T. Rawdon.

The hall itself was tastefully decorated. At the back of the chair a full-sized oil painting of the Prince of Wales, lent by Bro. Perkins, was suspended, and beneath it an excellent photograph of Her Majesty the Queen. The whole of the interior decorations were tastefully arranged, and the general effect was pleasing and impressive.

Precisely at noon Lodge Waitemata, E.C., was opened by Bro. Warren W.M. The Secretary then stated the object of the meeting. The Lodge was then raised to the third degree, after which the choir sang, in a very tasteful manner, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, &c." The District Grand Master elect, Bro. G. S. Graham, was then received with the customary honours, Bro. J. Brown playing an organ march. Bro. Lazar R.W.D.G.M. of Westland, and Installing Master, was next received, and addressed the Lodges as follows:—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons, having been pleased, in the exercise of his prerogative, to grant a Warrant for the District of Auckland to constitute a Grand Lodge, to be governed and presided over by Bro. George Samuel Graham P.M., the honour has devolved upon me to consecrate and dedicate this Lodge to the honour and glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. Let us, therefore, in solemn prayer supplicate the Author of our being to bless and prosper our undertaking.

The Lodge was then solemnly consecrated, Bro. Moat spreading the corn of plenty, Bro. Leers the wine of joy, and Bro. Warren the oil of gladness. After the choir had sung the Ode to Virtue, the Installing Master addressed the Lodge, and formerly constituted it a Grand Lodge. The D.G.M. elect then retired to prepare for investiture. The Installing Master then appointed the following officers pro tem:—Bros. E. T. Wildman D.D.G.M., J. Doull D.G.S.W., Rev. C. M. Nelson D.G. Chaplain, W. Sloane D.G. Treasurer, Heather D.G. Registrar, W. L. Mitchell D.G. Secretary, A. Brock D.G.S.D., W. W. Batt D.G.J.D., J. H. Burns D.G.D. of Ceremonies, Hydes D.G. Sword Bearer, Redfern D.G. Pursuivant, C. Porter D.G. Tyler. The Installing Master having declared the Grand Lodge duly opened, the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson, offered up a most impressive prayer. Bro. Goldsbro' was then elected D.G. Treasurer, and Bro. Charles Porter D.G. Tyler for the ensuing twelve months. The D.G.M. Bro. Graham then re-entered, and was received and presented by Bros. P.M.'s Philips and Goldsbro' to the Installing Master, who delivered an impressive address and administered the usual obligation. Choir, "Glory be to God on High." The Installing Master then invested Bro. Graham with the magnificent regalia of a D.G. Master, and conducted him to the chair. The newly installed Grand Master was then proclaimed by Bros. Wildman, Brassey, and Kissling in the East, West and South respectively, after which the Installing Master delivered a solemn and impressive charge.

The investiture of the following officers of the R.W.D.G. Lodge was next proceeded with:—Bros. W. Lodder P.M. 689, W.M. Lodge Remuera, D.G.S.W., J. Warren W.M. 689 D.G.J.W., C. M. Nelson W.M. 1338 D.G. Chaplain, C. F. Goldsbro' P.M. D.G.T., W. H. Kissling P.M. 1338 D.G. Registrar, H. G. Wade P.M. 689 D.G. Secretary, W. H. Skinner P.M. 1338 D.G.S.D., W. P. Moat W.M. Rodney D.G.J.D., G. N. Brassey P.M. 1338 D.G. Superintendent of Works, E. S. Wilcocks D. of C. 1338 D.G.D. of Ceremonies, F. W. E. Dawson S.W. 1338 D.G.D.C., T. Cole W.M. elect 689 D.G.S. Bearer, C. Hesketh Remuera D.G. Organist, R. C. Dyer J.W. 1338 D.G. Pursuivant, W. Rattray Remuera A.D.G. Purs. Stewards—Bros. L. D. Nathan, W. T. J. Bell, Seymour George, and J. Martin: Bro. C. Porter D.G. Tyler. The Installing Master then delivered an address to the D.G.M. and brethren, after which Bro. Graham addressed those assembled:—Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—I have to thank you for the high and honourable dignity that has been conferred upon me, and it will be my constant endeavour by zeal and assiduity to discharge the duties of the office so as to reflect credit upon your choice. Gratitude is due to the Most Worshipful His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, our Grand Master, in having so cheerfully granted the prayer of your petition, tending to prove that even in this remote part of Her Majesty's dominions the wishes and interests of the Craft have due attention. In the selection of my officers I have endeavoured to entrust the affairs of District Grand Lodge into the hands of brethren, who, by their eminence, merits, and abilities, will conduce to the welfare of Masonry in general, and this District Grand Lodge in particular. It is gratifying to see around me such a distinguished and large gathering of brethren from all parts of the colony, and I have to tender my hearty thanks to the R.W.D.G.M. Westland, E.C., Bro. Lazar, for the able manner in which he has conducted the installation, and the visiting brethren

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for their attendance. It is also particularly pleasing to see in our midst the R.W.P.G.M., the Honourable Frederick Whitaker, his Officers, and the members of the Scottish Constitution who have met this day with a similar object in view themselves, and have extended to us the right hand of fellowship by joining in the ceremony. Time will not permit me to address you at any great length. To give an outline of such an ancient institution as Freemasonry, would be like repeating the history of the world. Its area is so vast, its subjects so multifarious, and the treasures gathered for ages into its archives are so numerous. The intellectual man is struck with Freemasonry as comprehending in all its varieties the whole of human life, the contemplation of which is inexhaustible. Suffice it to say, that a Mason, no matter what his creed may be, must be a believer in the Grand Architect of the Universe; he must be a law-abiding citizen, and he is taught to me sure his actions by the rule of morality, as also to retain in their fullest splendour those truly Masonic ornaments which are the distinguishing characteristics of the Order, "Benevolence and Charity." From the earliest ages Freemasonry has been subject to opposition, but firm in its rectitude it has successfully withstood it, and even to this day there are those who decry it—knowing nothing of it, and from their ignorance, cannot comprehend its intellectual and moral development. It is that sacred bond that teaches us the immortality of the soul, that binds men of the most discordant opinions into one band of brothers, gives one language to all nations, and one altar to men of all religions. There are those who pretend to deny the existence of a Supreme Governor of the Universe, and death to them would be but an eternal sleep. What a faith for a rational being to hold in a world teeming with wonders of animal and vegetable life. We behold the waters of a noble river flowing ceaselessly onward to swell the mighty ocean; there they do not remain. The glorious sun in its bright career attracts the pure elements again to the skies where, wafted by evening zephyrs over distant hills, silently at night it descends in gentle dew to cool the arid plain, or condensed in heavy clouds, in dark horizon and in lightnings lurid glare, proclaims the approaching storm, pouring the treasures of heaven in liberal profusion over the vast field of human labour—causing the grass to grow, the grain to swell, the trees to bud, and the heart of man to rejoice. They cannot discern in this the handiwork of the Creator. The Freemason, however, learns that, when he has performed his allotted task, when this life is ended, it closes to open upon a newer and a higher one, where in a second temple and purer Lodge, he will find "Eternal Truth,"—

For on Him he will calmly rely,
To whom alone
All secrets are known,
Who reigns supreme on high.

At the conclusion of the address, Bro. Lazar offered up a prayer, which was followed by the singing of an ode. After which congratulations were received by the District Grand Master, and the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment.

At 3 o'clock, the officers and brethren of Lodge St. Andrew assembled in the Hall, and the W.M., Bro. Walker, having raised the Lodge to the third degree, Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker, Provincial Grand Master elect, was received with the customary Masonic honours. The ceremony of the installation differed very slightly from that in the case of Bro. Graham D.G.M. K.C. The consecration of the Lodge was performed by the Installing Master, and Bro. Walker W.M., Bro. Murray W.M. Sir Walter Scott, and Bro. Brodie P.M. Sir Walter Scott, sprinkled the corn, wine, and oil.

After the consecration, a very beautiful opening prayer was offered up by the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. F. Gould, P.G. Chaplain.

The following temporary officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were then appointed:—Bros. W. McCullough P.M. Sir Walter Scott D.P.G.M., Doull P.G.S.W., W. J. Rees P.G.J.W., the Rev. F. Gould P.G. Chaplain, Sloane P.G. Treasurer, Heather P.G. Registrar, Mitchell P.G. Secretary, A. Brock P.G.S.D., Batt P.G.J.D., W. Fraser P.G.D. Director of Ceremonies, J. H. Burns A.P.G.D. Ceremonies, Hyde P.M. P.G. Sword Bearer, Redfern P.G.I.G., Rawdon P.G. Tyler.

After the investiture of P.G.M. Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker, the following officers were invested:—Bros. Anderson P.M. P.G.S.M., Brodie P.M. P.G.S.W., A. Dewar P.M. P.G.J.W., T. L. Murray W.M. P.G. Treasurer, E. K. Tyler P.M. P.G. Secretary, the Rev. F. Gould A.P.G. Chaplain (in the absence of the Chaplain elect), Martin A.P.G.S.D., T. Ellison P.G.J.D., W. Fraser P.G. Director of Ceremonies, W. Wilkinson P.G.M., Errington P.G.A., Captain Goldsmith P.G.S.B., Henry Brett Director of Music, James Reid Hendry P.G. President of Board of Stewards, Horne P.G.I.G., Rawdon P.G. Tyler.

In investing Bro. H. Brett as P.G.D. of Music, the Installing Master took occasion to say that though he had conducted many installations, he had never attended one at which the musical portion of the ceremonies had been more tastefully and efficiently rendered than at this, and nowhere had he more enjoyed the singing and organ performances.

After the investiture, Bro. F. Whitaker, Provincial Grand Master, S.C., addressed the Lodge:—Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Brethren,—The time has now come when it is customary that I should address you as Master of this Lodge, but I shall endeavour to be exceedingly brief, because we have already gone through two ceremonies, which have detained you a great length of time, and therefore I do not think this is a proper occasion on which I should occupy much more of your time. I will, however, avail myself of saying a few words which I deem appropriate to the occasion, and then I will dismiss you and close for the first time this Provincial Grand Lodge. Brethren, you are all aware that Freemasonry has two great characteristics, Operative Masonry, and Symbolical Masonry. The foundation of our Lodges, no doubt, in its origin, was operative. It commenced with the building of the Temple of King Solomon, but now a great change has taken place in Masonry, so far as it relates to its operative character, for we have become symbolical or speculative Masons; we have abandoned operative Masonry altogether, and I dare say, to a certain extent, we have derived a large amount of advantage from the change. I hardly think it would suit me at the present time to perform the duties of Hiram, the Builder, or that it would suit you to cut timber on Mount Lebanon, or to quarry stones at Tyre. But what have we established in the place of that operative Masonry which, as regards our Order, no longer exists? We have established an institution of the grandest possible character upon that foundation of 3,000 years ago; an institution which is flourishing in every clime, and among every race: there is none other like it in the whole world, an institution whose greatness the brethren acknowledge with pride, an institution which all can seek entrance into with only two qualifications requisite—one being purity of character, and the other the acknowledgment of a Supreme Being. These are the only two qualifications required. Freemasonry is as wide as the world itself. It extends over Asia, Europe, America, Africa, and even Oceana and New Zealand, the most distant part of the world from ancient civilisation. Over the whole civilised globe, and wherever civilised man sets his foot there we find Freemasonry in all its glory. The great principle of Freemasonry is that we are all equal as Freemasons. In this Lodge every man is equal, except in so far as any of us may be put in authority over the others for the purpose of regulating the conduct of the brethren, and guiding the management of the institution. Freemasonry makes no distinctions as to creed or colour, Jew or Gentile, whoever they may be, all are equally acceptable; and as to religious belief, the recognition of a Divine Being as the Great Architect of the Universe is the only qualification necessary for admission to the brotherhood. Of course, brethren, this is a theme upon which I might descant at great length, but as I have already promised to make my remarks as brief as possible, I will fulfil that promise. But there are a few matters with regard to myself which I should like to refer to, because there are some members of the Craft who have recently arrived in this colony who are not aware of the position I formerly held in connection with Freemasonry and how long I have been a brother—indeed, many of you were not born at the time when I first became a member of the Craft. I hold in my hand a document which reminds me of the 23rd of July 1839, when I was initiated as an apprentice in the mysteries of Freemasonry. I was in due course raised to the degree of a Master Mason, and in October 1839, I was enrolled as a member of the Grand Lodge of England, on the records of which my name stands at the present time. Now during that time it has devolved upon me to perform some of the most important Masonic acts. In the first place, having arrived in New Zealand, I assisted in 1842 in instituting Lodge Ara, existing up to the present time, and I was elected as its first Master. I recollect that at that period a gentleman of the Jewish persuasion came down from Sydney. I do not know how it is that the gentlemen of that persuasion seem to be more intimately acquainted with our ceremonies than any one else. I recollect that fact, and it reminds me of the perfect and regular way in which Bro. Lazar conducted the ceremony to-day. You see St. Paul's Church there on the hill; I assisted subsequently to the ceremony in laying the foundation stone of that church. Five and thirty years ago is a long time, brethren, a very long time to look back upon. Again, you see the Supreme Court, and I dare say many of you will recollect that I laid the foundation stone of that building myself as a Master Mason in 1865. In 1876, one of the most pleasing incidents of my career in Masonry occurred, when I was invited to the Thames by brother Masons. You must understand that being an English Freemason, I had not yet been connected with any Scotch Lodge. I was invited to the Thames to be affiliated to the Scotch Constitution in the Sir Walter Scott Lodge, and I was enrolled as one of the brethren on that occasion, and it was then a formal offer was made to me to become the first Provincial Grand Master of the Scotch Constitution for the North Island of New Zealand. Well, that is now concluded with this ceremony to-day; I am duly installed as your first Grand Master, and I think I may refer to this fact in proof of the Catholicity of Freemasonry, for here I am an Englishman, never having been in Scotland in my life, and you have accepted me as your Grand Master. I believe I may refer to Bro. Graham here on my right, the District Grand Master of the English Constitution, as being of Scotch origin. (Bro. Graham here whispered some words to Bro. Whitaker, which were not audible in the body of the hall). Born in Ireland, but of Scotch origin—well, I suppose we must accept him as half-Irishman and half-Scotchman, but half an Irishman and half a Scotchman fitted together makes one good English Grand Master. (Cheers). Here is Bro. Graham, sitting, I may say, in all his glory, and I for one do most sincerely wish him a long and happy reign over the Lodge of which he has been appointed Grand Master. I now have this to say: I do from the bottom of my heart most sincerely thank you all, brethren, for the great honour you have conferred upon me in placing me in this chair, and I assure you it will be my utmost endeavour to conduct the business of this Grand Lodge in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the brethren. I shall endeavour faithfully to perform my duties with the aid of the officers appointed to assist me, and depend upon it my best endeavours will not be wanting to uphold the dignity and support the influence of Masonry. (Cheers) You are aware that the Master who sits in this chair is as great an autocrat as the Emperor of Russia. What I say in this Lodge is law, and there is but one appeal, viz., to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Here the Master of this Lodge is supreme. I refer to Bro. Lazar as to whether I am stating what is correct—no brother has a right to dispute the decision of the Grand Master, but let me add that while I will act with firmness, I will also act with moderation, and my decisions, so far as it is possible to make them, shall be founded on justice and truth. (Cheers.) Brethren, assist me to close this Lodge.

At the close of the ceremony the P.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. F. Gould, offered up the following very eloquent prayer:—

God, our Creator, Preserver, and Benefactor, with whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, we thank Thee for the fraternal communion which we have this day

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enjoyed. Pardon all that Thy holy eye has seen amiss in us. Bless our humble labours to the promotion of truth and love, unity and peace. Smile upon our institution, and make it the instrument of great good. Dismiss us with Thy blessing, go with us when we separate, guide us evermore by Thy good providence, and finally reunite us at Thy right hand in that world of life and light where Thou for ever reignest. So mote it be.

The following brethren were the joint Committee for both Installations, and have given universal satisfaction by the manner in which they have carried out the programme:—Bros. Brett and Tyler, for the S.C.; and Bros. Lodder, Skinner, and Wade, for the E.C.

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**St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 418, S.C.**—At the meeting of the members of this Lodge, on 26th November, at Auckland, the following Office Bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. C. Walker R.W.M., Thomas Whitson Depute Master, Hewson Senior Warden, Hendry Junior Warden, Lewis Treasurer, Payne Secretary, McEwan Senior Deacon, McCoskrie Junior Deacon, Gallagher Senior Steward, W. Nicol Junior Steward, McClusky Bible Bearer, Hughes Inner Guard, Porter Outer Guard, Rev. F. Gould Chaplain.

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**Waitemata Lodge, No. 689, E.C.**—The installation of the officers of this Lodge for the ensuing year, took place at the Lodge Room, Princes-street, in November. There was a very large attendance, the room being crowded. The first business after the Lodge had been opened in the first degree by Bro. Warren W.M., was the initiation of two candidates, after which the principal ceremonies were commenced. Amongst those present were the R.W.D.G.M. Bro. Graham, Bro. P.M. Lodder, who officiated as Installing Master, J. H. Burns Director of Ceremonies, C. F. Goldsbro', W. R. Hayward, W. H. Skinner, H. G. Wade, W. L. Mitchell, and Rev. C. M. Nelson W.M. 1338, G. Redfern W.M. 421, and Bro. Fleming P.M. Lodge St. Andrew. Bro. T. Cole the Master elect was presented to the Installing Master by Bros. P.M. Goldsbro' and Wade, and duly obligated and installed, after which Bro. Warren was installed as Immediate P.M. The Master having been duly proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees, the following brethren were installed in their various offices by Bro. W.M. Cole:—Bros. J. S. Hatswell S.W., W. A. Fenton J.W., H. G. Wade Treasurer, J. H. Burns Secretary. The appointment of the Junior Officers was postponed in consequence of the lateness of the hour, and the fact that the annual banquet of the Lodge was waiting, but before this took place, Bro. Graham R.W.D.G.M. addressed, and charged first the W.M., then the Wardens, and lastly the brethren, on their several duties. An excellent spread was provided by Bro. Hood, and after this had been partaken of, an adjournment took place to the Lodge Room, where tables were laid. The toasts proposed were: "The Queen and Craft and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of the English Constitution;" "The Grand Masters of the Irish and Scotch Constitutions," by Bro. Graham D.G.M.; "The D.G.M.," by Bro. Burns, responded to by Bro. Graham; "The Newly Installed W.M.," proposed by Bro. Wade and responded to by Bro. Cole; "The Immediate P.M. Bro. Warren," proposed by Bro. Lodder and duly responded to; "Bro. Lodder the Installing Master," proposed by Bro. S. W. Hatswell and responded to; Bro. Fleming proposed the toast of "The Officers of Lodge Waitemata," and Bro. Wade responded; "Visiting Brethren" was proposed from the chair, and responded to by Bro. Fleming; "Lodge St. Andrew," Bro. Robinson; "Lodge Sir Walter Scott," Bro. Brown. The toast of the "Host and Hostess" was duly honoured. During the evening numerous songs were sung to enliven the proceedings, and a very pleasant evening was spent by all present at the installation banquet of the Waitemata, the senior Lodge of the English Constitution in New Zealand.

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### YORKSHIRE COLLEGE.

ON Saturday last, the members of this lately formed body held their regular quarterly meeting at the Queen's Hotel, York, in the rooms of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, which had been kindly placed at their disposal. Arriving in York about mid-day, they were conducted by Fra. T. B. Whytehead to some of the many places of Masonic and archæological interest with which the ancient city is enriched. The ruins of the Abbey of St. Mary's, the magnificent Cathedral and its relics, the bars and ancient fortifications of the city, were all inspected. The Masonic Hall belonging to the York Lodge, No. 236, was also visited, and the hospitality of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory of Knights Templar (of which Bro. T. B. Whytehead is E.P.) was extended to the visitors, preparations having been hospitably made under the superintendence of Bro. J. Ward (Equerry). At four p.m. the College was opened, the R.W. Ch. Ad. Fra. S. B. Ellis presiding in the East, the ceremonies being worked by W. Fra. T. B. Whytehead V. Celebrant, assisted by Fratres the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett V., J. S. Cumberland III., John Clark II., H. W. Lofthouse II., J. E. Reaney I., and T. Blair I. Letters of apology for non-attendance, through illness and other causes, were read from Captain F. G. Irwin IX. (Ch. Ad. Bristol College), Brockbank VII., Seargill VII., Middleton V., Dr. Thomas V., Dr. Griffiths V., White IV., &c. R.W. Fra. Captain Irwin's letter congratulated the College upon the practical manner in which they were setting themselves to work. The following brethren were admitted into the Order with the usual ceremonial:—J. W. Woodall (Scarborough), William Lawton (York), J. T. Thompson (Sheffield), and Walter Clark (Sheffield). The W. Celebrant then read an interesting paper on the History of Freemasonry in York, for which he received the cordial thanks of the College. It was arranged that the next meeting should be held at Sheffield, and the M.C. was then dissolved. The Fratres afterwards met at refreshment, and spent a most enjoyable evening.

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., on Wednesday, the 6th of February, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

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

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to Report that they have examined the Accounts from the 17th October 1877 to the 15th January 1878, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

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| „ Unappropriated Account - | 198 | 16 | 11 | Balance - - - | 274 | 19 | 11 |
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which Balances are in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., Bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

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

1st. From Companions James Mander as Z., Edward James Harty as H., John Henry Watts as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201, London, to be called "The Eclectic Chapter," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

2nd. From Companions the Rev. Charles William Arnold as Z., Thomas Cawley Eager as H., Harry Will Charrington as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Weyside Lodge, No. 1395, Woking, to be called "The Weyside Chapter," and to meet at the Crown and Anchor Inn, Woking, in the County of Surrey.

3rd. From Companions Richard Thomas Elsam as Z., Francis Buckland as H., Richard Cartwright as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Dobie Lodge, No. 889, Kingston-on-Thames, to be called "The Dobie Chapter," and to meet at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, in the County of Surrey.

4th. From Companions Joseph Christopher Lambert as Z., Richard Dowling as H., Thomas Charles Storer as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Helena Lodge, No. 488, St. Helena, to be called "The St. John's Chapter," and to meet at James Town, in the Island of St. Helena.

5th. From Companions Joseph Copeland Gillman as Z., Edwin Banks Harding as H., Henry Parker Jones as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Trafford Lodge, No. 1496, Moss Side, to be called "The Trafford Chapter," and to meet at the Alexandra Hotel, Moss Side, in the Western Division of the County of Lancaster.

6th. From Companions James Glaisher as Z., Ernst Emil Wendt as H., George Brooke as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Mary's Lodge, No. 63, London, to be called "The St. Mary's Chapter," and to meet at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, in the Parish of Ealing, in the County of Middlesex.

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

The Committee beg further to report that there now stands to the credit of the Grand Chapter invested in the Three per Cent. Consols a sum of £3,400, and they recommend, as no immediate claim is likely to be made on the funds of Grand Chapter beyond the ordinary current expenses, that the following grants be made to each of the Masonic Charities, and be transferred to their respective trustees, viz.:—

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| The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls . . | £500 | Consols |
| The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys . . | £500 | „ |
| The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Male Fund | £500 | „ |
| Do do. Female „ | £500 | „ |

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, President.

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Among the Masonic Balls recently announced must be mentioned that of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, which will be held at the Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road, on Friday, the 22nd. The management has been entrusted to Bro. G. Penn, W. Master, who will be assisted by a numerous and influential Committee. It is intended the proceeds shall be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at the next Festival. Tickets, including supper, will be, for gentlemen, 10s 6d; for ladies, 7s 6d; and double tickets, 16s.

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The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., on Thursday evening, 7th February, at seven o'clock precisely. Bro. W. Hogg as W.M., T. J. Barnes as S.W., Hewlett as J.W., W. Musto as I.P.M.

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## CONSECRATION OF THE KING'S CROSS LODGE NO. 1732.

THE Founders of this Lodge are brethren who, for the most part, have been associated with the Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville-road, since its formation. It will be within the recollection of our readers that the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, consecrated in 1874, held its meetings here up till the latter half of the year 1877, when, in consequence of the limited accommodation the proprietors were enabled to spare the members of the Lodge—which in numbers had far exceeded the anticipations of its founders—it had to seek more capacious quarters for holding its meetings. However, so comfortable had the brethren been made, and so attentive had the management been to their wishes, that it was not unreasonable to suppose that those who were entrusted with the duty of founding a fresh Lodge should bear in mind how well they had been attended to. Consequently, the Metropolitan Club was chosen as the quarters of the King's Cross Lodge, and Wednesday last was the day fixed for its consecration. Bro. J. J. Michael, P.M. 1107 and 1507, was the W.M. designate, and in making the necessary arrangements for the consecration he was ably assisted by Bros. W. M. Stiles and F. Saintsbury. Bro. James Terry P.M., Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Prov. Grand D. of C. Herts, had been appointed by the M.W. the G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Consecrating Officer, and our worthy brother had for this occasion the able assistance of Bro. W. Clarke P.M. 114, Prov. G.D. of C. Suffolk. To "the Masonic Quartetto" was entrusted the musical arrangements, and so far all were agreed that the right men were in their proper places. The brethren assembled at 3.30, when amongst those present we noticed Bros. Jas. Terry, Thomas Cubitt P.G.P., T. W. Knight P.M. 615, &c., W. Clarke P.M. 114, C. Reuter P.M. 1107, C. B. Payne G.T., Willis P.M., Thomas Walton W.M., A. G. Creak S.W., C. Buckhurst 157; J. G. Humphrey 167, F. W. Ellis 177, C. Solomon U.S.A., H. Massey P.M. 619, Thomas Pusey W.M. 1107, Burgess Perry 1185, R. J. Tubbs 1305, Arthur Thomas 1319, L. Bamberger 1366, W. W. Morgan 1385, B. Kingham W.M., G. Musgrave, Henry Lovegrove, Edmonds, S. Beattie, Hewison 1507; C. P. Kempe 1615, W. J. Marlis P.M., G. Penn W.M., Parkhouse 1642; E. Moss 1706, &c. On entering the Lodge Bro. Terry appointed Bros. T. Cubitt and T. W. Knight to the Wardens' chair, while Bro. Reuter acted as Inner Guard. The Lodge was then opened, and the ceremony commenced. We have lately so often had to record the doings at new Lodges that on this occasion we will content ourselves by remarking that the whole of the proceedings went off admirably. Bro. Terry fully sustained his reputation, and his exertions were ably seconded by Bro. Clarke, while the experience and efficiency of the musical party left nothing to be desired. On the conclusion of the consecration Bro. J. J. Michael was presented as the W.M. designate, and regularly installed as the first Master of the Lodge. The following were the Officers appointed for the year:—W. M. Stiles S.W., J. T. Briggs P.M. 151 J.W., F. Saintsbury Sec., Rose (nominated for office of Treasurer), H. Stiles S.D., H. Higgins P.M. J.D., L. Solomon I.G., Daley Tyler. Bro. Michael has a ready flow of words, and in investing his Officers made use of some very happy and felicitous expressions, which seemed to give great satisfaction to his listeners. After the addresses had been given—that to the Master and brethren by Bro. Terry, and that to the Wardens by Bro. Clarke—Bro. Michael said his first was a most pleasant duty. It was to thank Bro. Terry and the brethren who had assisted him for the admirable manner in which they had performed the ceremonies. He then proposed that honorary membership should be offered to Bros. Terry, Cubitt, Knight, Clarke, and Reuter. This was seconded by Bro. Stiles, put to the Lodge by Bro. Briggs, and received unanimous approval. Bro. Terry briefly acknowledged the compliment for himself and the other brethren named. Propositions for initiation and joining were then handed in, and the Lodge was closed. After a brief interval, the banquet was served; Bro. Cox, Manager of the Club, superintended. The tables were bounteously supplied, while the quality of the viands was unexceptionable. After grace had been sung, Bro. Michael rose to give the first toast, the Queen and the Craft; this was not only the first toast on all occasions, but in this instance it was the first that had ever been given in the King's Cross Lodge. After the National Anthem, the W.M. proposed the health of the M.W.G.M., and Bro. Musgrave sang God bless the Prince of Wales. With the health of the Pro G.M. the D.G.M., and the Grand Officers, was associated the name of Bro. Thomas Cubitt, who referred to the interest taken in the Craft by the members of the present Royal Family. Bro. Terry then rose to propose the health of the W. Master. Bro. Michael was one in whom the members could place the most implicit reliance. In other Lodges where he had served the office of Master he had done good suit and service. The duties of a W.M. of a new Lodge were not light. He had to consolidate the several interests, and to harmonise and subdue any variances that might arise. He congratulated the members on having selected Bro. Michael. He ventured to prophecy that if twelve months hence he might have the honour and the privilege of being present, he would find the brethren ready to accord to Bro. Michael their cordial approbation. Bro. Terry urged the brethren to be careful in the selection of fit and proper candidates to join them; he pressed on them to be very mindful not to ask into their Lodge a brother who they felt they ought not to introduce to their home circle. He then called on them to drink the toast. The W.M., in reply, said that Bro. Terry had alluded to the fact of his having already served the office of Master in two Lodges. He stood before them, however, to-night as the first W.M. of this Lodge; and he might add he scarcely knew whether he stood on his head or his heels; therefore, he hoped the brethren would excuse him if he made any mistakes. Bro. Terry had spoken of his responsibility; he to-night treated Bro. Terry as the representative of our M.W.G.M.; no one in the Craft felt their responsibility more than he did. He knew this, that much as he had tried, he had never been able to satisfy himself. He had always felt that there was a something he ought to do, but as yet had never been able to achieve it. As regards the admission of brethren to the Lodge, he thought it was all very well for a Master to say he would do this or that, and admit only gentlemen who were A1. Why should brethren ever depart from this principle? Was it on account of the impetus given to Freemasonry that they did this? If so, it was the fault of Freemasons. Many of the outside world were anxious to know what Freemasons knew; why should this knowledge be acquired for a few pence? The brethren forming this Lodge were few in number, why should they forfeit the power to exclude those whose introduction to Freemasonry might be inimical to its interests? Was it not their bounden duty to see that only those who would study the interests of Freemasonry should be admitted? Freemasonry was different to other institutions. Freemasons did not subscribe over £40,000 in one year without an object in view. From the highest to the lowest, they asked only for the admission of those who would be an ornament to the Craft, and it was not those who had money only that they wanted. He trusted it would be the object of the King's Cross Lodge to admit only true men. As yet they had no initiate, and they would not introduce one with whom they were not satisfied. Let them keep that object in view, and only admit those who were fit to join the Masonic body. We are a Lodge; let us do our duty. The health of the Consecrating Officer, and of the brethren who assisted, was next given. The W.M. tendered, on behalf of the founders, his heartiest thanks for the way in which Bro. Terry had conducted the proceedings. Bro. Cubitt had helped them to obtain the Warrant. Bro. Knight had done good service in his Province, and was always willing to advance the interests of Freemasonry. Brother Reuter they must not forget; and then came Bro. Clarke. Though the last mentioned, not the least in their esteem. Bro. Terry acknowledged the compliment, and was followed by Bro. Clarke, who delivered a capital speech. He followed Masonry from a sincere love he had for it. He trusted so long as the Lodges were ruled as they were, and guided upon the precepts inculcated by the volume of the Sacred Law, to see Masons adorn their profession. No one could be a good Mason and be at the same time a bad man. "The Visitors" was replied to by Bros. Walton, Penn, and several others. The Officers, in response to their health, each addressed a few words; and Bro. Terry replied for the Masonic Charities. The Tyler then gave his toast, and the brethren dispersed. A capital selection of pieces was given during the evening by the musical party, which comprised Bros. George Musgrave, Burgess Perry, Edwin Moss and Arthur Thomas.

## THE OWL CLUB.

THIS very excellent Club held another of its agreeable meetings on the 28th ult., at their usual quarters in the Guildhall Tavern. The programme was entirely devoted to selections from the works of our great composer, the late Sir Henry Bishop, whose reputation will always entitle him to a place in the foremost rank of English musicians. Under these circumstances, we were not surprised at finding the audience even more numerous and appreciative than usual. The Concert opened with the well known glee, "Come, thou Monarch of the Vine," followed by the round, "When the wind blows." These served to give those present an idea of the treat that was in store for them. Mr. Albert Hubbard sang, "Oh! firm as oak," with great effect. In the sestett, "Give me a cup," which went admirably, the solo part was taken by Mr. Albert James. The glee, "Majestic night," was followed by that sweetest and most popular of all Bishop's songs, "My pretty Jane," which was rendered with such exquisite taste by Mr. Arthur Thompson that the audience called unanimously for its repetition. The glee, "Sleep gentle lady," and the chorus, "The tiger couches," from *The Maniac, or the Swiss Banditti*, brought the first portion of the entertainment to a conclusion. The second was equally effective, and gave, if possible, even greater satisfaction. "Fill boys and drink about," from the *Miller and his Men*, served admirably as an introduction, and led up to the well-known trio and chorus from *Guy Mannering*—"The winds whistle cold." Then came what we feel justified as describing as the gem of the programme, "The Pilgrim of Love," from the *Noble Outlaw*. This was entrusted to Mr. Albert James, who sang it exquisitely. There are few indeed who could have surpassed him either in perfection of execution or in the feeling with which he rendered it. A trio, "Sportive little trifler," composed in the year 1798, when Bishop was but a youth of 15 years of age, came next, and then Mr. W. H. Harper gave a recital on the pianoforte of that beautiful piece, "Home, Sweet Home," which, had the composer written nothing else, would serve to keep up his reputation among all home-loving Englishmen. A glee, "No more the moon," the quartette, "Breathe, my harp," and the chorus, "Bold Robin Hood," from *Maid Marian*, closed the concert, which was patiently listened to, and deservedly applauded throughout.

The District Grand Lodge of British Burmah held its Quarterly Communication on the 11th September last, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. H. Krauss D.G.M., who was supported by Bros. J. Dawson Dep. D.G.M., E. J. L. Twynam as D.S.G.W., B. Samuel as D.J.G.W., and other officers, as well as by the representatives of sundry Lodges. Various reports and applications were submitted, and the D.G. Treasurer's accounts were presented and proved satisfactory. Including the balance in hand in June, the receipts amount to over 800 rupees, and the expenditure to over 200 rupees. The D.G.L. Benevolent Fund shows receipts 607 rupees, and expenditure 380 rupees. A sum of 500 rupees is due to this fund by the D.G. Lodge.

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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE doings in both Houses of Parliament are, as may well be imagined, of a most exciting character. The present, indeed, is unquestionably one of the most tremendous crises that we have ever known. No wonder then the whole country should be excited, and that the proceedings of our legislature should be watched with the keenest interest. On Friday, in the House of Lords, the Premier, in reply to a question by the Earl of Sandwich, stated that the British fleet had been ordered to Constantinople to protect our interests there and in the Dardanelles, after which the Earl of Carnarvon rose and explained the grounds on which he had found it necessary to resign his office of Secretary of State for the Colonies. A statement in reference to the same matter was made by the Earl of Beaconsfield, who deeply regretted that his Lordship should have felt it his duty to retire from the Cabinet. Earl Granville then rose and put a series of questions to the noble Earl, among them being one as to the conditions of peace, and whether they were officially known to the Government. To these Lord Beaconsfield replied very guardedly. He subsequently explained how it was that the Earl of Roden had been selected to represent Her Majesty at the funeral of the late King of Italy, and supplemented his statement by announcing that the Queen had conferred the Order of the Garter, the highest distinction it was in her power to confer, on the new King Humbert. On Monday a long debate on the affairs of Turkey was initiated by Lord Stratheden and Campbell, and the Earl of Derby, who was present for the first time since his illness, gave as much information as was possible, having due regard to the exigencies of the public service. The noble Earl also took

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the opportunity, which a question of the Earl of Faversham afforded him, of explaining the circumstances connected with the resignation and subsequent retention of his office. On Tuesday there was a short dsbate on the relations between this country and Greece, in which Lord Emly, the Earl of Derby, and Lord Granville took part. On Thursday, the Eastern Question was again brought on the carpet by Lord Stratheden and Campbell, and a long discussion ensued, in which the Earl of Pembroke, the Duke of Argyll, and the Earl of Derby took the leading part. The Duke making a furious onslaught on the Turkish Government.

In the House of Commons on Friday, the early part of the sitting was occupied with questions as to our relations with Greece, the dispatch of the fleet to Constantinople, and the vote of credit to be moved on the Monday following, which the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced would be to the modest amount of six millions. The Marquis of Hartington and the Chancellor were the prominent figures in this interchange of question and answer. Then, on the question for going into Committee of Supply, Sir G. Campbell rose for the purpose of calling attention to the taxation in India, and particularly as regards the Salt Tax. Lord G. Hamilton, as Under Secretary of State for India, replied to the observations of the honourable gentleman. Lord H. Somerset then brought up Her Majesty's gracious answer to the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne at the opening of Parliament. Mr. Crawford moved the second reading of the Landlord and Tenant (Ireland) Act 1870 Amendment Bill. The debate was almost wholly confined to Irish members, and those officially connected with the administration in Ireland, and resulted in the defeat of the motion by 85 to 66. On Monday, there was immense excitement in the House, and the galleries set apart for strangers of distinction and the ladies were fully occupied. In due course, and after a little preliminary sparring, Sir Stafford Northcote rose to move the supplementary vote of six millions, and in doing so he entered into a long and elaborate exposition of the reasons which had induced the Government to ask for this money. He also of necessity defended the conduct of the Government at this critical juncture, and called on the House to vote the money asked for, and by so doing exhibit their confidence in the Administration, so that at the Conference which must come, when the terms of peace are to be considered by the neutral powers, England may be heard with the attention to which she is entitled. The mention of the word confidence brought the leader of the Opposition to his feet, and he suggested that the debate should be adjourned not till the following, but to some later, day, so that the House might have time to reflect ere it passed a vote of confidence as well as a vote of money. He was followed by Mr. Bright, who expressed his astonishment that it should be necessary for England to enter a conference "with shotted cannon and revolvers." Mr. Gladstone spoke briefly in a similar strain. Sir R. Peel, though prepared to vote the money at once, and expressing his belief that the House had confidence in Her Majesty's Government, suggested that no harm could arise if the debate were adjourned. Sir W. Harcourt spoke flippantly, and, as in the course of his remarks he assailed Mr. W. B. Denison for the part he had taken at a meeting in St. James's Hall, that gentleman rose, and as the House was in Committee, retaliated in kind. Mr. Childers inquired whether it was to be a supplementary Vote, or Vote of Credit, and was told that it did not much matter; and then the Chancellor of the Exchequer rose, and courteously acquiesced in what appeared to be the grand feeling of the House, that progress should be reported till Thursday; and it was so reported, and the House resumed. Mr. Sclater-Booth then rose, and moved for leave to introduce a bill to amend the law relating to the administration of County business. The right honourable gentleman having fully explained the nature of the measure, Mr. Goschen, Mr. Goldney, Sir W. Barttelot, and others, offered some observations, after which leave was given and the bill received a first reading. The Merchant Seamen Bill was then read a second time, and ordered to be referred to a select Committee. Mr. Sclater-Booth likewise obtained leave to introduce Bills for the Valuation of Property and for Highways, both measures being read a first time, and then the House adjourned. On Tuesday, a motion by Mr. O'Donnell for an address to the Queen, with reference to the Dunkeld Bridge, was rejected by 189 to 71. Mr. Anderson then moved the second reading of the Race Courses [Licensing] Bill, and carried the day by the narrow majority of 2, the numbers for and against being 84 and 82 respectively. The Libel Law Amendment Bill and the question whether it should be read a second time or not, sufficed to pretty well empty the House; for a little after eight, on motion that the House be counted, it was found there were only thirty-eight present, and so it was adjourned at ten minutes past eight o'clock. Wednesday was chiefly occupied in discussing the Criminal Law Evidence Amendment Bill, on the motion, by Mr. Ashley, for its second reading. On division, the second reading was agreed to by 185 to 76. On Thursday, after sundry questions had been put and answered, the motion was submitted that the Speaker leave the chair, and the House go in to Committee of Supply. On this, however, Mr. Forster rose and moved the amendment, of which he had given notice, to the effect that nothing had happened since the meeting of Parliament to justify the Government in demanding a Vote of Credit. His speech was a long one, and when he had finished, Mr. Cross rose and defended the Ministry in one of equal length. Other members took part in the debate, among them being Mr. Bright, who spoke against Ministers, and at length, on the motion of Mr. Trevelyan, the debate was adjourned till Friday (yesterday).

The Queen is still at Osborne with the Princess Beatrice and Prince Leopold, but will leave for Windsor about the middle of this month. Announcements have been made that Her Majesty will hold drawing-rooms on certain days during the season, while the Prince of Wales will hold a series of levées on behalf of Her Majesty, presentations to His Royal Highness being, by the Queen's command, considered equivalent to presentations to her. During the present week the Prince and Princess of Wales have been on a visit to Lord and Lady Alington, at Crichel House, near Wimborne, Dorsetshire. A distinguished circle of friends was invited to meet their Royal Highnesses, among them being the Earl and Countess of Bradford, the Earl and Countess of Hardwicke, the Duke and Duchess of Manchester, Lord Calthorpe, Lord Carington, &c., &c. The Prince has enjoyed excellent sport during his visit, which naturally caused a great sensation in the neighbourhood, the good people of Wimborne making the day of his arrival a holiday, and decorating their streets and houses, and illuminating their venerable Minster in honour of the event. On Saturday, the Prince saw his two sons, the Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales, as far as Paddington Station, on their way to Dartmouth to resume their studies on board H.M.S. Britannia.

The Masonic event of the week is unquestionably the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as Great Prior of the Order of the Temple in Ireland. The ceremony took place in the Masonic Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, and there was present a large gathering of the most distinguished Templar Masons in the sister jurisdiction. Lord Skelmersdale, Great Prior of England, who had been deputed by the Prince of Wales to represent His Royal Highness, was unable to be present, but Viscount Powerscourt, Great Constable of the Order, Lord Dunboyne, Grand Master's Standard Bearer, the Earl of Huntingdon, the Great Prior's Standard Bearer, with Lord Edward Pelham Clinton, Sir David Roche, Bart., and a host of Knights, were there to do honour to so auspicious an event. Full particulars of the ceremony will be found elsewhere in our columns.

There is great excitement throughout the country, and meetings are being held in all towns and cities of any considerable importance, for the purpose of expressing an opinion in favour of or against the policy of the Government. The most important of these during the week is, undoubtedly, the monster meeting in Paradise-square, Sheffield, when over 20,000 persons were present. The meeting was convened by the Liberals, but their attempt to pass a vote condemning the proposed vote of credit proved a signal failure, an amendment expressing confidence in the Government being carried by an overwhelming majority—as many as three or four to one, it is reported. After this the assembly went off into ecstasies of enthusiasm, sang *Rule Britannia* several times, and hooted Russia to their heart's content. This is the greatest display of popular feeling yet heard, for Sheffield stands next in influence to Liverpool, Manchester, and Birmingham. The same thing happened at Leeds, where a meeting was convened for the purpose of cursing, and ended by blessing the policy of the Government. On Wednesday, Mr. Gladstone was at Ox-

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ford, and assisted at the inauguration of a new Liberal Club. Of course, the right honourable gentleman spoke, and at great length, and equally, of course, did he violently condemn the action of the Government.

The political horizon becomes more and more gloomy every hour. It is impossible to explain the delay of Russia in settling terms of peace with her beaten foe on any other ground than that she is bent on ruining her utterly. Mr. Layard telegraphed on the 29th ult. to the Earl of Derby, to the effect that he had been "categorically and distinctly informed by the Grand Vizier that the Porte sent by telegraph to the Turkish Plenipotentiaries, at about 2 p.m. on the 23rd ult., orders and full powers to accept the bases of peace as submitted to them in writing by the Grand Duke Nicholas. The Porte has telegraphed to the Plenipotentiaries three times since the despatch of those orders, to ask them to report the result, but no answer whatever has been received from them." Mr. Layard adds that telegraphic communication is still open, as is shown by the fact that a member of the Mission has communicated with his family in Constantinople. Under these circumstances, the Grand Vizier declares that Turkey is in no way responsible for any delay or procrastination in the settlement of peace. We should think not. The terms demanded by Russia are now known, and they amount to nothing less than the complete dismemberment of the Turkish Empire. However, both Austria and England have addressed notes to the Czar's Government, announcing that they will recognise no changes in the territorial re-arrangement of Turkey which is inconsistent with existing treaties, or has not received the sanction of Europe. Meanwhile, the Russians continue the work of slaughter, and are advancing rapidly on Gallipoli and Constantinople. This, of course, is all for the sake of humanity and Christianity.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF PETITIONS FOR THE PROVINCE OF DEVON.

THE above Committee met for the despatch of business on Wednesday, 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Gandy-street, Exeter. The work of this body is to organise the voting power of the Province as regards the great Masonic Charities in London; to select candidates from approved petitioners; also to grant sums to poor and distressed brethren in the Province, or to widows of deceased brethren; and for the general organisation of Masonic Charity in Devon. Bro. L. P. Metham D.P.G.M., Chairman of the Committee, was unfortunately absent, by reason of ill health; a letter stating the same having been read, it was moved by Bro. Charles Godtschalk that in the enforced absence of Bro. Dr. Metham, that Bro. Walter G. Rogers, Grand Secretary of the Province, and P.P.G.J.W., take the chair. This being agreed to, business was at once entered upon by the confirmation of minutes of last meeting, at Devonport in August 1877. The business on the agenda comprised the consideration of several cases of benevolence, all of which were responded to to the extent of the power vested in the Committee; in some cases an additional recommendation to Prov. G.L. was made to increase the sum voted by the Committee to £20. The candidates whose petitions were before the Committee for the Charities were then considered, the claims of each being advocated and fully discussed; the names so selected to have the undivided support of the Province until successful by election. The next business was to elect a Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year. Bro. Walter G. Rogers P.G. Sec., Chairman pro tem, very gracefully and feelingly alluded to the illness of Bro. Metham, and his absence to-day, regretted by all, and at once proposed him for re-election. This was seconded and carried. The election of Secretary was then proceeded with. Three or four brethren rose to propose our present Secretary, Bro. J. B. Gover; this however fell to Bro. Samuel Jones P.P.G.D., who regretted to say he fully admitted a neglect of duty, and as that touched upon a matter personal to Bro. J. B. Gover, he requested that brother to leave the room for a short time while he made a few remarks. Bro. Jones then called attention to the fact that twelve months since this Committee had agreed to form a sub-Committee amongst themselves, to take into consideration the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. J. B. Gover, for his services as Secretary to the Committee of Petitions. This was the duty which he had to accuse himself of having neglected. No steps had been taken in the matter. Bro. Jones was here reminded by the Chairman that the business before the Committee was to elect the Secretary. Bro. Jones thanked the Chairman, adding that he had almost sight lost of that fact, but had assumed it as a *fait accompli*. What would become of our Charities did they lose the services of Bro Gover as Secretary? However, to be in order, he would formally propose Bro. Gover for the office. This having been seconded and carried, the discussion was continued, to carry out the proposed testimonial in recognition of the services of Bro. Gover as Secretary of the Committee, and the good work he had rendered to the Province in connection with our Charities. Bro. Jones eloquently pointed out that the office with all its work was purely honorary; he thought the very least they could do was to show their appreciation of our brother's good heart and love of the Craft by at once bringing the testimonial before the brethren. The best means of doing so having been debated, after some discussion Bro. Charles Godtschalk was called upon to give some information as to the labour entailed upon Bro. Gover by his Secretaryship to the Committee of Petitions. Bro. Godtschalk was pleased to say a few words on this subject. The real work of the office was not generally seen or known, except by those who, like himself, were intimately associated with Bro. Gover in the work. In his capacity of Secretary a portion of Bro. Gover's work was to know the possessor of every proxy or voting-paper in the Province; to communicate with that person, soliciting his vote or votes for the candidate selected for support. This operation of application had, in many instances, to be repeated again and again; he said this with regret, but this extra labour in many instances was entailed on Bro. Gover by Lodges omitting to respond to a first application. These Lodges have representatives on this Committee of Petitions, who attend the meetings, and who are in duty bound to send their proxies or voting-papers as soon after receipt from London as possible; but in several instances, at each of the elections, votes come too late or not at all. Upon receipt of the votes, Bro. Gover has to register each; he has then to arrange as to the disposal of them; what to exchange, what to borrow or lend, to serve the interest of the candidate of the Province which the Committee had selected. Nor is this all; he has to keep a tabulated book showing how many elections each candidate stood before being elected; the number of votes that carried the case, the highest number on the poll, also the lowest, that were successful at each election. This is absolutely necessary as a line or guide for future elections. Situated as Bro. Gover is, in the midst of the majority of Lodges, Chapters, &c., &c., of the Province, the inquiries he has on matters in connection with our Charities are numerous beyond belief. Does an aged and distressed brother want a petition brought before the Board of Benevolence, he, in most cases, comes to Bro. Gover, who gets the necessary form; the poor brother turns it up and turns it down, not knowing what to make of it; Bro. Gover then steps in and fills it up for him. The poor widow does the same, or, if possible, more; in fact, every question in connection with our Charities is referred to our Brother. All this is repeated again and again at each election, and the elections are frequent during the year. He (Bro. Godtschalk) could show considerably more work than this that falls on the shoulders of our brother; but he thought this sufficient to convince all present. In conclusion, he would add that Bro. Gover was proud of the office, because it was honorary; proud of it, as it aided the poor and distressed brother; it served the widow and orphan, and carried with it the sentiment he had at heart,—Benevolence. Were the office paid for liberally, our Bro. would well earn the salary; but honorary and honorable as it was, he was sure the Lodges of Devon would heartily respond for the testimonial. After further remarks it was agreed unanimously that as this Committee represented the entire Province, each member being a W.M. or P.M. from a Lodge in the Province, that the purport of this testimonial be printed and circulated amongst the Lodges of the Province, and that each member of this Committee pledge himself to advocate this testimonial in the Lodges he represents at their respective meetings. Bro. Gover was then called in, and Bro. W. G. Rogers informed him of his unanimous re-election, for which Bro. Gover in a few feeling words returned thanks. At this part of the proceedings the meeting was honoured by the arrival of Bro. Rev. John Huyshe P.G.M. Neither advanced age, weak health, nor the inclement weather prevented our beloved G.M. from being present in the cause of the Order with which he has identified himself during a long life of benevolence. The remaining business on the agenda was then proceeded with; it consisted of the election of a representative of the Committee in London. Bro. J. E. Curteis P.P.G.S.W. and Bro. Rogers both rose, but Bro. Rogers gave way to Bro. Curteis, who proposed that Bro. Charles Godtschalk be re-elected to the office. The speaker alluded to Bro. Godtschalk in the most complimentary manner. He referred to his great and most successful efforts in London on behalf of the Province. This proposition was seconded by Bro. Rogers, who likewise spoke of Bro. Goldtschalk in the highest terms, and referred to an instance where that brother went out of his way to aid a case of charity; for this, individually, he tendered his best thanks. The resolution was carried.

Bro. Charles Godtschalk returned thanks; he duly and fully appreciated the honour. What he did was a labour of love, and out of gratitude to the Province that had so honoured him. The office was no sinecure; but for that very reason he liked it the better. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

It is the annual custom of Bro. John Way, a member of the Committee, P.M. P.P.G. Treas., to invite members of the Committee to a private dinner. The brethren present this year were W. G. Rogers P.G. Sec., J. E. Curteis P.P.G.S.W., J. B. Gover P.P.G.A.D.C., Charles Godtschalk P.P.G.D., L. D. Westcott P.P.G. Sup. Wks., Samuel Jew P.P.G.T., R. Twose, Vincent Bird P.P.G.T., Rendle, and Robert Bird. Bro. Way, in giving this banquet, more than sustained his reputation for good taste and liberality; in short, the arrangements were the acme of perfection.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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### CHARITIES ORGANISATION.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I feel it would be useless to attempt to reply to Bro. Simpson, who denies the accuracy of my statement, as well as the report published elsewhere.

If it will be of any advantage to Bro. Simpson to know my name, I give you authority to communicate it.

Yours fraternally,

SIXS BONA.

28th January 1878.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## SATURDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY.

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

1456—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

## MONDAY, 4th FEBRUARY.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1309—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1429—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road.
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
190—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
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, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
623—St. Cuthbergа, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
661—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1069—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1060—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
1061—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1064—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.

## TUESDAY, 5th FEBRUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
66—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle, 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.)
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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
1296—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1608—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1803—Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.
R. C.—Canterbury, 33 Golden-square.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
130—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
134—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
346—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
393—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
403—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
946—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Bedcar.
1323—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1466—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch.

## WEDNESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Chattington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1274—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1563—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.
1967—Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clarden, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. C.—Strathbourne, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.

61—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
288—Harmony, Masonic Room, 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.
426—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.
1065—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1469—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

## THURSDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
1340—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M. 107—Studholme, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Guildhall, 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 Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Masonic Building, Abingdon-street, Northampton.
443—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.
1013—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Umberly, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Totnham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster.
1473—Bootle, Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Bootle, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.

## FRIDAY, 8th FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1276—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1288—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.

## SATURDAY, 9th FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

1291—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

### SATURDAY.

R. A. 306—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.

### MONDAY.

154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1362—The Warren, Masonic Hall, Hotel, Halifax.
R. A. 389—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
K.T. 29—Faith, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.

### TUESDAY.

265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 290—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

### WEDNESDAY.

R.A. 290—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds

### THURSDAY.

289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.

### FRIDAY.

454—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
1001—Harrogate and Clare, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—419—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.
TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 86 Constitution-street.
THURSDAY—97—St. James, St. James' Hall, Writer's-court.
FRIDAY—66—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

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## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Northumberland and Berwick-upon-Tweed Lodge of M.M.M.**—The regular meeting of this Time Immemorial Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The chair was taken by the W.M. Bro. W. C. Franklin Prov. G. Sup. of Works, supported by the following Officers:—Bros. W. T. Hughes Prov. G.S.W. I.P.M., W. Cockburn S.W., Dr. Luke Armstrong J.W., T. Y. Armstrong M.O., R. L. Armstrong S.O., J. E. Robson J.O., Rev. S. H. Harris Chaplain, R. Lock Treas., T. Halliday Reg. of Marks, R. G. Salmon Sec. J. Blenkensop S.D., J. Wood J.D., S. M. Harris I.G., J. S. B. Bell, and J. Usher Stewards, G. S. Simms Tyler, also a large attendance of brethren, amongst whom were Bro. J. Risdale P.M. and Yanscw P.M. The Lodge being opened and minutes confirmed, the W.M. rose and expressed his pleasure at having the Prov. G.S.W. a member of their Lodge, and called on the brethren to salute him according to ancient form. This was accordingly done. The ballot was then taken for four brethren, and, proving favourable, they were duly advanced to this honourable degree by the W.M., in a most impressive manner. the Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The health of the W.M. and P.M.'s met with very cordial responses. Some capital harmony enhanced the evening's enjoyment, which the Tyler's toast brought to a close.

**Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.**—At the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday evening last, at 7.30. Bros. Maidwell W.M., Aarons S.W., Chapman J.W., Webb Preceptor, Grammer Sec., Norden S.D., Posener sen. J.D., Posener jun. I.G. The ceremonies of the three degrees were rehearsed, Bro. Hill as candidate for the first, Bro. Grammer for the second, and Bro. W. J. Rawley for the third. The Lodge was then closed.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—On Monday last, the 28th January, at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road. Present—Bros. Hallam W.M., Moseley S.W., Pearcy J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Patmore S.D., Stock J.D., Byott I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Halford, Parkinson, J. W. Smith, F. Sillis, Burtle, Wing, Elliston, Crawley, Trewinnard, Powell, Thompson, G. E. Cook, Millward, Banks, &c. Formalities complied with, the ceremony of initiation was well rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Wing candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Halford, and the Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Burtle answered the usual questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., in a very impressive manner. Bro. Hallam again took the chair. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Stock worked the first, and Bro. Pearcy the second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. H. Patmore, of the United Strength, No. 228, was elected a member. Bro. Moseley will preside next week. A vote of thanks was awarded to the W.M. for the manner he had fulfilled the duties of the chair.

**Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.**—Tuesday, the 29th of January, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Bros. R. P. Tate W.M., J. S. Brown S.W., W. Braham J.W., W. G. Dickins Sec., J. Soper S.D., T. B. Linscott J.D., A. W. Tranter I.G.; P.M. Bro. Bingemann Preceptor; Bros. Melhuish, Clennel, T. B. Dodson, Hallam, Johnston, and several other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hoddinott candidate. The first section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. J. S. Brown, second by Bro. R. P. Tate, and third by Bro. Bingemann. Bro. Brown was unanimously elected W.M. for ensuing week. Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

**Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65.**—The regular meeting was held on the 24th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City. Bro. C. Daniel W.M., Burge S.W., Brown J.W., Goodwin Treas., C. E. Ferry Sec., Braine S.D., Matthews J.D., Sim I.G., and P.M.'s Bros. L. A. Leins, J. L. Mather, Forbes, Cornwall and Davey. After the preliminaries, Bro. Devenish was raised. Bros. Ratcliff, Jarvis and James were passed, and Messrs. A. Bright, A. Mitchell, and C. T. Chivers were initiated into the Order. The working of the W.M. was excellent, and deserves great praise. A sum of £5 was voted, to be placed on the list of a Bro. who is Steward for the R.M.B. Institution. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet, provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford. The usual toasts, both Loyal and Masonic, were given. The Annual Ball in connection with the Lodge, will take place on the 6th February. Tickets can be obtained of Bro. C. E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 58 Old Broad-street, E.C.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 29th January. Bros. Maidwell W.M., Wharman S.W., Hayes J.W., Aarons S.D., Forrest J.D., Quincey I.G., Rudderforth Preceptor, Hellands Sec., Daniel, Sayer, Hill, D. Posener, Harris, Ellis, Campbell, Chivers. The ceremony of installation was worked by Bro. Rudderforth, in the absence of Bro. Loewenstark, W.M. of the Samson Lodge, through temporary illness. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Chivers candidate. Bro. Wharman was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Rudderforth for the efficient manner in which he had worked the Installation Ceremony for the first time. Notice was given that on Tuesday, 12th February, Bro. Morgan's tickets for Life Governorships for the Benevolent Institution would be drawn for at this Lodge of Instruction, at 8 p.m.; also that the Prosperity Lodge Ball will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on 6th February.

**Joppa Chapter, No. 188.**—A Convocation was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. W. Littaur M.E.Z., E. P. Albert P.Z. as H., P. Dickinson J., H. Gulliford S.E., L. Lazarus as P.S., S. V. Abrahams P.Z. Treasurer, H. P. Isaac 1st Assist.; P.Z.'s Comps. S. Lazarus, M. J. Emanuel, H. M. Levy, J. Lazarus, S. Pollitzer; and Comps. Grove Ellis, L. Lazarus, Moore, Botibol, Boekbinder, Davis, Mellish, M. Auerhaan, Bratt, &c. Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Morrison, Riebold, and Hertzberg were balloted for and duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. Comp. L. Lazarus was unanimously elected S.N., and the W.M. remarked that the Companions might be congratulated on the selection of so efficient a member of the Chapter. A letter of apology was read from Comp. L. Jacobs H., regretting his absence. Bros. G. T. Maun 1017 and F. Buck 188 were proposed for exaltation at the next meeting. The Chapter was then closed until the last Monday in March, and the Companions sat down to banquet, provided by Comp. W. J. Jennings, and superintended by Bro. M. Silver. The usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were given. The M.E.Z. proposed the health of those who had passed the ordeal of Freemasonry, and had now joined the higher Order, that of the Royal Arch; he alluded to the brethren who had now become Companions. He, as well as every one present, was pleased to see them. Emblems do not constitute Masonry; spotless character is the greatest attribute of brotherhood. The holy spirit of love should predominate in our assemblies. Here we see the members of the Jewish and Christian faiths Companions of the same Chapter; meeting together in harmony. We respect all religions. To-night they had three new members, who, he trusted, would eventually be a credit to our Order. After a response from Bro. Riebold, Comp. M. J. Emanuel I.P.Z. rose. He had with great pleasure to propose the health of the M.E.Z. The Companions had seen how he had performed the duties of the Chapter; he might say none could excel him in his working. They had seen how eloquent he had been in presiding, and he hoped his year of office would prove successful. The M.E.Z., in reply, was pleased to perform his duties creditably. He hoped he might leave the chair with the good wishes of all. The toast of the P.Z.'s was next honoured; the M.E.Z. said they had among them Companions who had risen high in the Order; all had done their duty in the Chapter, and one of them had been decorated with an order of merit, the Golden Crown, by the Emperor of Austria. He referred to Chevalier Sigismund Pollitzer. (Cheers.) Each P.Z. had done his duty, and he hoped to see all with them for many years. In proposing the toast of the H. and J., the W.M. said the one who now filled the office of J. had performed the duties of S.E., and he trusted he would eventually occupy the chair. Comp. Dickinson suitably responded. The Z. then proposed the toast of the S.E. and other officers. Comp. Gulliford was the W.M. of the Montefiore Lodge; although he now occupied but a subordinate position in the Chapter, he was sure he would eventually reach the highest office, and he would ask them to drink this toast as it deserved; he would couple with it the name of Comp. H. P. Isaac. Comp. Gulliford said he had seen many Companions who had occupied the chair, who had done their duties admirably; if he could only have the pleasure of following in their footsteps, it would be the greatest aim of his life. The M.E.Z. said that although late, he would now propose the health of the Treasurer of the Chapter. Comp. S. V. Abrahams had done his duty; he would embrace this opportunity to thank him for his noble work in regard to the non-admission of Jewish brethren in German Lodges. After a reply from Comp. Abrahams, the Janitor's toast was given, and the Companions separated.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—Met on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., Bro. Sergt.-Major Brookson W.M. in the chair. There were also present Bros. Aarons S.W., Crooker J.W., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, J. Constable Treas., J. K. Pitt Sec., James S.D., Sayer J.D., Tollis I.G., Christopher Tyler, Walker, Harris, Marley, Posener, J. Pash, G. Smithers, both of 569, Andrews 1604, and James 193. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, a Master Masons' Lodge was formed, and the third ceremony, as well as the Traditional History, was very ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Biddle acting as candidate. The first section of the third lecture was worked. Bros. James, Smithers and Pash were elected members. A vote of thanks to the W.M., for his efficiency in the performance of his duties, was unanimously adopted, and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Brookson.

**Jordan Lodge of Instruction, No. 201.**—On Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, Portland-place. Bro. Goodwin W.M. elect of the Westbourne 733 W.M. Bro. Long S.W., Franks J.W., Hiscox S.D. and Treas., Hall I.G., &c. Routine being observed, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hall candidate. The Lodge resumed to first degree, when it was proposed by the W.M. that the ceremony of installation be worked here on Wednesday evening, the 20th February; this was carried unanimously. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was proposed and seconded to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had performed his duties in the chair.

**Hammersmith Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 211.**—The first meeting of this Lodge, since its consecration last December, was held on Saturday, 19th January, at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Bro. John Mason W.M. opened the Lodge. The minutes of the consecration meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of Bros. E. Gilbert 22, E. J. Harty Bon Accord, J. Barney 133, and A. Haynes 175, as joining members. Bro. J. Austine 1567, T. Goodall 1590, A. Tisley 1275, J. Graham 1567, J. H. Pearson 1423, T. Lamb 1567, S. Page 1326, M. Clark 1423, L. Bartlett 1423, and R. F. Potter as candidates for advancement. Bro. James Stevens P.G.J.O. P.M. took the chair, and in his usual admirable manner advanced Bros. J. Austine, T. Goodall, A. Tis-

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ley, J. Graham, J. W. Pearson, S. Page, and R. F. Potter, to the ancient and honourable degree of Mark Master Masons, Bro. T. Poore G.I.G. rendering good suite and service during the ceremony. Several names were given in, both for joining and advancement. Business being ended, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned, to meet on the third Saturday in April. The officers were all appointed where any vacancy wanted filling, and now comprise Bros. J. W. Baldwin S.W., T. C. Walls J.W., W. Dunham M.O., E. J. Harty S.O., A. Tisley J.O., F. Walters P.G.I.G. P.M. Sec., D. Smith S.D., J. Austine R. of M., A. Haynes J.D., T. Goodall I.G., J. H. Pearson D.C., S. Page W.S., J. Graham C.S., R. F. Potter Tyler. A splendid banquet and dessert followed, which reflected the greatest credit on mine host, Bro. C. Gilbert. The usual toasts were given and responded to. Songs and recitations brought a pleasant meeting to an agreeable close. There was only one visitor present, Bro. W. Wigglngton G.S. of W. 181.

**Sandbach Samaritan Lodge, No. 368.**—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the George Hotel, on Wednesday, 16th January, at two o'clock in the afternoon. The W.M. Bro. Lt. Makin was supported by his Officers and above thirty brethren, including Bros. G. W. Latham P.G.D. of England, J. Tomlinson P.M. P.P.G.D. of C., John Bowes P.M. P.P.J.G.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland J. R. Tomlinson P.M., Gilbert P.M. P.P.G.P., Rev. Lunt, Jones S.W. W.M. elect, &c., &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, when two brethren claimed preferment, and having sustained their claim were entrusted, and in due time re-admitted and raised by the W.M. The Lodge was then resumed in the second degree, and Bro. Bowes invited to perform the ceremony of installation. Bro. Jones S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the installing Master by Bros. Makin and Gilbert, and on the first part of the ceremony being completed, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and subsequently a Board of Installed Masters was opened, when Bro. Jones was placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. After the investiture of the new officers, the charges were delivered by Bro. Bowes, who received a well-merited vote of thanks for his services. After labour the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

**Vane Chapter, No. 538.**—A Convocation was held on the 24th inst., at the Freemasons Hall, Great Queen-street. Comps. C. Barmeister M.E.Z., Wood H., Rev. P. M. Holden J., H. Reed P.Z. S.E. P.Z.'s Kench, Lindus and Chevalier Pollitzer. The Chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed. The election for Principals took place: Comps. Wood Z., Rev. P. M. Holden H., and C. W. Parsons J. Afterwards the company partook of a banquet. The usual toasts followed. Comp. Chapman of Boston, U.S.A., was present as a visitor.

**Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 562.**—Held its first meeting at its new quarters, Bro. Hyde's, the Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, 30th January, Bro. Marston (W.M. Skelmersdale) in the chair, Tate S.W., Brown J.W., Thompson S.D., Abell J.D., Fox I.G., Long P.M. 435 Preceptor, and a goodly number of brethren. The third ceremony and lecture were very impressively rendered by the W.M. It was generally agreed that this old established Lodge of Instruction would now commence a new career of prosperity.

**Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.**—On Friday, the 25th ult., the installation meeting of this Lodge was held, at the head-quarters of the Hon. Artillery Company, Finsbury, when there was a very large attendance of members and visitors. The ordinary business having been transacted, a ballot was taken for Mr. Lewis Ratto, which proved unanimous in his favour, and the W.M. Bro. Ensign W. I. Spicer, in a very able manner, duly initiated him into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The W.M. elect Bro. R. G. Webster was then impressively installed by Bro. Capt. J. Eglese P.M. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. Capt. Holsham P.M. Treas., Capt. J. Eglese P.M. Sec., A. D. Everingham S.W., J. C. Sanderson J.W., Ensign F. J. Stohwasser S.D., Quarter-Master W. G. Brighten P.M. J.D., W. Birdseye P.M. I.G., and W. Jolliffe D.C. In presenting Bro. Spicer, on his retirement, with a P.M.'s jewel, the W.M. complimented him on having performed the duties during his year of office in a very praiseworthy and satisfactory manner. Bro. Spicer, in a few appropriate words, suitably acknowledged the gift and the compliments paid him. Two candidates were then proposed for initiation, and three brethren for joining, after which the Lodge was closed, and a banquet followed, where everything passed off most pleasantly. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to, and the evening's entertainment was made most enjoyable by some excellent singing by Bros. A. Thomas, J. Ion Cantle, and F. H. Cozens, under the direction of Bro. H. P. Matthews. There were upwards of forty visitors, but we are only able to record the names of a few. Bros. R. P. Bent P.G.C., P. de Long S.G.D., J. Coutts P.G.P., F. Binckes P.G.S., R. Gooding W.M. Grand Masters' Lodge, Major Venn P.M. St. John's, R. H. Pearson P.M. Urban, J. Bingemann P.M. Constitutional, Henderson W.M. St. John's, Harfeld P.M. Tranquillity, Cantle P.M. Ivy, Gould P.M. Moira, Farman P.M. St. Albans, E. Miroy, and Sir Thos. Kirkpatrick Bart.

**Royal Oak Lodge, No. 671.**—The election meeting of this Lodge was held at the White Swan Hotel, 217 High-street, Deptford, on Thursday, January 24th. Bro. J. J. Pakes W.M. opened the Lodge. The minutes of the previous and an emergency meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The work comprised the raising of Bro. T. Weston and the passing of Bros. J. Hill and J. Stanley. The bye-laws were then read. The elections were all unanimous: Bros. G. T. Limn S.W. for W.M., William Andrews P.M. Treasurer re-elected, J. Bavin P.M. 147 Tyler re-elected. The auditors, in addition to those provided for by the bye-laws, are Bros. J. G. Thomas, J. Buhler, and W. A. R. Harris I.G. The usual five guines P.M.'s jewel was voted from the Lodge funds, to be given to the retiring W.M. On the motion of Bro. F. Walters P.P.G.D. Mid. P.M. Sec., and seconded by Bro. G. Andrews P.M. D.C., it was unanimously resolved, "That ten pounds be taken from the Lodge funds, and be given to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, in the name of the J.W. for the time being, In Memoriam of Bro. W. Myatt P.M. The Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Friday, February 28th, to meet at four o'clock p.m. There were present, besides those named, Bros. R. Harman J.W., J. G. Vohmann S.D., G. Harvey J.D., W. A. R. Harris I.G., H. J. Fisher Organist, H. J. Tuson P.M., and about forty members. The visitors were Bros. W. Keeble 913, T. H. Seaton 384, J. A Smith 548, &c. The usual banquet followed.

**Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780.**—This prosperous Lodge is what is generally known as a summer one, but in consideration of the number of members on its roll, and the mass of work that accumulates during the recess, it becomes necessary in the early part of the year to hold an emergency meeting. The present W.M., Bro. Walter Goss, stands in high estimation amongst the members, not only of his own Lodge, but of the Craft generally. On the occasion of his installation, which took place in September last, a domestic affliction prevented his remaining to preside over the members of his Lodge at their festivities, and many of the brethren were, on this account, the more desirous that at an early date the extra meeting should be held. Accordingly, Friday, the 25th ultimo, was fixed, and the members assembled at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at two o'clock. Bro. Walter Goss took the chair; he was supported by Bros. C. F. May S.W., W. Gomm J.W., Jos. Smith P.G.P. Treas., William Hilton P.M. Sec., B. E. Blasby S.D., F. Erwin J.D., C. S. Costelow I.G., Tarling D.C., Gilbert Tyler. Among the Past Masters were Bros. J. Chambers Roe, Littlewood, Brown, Beasley, Potter, &c.; while the Visitors comprised Bros. C. Sterndale Bennett 173, G. W. Speth P.M. 183, G. W. Lay 569, Samuel Page 1326, W. Vassila 1326, W. W. Morgan 1385, Maling 1612, A. J. Barr 1612. The agenda paper was heavy, and punctually to the time named the proceedings commenced. After all requirements had been complied with, Bros. Thomas Clarke, Edward Francis Wyer, E. Spencer Pearson, William Deaken Becket, Thomas Rands, and James Joseph Gunner were examined; these brethren ably sustained their claim for advancement, and Bro. Goss raised them, in two parties of three, to the sublime degree. There were three candidates for passing, and here the brethren exhibited a knowledge of what was required of them ere they offered themselves for the second degree, and in due course Bro. Goss performed this ceremony, in favour of Bros. James Humphreys, Robert Thomas Talbot and Charles Coombes. The ballot was next taken for Messrs. William Eydmann, Robert Crawford, R. S. Berwick and Angelo Jacobs. It came out clear, and the first named gentleman being in attendance received the benefit of Masonic light. After routine work the Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was then served by Bro. Stanbury, who personally superintended and ably looked after the comfort of his guests. On the removal of the cloth, the customary Royal toasts were briefly introduced. With the health of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, was associated the name of Bro. J. Smith P.G.P., who, in acknowledging the toast, said he was pleased to see that the W.M. gave, what all good Masons would always give, the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. Bro. Smith then referred to the happy feeling exhibited by the members of the Lodge. He thought that Bro. Goss had that day afforded them a great Masonic treat by the way in which he had carried out the work of the Lodge. It was naturally to be expected that a young W.M., on his first appearance, would be a little nervous, but of this Bro. Goss had not exhibited a trace. As Father of the Lodge he was pleased to see so efficient a brother presiding. Bro. Smith concluded his remarks by thanking the brethren for the way they had honoured the toast. Bro. J. Chambers Roe, in proposing the health of the W.M., referred to the distressing circumstance that had kept Bro. Goss away from the festive board on the occasion of the Installation meeting. They had been intimately acquainted, and had laboured hard together for the last twenty years. Bro. Goss had exerted himself to obtain a thorough knowledge of his duties, and he (the speaker) firmly believed he would carry them out to the satisfaction of the members. Bro. Goss, in replying, remarked that so much in his praise had been said, both by Bro. Smith and by Bro. Roe, that he hardly knew how to reply. It was scarcely four years ago since he was raised in this Lodge, and it was eminently gratifying to him that he had been unanimously elected to fill the chair. He trusted the year would pass pleasantly, and assured the members that nothing should be wanting on his part to retain their good opinion. The health of the Initiate was then given, and Bro. Eydmann replied. He felt at a loss for words to express himself, but of this he felt assured, that if there was a moment in a man's life that he could look back upon with gratification it was the time that he was made a Freemason. In response to their health, which the W.M. most gracefully proposed, each of the Visitors addressed a few observations. All expressed gratification at the way the proceedings had been conducted, and at the liberal hospitality dispensed. Bro. C. Sterndale Bennett particularly referred to the friendship that had existed between his father and Sir John Goss, father of the W.M.; he sincerely hoped this friendship would be perpetuated, and that in future years he and the W.M. might remember their pleasant gathering of to-day. The remaining toasts comprised the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers. Most able replies were made, and when the call for the Tyler was given, congratulations were expressed as to the general success of the gathering.

**Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.**—On Wednesday, the 30th of January, at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse. Present—Bros. Ives W.M., Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 S.W., W. Hallett W.M. 781 J.W., Breden Sec., Scherbuam S.D. 781

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S.D., Hewlett 141 J.D., Andrews J.D. 1227 I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Turquand 1556 Preceptor, Armstrong 781, Musto 1349, Hogg 1349, I. P. Cohen W.M. 205, &c. Visitors—Bros. Thol 890, Lambert 1556, Delavelle 1662, Simmonds 781, Wolf 781, Webb 781, G. R. Russell 781, Emery 1625, Hewlett 141, Coleman 1306, W. J. Smith 860, Gebringer 1178, L. Norden 205, Omer 1259, Harris 1076, Cotter 554. In addition, there were present over fifty members of the Lodge. Lodge opened in due form with prayer, minutes read and confirmed. The Fifteen Sections were then most ably worked by the W.M. Bro. Ives, who, though only a young Mason, bids fair to be a perfect and skilful worker. The whole of the brethren who assisted worked with precision, and nothing better could be desired by the most fastidious. The W.M. rose, and it was proposed by Bro. Breden Sec., seconded by Bro. Musto P.M. 1349, that the Visitors named above be enrolled as members of this Lodge of Instruction. This was carried unanimously. This evidenced how high in estimation the brethren in the East-end hold the working and Preceptorship of the Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction. It was then proposed by Bro. Turquand, seconded by Bro. Barnes P.M., that Bro. Ives W.M. of the evening be made an hon. member. This was readily agreed to, and, in returning thanks, Bro. Ives alluded to the assistance given to him, and many other brethren, by their esteemed Preceptor. He tendered his sincere thanks to Bro. Barnes and the brethren for the kind manner in which they had come forward to support him. Bro. Barnes thanked the brethren. He was especially indebted to Bro. Scherboam, who laboured under two disadvantages; first, he was an old Mason, and had to unlearn what he had already learned; secondly, he was a foreigner, and could not speak the English language without trouble and perseverance. However, he thought this the greater reason why he should be more especially selected from the rest of the brethren. The Lodge was then closed in due form. The following are the names of those who assisted:—FIRST LECTURE—Bros. J. H. Pringle, L. Norden, A. Scheerboam, W. C. Livermore, C. H. Webb, J. Andrews, W. Musto. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. M. Clegg, S. Hewlett, Ould, W. Hogg, Ellis. THIRD LECTURE—W. Hallett, J. Taylor, I. P. Cohen.

**New Concord Chapter, No. 813.**—A Convocation was held on Thursday, the 24th January, at the Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton. Comps. J. R. Gallant M.E.Z., W. Crawford H., J. Wright J., T. J. Cusworth S.E., W. H. Main S.N., &c. Minutes having been read and confirmed, Bros. Sinclair, Thomas, Chicken and Gabb, who had been previously balloted for, were, by the courtesy of the M.E.Z., duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry by Comp. W. Smeed P.Z. 946, an honorary member of the Chapter, to whom thanks were accorded for his able rendering of the ceremony. The Companions afterwards partook of a banquet, provided by the new proprietor, Bro. A. Probyn.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—On Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, the Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. C. Lorkin W.M., Bonner S.W., Lovelock J.W., M. Christian S.D., Wardell J.D., Weige I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. J. Lorkin, McClean, Slater, Collins, Fenner, Lines, Carr, Caithness, and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Maclean candidate. Bro. Carr answered the necessary questions; the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. On resuming, Bro. Fenner worked the second section of the Lecture. Bro. Caithness, of Lodge 299 was elected a member. Bro. Bonner was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.** — Held its regular Meeting at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 25th January. Present—Bros. Ellis W.M., Lane S.W., Hine J.W., Townsend Sec., Simmonds S.D., Campbell J.D., Smith I.G.; also Bros. Bolton, Hunter, Clarke, Posener jun., Stroud, Savess, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, minutes of last Lodge meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hunter candidate. Bro. Smith answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Simmonds answered the questions leading to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. All the ceremonies were worked by the W.M. in a most excellent manner. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Hine was appointed W.M. for ensuing week. A vote of thanks was awarded to the W.M.

**St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction, No. 1306.**—The members met at the Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping, on Monday evening, at 8 o'clock. Present—Bros. Baldwin W.M., Jameison S.W., Greeley J.W., Mortlock P.M. J.D., Brame Secretary, Elliott I.G., and several others. The Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Brame being candidate. The second and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Mortlock P.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Jameison was appointed W.M. for ensuing week.

**The Ebury Lodge, No. 1348.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 22nd inst., at the Morpeth Arms, Grosvenor-road. Bro. A. J. Ireton W.M. presided, assisted by Bros. E. Jacobs S.W., W. J. Edmunds J.W., J. Coutts P.G.P. P.M. Treas., W. Bourne P.M. Sec., T. Farnell J.D., G. Stacey P.M. Organist, Simeon Jacobs W.S., W. H. Richardson I.G., J. Verity P.M., J. Elliall I.P.M., J. Palmer P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, and about forty of the brethren. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. W. H. Gulliford W.M. Montefiore No. 1017; T. White P.M. 22, J. Edgar 1287, S. Harrison Organist 386, R. Michell 1614, Geo. Coleman 1614, T. A. Dickson 1614, and H. Moore 1329. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. T. Frame, W. H. Read, and R. H. Johnson, candidates for raising, answered the usual questions, were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was advanced, and the brethren named were raised, in a most faultless manner by the W.M., who delivered the Traditionary History in a very impressive manner. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bros. W. E. Thomson, J. H. Tilney, E. Moody, and E. D. Hook, candidates for passing, answered the questions, and in due course were passed. The W.M. explained the tracing board of the degree. A ballot took place for the following gentlemen:—Messrs. J. Stacey, W. C. Wigley, H. Fincham, and J. Chevin Hall, which being unanimous in their favour they were initiated into Ancient Freemasonry; the W.M. delivered the ancient charge, in a faultless and impressive manner. Indeed, the excellent working of the W.M. deserves the highest praise. A gentleman was then proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The W.M. intimated his intention to represent the Lodge at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the Lodge voted £10 to his list. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment. The Queen and the Craft, the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Pro G.M., the D.G.M. toasts having been proposed, Bro. J. Coutts P.G.P. responded. The W.M.'s health was proposed by the I.P.M., who deservedly praised him for his working during the evening; considering this was the first meeting since the installation, it showed how hard Bro. Ireton must have studied; whoever succeeds him must look to their laurels. The Initiates, the Visitors, the P.M.'s, the Officers, were toasted in their turn, and some eloquent speeches were given in response. Altogether, one of the most pleasant evenings we have ever enjoyed was passed.

**Hotspur Lodge, No. 1626.**—The regular meeting of this young but flourishing Lodge was held on the 24th, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. There were present Bros. T. J. Armstrong W.M., J. Hopper I.P.M., Dr. Luke Armstrong S.W., J. Bell J.W., R. L. Armstrong Treasurer, R. C. Simonds Secretary, Grist S.D., Bolam J.D., W. S. Hughes P.M. D.C., G. W. Lox Org., W. Smith I.G., G. W. Sims Tyler. The Lodge being opened, and all formalities being disposed of, five gentlemen were initiated by Bro. W. S. Hughes P.M., &c. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the Loyal and Masonic toast were duly honoured. Amongst the visitors were Bros. I. Enon W.M. 481, T. Halliday W.M. 406, G. J. Dean W.M. 541, Rev. S. H. Harris P.M. 406, &c.

**Earl Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.**—On Friday, 25th January, at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting-Hill. Present—Bros. Murlis P.M. W.W., Penn S.W., Adkins J.W., Tettenborn S.D., Spiegel J.D., Smout sen. I.G.; and Bros. Savage P.M. Preceptor; Crabb, Wood, Hatton, Newland, Sutton, and others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The first and second sections were then worked by Bro. Savage, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hatton being the candidate. Bro. Sutton, of Exelsior Lodge, No. 161, Dublin, was elected a member. Bro. Penn was appointed W.M. for next meeting.

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## FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THIS important event will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, when the chair will be occupied by his Grace the Duke of Manchester, Provincial Grand Master for Northamptonshire and Hunts, and it is obviously our duty to make a few remarks on the first in order of time of the three leading events of the year. It is not necessary we should devote much space to the comments we are about to offer. The case is simple enough. The Benevolent is an Institution of which English Freemasons are very proud. The services it renders in alleviating the distresses of indigent brethren and the widows of brethren are of incalculable value, but the permanent income on which it has to rely, including interest on invested moneys and the grants by Grand Lodge and by Grand Chapter, amount, in round figures to £2,341. Now, a sum of £10,000, more or less, is absolutely necessary for the payment of annuities, and there is a further amount of over £2000 required for the official and contingent expenditure of the Institution. Thus, for considerably more than three-fourths of its total outlay the governing body must look annually to the voluntary subscriptions and donations of Craftsmen, in order that it may be in a position to fulfil all its liabilities. To speak more precisely: if the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is to continue effecting the amount of good it presently does,—and no more,—then a sum but little short of £10,000 must be raised annually. This, therefore, is the task which the friends and advocates of this right noble charity have before them on Wednesday next, and the question which is exercising the minds of most of us is very simple: Will there be a failure in the attempt? Will the attempt be barely successful; or, will it be successful with, as was the case last year, an ample margin to spare? If we look back, and take only the last four Festivals, and note that year by year the proceeds of the Annual Festivals of this Institution have gone on increasing we should incline to believe that as a possible maximum—by which we mean a maximum which, without any extraordinary effort on the part of the Craft, it is certainly possible to compass—we say, as a possible maximum has not yet been reached, there is no reason why the proceeds of Wednesday's Festival should not be in excess of last year's. But we must not be too sanguine of a result so favourable. Great as was the success which attended the efforts of Bro. Terry and his numerous and influential Board of Stewards last year, there is, that we are aware of, no serious reason why the sum of £13,300 realised last year, should not be exceeded. But there are several minor reasons which induce us to believe it will not be so. We intend nothing derogatory to the noble Chairman of Wednesday—and, indeed, he will doubtless be the first to acknowledge the justice of our remark—when we say that some part of last year's success was attributable to the announcement that Prince Leopold, Prov. G. Master of Oxon, would preside. That, at the last moment, considerations of health forbade His Royal Highness fulfilling the arrangement made, we believe, but little difference in the result. Without for one moment insinuating that the spirit of flunkeyism is abroad among us, we cannot doubt that the fact of a Royal Brother having promised to play the leading part on the occasion induced many of the Craft to follow his illustrious example. Without suggesting that some may have needed such an example in order to shake them into a just sense of their duty, we think it likely that some few may have been aroused to greater activity by the knowledge that the Provincial Grand Master of Oxon, albeit one of our youngest members, was far from being the least resolute in fulfilling his obligations. At all events, the Craft showed itself sensible of the intended honour of having the youngest Prince of the Blood Royal as President of this particular Festival, and responded munificently, albeit circumstances prevented him at the last moment from occupying the chair. Any one, under such circumstances, would labour under certain disadvantages when following immediately in His Royal Highness's footsteps. Yet, are there few worthier Masons who could have been invited to preside on Wednesday next. The title of Manchester is an honoured one in the Craft. A century since, and an ancestor of the present Duke was our M.W.G. Master, so that, in one sense, his Grace has an hereditary claim to the loyal support of his brethren, and we doubt not it will be forthcoming on this occasion. That he will do his best for the Charity is beyond question, and we trust the result will be equal to that of last year, though it may not surpass it. Other circumstances there are which may exercise an unfavourable effect. The times are not prospering. To say nothing of the political anxieties of the moment, there is the depressed state of trade which has endured for so considerable a period, and it is very possible that with the will to give liberally, there is not the same amount of ability. But after making every allowance for the different circumstances under which the Benevolent Festival of this year will be held, we are not without hope that it will be nearly, if not quite, as productive as in 1877. At all events we have no fear that it will fall short of what is required for the necessary expenditure of the year. We imagine it will be sufficient, with a fair, if not a considerable, margin to spare. One matter must be noticed, Bro. Terry has an efficient Board of Stewards, numbering over 200; last year there were 274. The number is certainly less, but, as was evidenced at the Boys' Festival last June, it sometimes happens that a Board, which is numerically weaker, is as serviceable as one that is stronger. However, a few days only must elapse, and the result will be known; and it only now remains for us to add that we trust Bro. Terry and his zealous coadjutors will find their hopes of a satisfactory result in the fullest degree realised.

## ENGRAVING OF THE INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

THIS interesting representation of one of the most auspicious events in the history of English Freemasonry is at length ready, and copies will be issued to subscribers as fast as time and labour will permit. The artist, Bro. Harty, has had many and grave difficulties to overcome, and many a sharp disappointment has intervened between him and the completion of his task. Still he has persevered resolutely, and has at length the pleasure of submitting his work to the criticism of his Masonic friends and patrons. That it will meet with general approbation is, in our humble judgment, a matter beyond all question. The engraving is a great success, whether we judge of it as a whole, looking in such case to the general effect only, or whether we examine its various parts more or less minutely. In either case we shall find that Bro. Harty has surpassed all his previous efforts, and has produced an illustration in every respect worthy of the great event it is

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intended to commemorate. The grouping of the figures on the dais is admirable, while the attitudes of the brethren seated in the foreground of the picture are very artistically arranged; the perspective is perfect, and, as we have said already, the general effect leaves nothing to be desired. To pass now to the various kinds of engravings which will in due course be issued, we must premise that each state or class of impression—according to its money value—must be finally completed before the next is commenced. Thus, there are five classes or descriptions of impressions, namely, (1) Artist's Proofs, signed by the artist and engraver in autograph pencil. These are the most valuable, and will be *bonâ fide* limited to *two hundred;* (2) Proofs before Letters, or B.L. Proofs. On these the artist's and engraver's names are *engraved* only, with the *publication* line, but with no *title* or dedication. This class will likewise be limited to *two hundred.* (3) Lettered Proofs, on which the dedication or title is engraved. (4) and (5) Prints, differing only in the quality of the paper on which they are printed, that used for No. 4 being, of course, the more valuable. For these later descriptions of impressions the plate will be cut down, and the paper, &c. will be smaller and inferior to that used for the superior classes. It is anticipated that these two stages will be completed by the end of the month of April, as the process of printing is very slow, it being only possible to accomplish ten proofs per day. The first class, or Artist's Proofs are now in course of being issued, and will be forwarded to subscribers in order of priority. The majority of them are beautifully and appropriately framed, and ready for immediate hanging. Indeed, Bro. Harty has made arrangements for the supply of suitable frames of different qualities and degrees of ornamentation, according to price. We have merely to say, in conclusion, that we have watched the progress of what will certainly be one of the most important historical engravings in connection with Freemasonry with a great degree of interest. We know how anxiously and unceasingly Bro. Harty has laboured in order to secure success, and we congratulate him most heartily on the very brilliant success he has achieved. We sincerely trust his labours will receive their due measure of appreciation from the Masonic public. He has raised a lasting memento of one of the most important Masonic events, as it is unquestionably the most interesting, which has occurred this century. Let him now be permitted to reap the reward of his ability as well as of all his toil and trouble.

## THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

AT a Special Communication held in the Masonic Hall, Sydney, New South Wales, on the 19th November last, R.W. Bro. John Williams was installed as District Grand Master, English Constitution. R.W. Bro. J. Squire Farnell, Prov. G. Master Irish Constitution, presided, and acted as Installing Officer, there being present R.W. Bro. Sedgwick, Prov. G. Master Scottish Constitution, R.W. Bro. George Thornton, Past Prov. G. Master Irish ditto, Bros. R. Coley Past Dep. D.G.M., W. N. S. Gordon D.G.S. Warden, J. G. Davey D.G.J. Warden, with other District Grand Officers, and between six and seven hundred members of the three Constitutions. District Grand Master elect having been announced, a procession was formed, and Bro. Williams was introduced and presented to the Installing Officer. His patent of appointment having been read, Bro. Williams was obligated, and subsequently invested and proclaimed. Bro. W. H. Simpson was then obligated and invested as Dep. D.G. Master, after which the D.G. Officers were appointed and invested, the principal among them being as follows:—Bro. H. Westcott District S.G. Warden, W. G. Cassidy D.J.G. Warden, Rev. Wazir Beg M.D. LL.D., and Rev. W. White D.G. Chaplains, A. Gardner D.G. Registrar, Leworthy D.G. Secretary, Norman Selfe D. President Board of General Purposes, M. Medway D.G.S. Deacon, and N. J. Robinson D.G.J. Deacon, J. Booth D.G. Supt. of Works, F. B. Davidson D.G. Dir. of Ceremonies, G. L. Kirchner D.G. Sword Bearer, J. S. Carroll D.G. Organist, D. Mitchell D.G. Pursuivant, and S. A. De Lissa D.G. Tyler. The District Grand Master then briefly addressed the brethren, and promised that he would exhibit the same zeal in behalf of Freemasonry as he had done during his previous term of the same exalted office, and he referred with just pride to a letter he had received from the Grand Secretary, England, in which those former services were spoken of in terms of high commendation: We append the letter, which is as follows:

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
16th August 1877.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the pleasure to hand you herewith the Patent of your appointment to be District Grand Master of New South Wales, in succession to Bro. A. T. Holroyd, resigned, an office which you have already held with so much credit to yourself and satisfaction to your brethren in the district, that they again desire you to resume your sway over them. I sincerely trust that your efforts in the cause of Masonry may be as successful now as they were on a former occasion, and that health and strength may be granted you to carry out the duties of the office as formerly, for the general benefit of the Order.

I have the honour to be,

Yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN HERVEY, G.S.

John Williams, Esq.
Right Worshipful District Grand Master for New South Wales.

At the conclusion of the address, the election of a brother to fill the office of D.G. Treasurer, become necessary by the appointment of Bro. Simpson to be District D.G.M., was proceeded with, and Bro. N. Hopson having been proposed by Bro. Simpson, and seconded and supported by Bros. Dr. Beg and Webster respectively, was unanimously chosen. Bro. Hopson having been invested, and expressed his thanks for their election, District Grand Lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

We have received several communications in reference to the Public Night for which arrangements have been made by the Companions of the Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 145. It will take place at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Tuesday next, and the following is the Programme of the evening's proceedings:—

Chapter will be opened in due form at 6 o'clock.

Companion J. Boyd, P.Z. 145, will call the attention of the Companions to the connection of Royal Arch Masonry with the Craft.

The First Clause of the First Section will be worked by Comp. H. Venn, No. 145.

The Second Clause of the First Section, by J. C. Cox J. 145.

The Third Clause of the First Section (Ancient), by Comp. D. Haslett P.Z. 145.

Companion J. C. Cox will deliver the Historical Lecture.

Companion J. Jermyn Boyd, No. 145, will give the History of Moses's Rod.

Companion Thomas Bull, P.Z. 145, will deliver the Symbolical Lecture.

Companion C. A. Woods, No. 145, will give an Illustration of the Four Principal Banners and Ensigns.

Companion Edward Moody, Z. 145, will explain the Traditional Ceremonies, Sacred Signs, and Mystical Part of this Degree,

Companion J. Boyd P.Z. will illustrate the Symbolism of the Royal Arch Jewel and Platonic Bodies.

Companion Herbert Dicketts P.Z. 145, will act as Director of Ceremonies.

Evening Dress—full R.A. Clothing.

A cold collation will be provided by Bro. A. Best, Proprietor of the Freemasons' Tavern, at 9 o'clock. Tickets, 3s each, to be had of the attendants in the Ante-room.

## AN AMERICAN MASONIC PILGRIMAGE.

FROM a Brother in York we learn that some of the members of the Mary Commandery of Knights Templars, Philadelphia, U.S., are planning a pilgrimage to Europe next July, chiefly for Masonic purposes. Their plan is to leave New York on the 6th July, arriving in Glasgow on the 16th of that month. The next few days are to be spent in Scotland, in visiting places of interest, such as the line of Lochs, to Stirling, thence to Edinburgh and Melrose, and so through to Sheffield, where they expect to arrive on the 23rd July. The night will be spent amongst the hospitable brethren of Sheffield, who will, we trust, not kill the pilgrims with kindness. On the 24th, York is to be visited, and the archæological wonders of that ancient city glanced at, and the following three days are to be devoted to the metropolis. Thence to Paris, and in succession to Brussels, Antwerp, and back to London. On the 12th August, the wanderers will be in Liverpool, and on the following day in Dublin, arriving in Londonderry on the 17th, and on the 18th August sailing for New York, where they hope to arrive on the 29th of the same month. There can be no question about the energy of our Transatlantic brethren, and in the foregoing programme it must be admitted that they have taxed their time and abilities to the utmost. We feel quite sure that their reception will be most cordial wherever they go, and that they will take back with them to Philadelphia bright recollections of their meetings with their brethren of the mother country.

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| „ Klenck, J. Matthew (P.M. 1339, Z. Chap. 1339) ... | | W.M. | 1686 |
| „ Killick, Charles K. ... | | W.M. | 1693 |
| „ Purkiss, William Thomas | | W.M. | 1695 |
| Bro. Murray, J. J. ... ... | | | 1706 |
| „ Farnfield, W. H. ... ... | | W.M. | 1716 |
| „ Snelling, W. H. ... ... | | | |

## CORRESPONDENCE.

*We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.*

*We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.*

*All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.*

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### ANONYMOUS CORRESPONDENTS.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Rev. Bro. Simpson is not the only man who objects to anonymous correspondents, but it seems to me there are many cases in which it is an advantage for people to be able to express their opinions in the columns of a newspaper without divulging their names. All editors will do their best to keep out libellous communications, and most editors will disallow what are ungentlemanly in tone and feeling and statement. "SPES BONA" questioned the justice or propriety of certain statements made, or opinions expressed, by Rev. Bro. Simpson at a Lodge banquet, in the presence of a considerable number of brethren, but there was nothing personally offensive to my rev. brother in the manner in which your correspondent so questioned them. Indeed, "SPES BONA" is, in my opinion, entitled to Rev. Bro. Simpson's thanks; for while he wrote with a full knowledge that, if he misrepresented or misinterpreted what Bro. Simpson had stated, he exposed himself to the penalty of being corrected and rebuked, not only by that brother, but by others who were present on the occasion, he did so with the certain knowledge that, in case of necessity, Bro. Simpson would explain what, if I judge rightly from "SPES BONA'S" letter, was the interpretation which others, as well as he, attributed to Bro. Simpson's statements. In writing as he did, there was no necessity for "SPES BONA" to make his name public, though I dare say he is not ashamed—there is, in fact, no reason whatever why he should be ashamed—to divulge it.

There is another case in which the opportunity of writing anonymously is clearly a great advantage. As you well know, I have, with your kind permission, written several letters in your columns, on matters of general interest, and, in nearly every case, some brother or brethren have expressed themselves pleased with the opinions I have expressed. I am a young Mason, if not a young man, and probably my views might have passed unheeded had it been known they emanated from one so inexperienced. As it is they had a certain weight, and exercised a certain influence on the minds of others. I do not say they would not have produced the same feeling had I appended my name, but they *might* not have done so. Similarly, the anonymous articles, be they social or political, which we read in the journals of the day, we accept and respect them as expressing the opinions of a section of the general public; but if the names of the writers were appended we should come to look at them as merely the opinions of the writer. I read the articles in my favourite paper—the *Times*, the *Standard*, or the *Telegraph*—and I say perhaps to a friend—Have you seen the *Standard's* article on the war, or reform, or what not? I do not know, nor do I concern myself as to who wrote it. The article expresses a certain form of public opinion, and that is sufficient; but if I were aware it was from the pen of Mr. Jones or Mr. Robinson, in time I should bring myself to regard it, not as public opinion, but as the opinion of the writer only.

Yours fraternally,

PETER.

### AN INQUIRY.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Can I obtain, through the medium of your journal, the following information?

List of Masonic works calculated to assist an inquirer in investigating the history of a London Lodge from 1750 to 1813.

Names of Lodges dating their existence prior to the Union in 1813 of which histories have been written, including those printed for private circulation only.

Yours fraternally,

A MASONIC STUDENT.

The weekly gatherings for instruction, held at the residence of the W.M. of No. 23, were adjourned from the 5th until Tuesday the 19th inst., to afford the brethren who are capitular Masons the opportunity of being present at the Prudent Brethren Chapter Public Night.

The third annual banquet of the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, will take place on Tuesday, 12th February, at the Metropolitan Club, Kings Cross. Bro. R. T. Kingham, W.M. of the parent Lodge, will preside.

## REVIEWS.

**All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.**

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*The Country of the Moors*: A Journey from Tripoli in Barbary to the City of Kairwân. By Edward Rae, F.R.G.S., author of "The Land of the North Wind." Map and Illustrations. London: John Murray, Albemarle-street, 1877.

Works of travel, even if they are only moderately well written, are always popular with the English reading public, while books which contain an account of some comparatively unknown region are read with avidity. The work before us comes under the latter category, for though the coast-line of Tripoli may be tolerably well known, and likewise some of the principal towns, yet the interior is not traversed by many people, and consequently there is much in these pages which will be new and highly interesting to the reader. As to the author, he appears to possess most of the requisite qualifications for a traveller, and especially that determination to please and be pleased, combined with firmness and self-possession, of which a man moving among comparatively uncivilised strangers stands in absolute need. He is an adept in the use of his pen, to the extent of writing in an easy and unaffected style, and his knowledge of photography has enabled him to present a few illustrations, chiefly of the ruins he was permitted to see. Indeed, the number is such as to make us wish they had been far more numerous. Just prior to starting, Mr. Rae received a variety of commissions from friends and even strangers, to bring back for them embroideries, silken stuffs, china, &c., &c. One of them we transcribe at length:—

"Dear Rae, I send a list of a few things I wish you would get for me. Twelve inlaid hand mirrors with mother-of-pearl and ivory; five or six essence cabinets, such as are found in Tunis and Cairo; two soft silk scarfs, of scarlet and plum colour; a set of coffee-cups and silver holders set in turquoise; must be old; any blue and white china worth having; whatever large pieces of silver work—bracelets, &c.—you don't want yourself; some old embroidery; a brass Jewish lamp; and a brass ewer and basin."

Another gentleman asks for shells and birds' eggs, and he kindly forwards Mr. Rae an illustration showing him how he is to blow the eggs: and yet another asks him to execute commissions to the extent of fifty or a hundred pounds in oriental embroidery. These are only a few out of the many purchases he was invited to make.

We pass over the earlier chapters till we come to the ruins of Septis, which are still of considerable extent, but which, if the present work of spoilation goes on, will soon be reduced to nothing. Thus, at p. 44, we read: "We ascended the hill, and found on its crest a gang of fifteen or twenty negroes, with a Maltese overseer, hard at work excavating. They had come upon the site of a temple, of which the noble red granite columns still stood erect under the sand. They had excavated a huge hole, and length by length the columns were being removed, and placed ready for transport to Homs. This disgraceful traffic is destroying what remains of Lebda's glories. Maltese and low Mediterranean traders in Homs are growing rich upon the sale of columns" which, it seems, are "invaluable as olive-crushers," and one case is mentioned of a "Maltese who came penniless to Homs," and now has "a shop of his own, and is doing well." Some interesting details are given of the early history of the city, and among them the following legend is worthy noting:—"In order to settle disputes as to the boundaries between Cyrene and Carthage, it was determined that certain deputies should set forth from each capital simultaneously, and the spot at which they met should be determined as the boundary. Two brothers, Philæni, set out from Carthage, and, travelling swiftly, outstripped the more dilatory Cyrenians, encountering them on the shores of Leptis. Enraged, and fearing the vengeance of their countrymen, the Cyrenians began to pick a quarrel, and declared they would 'fix' the Carthaginians, who must have started before their appointed time. They gave them the option of withdrawing to the spot the Cyrenians desired as a boundary, or of being buried alive where they stood. The disinterested Philæni, for the welfare and glory of their fatherland, chose the latter alternative, and were interred, living, somewhere in the neighbourhood of these ruins. Here the Carthaginians erected altars, and instituted at Carthage religious solemnities in their honour. We were," adds the author, "on the point of shedding a tear to the memory of the Philæni, when we referred to our chart, and discovered that the Cyrenians must have travelled from seventy to eighty miles more than the Carthaginians."

Chapter XV. contains some interesting details of the City of Sfax. While there, the arrival of a caravan, from the Djerid, with dates, took place, but they proved to be unsaleable, owing to the plentiful supply that season. It is, however, worth learning about the prices and qualities of their fruit. "The finest dates of Tunisia," says Mr. Rae, "or, indeed, of Africa—the *deglila*—can be bought in Tunis for thirty-five shillings the hundredweight; in the Djerid for, perhaps, ten shillings. There are dates in Djerba, known as *bilahh* and as *b'sir*, but they are far behind the *deglila*. In Morocco is a date also known as *bilahh*. On the flatish lands of Kerkeneh there grows a soft dark date, called *ertoûb*, cheap, and not very good." As to measures, we are told that the Tunisian pound, the *rotal attari*, is just equivalent to our lb. avoirdupois; the *oke* contains two *rotals*, and the *kantar* fifty *okes*. The Tunisian measures for corn, flour, &c.,

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are the *sah*, equal to four and a half imperial pints; the *outba*, containing twelve *sah*, and the *kafiz* sixteen *outbas*. There is a second scale of weights for precious metals. The coinage begins with the *kharoûb* or farthing, which is nominally equivalent to six and a half *bourbe*. The silver *piastre* is worth sixpence; the *bouhamsa* or *mahboob* half a crown. There are ten, twenty-five, fifty, and hundred piastre pieces in gold, of which the most common are the twenty-five piastre pieces, representing just fifteen francs."

Of the Sfaxin and other Tunisian Moors, we read that it is a general custom "to carry, under the turban and above the ear, a small bouquet—sometimes a couple of rosebuds, or a rosebud in a ring of orange-blossoms. The contrast with the snowy white, straw-coloured silk, or green cotton turban is very telling;" and further, that they exhibit grace, both of dress and manner, which does not characterise the Egyptians or Syrians, and which recalls their ancestors, the refined Moors of Granada and Cordova. "There are no bazaars where such delicacy of taste, in dress and colour, are to be seen as in Tunis. The people seem tasteful by instinct, and it is a positive treat to sit and watch them. They reflect the polish and good breeding of the Spanish Moors, and are noted for their intelligence." We read further, that the gardens of Sfax are of immense extent: "There are no less than twelve thousand of them about the city. There is not a really poor man in Sfax; each one has his 'garden' outside the walls, if only containing a fig-tree and half-a-dozen olive trees. The man who comes to beg for bread has his country-seat, though it may be only a dozen yards square."

But the most important place which the author visited is the City of Cairoan or Kairwân, which Mr. Rae recommends intending tourists to be careful in visiting. This is the religious capital of Tunis, and it is necessary to be very circumspect in moving about it. It is rich in remains, many noble shafts and capitals having been transported from Cyrene. Thus Dr. Shaw is quoted as saying, "We have several fragments of the ancient architecture at this place, and the Great Mosque is accounted the most magnificent, as well as the most sacred in the Barbary States. It it supported by an almost incredible number of granite pillars. The Inhabitants told me, for a Christian is not permitted to enter the mosques of the Mahometans, that there are no fewer than five hundred: yet, among the great Variety of Columns and the ancient Materials used in this large and beautiful Structure, I could not be informed of one single Inscription." Temple, another writer, is also quoted: "Kairwân is, as is well known, a sacred or holy town, the present hot-bed of all the bigotry of Mohammedanism in Africa. The traveller who wishes to enter its walls must take upon himself all the risks of the enterprise." And then the same writer's remarks as to the difficulties under which they traversed the town are quoted: "Our promenades through the town were managed with the greatest mystery, the Kaïd at first positively refused to let us walk out, except after sunset. After further difficulties he appointed an officer to attend us, making us promise not to stare about too much, take notes, drawings, or speak in any European language. Disguised in Arab dress, we paraded through the town, observing a dignified silence and a steady solemn pace. More than one walk we were not allowed to take, as I was told that if we were known to be Christians whilst walking about, we might be torn to pieces by the infuriated populace." As to the precautions which the author took with all this before him, we follow his statement in pp. 205-9, with considerable amusement. The great difficulty was in obtaining a dye for the face and hands which would last for some days. However, he received at length a letter to the effect that he could enter the city under the protection of an escort of soldiers. Accordingly he set out, and in due course reaches a suburb of the city. His experiences here are noted at pp. 218-20. Afterwards, he enters the city and we have a full account of his sojourn, how he moved about, always attended by a body-guard, how he was not unfrequently hooted by boys, and how he occasionally received hard words from children of a larger growth. Following this is a brief historical sketch of the city, and then further details of his visit to the holy city. All this is extremely interesting, and Mr. Rae tells his story admirably. In fact, the work, taking it as a whole, is most agreeably written, while that portion of it which describes the city of Kairwân is, as we have said, in the highest degree interesting.

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*Mottoes and Aphorisms from Shakespere*: Arranged alphabetically, with a copious index of words and ideas. Second Edition. London: John Hogg, Paternoster-row. 1877.

It is quite unnecessary we should speak at any length of a work of this description. The fact that it has reached a second edition is sufficient to show the appreciation in which it is held. There are just 2,700 quotations from our great national poet, and of these more than one hundred and sixty have been added in the present issue. They refer to every imaginable subject, so that any one on the look out for a device, or for an apt quotation which will serve to illustrate some particular point, will have no difficulty in finding one to suit his purpose. He has but to refer to the index for the word which he is desirous of illustrating, and against it he will find the number, or numbers, of the passages relating to it. Thus, on the subject of "Love" he will have the choice of more than one hundred passages, on "Philosophy" of some half-a-dozen, on "Pity" of about as many. Then, as each motto has appended a reference showing from which of the plays or poems it is taken, a further consultation of the play or poem will enable him to gather from the context the exact force or bearing of the motto, and whether it will be applicable to the kind of idea he desires to illustrate. As the index contains some 9,000 words or ideas, which are fitted with mottoes or aphorisms, our readers will be able to judge of the value of the work,—which it is impossible to estimate too highly. To the literary man and the journalist it must prove especially useful. With this little volume at hand when he is writing, he will be able to hit on the exact passage he may wish to quote, without moving from his chair and breaking the thread of his article or essay. As regards the work of compilation, it has been done most carefully, and in the many cases we have tested for accuracy, we have found them, without exception, to be correct transcripts from the original, both verbally and in respect of punctuation. We repeat, the work is a most useful one, and we are glad to have had the opportunity of expressing a favourable opinion of its merits.

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## PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

The serials in *Cassell's Family Magazine* progress most favourably. In "Time shall try," the scene between Dora and Harry Gwynne is admirably contrived, though the latter exhibits a wilfulness of misunderstanding which is hardly in consonance with the previous feelings he has shown. "Suspense," by the author of "A Hard Case," is well written, and impresses us more favourably the further it advances. "Snowed up," by the author of "A Race for Life," is neatly told, but we are not favourably impressed with the illustrations. Of the other contents it is almost unnecessary we should say they are on a level with the ordinary contributions. Mr. Payne writes admirably on "Soup," and we think housewives will do well if they accept his advice on this interesting part of a dinner. Then there is a paper on the "Higher Examinations for Women," which is perhaps more than usually *a propos* just now when the question of the admission of women to our university degrees has been brought forward with more than the usual prominence. Another useful educational paper will be found in the shape of an article on "Educational German Universities," and Lady Georgina Wilson contributes a sketch of "A Belgian Day Nursery." A Family Doctor speaks with his usual force on "Harmless Requisites for the Toilet," and Mr. Munro, C.E. writes at some length on the "Telephone," his sketch being one of the most interesting contributions to the current number. Those who have been studying the events of the war, which, according to the latest accounts is concluded, will find much pleasure in reading the gallant exploit of an English officer in the service of Russia performed more than a century ago. The title of the paper is "Running the Gauntlet of the Dardenelles," and is alone sufficient to ensure the attention of the reader. The author of "Beauty Spots" contributes "A Dream of the Western Wye," and a very agreeable piece of descriptive writing it is. Some other papers and the "Gatherer's" notes complete an excellent number. We notice that the illustrations are not as good as usual.

The current number of the *Countries of the World* deals, in the first instance, with scenes in the United States, and thence we pass to Mexico. The account of the changes of Government through which the latter country has passed, is told very tersely. The subsequent chapters, in which the sub-divisions, climate, and products of the country are described, are interesting. The illustrations throughout the whole number are admirable, the following being among the most noteworthy, namely: "View of Mount Mansfield, Vermont,"—the frontispiece; "View on the Missisquoi River, Vermont;" "View of Vera Cruz, on the Gulf of Mexico;" "Colossal Head Carved in Stone in an Aztec ruin at Izamal, in Yucatan." "Aloes (*Agave Americana*) in bloom;" "Tropical Climber;" and "Lagoon in the Tierras Calientes."

Successive numbers of *Temple Bar* hardly require to be noticed, for there is seldom, if ever, any deviation from the ordinary standard of excellence. Occasionally, of course, we light upon contributions which are comparatively feeble, but more frequently it happens that we meet with an article which is above the *Temple Bar* level. In the current number will be found a tale by Mr. D. E. Bandmann, entitled "The Stroller." It is excellently well put together, and the style in which it is written is certain to enlist the favourable consideration of the reader. The story is of the son of a woman in poor circumstances, who, thanks, however, to his mother's exertions, is provided with means sufficient for him to pursue his studies at some college; but he happens to witness the performance of a company of strolling players, and is immediately stage-smitten. He is, in consequence, sent off to college, and in time meets the same company. In spite of his mother's curse, he resolves on adopting the stage as his profession. He makes a favourable impression, and soon finds himself rising in public favour. Chance brings him in the way of a beautiful girl, with whom he looks forward to unite himself, but the fates or Mr. Bandmann have willed it should be otherwise, and their acquaintance ends most tragically. We imagine those who read this story of Mr. Bandmann's will be on the look out for further contributions from his pen. Two other articles are to be commended: "Our Old Actors—Charles Macklin," and "Dangers of Alpine Mountaineering." The serial tales, one of which "Jet; her Face or her Fortune," by Mrs. Edwardes, is commenced this month, are worth reading.

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## GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Monday afternoon in the Freemasons' Hall, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason, Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, on the throne. Bro. F. A. Barrow was in his place as Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. R. F. Shaw Stewart, Senior Grand Deacon, acted as Junior Grand Warden. There was a large attendance of the brethren; and amongst those present were:—Bros. Henry Inglis of Torsonce Depute Grand Master, Colonel Montgomerie Nelson Prov. Grand Master of Glasgow, Lauderdale Maitland P.G.M. of Dumfries, John C. Forrest P.G.M. of Lanark, D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary, David Kinnear Grand Cashier, the Rev. Dr. Gray Grand Chaplain, William Hay Grand Architect, Alexander Hay Grand Jeweller, Thomas Halkett Grand Bible Bearer, Captain Hills Grand Marshal,

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William Mann Past Senior Grand Warden, and W. H. Bickerton Provincial Grand Secretary, Glasgow. The following representatives from Foreign Grand Lodges were present:—Bros. F. S. Melville, President of the Board of Grand Stewards and Representative of the Grand Lodge of Hungary, William Officer Representative of Egypt and Pennsylvania, Dr. Loth Representative of the Grand Orient of France, Daniel Robertson Representative of South Carolina, William Barton Representative of Tennessee, A. Thomson Representative of Illinois, John Baird Representative of Cuba, and R. S. Brown Representative of Kentucky. Apologies for absence were intimated from Bros. the Rev. A. Thomson Grant Grand Chaplain, and Captain G. F. R. Colt of Gartsherrie Grand Sword Bearer.

Reference was made in appropriate terms by the Deputy Grand Master to the death, in December last, of Bro. James Ballantine, who had held the office of Grand Bard since 1861, and on the 7th January, of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Kinnaird, who was Grand Master Mason in 1830-31, and at his death was Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire East, which post he had filled for the period of fifty years. The following resolutions, which had been prepared by Grand Committee, were then adopted, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to communicate their terms to the relatives of the deceased Brothers:—"(1) That the Committee desire to express their unfeigned regret at the grievous loss sustained by the Scottish Craft in the demise of their Grand Bard, Bro. James Ballantine—a loss shared in by the Scottish nation. He was enshrined in the hearts of both; for to genius of a high order he united qualities which are not always, or even often, combined with it. His life was pure—his sympathies with all that was virtuous and good were unbounded—his affections towards all humanity had the true ring of Christian and Masonic charity and love; and he died, as he had lived, distinguished by the admiration and attachment of his fellow men. (2) That the Committee have also to mourn the death of one of their Past Grand Masters—Bro. Lord Kinnaird—a nobleman who added to his exalted rank that attribute so valued and appreciated by Freemasons—a life-long and unvaried devotion to their Order."

The minutes of Grand Committee brought up the question of the recent change in the constitution of the Grand Orient of France, whereby a profession of belief in God and in the immortality of the soul is not now essential to admission as Freemasons in that body; and stated that Grand Secretary had intimated to the Grand Orient that should it be the case that such a radical change in the fundamental principles of Ancient Freemasonry had indeed been confirmed by that body, Grand Committee would be under the necessity of recommending to Grand Lodge to sever the fraternal relations that have for so long a period subsisted between it and the Grand Orient of France.

A reply was submitted from the Grand Orient expressing great astonishment at the proposal for the rupture of fraternal relations, and remarking that there seemed to be a belief that the Grand Orient, in modifying the first article of the French Masonic Constitution, wished to profess atheism and materialism; but holding that this was an erroneous interpretation of the vote—an interpretation which there had already been occasion to protest against—and declaring without hesitation that nothing was more contrary to the feelings which dictated the revision of the article of constitution. In concluding, the letter from the Grand Orient expressed the hope that the considerations set forth therein would be weighed by Grand Lodge, which counted among its members so many distinguished men, that when better informed on the question now occupying its attention it would refuse to take part in an act of intolerance which would be at complete variance with the real sentiments of the Masonic brotherhood, and that the fraternal relations now existing between Grand Lodge and Grand Orient would be continued. Grand Committee had expressed an opinion that the reply of the Grand Orient was not satisfactory, and this was confirmed by Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of the Grand Committee, the whole of the members of that body retiring on this occasion, in accordance with a new law of Grand Lodge. There were fifty-seven nominations for the thirty-six seats, and after a considerable amount of dividing, the following were elected:—Bros. R. F. Shaw Stewart and Hugh Munro, Edinburgh; Alexander Kelt, Dundee; William Mann, Edinburgh; John Baird, Glasgow; Dr. Carmichael, H. E. Gordon, William Hay, R. S. Brown, and Alexander Hay, Edinburgh; F. S. Barrow, Glasgow; George M'Lean, James Turner, F. S. Melville and W. Officer, Edinburgh; William Barry, Leith; John Beveridge, John Davidson, Dr. Middleton, William Barton, William Niven, Charles L. Ramsden, W. J. C. Abbott, and G. H. Thoms, Edinburgh; W. H. Bickerton, Glasgow; Adam Thomson, Galashiels; A. N. Clarke, Edinburgh; Z. H. Heys, James Morgan, James Thomson, and Robert Nesbit, Glasgow; Peter Sinclair and Albert Althorpe, Edinburgh; Farquhar MacGillivray, Lanark; MacNaught, Glasgow; W. Macdonald, Dundee.

Grand Secretary was instructed to issue charters in favour of the following new Lodges:—"Ben Ledi," Callander, Perthshire, No. 614; "St. Andrew," Queanbeyan, New South Wales, No. 615: "St. John," Coquimbo, Chili, No. 616; and "Sir George Cathcart," Cathcart, No. 617. It was agreed to repone Lodge "St. John, Operative," Forres, under its old number, 37, it having been dormant since 1869.

Bros. Henry Knight, of Manrer, Joseph E. Salles, and C. H. Johnston were appointed representatives of Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodges of St. John's, of Hungary, the Island of Cuba, and Kentucky respectively.

Some statements were submitted as to the finances, and were extremely satisfactory. The income for the quarter ending 21st December last had exceeded the expenditure by upwards of £940.

After disposing of some other business, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

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Speak well of your brother Masons, or else don't speak of them at all. Remember to praise, and forget to blame, and you will be truly charitable.

## EDINBURGH.—VISITATION BY GRAND LODGE.

ON Tuesday the 5th instant, the Lodge "Journeymen" (No. 8) was honoured with a Grand Visitation by the M.W. G. Mason, Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, and a number of the Officers of the Grand Lodge. The throne was occupied by Brother H. Munro, Right Worshipful Master of No. 8, supported by a large number of the Past Masters, and there were upwards of two hundred of the members of the Lodge present. The Grand Master was accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, Brother Henry Inglis of Torsonce; Brothers Robert F. Shaw Stewart, Senior Grand Deacon, acting as Senior Grand Warden; William Hay, Grand Architect, Acting Junior Grand Warden; D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary; David Kinnear, Grand Cashier; Alexandra Hay, Grand Jeweller; Montgomerie Nelson, Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow; Lauderdale Maitland, P.G.M. of Dumfries; William Officer, representative of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Egypt. R. S. Brown, representative of the G. Lodge of Kentucky, &c. Among the Masters of daughter Lodges present were—Brother H. E. Gordon R.W.M. of St. Luke (No. 44); Wm. Grieg R.W.M. of St. Stephen (No. 145); William Barry R.W.M. of Trafalgar (No. 223); and John Grieg R.W.M. of Lodge North British Railway (No. 597).

After the usual introductory toasts, Brother Kerr gave a brief sketch of the history of the Lodge Journeymen, which comprised an account of the origin of the Lodge in 1707—the breaking off from the Incorporation of Freemen Masons in Edinburgh, and commencing on their own account in the infant Lodge of the Journeymen. He described their plight in having their books seized, their Master and Wardens made prisoners in the City Court-house, at the instance of the Incorporation of Masons, and mentioned that in 1707 the Lords of Council and Session gave them a constitution authorising them to exist as a Lodge, to "gie the Mason word," and receive fees, at the same time presenting to them their constitution in a crimson velvet purse, with a contribution to the benevolent funds, subscribed by the judges on the bench. [The purse was exhibited to the meeting.] Long afterwards the Lodge contributed both men and labour to the building of the present Royal Infirmary, and carried the working tools and consecrating elements and inscription tablets to the foundation of the Infirmary in 1738. The managers of the Infirmary intimated in 1745 that a ward had been set aside for the use of the journeymen masons, and during the great dearth towards the close of the last century the Lodge-room was fitted up as a granary for Indian corn, which the Lodge imported on their own account, and had ground in meal and baked in bread as the necessities of the labourers required. During the time the Lodge was so occupied, they held their meetings in the journeymen's ward of the Royal Infirmary. In 1825 the mason trade became so much depressed in Edinburgh that its members were scattered over the whole of the British colonies. Yet they did not give up their connection with the Lodge, but remitted their contributions yearly until the whole of those members died out. In 1842 the lodge removed the restriction which had permitted the admission only of members of the mason craft, and threw open its membership to the building trades generally, in order to prevent the bankruptcy of the funds, on account of the short lives of operative masons. The lodge, he then showed, had since retrieved its position, so that now it has a capital of nearly £4000, yielding an annual produce of about £200, besides the contributions of the members, which are applied entirely to benevolent purposes. In the administration of their charity, he added, they are careful to aid only such as are really deserving objects, and they have invariably found these to require only temporary aid, and in casual charity they are careful to make due enquiry as to deserving objects. Brother Kerr was heartily thanked for his interesting address.

The toast of "The Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Most Worshipful Grand Master" was then proposed from the throne, and drank with hearty Masonic honours. In acknowledging the toast, the Grand Master remarked that that was the first occasion on which he had met a purely operative Lodge—one really of working men—and that he had often noticed how much interest the members of No. 8 displayed in the business when they were supporting him at meetings of Grand Lodge. Therefore, he felt the greatest pleasure in being present to meet them that evening. In concluding, he proposed the health of the R.W.M. of Lodge Journeymen. The R.W. Masters of Lodges present, and the Past Masters of Lodge No 8 received similar compliments. In the course of the evening, some excellent music was provided, and a pleasant evening was spent.

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## MASONIC KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND KNIGHTS OF MALTA.

THE annual meeting of the Holy Cross Encampment and Priory of Malta was holden at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, on Friday, the 1st February. The Encampment was opened in ancient form by E. Sir Knight Westcott P.E.C., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the business on the agenda paper was at once proceeded with. This was to instal the eminent Commander for the ensuing year, and E. Sir Charles Godtschalk P.E.C. of the Royal Veterans' Encampment, having been invited to perform this ceremony, then occupied the throne. The Eminent Commander elect, Sir Knight Admiral Glasse, C.B., was then introduced for the honour of installation, and he was thereupon, in the antient and prescribed form, duly entrusted with the solemn rites peculiar to his exalted position and enthroned. The manner in which this ceremony was performed by Sir Knight Godtschalk elicited the warm commendations of those present. He is always correct and highly impressive, but in his address to the new E.C. he surpassed himself, and well earned the thanks awarded him for kindly undertaking the duty at short notice. He was supported by

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The brethren of the Capper Lodge, No. 1076, have decided to open a subscription list on behalf of Bro. J. Henderson, P.M., &c. whose prolonged services in Freemasonry fairly entitle him to a handsome recompense. Bro. Henderson has now reached the Scriptural limit of "three score years and ten," and his unwearied kindness and indefatigable exertions in the various offices of the Lodges he belongs to are well known. It has been decided to invite the active co-operation and assistance of the Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Officers of such Lodges, to aid in obtaining a substantial reward for long and faithful services rendered by this worthy brother. Subscriptions will be received by the following brethren, who form the Committee:—

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## Obituary.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks has sustained a severe loss by the death of their Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. George Chancellor, who has filled that important office, with great credit to himself and benefit to the Province, for about six years, he was also P.P.G.W., and one of the Founders of the Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, and a warm supporter of our Masonic Charities; in fact, whether it was either within or without the pale of Masonry, it was only for him to know it was a case requiring assistance, and his liberal hand was never withheld. His loss will be severely felt, not only by Masons but also by a large circle of sorrowing friends. Our late lamented brother's illness was of short duration. He caught a severe cold, while fulfilling a business engagement in London, on the 23rd January, which resulted in congestion of the lungs, terminating in his death, on Saturday last, at the early age of 45. He was buried in the Reading Cemetery on Wednesday, being followed to his last resting place, in addition to his bereaved relations, by about 50 members of the Reading Lodges, the pall being borne by the W.M.'s of 414 and 1101, and four Provincial Grand Officers. He leaves a widow and three young children to mourn his loss, to whom we beg to offer our sincere sympathy.

THE ancient and illustrious order of Freemasons have promptly availed themselves of the opportunity afforded by the death of the late Marquis of Conyngham, to testify their loyal respect and esteem for the Duke of Connaught, by electing him to the vacant office of Great Prior of Ireland. We feel sure that no more gratifying or acceptable proof of the popularity of H.R.H. has been given since the Prince became a sojourner amongst us. In every part of the country which his Royal Highness has visited he has been received with the utmost cordiality by all classes of the people. The warmth of the reception is, no doubt, due, not only to the attachment felt for his Royal mother, but to his personal qualities, which conciliated the good-will of all parties. While such is the feeling with which his Royal Highness is regarded throughout Ireland, which claims him as her own, the Order of Freemasons were glad to be enabled to offer a special token of respect, which the Prince would be likely to appreciate. To those who are uninitiated in the mysteries of the distinguished Craft the names which the officers bear will appear singularly quaint, but they possess a significance which every member understands, and the proceedings are stamped with a solemn character which is intelligible to every one. The assailants of Freemasonry, who bring reckless charges against it, may well be perplexed and disappointed when they come to read the details of the imposing ritual which was performed. His Royal Highness is now the Great Prior of Ireland, the head of a flourishing branch of the Grand array of Masonry. The ceremony, which was gone through with stately and reverential pomp, was no idle pageant, but suggestive of religious impressions. The services of the Prelate of the Order were gone through with becoming solemnity, in presence of the receptories who took part in the scene, representing the great body of Freemasons throughout the whole country. The obligation which was administered to His Royal Highness, the solemn prayer which was offered up, the hymn of praise which was sung as the brethren marched in procession amidst the pealing of the grand organ—the whole ritual of expressive forms and symbols—conveyed to the mind of the spectator impressions worthy of an order of sacred chivalry, in which even Royalty itself might feel honoured in being allowed to bear an official part. Every brother will join in congratulating the Great Prior on his installation, and the whole Masonic body in having its highest offices filled with such distinction. If any incentive were needed to stimulate their loyalty it would be supplied by the fact that they have enrolled in their highest ranks the Heir Apparent to the Throne and two other sons of their beloved Queen.—*Dublin Daily Express.*

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Pope Pius IX. died on Thursday afternoon, from an attack of serous apoplexy. A large crowd gathered round the Vatican, but no one was allowed to go either in or out of that building. The foreign Cardinals have been ordered to proceed to Rome without delay.


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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

ON Friday there was only a brief sitting in the House of Lords, but on Monday, and again the day following, questions were asked by the Government touching various phases of the Eastern crisis, and to these the Earl of Derby, as Foreign Minister, gave suitable replies, so far as he deemed it possible, having due regard to the exigencies of the public service. But though there has been a calm atmosphere in the House of Lords, there has been far more than the usual amount of excitement in the House of Commons, and the public has watched as narrowly, and with almost as keen an interest as members themselves, the progress of the yet unfinished debate on the Vote of Credit; or, rather be it said, on Mr. Forster's amendment to the Chancellor of the Exchequer's motion, that the House resolve itself into Committee of Supply for the purpose of voting the sum of six millions. The debate, as our readers are aware, commenced on Thursday, and on Friday it was resumed by Mr. G. O. Trevelyan, who opposed the Vote. He was followed by Sir Robert Peel, who spoke with great emphasis in favour of the Government proposal. Towards the latter end of his speech, the right honourable baronet paid a well-deserved compliment to Mr. Bright for the eloquence he displayed at the time of the Crimean War in opposing a war on behalf of Turkey. Among the other speakers were Mr. Lowe, Mr. P. J. Smyth, Mr. Bourke—the Foreign Under Secretary of State, Mr. Goschen, and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the Earl of Carnarvon's successor at the Colonial Office. The debate was resumed on Monday by Mr. Gladstone in a speech of more than two hours' duration. The right honourable gentleman spoke with studied moderation, and suggested that the resolution and the Vote should be withdrawn, and then that both sides of the House should unite in passing an Address to the Queen expressive of confidence in her Ministers. Mr. Gathorne Hardy followed, and his speech was one of the best he has ever made. He rejected offhand Mr. Gladstone's proposition on the principal ground that the attacks of the Opposition outside

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the walls of Parliament had been too persistent and too bitter for the Government to accept any such conciliatory terms. The other speakers included Sir H. D. Wolff and Mr. Childers. On Tuesday, Colonel Stanley, the Financial Secretary of the Treasury, opened the ball, as soon at least as a very acrimonious personal explanation between the War Secretary and Mr. Trevelyan, in which several other members took part, permitted him to do so. Lord E. Fitzmaurice spoke in a very conciliatory spirit, and suggested, as Mr. Gladstone had done, that mutual concessions should be made. Mr. Norwood, though a member of the Liberal party, declared it was impossible he could record his vote for the resolution of Mr. Forster. Sir C. Dilke bitterly opposed the Government, while Mr. Hall, one of the members for Oxford, as strenuously supported it. The two remaining speakers were Sir W. V. Harcourt and the Solicitor General, and both of them evoked loud cheers from their respective parties. The debate was then adjourned till Friday, and there is some reason to believe the result of the division, in the event of one taking place, will not be known till these lines meet the eyes of our readers.

The Queen held a Council at Osborne on Monday, when the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Duke of Northumberland, Sir M. Hicks-Beach, and General Sir T. M. Biddulph were present. The Lord President, on behalf of the Lord Privy Seal, and the late Secretary of State for the Colonies (the Earl of Carnarvon), handed to Her Majesty the seals of their offices, whereupon the Queen handed the seal of office of Lord Privy Seal to the Duke of Northumberland, and those of the Secretary of State for the Colonies to Sir M. Hicks-Beach. Both His Grace and the Right. Honourable Baronet were sworn into office, and kissed hands on appointment. The Duke of Richmond and Gordon and the Duke of Northumberland afterwards had audiences of Her Majesty.

The Prince and Princess of Wales returned to Clarence House, after their visit to Lord and Lady Alington, at Crichil House, Wimborne, Dorsetshire, on Saturday. On Monday evening, their Royal Highnesses as well as Prince Leopold, Prince Christian, and the Imperial Crown Prince of Austria-Hungary, were present in the House of Commons during the first part of the adjourned debate on the Vote of Credit. Indeed, Prince Christian has been present every evening it has lasted, and has watched its progress with the greatest interest.

The number of meetings that are being held almost daily is greatly on the increase, and the House of Commons is being overwhelmed with petitions, either for or against the policy of the Government. The Metropolis, towards the end of last week and at the beginning of this, was in a state of the greatest excitement. A Liberal meeting was to have been held at the Cannon Street Hotel, but the Conservatives forestalled their rivals, and completely overwhelmed them. The greatest enthusiasm was displayed, cheers for Lord Beaconsfield being given again and again, and *Rule Britannia* being sung with great heartiness. Afterwards, some three or four thousands of people made their way towards Guildhall, and with the permission of the Lord Mayor, held a meeting in it in favour of the Government, a deputation being at once sent down to the House of Commons, to carry to Lord Beaconsfield and the Chancellor of the Exchequer the resolutions which had been passed. On the Stock and Corn Exchanges, and at Lloyds, similar demonstrations have been made in favour of the Ministry, while in the Provinces, Manchester, Bristol, Wolverhampton, and other large towns, have followed the example of Sheffield and the Metropolis, and declared strongly in favour of the Ministerial policy. At no time that we can call to mind since war with Russia seemed imminent in 1853-4, has there been so much public excitement, and there is reason for it; for there seems little doubt that a still greater crisis is at hand, and that the perils we have escaped thus far, during the Russo-Turkish war, are still more grievous and threatening. We do not pretend to account for it, nor is it any part of our duty to apologise for or object to it, but there is no doubt whatever that the popular voice is inflamed against Russia. Englishmen are not easily stirred, but once they are started off, they pursue their excitement very thoroughly.

Considerable interest was attached to the election of a member of Parliament for Perthshire, rendered necessary by the death of Sir W. Stirling-Maxwell, Bart., and the interest increased when it was found that the election for the city of Perth had gone in favour of the Liberals by very nearly three to one. The rival candidates were Col. Drummond-Moray, Conservative, and Captain Greville, Liberal. The poll took place on Saturday, and was declared on Monday, when it was found that the former had been returned by 2,439 to 2,255 votes, or by a majority of 184. The vacancy for Oxfordshire, caused by the retirement of Mr. Henley, has been filled by the election of Col. Harcourt, Conservative.

The case of Goring *v.* Goring and Palmer, which has been before the Divorce Court for several days past, and in which Sir Charles Goring sought to obtain a decree *nisi* on the ground of Lady Goring's adultery with Captain Palmer, the co-respondent, was brought to a close on Wednesday. The jury found that the respondent and co-respondent had not been guilty of the charge laid against them, and the suit was therefore dismissed with costs.

There has been more fighting with the Kaffirs, who have sustained more than one defeat at the hands of Colonel Glyn. More British troops are on their way out to the Cape, and the newly appointed commander-in-chief, Major-General Thesiger, C.B., and staff are *en route* likewise. Thus, with the volunteers and the imperial troops together, we ought to bring the enemy to his senses very shortly.

There has been one more lively scene in the French Legislative Assembly. On this occasion, MM. Rouher and Gambetta were the leading opponents, the question which caused the disturbance being connected with the inquisition into certain recent elections. There is also a rumour that Marshal MacMahon has resigned the Presidency, but the truth of this is doubted in very many quarters. A very sad piece of news comes from Calais. On Sunday, a large audience were assembled in an Italian Circus, and a large number of persons in the gallery, who had been creating a great disturbance, suddenly rose and made their way in a body down the platform, leading to the second class portion of the theatre. Others followed, and suddenly there arose the terrible cry of fire! When there was immediately a rush, and as those who had descended from the gallery made for a special door which opened inwards, there was soon a tremendous block. The result was that ten persons were killed, two fatally injured, and seventeen others more or less seriously hurt. The soldiers and garrison, who, on hearing the alarm of fire, made for the scene of the catastrophe, rendered valuable service in extricating people who would otherwise have been suffocated or trampled to death.

Russia has at length consented to stay her hand, and has vouchsafed terms of peace to Turkey. The preliminaries and the conditions of the armistice were signed on Thursday last. What are the actual conditions is not as yet fully known, but so far as they have been made public there is little doubt they point to the disintegration of the Turkish Empire. Bulgaria is to be erected into a principality, Roumania, Servia, and Montenegro will obtain each a rectification of frontier and an extension of territory. Russia is to receive a large indemnity in money or territory, and to remain in occupation till payment has been made. The question of the Straits is reserved for settlement between the Czar and the Sultan. There is only one consolation about the matter, and that is, that with the exception of the money payment, all the terms are of more or less immediate importance to Europe, and especially to Austria and Great Britain, and they and the other parties to the treaties of 1856 and 1871 have, it is believed, no intention of allowing Russia to cut in pieces the Turkish Empire and apportion it as she pleases. As regards the armistice, it is said that, in Europe, the Danubian fortresses, and in Asia, Erzeroum, will be occupied by Russian troops, the Turks retiring on Shumla and Varna. It should be noted that almost the last engagement took place near Batoum. The Russians, learning that a portion of the garrison had sailed for Constantinople, made a vigorous attack with a view to capturing the lines which command the place; but they were foiled in the attempt with, rumour hath it, a loss of 2,000 killed and wounded, and 300 prisoners, two Turkish ironclads rendering signal help to the garrison. Servia and Montenegro have put a stop to further hostilities; but just at the very moment when the belligerents have resolved to settle, if possible, their difficulties amicably, there appears in the field another power. Greece, under the pretext of preventing the slaughter of its co-religionists in Thessaly, has marched a force of 10,000 men into that province; but it seems as though the Hellenes were beginning to repent them of their eagerness to have a slap at Turkey. At all events, the news that a Turkish squadron of ironclads was on its

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way to the Piræus, has spread consternation among all classes. However, we shall hear more anon. But the most astounding piece of intelligence was to the effect that Russian troops were already in Constantinople. On receipt of the news, a Cabinet Council was immediately summoned. A great panic prevailed on the Stock Exchange.

Bro. T. Adams's Annual Ball is announced for the 26th instant, and will be held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's. It is altogether needless to say, with reference to this regularly recurring fête, that we sincerely trust Bro. Adams will meet with the success he is so deservedly entitled to hope for. Bro. Adams has manfully done his duty in the station of life in which he moves, and we doubt not his very large circle of friends will recognise this fact, and support him loyally. By the way, there is a trifling circumstance in connection with these annual festivals of our worthy brother which is worth mentioning. In March 1857, the *Freemasons' Magazine*, in recording that Bro. Adams's Annual Ball had taken place, that it was his twenty-first in the regular succession of years, and that it was announced to be his last, expressed, very naturally, the hope that Bro. Adams would alter his mind, and commence a fresh series. It even went so far as to suggest that the second series might consist of twenty-one likewise. It seldom happens that a wish is so strictly realised, that we may almost imagine the writer of the paragraph in which it was contained had at the moment the spirit of prophecy strong upon him. Nevertheless, it is a fact that the Ball fixed for the 26th instant will be the crowning one of a second series of twenty-one Annual Balls given by Bro. Adams. If our excellent friend continues at this rate, it will be our duty to consult Mr. Frank Buckland as to the possibility of "annuals" being turned into "perennials." One thing we know, that if Bro. Adams should attain the age of Methuselah, he will always remain an "evergreen," and this, perhaps, may be at the bottom of the whole mystery.

We have pleasure in reproducing the following from the *Western Morning News*, in reference to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys:—

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Senior Grand Warden, has consented to take the chair at the 80th Annual Festival of this Institution, the date of which, and the locality of the Festival, have yet to be announced. Under such auspices it is expected that the response from the Craft will be hearty and generous. Since its foundation in 1798, 1,360 boys have received the benefits of the Institution, and there are now 186 being clothed, maintained, and educated. The number of applicants, however, increasing yearly, has induced the members to provide additional accommodation for some twenty-five boys more, at a cost of £3,500; and that at the election in April fully thirty boys will be admitted, instead of the usual eight to ten; this will be a great boon to many, who otherwise would have to wait, probably, for years for admission, if accepted at all. There are seventy-eight candidates for the election ensuing, so that nearly half will be successful. At the election in October 1877 there were sixty-seven candidates, and only ten vacancies; the last successful polling 1,736. The 30th on the list, according to the number of votes, polled 398; hence it may be assumed that some 650 votes, or probably less, will prove successful in April. No less than eleven candidates will be elected then, even if they do not poll another vote, as already the votes to their credit are all above 640. The highest number ever polled was by Cox, of Plymouth, viz., 2,329 in October 1877. The building having cost nearly £50,000, until recently the invested funds have been generally *nil*; now however a beginning has been made with £8,000. The actual contributions from Devon during the past year have been £163 15s, and from Cornwall £121 16s, making a total of £285 11s. The number of boys in the Institution from Devon is three, whilst Cornwall is without any in the building at present, one lad being disqualified by reason of age who would otherwise have been admitted. The average cost of the education, maintenance, and clothing of each boy, exclusive of the office expenses, is generally about £40 annually, and of late years especially the reports of the efficiency under each department have been very encouraging and satisfactory. The boys leave the Institution when sixteen years of age, and usually receive a substantial grant of money to assist their advancement in life. Her Majesty the Queen is Patron, and is one of the largest contributors to the Institution, the Energetic Secretary of which is Mr. Frederick Binckes, Freemasons' Hall, London.

Bro. S. Adams, late manager of the Royal Music Hall, Holborn, announces his benefit, which will take place at that establishment on the 27th inst. In addition to the regular company, he will have the services of several talented artistes. A large attendance of his friends is anticipated.

# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 9th FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.

## MONDAY, 11th FEBRUARY.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
90—St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1449—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7. (Inst.)
1506—White Horse of Kent, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Treviegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Reading.
567—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
589—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
655—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road Barrow-in-Furness.
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1502—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

## TUESDAY, 12th FEBRUARY.

Supreme Council, 33°, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.
46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan Tavern, 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 8.0. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1598—St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-street, E.C.
1601—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1615—Canterbury, 33 Golden-square, W.
R. A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. Public Night. At 6.

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.
184—United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton Kent.
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.

## WEDNESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY.

Supreme Council, 33°, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.
Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
Festival, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 5.30.
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
183—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road.
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1305—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1627—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. C.—Grand Metropolitan Masonic Hall, Golden-square.

199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
251—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.
668—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.

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851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1209—Lewisca, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1246—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1343—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.
1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1530—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannoc, Staffs.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.

## THURSDAY, 14th FEBRUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, the Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1385—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
113—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street-hill, Exeter.
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
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.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1066—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hall, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1204—Royd's, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1360—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Hagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.

## FRIDAY, 15th FEBRUARY.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
13—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., 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.)
1443—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. C.—Invicta, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
317—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
841—De Lorsine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

## SATURDAY, 16th FEBRUARY.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

### MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
408—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
1543—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 627—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

### TUESDAY.

406—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

### WEDNESDAY.

258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Pontefract.
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

### THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
209—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemason's Hall, Sheffield.

### FRIDAY.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
682—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds.
R. A. 321—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
R. C.—White Rose of York, Freemason's Hall, Sheffield.

### SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
809—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.
TUESDAY—1—Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.
WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.
R. A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.
THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
R. A. 153—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Constitution-street.
FRIDAY—R. A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12.**—The installation meeting was held on Monday, the 4th instant, at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, and was honoured by the presence of the P.D.G.M. Bengal, several Grand Officers, and many distinguished brethren. Bro. H. B. Kidder W.M., H. Nicols S.W. and W.M. elect, W. H. Bateman J.W., L. Ruf P.M. Treasurer, A. Snelgrove P.M. Sec., H. Mower S.D., R. Coombs J.D., W. H. Rudderforth D.C., P.M.'s Bros. J. B. Lemaitre, J. Cleaver, G. Angold, Dudley Rolls, R. W. Stewart P.G.D., S. Rolls, A. H. Lilley; Bros. Beedel, G. Snelgrove, Bantenbach, G. Hudson, F. Cantor, S. Delavaux, J. W. Cleaver, J. Kent, C. Stanger, T. F. Cooper, A. Furter, C. Ruf, E. L. B. Kidder, F. Mean, &c. The Lodge opened, and minutes were confirmed. Mr. Matthews was duly initiated into the Order, and Bro. F. Cantor was passed. These ceremonies were excellently given by the W.M. A board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Nicols was presented to the Lodge, and duly installed by the retiring W.M. There were twenty-two W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. On the re-admission of the brethren the salutations were given, and the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers:—Bro. H. B. Kidder I.P.M., W. H. Bateman S.W., H. Mower J.W., L. Ruf P.M. Treasurer (for the 13th time; he was loudly cheered on his investiture, showing the respect he is held in by the Lodge), A. Snelgrove P.M. Sec., R. Coombs S.D., W. H. G. Rudderforth J.D., E. L. B. Kidder, jun. I.G., Gilchrist P.M. Tyler, Bantenbach D.C. The appointment of the officers seemed to give great satisfaction. At the conclusion of the addresses, Bro. Kidder received the warmest thanks of the Lodge, and the distinguished visitors and the brethren present offered their congratulations. The W.M. then presented Bro. Kidder with an elegant solid gold jewel, suitably inscribed, for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair, and in token of the high respect he is held in. Bro. Kidder, in returning thanks, said he felt this a great honour he had received. No brother would wear the P.M.'s jewel with greater pride; he hoped to see many of their members wear similar ones. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a *récherché* banquet. A very elegant menu and button-hole was provided for each guest. Grace having been sung, by Bros. Lester, Hubbard, Thompson, and Warwick Jordan, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. After the National Anthem the W.M. proposed the health of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales. This was followed by the glee, "Glorious Apollo." The M.W. the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present were then successively given. With the latter toast the W.M. associated the name of Bro. H. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal. Bro. Sandeman had great pleasure in responding. He commented on the high estimation in which the Pro Grand Master is held, also how universally Lord Skelmersdale was appreciated. He trusted the W.M. of this old Lodge would have a successful year, and congratulated the brethren on their selection. Bro. Kidder was privileged in having to propose the toast of the W.M. He was sure the brethren, in the sincerity of their heart, felt proud to see one who was unanimously popular elected to the chair. They would see how ably he would represent them. The glee, "Life's a Bumper" was then sung. The W.M. thanked those visitors who had honoured him with their presence. This to him was a great day, and one he should not readily forget. It was a great privilege to be W.M. of such a Lodge. During his year of office he would do all he could to promote the interests of the brethren. He specially thanked Bro. Kidder for his support. He was sure the Past Masters would also assist him. He thanked the members for having elected him. Bro. Nicol then gave the toast of the Past Masters, and alluded to the great services those brethren had rendered. They had the honour to have Grand Officers among them. Severally they each had performed the arduous duties of the Lodge to the satisfaction of the members. Bro. H. B. Kidder I.P.M., after acknowledging the compliment, said he had the privilege of presenting a testimonial to one who was in every respect worthy to receive it. He referred to their esteemed Treas., Bro. Ruf, who had worthily gained their esteem. He was sure all would agree that Bro. Ruf had done his duty. He had been a member of the Lodge many years, and had that evening been invested as Treasurer for the 13th time. Theirs was a centenary Lodge, and Bro. Ruf was at present its father. In the name of the Lodge he (the speaker) would ask him to accept the testimonial he had now the pleasure to present. This consisted of a very elegant tea and coffee service, artistically designed, and suitably inscribed. Bro. Ruf on rising was visibly affected. He had been twenty-eight years a member of the Lodge, twenty-one years a Past Master, and thirteen years Treasurer, and if in the latter capacity there was a doubt that his endeavours to please had been successful, that elegant and valuable testimonial proved it. He would never forget their kindness; he would hand their gift down to his children, that they might look on it with pride and pleasure, as a memento of the regard their parent was held in by the members of his Lodge. Bro. Kidder proposed the health of the newly-initiated brother; he had known him for twenty years, and he now hoped to see him frequently amongst them. Bro. Matthews had distinguished himself in many capacities, that entitled him to the respect of all with whom he might be associated; he now came among them as a Mason, and he would be a credit to the Order. Bro. Matthews thanked

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Bro. Kidder for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him. It was his great aim to become a useful Mason, and he could not have had a better introduction. He trusted he should never regret having joined so worthy a Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. They were so numerous and distinguished that he could not find words to speak of their qualifications. It was sufficient to know they were present. The members were pleased to see them. Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke P.P.G.S.W. Devon returned thanks. He felt gratified in being present. It was a great and especial pleasure to see their Worshipful Master, who, though not an Englishman by birth, is an Englishman at heart, in his present office; he was sure the Visitors congratulated him on having attained that position. He regretted not being present to see the working of the I.P.M. in the earlier part of the evening, but he was pleased to see how excellently he had rendered the ceremony of installation. In the name of the Visitors, he begged to return their sincere thanks. Bro. Kidder, by the permission of the W.M., proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary; the Lodge was deeply indebted to them for their kind and valuable assistance. Bro. Ruf replied to this toast. Bro. Dudley Rolls P.M., in the absence of the Secretary, rose: He remembered the time when the Lodge consisted of but six members. Its resuscitation was due to Bro. Leopold Ruf, who had been ably assisted by their worthy Secretary. He hoped the Lodge would continue to advance under its present Master. Bro. R. W. Stewart P.G.D. P.M. said he rose to propose a toast that he was sure was for the benefit of the Lodge. He saw brethren present who were ready to speak of our noble Institutions. It was a great pride and pleasure to see the aged well and worthily cared for. The W.M. was about to serve as a Steward, and would make himself a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. However, he would call on Bro. Terry, Secretary of that Institution, to respond to the toast which he was about to give—Prosperity to our Masonic Institutions. Bro. Terry, with his usual ability, pleaded the cause of the Charity he so well represents. He thanked the W.M. for consenting to act as Steward, and hoped he would be liberally supported by the brethren. In responding to the health of the Officers, Bro. H. Mower remarked that the W.M. had said he was proud of his Officers. He, as well as every Officer, was proud of their W.M. Bros. Coombs and Rudderforth followed; each thanked the W.M. for the step they had advanced. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated. The Visitors were Bros. Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., Novel 871, A. Bird 7, M. Davis P.M. 12, A. Rowley P.M. 917, A. Cartier P.M. 11, H. Sandeman P.G.D.G.M. Bengal, E. C. Massey 1297, L. Stean P.M. 917, Grabham P.P.S.G.W. Middlesex, Roebuck P.P.S.G.B. Surrey, Colonel Shadwell Clerke P.S.G.W. Devon, F. Binckes P.G.S., H. Dicketts P.G.S., James Terry P.G.D.C. Herts, H. M. Levy 188. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Jordan, and were everything that could be desired.

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**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on 4th inst., at eight. Present—Bros. Moseley W.M., Pearcy S.W., Stock J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Robison S.D., Byott J.D., Hallam I.G., Christopher Tyler, also Bros. Powell, Heinrich, Alford, Wing, Trewinnard, G. E. Cook, Bartle, Hall, Millward, Hunter, Woodcock, Morton, Johnstone, &c. After Lodge was opened, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Heinrich candidate. Bros. Pearcy worked the first, Stock the second, Fenner the fourth, and Tolmie the seventh sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Woodcock, Prince of Wales Lodge 1012, W. W. Morton of the Era Lodge 1423, and W. Johnstone of the Mount Egmont Lodge 640, were elected members. Bro. Pearcy will preside at next meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for the manner he had conducted the business of the evening.

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**Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.**—On Tuesday, the 5th February, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings. Present—Bros. J. H. Dodson W.M., Soper S.W., Tranter J.W., W. G. Dickins Sec., Laker S.D., Abell J.D., Johnston I.G. Bros. Cornu, J. B. Dodson, Tate, Brown, &c. Business—After preliminaries, Bro. Brown offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The first and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Tate, and the second and fourth by Bro. Dickins. Bro. Soper was unanimously elected W.M. for Tuesday fortnight, Tuesday next being set apart for the installation ceremony, which is to be worked by Bro. A. J. Melhuish.

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**Economy Lodge, No. 76.**—The ceremony of installing the W.M. Elect of this Lodge for the present year (Bro. W. G. Blanchard) took place at the Lodge Room, Winchester, on Wednesday. There was a large attendance of members of the Lodge and visitors, including the Dep. Prov. G.M. Bro. Hickman, Bros. James Harris P.S.G.W., George Rake P.J.G.W., Mark E. Frost P.G. Treasurer, Colonel Naghten M.P., and the W.M.'s of the neighbouring Lodges. The installation ceremony was performed most impressively by Bro. James Harris Prov. S.G.W., and the new W.M. appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. E. D. Godwin I.P.M., T. R. Bryan S.W., W. Hutt J.W. and Organist, T. Stopher P.M. Treasurer, G. Nixon Secretary, W. Powell S.D., J. Murray J.D., Captain Hall I.G., Captain Moore P.M. D.G., Dr. J. Salter P.M. A.D.C., J. Roles Steward, James Harris P.M. Assistant Steward, Sims Tyler. At the conclusion of the Lodge business, about fifty brethren dined together at the Royal Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. W. G. Blanchard, the new W.M.

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**Union Lodge, No. 129, Kendal.**—The annual meeting of this old and flourishing Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Stramongate, on Thursday, 31st January. The W.M., Bro. R. J. Nelson, was supported by his officers, and between forty and fifty members, including a few visitors. The Lodge was opened in form, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge being opened in the second degree, the W.M. elect, Bro. George J. McKay S.W., was presented for the benefit of installation, and the first part of the ceremony gone through. The chair was now taken by Bro. W. B. Gibson P.M. Prov. G. Sec., and the ceremony of installation completed. The Board of installed Masters numbered fourteen. The W.M. nominated and invested his officers as follow:—Bro. R. J. Nelson I.P.M., John Banks S.W., F. W. Watson J.W., G. B. Greenall Treas., J. Henry Hogg Sec., J. Sisson S.D., J. Wilkinson J.D., Robt. Godfrey P.M. D.C., J. B. Wilson I.G., Dan Cleary Tyler; Bros. John Bowes P.M. P.P.J.G.W., John Talbot P.M. P.P.J.G.W., and W. B. Gibson P.M. Prov. G. Sec., respectively delivered the charges to the W.M., Wardens and brethren. Before the ordinary business was transacted, a cordial vote of thanks was given to the Installing Master and the brethren who kindly assisted him. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by the Misses Dawson. Grace after meat being said by the Chaplain, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the evening was greatly enlivened by some good songs, which were capitally rendered. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

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**Kendal Castle Chapter, No. 129, Kendal.**—The annual convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday, 31st January, at the Masonic Hall, Stramongate. In the absence of the M.E.Z., E. Comp. John Bowes P.Z. Prov. G.S.N. took the chair, assisted by E. Comps. Joseph Bintley H., John Talbot J. Titus Wilson P.Z., and W. B. Gibson P.Z. Prov. G.J. opened the Chapter, after which the Companions were admitted, and amongst them we noticed Comps. John Holme M.E.Z., R. J. Nelson, Robt. Godfrey, Geo. J. McKay, J. Bell, T. Baron, J. Gooding, W. Tattersal, J. Banks, D. Cleary, &c. The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, E. Comp. Bowes was asked to instal the Principals for the ensuing year, viz.—Joseph Bintley Z., John Talbot H., and George J. McKay J. The other officers invested were Comps. Robt. Godfrey S.E., J. Bell S.N., John Banks P.S., who nominated Comps. Baron and Gooding his assistants, and Dan. Cleary Janitor. The Installing Principal then proclaimed the new Principals, and after they had been greeted and saluted, he closed the ceremony with the Benediction. A hearty vote of thanks was ordered to be placed on the minutes to E. Comp. Bowes for his services that day. A committee was nominated to frame bye-laws for the governance of the Chapter, and four brethren were proposed as candidates for exaltation. There being no further business the Chapter was closed, and the Comps. joined their brethren of the Union Lodge at the banquet table.

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**Zetland Chapter, No. 236.**—The annual meeting of this Chapter for the election of officers took place on Wednesday evening, in the Masonic Hall, York, with the following result:—The Earl of Zetland M.E.Z. (by dispensation), Sir James Meek H., Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett J., J. G. Turner S.E., Meek S.N., W. Cowling Treas., A. Buckle P.S.

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**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—On Tuesday, the 5th inst. at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Bonner W.M., Lovelock S.W., M. Christian J.W., Wardell S.D., Weige J.D., Carr I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. McClean, Forss, Allen, Finch, C. Lorkin, J. Lorkin, J. Brown, Crouch, &c. After opening, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Salter candidate. Bro. Dallas worked the first, and Bro. Allen the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lovelock was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. The Lodge was closed in due form.

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**Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.**—On Wednesday, the 6th February, at the Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street. Bros. Tate W.M., Brown S.W., Thompson J.W., Abell S.D., Hallam J.D., Pate I.G.; P.M. Bro. Long Preceptor, &c. After the confirmation of the minutes, the ceremony of passing, with the lecture appertaining thereto, was very impressively performed by the W.M. Some new members were then elected, and the Lodge was closed.

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**St. Augustine Lodge of Instruction, No. 972, Canterbury.**—The annual supper-banquet in connection with this Lodge took place on Wednesday, 30th January, when twenty brethren sat down to an excellent repast, served up in the usual good style of Bro. Shaxby, at the Guildhall Hotel. It was a very fraternal meeting, the W.M.'s of 31 and 1429, the other two Lodges in the city, being present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, enlivened at intervals by the singing of the brethren, who are members of the Cathedral choir. This Lodge meets on Wednesday evenings.

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**Sykes Lodge, No. 1040.**—This Lodge has issued circulars for a Masonic Ball, to be held at Driffield, near Hull, on Tuesday next, under the patronage of Bros. Lord Londesbro, Christi Sykes, E. H. Raynard, and many other prominent members of the Craft. A dispensation has been granted for the brethren to appear in Masonic costume.

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**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—At Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, on Friday, the 1st inst. Present—Bros. A. Posener jun. W.M., Hine S.W., Da Silva J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Simmonds S.D., Stead J.D., Lane I.G.; also Bros. Posener sen., Stroud, Bolton, Haines, Hunter, Trewinnard, Campbell,

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Pearcy, &c. Lodge being opened, minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Haines being candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Haines of the Cosmopolitan Lodge 917, Stead of the New Concord Lodge 813, and Da Silva of Israel Lodge 205, were duly elected members. Bro. Hine was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensued week.

**Denison Lodge, No. 1248.**—The installation of Sir Charles Legard M.P. as W.M. of this Lodge, will take place at Scarborough, on Wednesday next, at 5 p.m. There will be a subsequent banquet at the Grand Hotel at 7 o'clock. A large attendance of brethren is expected.

**Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.**—On Wednesday last, at Bro. Smith's, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road. Bros. Crouch W.M., Sturtevant S.W., Hewlett J.W., Toye J.D., Ashburner P.M., Loveday I.G.; Chitson, Jones, Christian, Makeing, Smith, &c., &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by Bro. Crouch, Bro. Makeing candidate. Bro. Smith answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Bro. Hewlett worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Sturtevant was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when he will rehearse the ceremony of passing.

**St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction, No. 1306.**—At Bro. Mortlock's, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping, on Monday evening, the 4th inst. Present—Bro. Jameson W.M., Cox S.W., Coleman J.W., Mortlock P.M., Brame Secretary, Horsley S.D., Moaks I.G., Baldwin and several others. Lodge was opened in due form and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Moak being the candidate. Bro. Brame, as candidate for passing, answered the usual questions and withdrew; the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Baldwin candidate. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Wolsey Lodge, 1656, Hampton Wick.**—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday last, the 4th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, Bro. Wm. Hammond in the chair. Bro. J. Hammond I.P.M., J. W. Baldwin acting S.W., Bond J.W., Rev. F. J. C. De Crespigny Chaplain, Hurst J.D., Ockenden Secretary, Walls I.G., Marvin D.C., Scott W.S., and a large muster of the members. The Lodge was opened shortly after 5.30, and the minutes of the regular meeting in December, and emergency meeting in January, read and confirmed. A notice of motion made by Bro. Sharp S.W. at the December meeting, to extend the limit of the number of members in the Lodge, was next considered, and the proposition carried. Bros. Aylen and Darling were raised to the sublime degree, Bro. Humphries and Burchill passed, and Messrs. Chandler, Abbett, Jobbins, Turner and White initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The next business was the election of a W.M. and Treasurer for the year ensuing. Bro. Sharp, unavoidably absent in consequence of very severe illness, was elected to the chair. A letter explaining the reason of his absence was read in open Lodge, and on the proposition of the Rev. Chaplain (Bro. De Crespigny) it was resolved that a communication be forwarded to the W.M. elect, condoling with him in his present affliction. Bro. Alfred Nuthall was re-elected Treasurer. A Past Master's jewel, on the proposition of Bro. Bond, was unanimously voted to Bro. Wm. Hammond, as a slight recognition of his excellent services to the Lodge during the past year. This mark of their approbation the retiring Master well deserves. It has been mainly owing to his exertions that the Wolsey Lodge was established, and he has during his year of office admitted about five-and-twenty aspirants to Masonic light. The labours of the evening on this occasion occupied about four hours and a half, and shortly after ten, the Lodge being closed, the brethren retired to the supper room for refreshment, beaming with delight and very hungry. They separated at eleven o'clock.

**Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662.**—A general meeting was held at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Saturday, the 2nd February. Present—Bros. W. T. Christian W.M., W. Groome S.W., W. G. Hallows as J.W., J. Pinder P.M., F. Hallows Sec., T. Franklin S.D., J. H. Cambridge J.D., M. Hunt as I.G., T. Upward Organist, A. Delvalle W.S., Gilchrist Tyler. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The candidates for passing not having arrived, the W.M., assisted by the brethren, worked the first section of the Lecture. Bros. Harris and Putney were afterwards examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the two candidates were regularly introduced and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge was resumed, and the election of W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with; the choice of the brethren was unanimous in favour of Bro. W. Groome S.W. Bro. W. T. Christian was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Gilchrist Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted from the Lodge Funds to the outgoing W.M., for his able and efficient services to the Lodge during his term of office. A Past Master's jewel was also voted to Bro. J. Pinder for his services as first P.M. of this Lodge. The Audit Committee was then appointed, and the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until Saturday, the 5th October. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent supper, after which the usual Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. Amongst the Visitors present were the following brethren, viz.:—Bros. W. Mackay 861 P.M., E. Simm W.M. 1602, J. Glynn 33, J. G. Baxter jun. 206, R. Shephard 861, F. Meddle 645, R. Dallas 860, G. Edwards 907, W. Snellgrove 907, A. Turner 1228, &c. The following members of the Lodge were also present, viz.:—Bros. Barnard, Rubery, Stockwell, Moffatt, Stringer, &c., &c.

**Eleanor Lodge of Instruction, No. 1707.**—The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the above named Lodge of Instruction on Wednesday evening, 20th February, at the Angel Hotel, Edmonton, commencing at 7 o'clock precisely. Bros. Turquand P.M. 1566 W.M., Pinder P.M. 15 and 1662 S.W., Christian W.M. 1662 J.W., Tanner W.M. 1707 I.P.M.

First Lecture.—Bros. Hunt 1662, Pringle 781, Francis S.D. 1685, Christian W.M. 1662, Killick W.M. 1693, Andrews S.D. 1227, Hewlett 141.

Second Lecture.—Bros. Brasted 1524, Powell J.W. 184, Garrod 715, Pinder P.M. 15 and 1662, Garnett J.D. 1707.

Third Lecture.—Bros. Tanner W.M. 1707, Garnett J.D. 1707, Taylor D.C. 554.

This Lodge of Instruction meets every Wednesday, at 8 o'clock precisely. Bro. J. Tanner Preceptor.

**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—The weekly convocation was held on Tuesday, the 5th instant, at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill. The following officers presided:—Comps. J. B. Sorrell M.E.Z., F. Brown H., E. B. Grabham J., J. Boyd Treasurer, T. W. White Scribe E., G. L. Walker Scribe N, J. Constable P.S. There were also present Comps. P. Wagner, S. P. Catterson, J. Seex, E. Darcy, Buckland, and Thomas Cull, who was afterwards elected a member. The usual preliminaries were gone through, and the ceremony of exaltation rehearsed, Comp. Wagner acting candidate. Upon previous notice of motion by Comp. E. B. Grabham, it was unanimously resolved to hold the future meetings of the Chapter at 6·30 instead of 7 o'clock. It is hoped that those Companions whose convenience this alteration is intended to serve will be more regular in their attendance. Comp. Constable moved that the Chapter be adjourned until Tuesday, the 19th inst., which was seconded and carried nem con. The object of this step was to allow Companions the opportunity of attending the Public Night of the Prudent Brethren Chapter on the 12th instant, when several illustrations and lectures in connection with the degree will be given. We know no more able exponent than our excellent Companion John Boyd, under whose auspices this meeting is promoted.

**Hilda Rose Croix Chapter.**—We understand that, with the approval of the Supreme Grand Council 33°, the warrant of the Hilda Chapter 18°, Whitby, is about to be transferred to York. This step takes place with the full approval of all concerned; York being a central point, where it is anticipated the Chapter will have a far better chance of making progress than in such an outlying, albeit charming spot, as Whitby.

**Rising Star Lodge of Western India.**—This flourishing Lodge held its annual meeting on Saturday, the 12th ult. It was most numerously attended, not only by the active and enterprising members of the Lodge, but by a distinguished number of the most eminent brethren of the sister Lodges in Western India. It being installation meeting, a particular interest was displayed in the proceedings, particularly when it was unanimously admitted that it would be difficult to find a worthy compeer and successor to so talented a Master as R.W. Bro. Hormusjee Dabhoy. Yet it was the concurrent opinion that no one connected with the Lodge could more worthily represent its interests and protect its welfare than the R.W. Master elect, Bro. Hormusjee Dadabhoy. The important ceremony of installation was admirably performed by R.W. Bro. Rustomjee Merwanjee, and a due meed of praise, deservedly won, was accorded him by all present. The R.W. Master installed the following brethren as office-bearers for the ensuing year, viz.:—W. Bros. Hormusjee Muncherjee Chichgur Senior Warden, Dr. Cursetjee Framjee Junior Warden and Treasurer, Rustomjee Muncherjee Chichgur Secretary, Muncherjeeshaw Merwanjee Bhownuggur Senior Deacon, Dr. Atmarani Pandownang Junior Deacon, Maneckshaw Dhunjeesha Doctuma Inner Guard, Nowrojee Dajeebhoy Unwalla Jeweller, Merwanjee Setna Architect, Cowasjee Patell Tyler. After the business of the evening was brought to a conclusion, the members of the Lodge and the visiting brethren retired from labour to refreshment, and enjoyed a social evening, when the usual conventional and Masonic toasts were proposed and cordially responded to. The brethren dispersed at High Twelve, sorry to part and happy to meet again.

At the meeting of Lodge Allegiance, No. 546, Scottish Constitution, held on 12th December, at Allahabad, Bro. H. Gawke was elected R.W.M. for the ensuing term, and Bro. J. Russell the retiring Master as Treasurer of the Lodge. Serjeant Major G. R. Prestwood, R.A., was balloted for, and, the ballot being clear, initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

## MARK MASONRY.

**Moore Lodge of Mark Masters, Lancaster, No. 146.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster. There were present Bros. F. Dean Prov. G.J.O. W.M., Dr. Moore G.J.O. of England as I.P.M., W. Hall S.W., W. J. Sly Prov. G.D. as J.W., Edmund Simpson P. Prov. G.R. of Marks Sec., H. Longman M.O., J. Stanley S.O., J. J. Croskell J.O., &c. After the formal business had been transacted, and the accounts audited and passed, the election took place for a W.M. for the ensuing year, which resulted in the unanimous choice of Bro. W. Hall S.W. to that important office. Bro. W. J. Sly was also elected Treasurer. The installation will take place on Monday, 25th March, on which occasion the founder of the Lodge, Bro. Dr. Moore, will officiate as Installing Officer.

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PRINCESS'S.—At 7.0, OUT TO NURSE. At 7.45, JANE SHORE.

OLYMPIC.—At 7.0, THE LITTLE VIXEN. At 8.0, TURN OF THE TIDE.

STRAND.—At 7.30, FAMILY TIES. At 9.30, THE RED ROVER.

GAIETY.—At 7.30, THE GRASSHOPPER. At 9.15, FAUST.

GLOBE.—At 7.0, MY WIFE'S OUT. At 7.45, A FOOL AND HIS MONEY and ICI ON PARLE FRANCAIS.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, A WHIRLIGIG. At 8.0, OUR BOYS, and A FEARFUL FOG.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 8.0, DIPLOMACY.

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DUKE'S.—At 7.30, FARCE, and MAMMON.

FOLLY.—At 7.30, THE HAPPY MAN, and CRAZED.

ROYALTY.—At 7.30, PAUL PRY. At 9.15, MADCAP.

QUEEN'S.—At 7.30, COMEDIETTA. At 8.0, 'TWIXT AXE AND CROWN.

ALHAMBRA.—At 7.20, FARCE. At 8, WILDFIRE.

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## THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND AND GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

WE are very far from being surprised at the course pursued by the Grand Lodge of Scotland with regard to its relations with the Grand Orient of France. The Grand Lodge of Ireland were more instant in the step they took, but we do not think the delay on the part of Scotland or England in arriving at any resolution as to the course they should severally pursue has been otherwise than judicious. Neither of them can be charged with precipitancy; on the contrary, both have acted with a dignity worthy of the occasion, and it is probable the very deliberation with which they have met the circumstances will have all the greater weight with the other Masonic powers of the world. It is deeply to be regretted there should be anything like a schism in Freemasonry, but this is not the fault of our English, Irish and Scotch Grand Lodges, and when so violent an injury is inflicted on the pure principles of our beloved Craft, it is the duty of all loyal brethren to vindicate those principles even though it may be at the risk of a complete severance of friendly relations with the offending body.

Nor are we surprised that the French Grand Orient and its apologists should have failed to offer a satisfactory explanation of the step which was adopted at the Annual General Assembly in September last. As we pointed out in an article some time since, there is no doubt whatever that the inclusion in the objectionable paragraph of the Clause, "*Elle n'exclut personne pour ses croyances*," in one sense exculpates the Grand Orient from the very terrible charge of sanctioning atheism as the guiding principle of Freemasonry. Indirectly, indeed, the insertion of this clause, which we rejoice to say was made at the special instance of Bro. de Saint Jean, the President of the Council of the Grand Orient, shows that the Grand Orient recognises theism, and will admit those who so profess it as they have done heretofore. Great stress is laid on this fact, and it is only right our French brethren should have full credit for having, even at the last moment, inserted this clause. But having admitted this, and having so far therefore rendered justice to the meritorious part of the case, we have still staring us in the face the lamentable fact that the Grand Orient of France recognises atheism as well as theism. In other words, it proclaims in its new article of the Constitutions, that the people who are commonly described as freethinkers, are, if they succeed in satisfying all other requirements, eligible for admission into the bosom of Freemasonry. We in England—we should say rather in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland—shut out no applicant for reception into our Lodges on the score of religious belief. We hold firmly to this landmark, and, as we have again and again said, it would never occur to us to question a candidate as to the nature of his religious faith. He may be a Jew or a Christian, or a member of any other faith. The question of religion is one which we leave it to him to settle with his conscience, and so long as he believes in God, we are satisfied without troubling ourselves as to the particular nature of that belief. But with us there is no place for those who are without belief in a God. We can hardly picture to ourselves an atheist or a freethinker, or whatever else he may be called, perjuring himself, for the simple reason that we do not believe he has a proper sense of the nature of an oath or solemn obligation; but it is very certain that no one who was known to be of this character would stand a chance of being admitted into any English Lodge. And if, by one of those unfortunate chances which now and again occur, a person of this character managed to escape detection and was elected, it is very certain that if he should have what with other people is known as a conscience, he could not remain in a Lodge five minutes without having his atheistic predilections most violently assaulted; in which case, doubtless, he would retire as speedily as possible from the Lodge without further detriment to himself or to Freemasonry. This, then, is the point on which we British and Irish Freemasons join issue with the Grand Orient of France. We do not object to their interpretation of the phrase "Liberty of Conscience" so far as it relates to freedom to indulge in these or those religious convictions. What we do object to is, that this freedom should be allowed to extend beyond the landmarks of our Order, and that it should be permitted to include not only those who have, but likewise those who have not, a religious faith. We cannot reconcile it with our conscience to have a stupid atheist or irreligious libertine amongst us. We believe that the admission of such a person would be a flagrant violation of the first principles of the Craft. We think it not impossible that such a person may be a worthy member of society. He may, for instance, be a very amusing person; he may sing and dance well; he may be a great linguist, or he may be deeply versed in abstruse scientific questions; he may, in his peculiar fashion, be a man of honour; but as he has no belief in a Supreme Being, we say, There is no place for such as you in our Lodges. You may worship the God of the Hebrews, or the God of the Christians, or the God adored by any other religious sect. The nature of your belief is no concern of ours; but it does most materially concern us Freemasons that you should have some kind of religious faith. This is all we require in addition to the other pre-requisite conditions of full age, moral reputation, &c., &c., and it is as regards this particular point that we fear it will henceforth be impossible for British and French Freemasonry to stand together on terms of harmony. At all events, a severance of the relations existing between the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the Grand Orient of France took place last November, and now the Grand Lodge of Scotland has taken a similar step. At the Quarterly Communication held on Monday, the 4th instant, the minutes of the Grand Committee to which the recent change in the principles of Freemasonry had been referred were submitted. In these it was stated the Grand Secretary had intimated to the Grand Orient that, if it should turn out to be the case that the radical change we have spoken of had been really and truly sanctioned by that body, it would be the duty of the Grand Committee, Scotland, to recommend to its Grand Lodge a severance of the fraternal relations heretofore existing between it and the Grand Orient. In reply to this a communication had been received in which surprise was expressed on the part of the Grand Orient at such a proposal, and in which it was pointed out that the modification of the article in question of its Constitutions had been erroneously interpreted, as nothing was further from its wish than to profess atheism and materialism. This reply was deemed unsatisfactory, and an opinion to that effect having been submitted to Grand Lodge, was fully endorsed by that body. Thus Grand Lodge, Scotland, has formally and officially condemned the change made in its Constitutions in September last by the Grand Orient of France, and this after a fair investigation of the circumstances, and after ·ng invited a fair and full defence of such change. ·ly now remains for

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Grand Lodge, England, to deal with the question, and we doubt not the Committee to whom has been entrusted the delicate task of inquiring into the matter will deal with it judicially, and with the most anxious desire to do what is just and proper under the circumstances.

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THE Annual Festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday, 13th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, London, and was presided over by his Grace the Duke of Manchester K.P. &c. &c., R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire. The meeting was well attended by brethren from all parts of the country, and the result shows that the Stewards have well fulfilled their duties. At the termination of the banquet, the usual toasts were given by the chairman; after that of Her most gracious Majesty the Queen, the National Anthem was sung; this was followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal family. The interest which our Grand Master takes, both in Masonry and in the general business of the country, was yearly increasing. He would not linger over the preliminary toasts, as he felt sure that all of those present were anxious to hear the announcement of the contributions of the Craft on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. The toast of the Pro Grand Master was given and duly honoured, and was followed by that of the Deputy Grand Master, and the Present and Past G. Officers; with this latter the noble chairman coupled the name of Bro. John Hervey the Grand Secretary. In his reply, Bro. Hervey stated that the Grand Officers felt grateful to their noble chairman for the very cordial way in which he had spoken of them; they were pleased to see so influential a meeting to support the chairman, and to assist in carrying out the principles of Masonic Charity. He concluded by thanking the brethren on behalf of the Grand Officers. The next toast was that of Success to the Institution. The chairman was gratified at seeing so numerous a gathering. Last Monday he had had the pleasure of paying a visit to the Asylum at Croydon, and was gratified at the way the Institution is managed, and the attention paid to the comfort of the inmates. All must feel happy at being able to relieve their distressed brethren. He called upon Bro. Tomkins to reply. Bro. Tomkins briefly acknowledged the toast, and was followed by Bro. Terry, who, amid great enthusiasm, announced that the total subscriptions he was in a position to acknowledge amounted to £11,090 9s 6d, with nine lists yet to come in; this sum had been collected by 221 Stewards, of whom 116 represented London Lodges, collecting among them £6,062 7s; 104 Country, contributing £4,969 4s 6d; and one Colonial, with £58 18s. Of the Provinces, Hertfordshire, represented by six Stewards, contributed the largest amount, the exertions of its representatives resulting in a total of £633 19s 6d. West Yorkshire came next, with £603 5s, and then Cornwall, which, in compliment to the Stewardship of their Grand Master, had sent up contributions amounting to £570. The next toast given was that of the Chairman, this was proposed by Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.G.M. Cornwall, and heartily received. In acknowledging the toast, His Grace the Duke of Manchester referred to the amount it had been his pleasure to hear announced as coming from Cornwall, he was extremely gratified at the kind way in which his Bro. the G.M. of that Province had proposed his health, and also for the support he had given to the Institution. He hoped he had carried out the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of the brethren. The other Institutions was next given, and Bro. Binckes replied. Bro. Raynham Stewart proposed the Stewards. He, as well as other members of the Craft, must be extremely pleased to know that they had been able to raise so large an amount. Bro. J. Smith replied: the Stewards were pleased to hear that their efforts had given satisfaction. Bro. C. H. Gregory gave the Ladies, after which the brethren adjourned to the Temple, where a concert was provided, under the direction of Bro. S. Lehmeyer, he being assisted by Mesdames Thaddeus Wells, Liebhart, Miss Webster, Navarre, and Arnim; Bro. Penna, and Messrs. D. Thomas, Stanislaus and Horscroft.

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

### LONDON.

| Lodge. | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Bro. | Joseph Smith ... ... | 35 | 5 | 0 |
| | ,, | Rev. A. F. A. Woodford | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| | ,, | Geo. Kenning ... ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| | ,, | W. W. Snelling ... | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | ,, | R. Gooding (M.D.B.A.) | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | ,, | E. Parker Deacon ... | 80 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | ,, | A. W. G. Weeks ... | 29 | 8 | 0 |
| 4 | ,, | H. Jas. Browne ... | | | |
| 5 | ,, | John H. Hale ... ... | 31 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | ,, | J. T. C. Winkfield .. | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | ,, | Rev. John J. Barton ... | 22 | 2 | 0 |
| 11 | ,, | J. H. McQueen ... | 27 | 7 | 0 |
| 12 | ,, | D. Nicols ... ... | 78 | 8 | 0 |
| 14 | ,, | John Nidel Smith ... | | | |
| 18 | ,, | John Mowlem Bart ... | 81 | 10 | 0 |
| 21 | ,, | Joseph W. Zambra ... | 59 | 10 | 0 |
| 22 | ,, | George Waterall ... | 30 | 16 | 6 |
| 23 | ,, | E. C. Mather ... ... | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| 28 | ,, | Joseph Farmaner ... | 24 | 11 | 0 |
| 30 | ,, | Charles Davey ... | 42 | 0 | 0 |
| 33 | ,, | Henry E. Wallis ... | | | |
| 46 | ,, | F. W. Rooke ... ... | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| 49 | ,, | Alfred Williams ... | 27 | 10 | 0 |
| 55 | ,, | Alfred J. Melhuish ... | 56 | 7 | 0 |
| 58 | ,, | Jas. Saml. Barroughes | 76 | 0 | 0 |
| 60 | ,, | R. G. Barton ... ... | 19 | 10 | 0 |
| 65 | ,, | W. H. Barber ... ... | 83 | 0 | 0 |
| 73 | ,, | George J. Grace ... | 116 | 10 | 0 |
| 83 | ,, | Chas. A. Murton ... | 188 | 0 | 0 |
| 87 | ,, | T. Huntley ... ... | 41 | 19 | 0 |
| 95 | ,, | A. A. Silberberg ... | 26 | 7 | 6 |
| 101 | ,, | John Alderson Scott ... | 22 | 0 | 0 |
| 140 | ,, | R. B. Webster ... | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| 142 | ,, | H. C. Levander ... | 76 | 0 | 0 |
| 143 | ,, | G. A. Cape ... ... | | | |
| 144 | ,, | George Graham Bell ... | 61 | 0 | 0 |
| 147 | ,, | Angus Stewart ... | 50 | 17 | 6 |
| 157 | ,, | J. T. Briggs ... ... | 56 | 12 | 0 |
| 162 | ,, | Major Williams ... | 23 | 0 | 0 |
| 169 | ,, | Charles Denton ... | 64 | 7 | 0 |
| 172 | ,, | George Watson ... | 45 | 5 | 0 |
| 173 | ,, | Francis Robt. Vine ... | 88 | 3 | 0 |
| 174 | ,, | Chas J. Perceval ... | 109 | 15 | 0 |
| Chap. | | | | | |
| 174 | Comp. | Edgar Bowyer ... | 85 | 0 | 0 |
| Lodge. | | | | | |
| 179 | Bro. | James Kew ... ... | 34 | 0 | 0 |
| 180 | ,, | A. Stoner ... ... | 43 | 0 | 0 |
| 185 | ,, | N. Gluckstein ... ... | 66 | 10 | 0 |
| Lodge. | | | | | |
| 186 | ,, | Charles W. Noehmer ... | 64 | 0 | 0 |
| 188 | ,, | Maurice Spiegel ... | 15 | 10 | 0 |
| 192 | ,, | Edward Jones ... ... | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| 193 | ,, | Henry Leah ... ... | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| 197 | ,, | Chas. Hutton Gregory ... | | | |
| 198 | ,, | George Cooper ... | 36 | 0 | 0 |
| 228 | ,, | James Hill ... ... | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| 235 | ,, | E. Goodhugh Fox ... | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| ... | ,, | Edward Hyde Howett | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| 238 | ,, | E. Simpson-Baikie ... | 26 | 0 | 0 |
| 256 | ,, | Rev. James Amos ... | 36 | 0 | 0 |
| 259 | ,, | Sir Offley Wakeman, Bt. | 70 | 10 | 0 |
| 435 | ,, | Christian Dybdahl ... | 27 | 18 | 6 |
| 511 | ,, | Samuel Elborn ... | 39 | 15 | 0 |
| 554 | ,, | T. S. Taylor ... ... | 260 | 0 | 0 |
| 569 | ,, | A. D. Everingham ... | 22 | 1 | 0 |
| 657 | ,, | Adam Leigh ... ... | 90 | 16 | 0 |
| 704 | ,, | H. C. Soper ... ... | 26 | 10 | 0 |
| 706 | ,, | W. T. Gamble ... ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 733 | ,, | H. A. Stacey ... ... | | | |
| 749 | ,, | J. W. Hobbs ... ... | 35 | 10 | 0 |
| 781 | ,, | William Hallett ... | 158 | 10 | 0 |
| 813 | ,, | Thomas J. Cusworth ... | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| 822 | ,, | John Nicholas ... ... | 12 | 10 | 0 |
| 862 | ,, | Edward Sedgwick ... | 38 | 10 | 0 |
| 871 | ,, | Geo. Thos. Limn ... | 74 | 8 | 0 |
| 898 | ,, | Chas. Scrutton ... | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| 902 | ,, | Richard N. Field ... | 22 | 10 | 0 |
| 907 | ,, | F. A. White ... ... | 45 | 0 | 0 |
| 917 | ,, | Alf. F. Rowley ... | 58 | 13 | 0 |
| 957 | ,, | Jas. K. Abel ... ... | 21 | 10 | 0 |
| 969 | ,, | C. W. Thompson ... | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Chap. | | | | | |
| 975 | Comp. | John Newton ... | 120 | 0 | 0 |
| Lodge | | | | | |
| 1139 | Bro. | Geo. R. Corner ... | 12 | 12 | 0 |
| 1158 | ,, | Wm. Hy. Sharman ... | 93 | 0 | 0 |
| 1178 | ,, | Fredk. Garbett ... | 73 | 0 | 0 |
| 1185 | ,, | Rev. Dr. Morris ... | 20 | 10 | 0 |
| 1201 | ,, | E. J. Harty ... ... | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| 1216 | ,, | A. C. Bradley ... ... | 68 | 5 | 0 |
| 1257 | ,, | John Wills ... ... | 60 | 6 | 0 |
| 1275 | ,, | Capt. Reg. W. Williams | 28 | 0 | 0 |
| 1278 | ,, | W. J. Crutch ... ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 1288 | ,, | J. Pigot ... ... | | | |
| 1319 | ,, | Edward Terry ... ... | 55 | 0 | 0 |
| 1328 | ,, | Frederick West ... | 52 | 4 | 0 |
| 1348 | ,, | Arthur John Ireton ... | 28 | 6 | 6 |
| Chap. | | | | | |
| 1348 | Comp. | John Palmer ... | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Chap. | | | | | |
| 1365 | ,, | William Lutwyche ... | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Lodge | | | | | |
| 1366 | Bro. | J. D. Collier ... ... | 87 | 0 | 0 |
| 1383 | ,, | Lt.-Col. Shadwell Clerke | 202 | 0 | 0 |
| 1425 | ,, | Robert John Smith ... | 41 | 1 | 0 |
| 1441 | ,, | J. I. Cantle ... ... | 133 | 5 | 0 |
| 1471 | ,, | Daniel P. Holness ... | 165 | 0 | 0 |
| 1475 | ,, | H. Vickery ... ... | 192 | 1 | 0 |
| 1489 | ,, | J. E. Walford ... ... | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| 1506 | ,, | James Robertson ... | 21 | 1 | 0 |
| 1507 | ,, | T. Williams ... ... | 23 | 0 | 0 |
| 1538 | ,, | Thomas Barlow ... | 17 | 15 | 0 |
| 1539 | ,, | William Ramsey ... | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| 1563 | ,, | J. A. Hammond ... | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| 1602 | ,, | J. G. Rimell ... ... | 26 | 4 | 6 |
| 1657 | ,, | J. Derby Allcroft ... | 67 | 10 | 0 |
| 1662 | ,, | W. T. Christian ... | 55 | 0 | 0 |
| 1677 | ,, | George H. Calderwood | 64 | 0 | 0 |
| 1686 | ,, | John Matthew Klenck | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| 1693 | ,, | Charles K. Killick ... | 72 | 0 | 0 |
| 1695 | ,, | William Thomas Parkiss | 22 | 1 | 0 |
| 1704 | ,, | Henry Bethell ... ... | 38 | 10 | 0 |
| 1706 | ,, | J. J. Murray ... ... | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| 1716 | ,, | W. H. Farnfield ... | 35 | 0 | 0 |

### BERKS AND BUCKS.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Provincial Grand Lodge ... | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 209 | Bro. | H. M. Stollery ... | 27 | 9 | 0 |
| 574 | ,, | G. M. Knight ... | 30 | 10 | 0 |
| 771 | ,, | Edward Grisbrook ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 795 | ,, | George Bubb ... | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| 1410 | ,, | Thomas Taylor ... | 21 | 10 | 0 |
| 1566 | ,, | Charles William Cox ... | 16 | 5 | 0 |
| 1639 | ,, | Edmd. Burton Durham | 11 | 5 | 0 |
| | | | 157 | 9 | 0 |

### BRISTOL.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 103 | Bro. | George Pearson ... | 134 | 15 | 0 |

### CHESHIRE.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 104 | Bro. | Herbert Finch ... | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| ... | ,, | James Kirk ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| ... | ,, | William Harrison ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| ... | ,, | T Burrows ... ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| ... | ,, | James Stafford ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 321 | ,, | Major Geo. Barlow ... | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| 537 | ,, | J. P. Platt ... ... | 52 | 2 | 0 |
| | | | 172 | 2 | 0 |

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### CORNWALL.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| The Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe ... | 460 | 0 | 0 |
| Bro. W. J. Hughan ... | 110 | 0 | 0 |
| | 570 | 0 | 0 |

### DERBYSHIRE.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| The Right Hon. the Marquess of Hartington ... | 155 | 0 | 0 |
| 506 Bro. T. A. Turner ... | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| | 170 | 0 | 0 |

### DEVONSHIRE.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 251 Bro. John Brewer ... | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Chap. | | | |
| 303 Comp. G. W. Ormerod ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| | 110 | 0 | 0 |

### DORSETSHIRE.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bro. J. M. P. Montagu ... | 150 | 0 | 0 |

### ESSEX.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 160 Bro. Rev. H. J. Hatch ... | 11 | 5 | 0 |
| 453 „ George Corble ... | 11 | 10 | 0 |
| 1000 „ Frederick Wood ... | 66 | 1 | 0 |
| | 88 | 16 | 0 |

### GLOUCESTER.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 82 Bro. Henry Godfrey ... | 118 | 0 | 0 |

### HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 804 Bro. Thomas Francis ... | 50 | 7 | 6 |
| 903 „ G. F. Lancaster ... | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| | 70 | 7 | 6 |

### HERTFORDSHIRE.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bro. F. H. Wilson Iles (M.D.) | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| 403 „ James Boatwright ... | 62 | 13 | 6 |
| 449 „ James Shilcock ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 504 „ Henry Hollis ... ... | 37 | 0 | 0 |
| 1385 „ W. W. Morgan jun. ... | 146 | 18 | 0 |
| Chapter | | | |
| 1385 Comp. George Ward Verry... | 89 | 0 | 0 |
| | 645 | 11 | 6 |

### KENT.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 77 Bro. William Hicks ... | 40 | 5 | 0 |
| 874 „ B. S. Wilmot ... ... | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| 1096 „ John Haggett ... ... | 70 | 0 | 0 |
| 1206 „ R. Joynes Emmerson | 47 | 10 | 0 |
| 1314 „ Samuel Carrington ... | 67 | 0 | 0 |
| 1436 „ F. Hollis Field ... | 32 | 0 | 0 |
| | 270 | 15 | 0 |

### LANCASHIRE (Eastern Division).

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 645 Bro. C. F. Matier ... ... | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| 1723 „ G. P. Brockbank ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| | 30 | 0 | 0 |

### LANCASHIRE (Western Division).

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bro. R. Wylie ... ... | 180 | 0 | 0 |
| 113 „ William Harrison ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 281 „ J. Daniel Moore (M.D.) | 77 | 14 | 0 |
| 1313 „ James Platt ... ... | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| 1375 „ George Davenport Pochin | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| ... „ W. H. Buckley ... | 36 | 4 | 0 |
| ... „ Lt.-Col. Birchall ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| | 330 | 3 | 0 |

### MIDDLESEX.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 708 Bro. Edwin Simpson-Baikie | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| 778 „ Major C. Harding ... | 14 | 2 | 0 |
| Chap. | | | |
| 1194 Comp. Rev. Dr. Brette ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Lodge | | | |
| 1237 Bro. David Moses ... ... | 42 | 6 | 0 |
| 1293 „ Clayton Palmer (LL.D.) | 12 | 0 | 6 |
| Chap. | | | |
| 1293 Comp. Henry Phythian ... | 18 | 11 | 0 |
| Lodge | | | |
| 1326 Bro. D. Steinhaner ... ... | 10 | 5 | 0 |
| ... „ Edwin Gilbert... ... | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| 1423 „ H. A. Dubois ... ... | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| 1567 „ John Mason ... ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 1637 „ E. C. Woodward ... | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| 1707 „ Joseph Tanner ... | 15 | 10 | 0 |
| | 201 | 14 | 6 |

### NORTHS AND HUNTS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| The Chairman ... | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Bro. Butler Wilkins<br>360 „ Edward Cox<br>442 „ Robert H. Griffin | 275 | 0 | 0 |
| | 300 | 0 | 0 |

### NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1661 Bro. Wm. Newton ... | 20 | 0 | 0 |

### OXON.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 357 Bro. Rev. Hy. Deane ... | 35 | 10 | 6 |
| 478 „ H. O. Wakeman ... | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| | 47 | 10 | 6 |

### SOMERSETSHIRE.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Chapter 41 ... ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 446 Bro. Capt. A. T. Perkins J.P. | 53 | 2 | 0 |
| 814 „ Walter J. Nosworthy... | 27 | 16 | 0 |
| | 85 | 18 | 0 |

### STAFFORDSHIRE.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 418 Bro. J. L. Hamshaw ... | 88 | 12 | 0 |
| ... „ J. S. Crapper, J.P. ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 419 „ James Walker ... | 35 | 5 | 0 |
| 526 „ C. A. Newnham ... | 27 | 10 | 0 |
| | 156 | 7 | 0 |

### SUFFOLK.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 114 Bro. Wm. Clarke ... | 57 | 2 | 0 |
| 1224 „ G. H. Grimwood ... | 23 | 10 | 0 |
| 1452 „ John L. Clemence ... | 13 | 10 | 0 |
| | 94 | 2 | 0 |

### SURREY.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 370 Bro. J. B. Boor ... | 29 | 17 | 0 |
| 452 „ C. H. Edmands ... | 17 | 1 | 0 |
| 1395 „ Harry Will Charrington | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| | 66 | 18 | 0 |

### SUSSEX.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 782 Bro. Samuel Solomon ... | 79 | 10 | 0 |
| 1303 „ Wm. Kreenther ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| | 84 | 10 | 0 |

### WILTSHIRE.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bro. S. Gauntlett ... ... | 164 | 11 | 0 |

### YORKSHIRE (N. and E. Ridings).

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 250 Bro. John Johnson Field ...<br>... „ James Saltmer ... | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| 1611 „ G. Simpson ... ... | 11 | 10 | 0 |
| | 31 | 10 | 0 |

### YORKSHIRE (W. Riding).

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 139 Bro. John Henry Burrows... | | | |
| ... „ Geo. H. Waterfall ... | | | |
| 154 „ W. H. B. Tomlinson J.P. | | | |
| 208 „ Henry Day ... ... | | | |
| 275 „ Bentley Shaw J.P. D.L. | | | |
| 290 „ Wm. Harrop ... ... | | | |
| 302 „ Henry Smith ... ... | | | |
| ... „ A. Robertshaw ... | | | |
| ... „ Benj. Broughton ... | | | |
| 304 „ Chas. L. Mason ... | | | |
| ... „ Robert Craig ... | | | |
| 750 „ Rawson Kelley ... | | | |
| 910 „ Thos. Wm. Tew J.P.... | | | |
| ... „ Capt. E. T. Clark ... | | | |
| 1019 „ Capt. John Wordsworth | | | |
| ... „ Benj. Watson ... ... | | | |
| ... „ Wm. Henry Gill J.P. | | | |
| 1102 „ John Barker ... ... | | | |
| 1239 „ F. M. Tindall ... | | | |
| 1462 „ Zacchens Hinchliffe ... | | | |
| 1513 „ John Bustard ... ... | | | |
| 265 Lodge Royal Yorkshire ... | | | |
| 275 „ of Harmony ... | | | |
| 290 „ Huddersfield ... | | | |
| ... J.W.'s chair ... | | | |
| ... Treasurer's chair, by Bro. Wm. Smith... | | | |
| ... Secretary's do. ... | | | |
| ... Bro. John Joshua Brook ... | | | |
| ... „ Joe Burman Abbey ... | | | |
| ... „ Joe Booth Whiteley ... | | | |
| 302 Lodge Hope (87 members at 5s each) ... ... | | | |
| 304 „ Philanthropic ... | | | |
| 304 Bro. T. C. Taylor ... ... | | | |
| 337 „ John Hirst J.P. ... | | | |
| 521 Lodge Truth ... ... | | | |
| 750 „ Friendship ... ... | | | |
| 910 „ St. Oswald ... ... | | | |
| 1239 „ Wentworth ... ... | | | |
| 1462 „ Wharncliffe ... ... | | | |
| | 603 | 5 | 0 |

### HONG-KONG.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bro. T. G. Linstead ... | 58 | 18 | 0 |


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## THE HOLY LAND AND THE TEMPLE.

By Bro. Rob Morris, LL.D.

THE Temple of King Solomon, because it was built on the top of a high mountain, and of shining marble and glittering gold and brass, was a conspicuous object under the bright sky of Palestine; for that country has the purest air of all countries in the world, and polished stone preserves its smoothness and colour there untarnished. As I struck my gavel on the sides of rocks and noticed how clearly the three mystic knocks reverberated to my ear, I acquired an increased admiration for that little implement whose knock is heard so cheerfully and obeyed so implicitly by Masons.

As I wandered among the scenes so often described by our Masonic teachers, I felt that every *stone* was hallowed, every *path* that wound through those hills was sacred, for the hands that had marked them and the feet that had trodden them. Every valley seemed to echo in my ears the *so mote it be* of Masons' prayers. The land that had felt the faithful toil of our ancient Brother gave a grave to him "of whom the world was not worthy,"—that unparalleled Architect whose skill stamped the architectural character of his age, whose skill is still recognised in all the great structures of the earth, for the temple of Solomon is in many respects the model of them all. In my description of Gebal, the birth-place of the great Architect, I have made many allusions to this. But there need be no argument to convince Masons that the Holy Land was the home of all that the world knows of Operative Masonry.

That sublime structure, however, with its matchless builders, has long since disappeared from the face of the earth. It stood 420 years, and then all that mountain of marble, cedar and priceless metals went to dust, or was carried away off by the conqueror. The wood was resolved into smoke and ashes under the fires of Nebuchadnezzar.

The Parian marble was calcined by the heat or broken to pieces by hammers and thrown into the valley of Jehosaphat, by thousands of tons, until the bed of the Brook Kedron to-day is choked up with it to the depth of fifty-three feet.

If then the Operative Masonry of our Work was all that we have to speak of I only need point you to the splendid discoveries of Capt. Warren, at Jerusalem, his detection of the underground vaults and cisterns, and marked stones, and mighty foundations, and so close this paper.

But you and I, my brother, are taught that Operative Masonry is but the outward form, the type, the model of speculative Masonry; and that King Solomon's Temple, in all its particulars, was the antitype of the grand world-wide system which we call Freemasonry.

The City in which the Temple stood (known through the world as Salem the City of Peace); the Mount on which the Temple stood (honored above all others as the place of trial of Abram's faith); the materials, rare and costly, of which the temple was composed; the three remarkable men who erected it (the Wise King, under whose auspices it was projected; the Strong King, who furnished men and materials; the King of Artists, without whom, strength and wisdom would have availed nothing); and then, above all, the brightness of the glory and comeliness of the beauty "of the Temple itself, made it a proper nucleus for a Masonic Brotherhood that, outlasting all buildings made with hands," has endured and shall endure until time shall be no more.

The very age in which Solomon lived was appropriate to give birth to such a Fraternity, for, as the poet sings:

> "There was a great need of social intercourse,
> Benevolence, and Peace and Mutual Aid
> Between the nations!"

Let us therefore, turn our attention now to *Free*-Masonry, or *Speculative* Masonry in the Holy Land.

We must bear in mind, first, that the languages spoken in the Holy Land are altogether different from ours. If, therefore, you visit a Lodge there you will not hear a word that ever you heard before.

Even our words are pronounced so differently that you must hear them repeated several times before your ear recognizes them.

In my visit to Smyrna, seven Lodges came together to welcome me; but they worked in seven different languages, that is Turkish, Arabic, Armenian, Greek, French, Italian and English.

At the present time there are three Lodges in the Holy Land: two at Beyrout, about 150 miles west of Jerusalem. At Beyrout, the one works in the Arabic language, the other in French, and both together have about 200 members, scattered, of course, over the country, some of them as far as Bagdad, seven days journey east.

In so small a country, however, as the Holy Land, and with so large a proportion of the people unfit by education and habit to be Masons, to have 200 members is a respectable showing in point of numbers. For the only persons you can constitutionally make Masons there are the Turks, the chiefs and high families of the Arabs, and the foreigners who settle there.

For this reason, when you meet a Mason in the Holy Land, you meet a gentleman of good standing, an officer, a man of influence, one who can counsel you if you ask it, and help you if you need it. This was my experience, and a very happy experience it was.

It is striking to see how many officers of the Turkish Government are Masons; the Pasha of Gaza, the Governor of Joppa, the Pashas of *Nablous of Aon*, of Beyrout, of Liban, the Governor of Sidon, the Consuls of the different nations, French, English, Armenian, Italian, and German, the world renowned Abd-el-Kader, and above all Moh. Keschid, the Governor General of that country.

The work done in the Lodges of the Holy Land is substantially the same as ours. Allowing for the different languages, national customs, and forms of religious faith, there is no difference worth speaking of, for the essential principles of Masonry are precisely the same everywhere. The fact that they recognize our diplomas in Europe, Asia, and Africa proves that. They go through substantially the same ceremonies that we do.

In their Lodges you see the emblem of Deity, the Altar, the three stations of the principal officers, the gavels, rods, jewels, pillars and aprons. Their emblems are the same, and they bear the same interpretation. And, best of all, the vital principles and results, that is the four cardinal virtues and three principal tenets, are the same.

Before them on the Altar lies the same open Book that we use, the Hebrew Scriptures, only printed in a different language. In brief, an oriental Mason is a full brother by the Father's side to an Occidental Mason, and the East join hands with the West in all the Lodges of the earth.—*Keystone.*

## RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

ON Thursday, the 7th inst., an Emergency meeting of the Eboracum Conclave, No. 137, was held at the Queen's Hotel, York, for the purpose of installing two candidates. E. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead M.P.S. presided, aided by E. Sir Knight Cooper V.E. and M.P.S. elect, and the rest of the Officers. Bros. J. Ward of the York Lodge 236, and W. H. Wyatt of the Journeymen's Lodge, No. 8 (S.C.), were duly installed and proclaimed. After the closing of the Conclave, the St. Peter Sanctuary and Commandery of St. John were successively opened, and those degrees conferred upon Comps. M. Millington, and W. H. Wyatt. This Conclave is making very good progress, having been in existence only one year, and numbering about five-and-twenty members.

## SOC: ROSIC: in Scotiâ.

At a meeting of this Order, held in Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh, on 25th January 1878, the following Fratres were appointed the High Council of the Order in Scotland for the ensuing year, viz.:—

Charles Fitzgerald Matier, 9°, Supreme Magus.
The Right Hon. Lord Inverurie, 9°, Sen. Sub. Magus.
Harry Y. D. Copland, 9°, Jun. Sub. Magus.
The Hon. F. J. Moncrieff, 8°, Treasurer General.
George Dickson, M.D., 8°, Secretary General.
R. S. Brown, 8°.

At the same time and place the Metropolitan College was reconstituted, it having been in abeyance for some time past, the following Officers were then elected and installed into office:—

The Hon. F. J. Moncrieff Primus Adeptus.
Geo. Dickson, M.D., Celebrant.
H. J. Coventry, W.S., Suffragan.
R. S. Brown Septimus. } Ancients.
J. Webster Sextus. }
H. E. Gordon Quintus. }
Geo. Dunlop Quartus. }
J. H. Balfour Tertius. }
W. M. Bryce Secundus. }
J. Digby Jones Primus. }
F. L. Law Conductor.
Jas. Crichton Treasurer.
Robt. Bryce Secretary.
Robt. Davidson Organist.
C. Ferin Torch Bearer.
F. B. Anderson Herald.

The meetings of the Metropolitan College were arranged to be held quarterly. The Obligatory Meeting to be held in the month of January annually. The M.C. was thereafter closed in solemn form.

## Obituary.

It is with extreme regret we record the sudden death of Bro. Frederick Charles Jones, M.D., who resided at 174 Blackfriars-road. This sad event occurred on Monday, the 4th inst. On the preceding day he attended to his arduous professional duties with his accustomed able promptness and assiduity, and retired to rest without feeling anything more than lassitude and fatigue. During the night, however, alarming symptoms ensued, and Dr. Bianchi, of Stamford-street, was called in, who sought for further aid, which unfortunately proved unavailing, as death supervened. Thus passed away a brother universally respected, esteemed, and beloved, at the early age of threescore years, who was a ripe scholar, an orator whom few surpassed, a husband, son, father, and friend, who has bequeathed "a good name" and blameless reputation which exceed all earthly possessions and honours. There can be no doubt that he overtaxed his energies in a devoted attention to professional and public duties; in discharging which he exhibited great tact and ability in maintaining the interest and welfare of the poor, to whom he was personally a constant friend. The Masonic body has lost in him a brother who had proved himself "a master mason" in the most comprehensive appellation of that term, and a large circle of friends have been deprived of one whose society was sought after on all occasions, a gentleman who endeared himself to them by his considerate and courteous conduct. Death indeed came suddenly to him, but found him ready to obey his mandate, inasmuch as his "house was in order and his lamp burning." "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."—*South London Observer.*

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# Old Warrants.

## No. 111.

No. 289, "Ancients;" No. 366 at the "Union of 1813 (A.D. 1814)," No. 254 A.D. 1832, and No. 210 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

WILLIAM DICKEY D.G.M.

JOHN KENNEY S.G.W. ROBERT GILL J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the GRAND LODGE of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful the Most Noble Puissant Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley in the County of Gloucester, &c. &c. &c. GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Wm. Dickey, Esqr., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful John Kenney, Esqr., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Robert Gill, Esqr., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Hugh Ardery, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful James Gillispie, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Henry Haddock, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the house known by the sign of the Royal Archer, in Dale Street or elsewhere in the Town of Manchester in the County of Lancaster, upon the First Monday in every Calendar Month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Hugh Ardery, James Gillispie, and Henry Haddock (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Twenty-first day of March, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-five, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred Ninety and Five.

ROBERT LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

No. 289

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 8, Letter H.

The present title, No., &c. are, "The Duke of Atholl" Lodge, No. 210, Denton, Lancashire.

## No. 112.

No. 310 "Ancients;" No. 394 A.D. 1813, at "Union;" No. 273 A.D. 1832, and No. 226 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

WM. DICKEY D.G.M.

JOSEPH BROWNE S.G.W. GEORGE BOWEN J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful the Most Noble and Puissant Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful WM. Dickey Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Joseph Browne, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful George Bowen, Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Samuel Robinson, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Bold Halliwell his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful James Walkden his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at No. 11 Paradise Street, Blackburn, in the County of Lancaster, or elsewhere in the Township of Blackburn aforesaid, in the County aforesaid, upon the Tuesday preceding every Full Moon, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Samuel Robinson, Bold Halliwell, and James Walkden (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

No. 310

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London this thirty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred Ninety and Seven, and in the year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred Ninety and Seven.

ROBT. LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 9, Letter L.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Lodge of "Benevolence," No. 226, Littleborough, Lancashire.

## No. 113.

No. 297, "Ancients;" No. 378 at the "Union" of 1813, No. 261 from A.D. 1832, and No. 215 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

WILLIAM DICKEY D.G.M.

ROBERT GILL S.G.W. JOSEPH BROWNE J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful The Most Noble and Puissant Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful William Dickey Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Robert Gill, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Joseph Browne, Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful James Harbison, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful William Sigley, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful John Honey his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Sun in Cockpitt Hill (or elsewhere), in or near to the Town of Manchester, upon the First Monday in every Month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, James Harbison, William Sigley, and John Honey (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their powers and dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

No. 297

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this twenty-sixth day of January, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-Six, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Six.

L.S.

ROBERT LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 8, Letter H.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Lodge of "Commerce," 215, Haslingden, Lancashire.

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## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178.**—The regular meeting of this well-established Lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Thursday the 7th instant. Bro. F. Garbett W.M. opened the Lodge., He in an able manner initiated Messrs. G. and W. Wainwright, Callingham, Stockwell and Tomlins, and passed Bro. Allen. On motion made by Bro. W. J. Lover P.M., and duly seconded, it was unanimously resolved that ten pounds be taken from the Lodge funds and be spent in purchasing a Life Governorship of the Royal Benevolent Institution Male Annuity Fund, in the name of the W.M. for the time being. The amount to be placed on the list of the W.M., who represents the Lodge at the Festival. Some candidates were proposed for initiation at the next Lodge meeting. Bro. Willetts 1076 was unanimously elected a joining member. After business a good banquet was served, under the auspices of Bro. J. H. Spencer, which gave general satisfaction. The regular toasts were given and responded to. After a few hours of an agreeable reunion, the brethren separated. There were present Bros. F. H. Ebsworth P.M. Treasurer, F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. Secretary, Dr. Dixon P.M., G. J. Grace P.M. D.C., J. H. Harmsworth P.M. W.S., C. Deakin P.M., J. Stock S.W., T. Simpson J.W., J. J. Bell S.D., S. Quincey J.D., G. H. Forder I.G., besides some 40 members. There were several visitors.

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**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—Held at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 8th February. Present—Bros. Hine W.M., Wallington S.W., Smith J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Simmonds S.D., Hunter J.D., Lane I.G.; also Bros. Bolton, Posener jun., Campbell, Kent, Stroud, &c. Formalities observed, Bro. Posener jun. answered the questions, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Campbell, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, in a very creditable manner, Bro. Stroud being candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Wallington was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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**Denison Lodge, No. 1248.**—On Wednesday last, Sir Charles Legard M.P., was installed W.M. of this Lodge. There was a large assemblage of the Craft at five p.m., at the Grand Hotel, where the Lodge is held, and after an initiation, a Board of Installed Masters, numbering twenty-four, was opened, and the W.M. elect placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient usage, and afterwards saluted by the brethren. After the installation, the W.M. Elect appointed the Officers of the Lodge as follow:—Bros. F. Foster I.P.M., J. C. Serdenstricker S.W., C. A. Bury J.W., the Rev. H. Blanc Chaplain, A. Fricour Treasurer, F. W. Booty Secretary, Dr. Merlhac and J. Townsend Stewards, G. O. Crowther S.D., G. Padley J.D., H. J. Morton I.G. A grand banquet was given after the business of the Lodge was transacted. Bro. F. Foster acted as Installing Master, and performed the ceremonies in a very able manner. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. T. Clough P.M. Malton, Rose P.M. Malton. T. Cooper P.M. York, T. B. Whytehead W.M. 1611, and many brethren from Filey, Hull, &c.

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**Hervey Lodge, No. 1260.**—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields. Bro. J. H. Southwood W.M. opened his Lodge at 3.30, he was supported by Bros. George King P.M. as S.W., Goodacre J.W., Geo. King jun. P.M. Secretary, Dr. Jabez Hogg P.M. P.G.D. Treas., Burley S.D., Foot J.D., Latreille as I.G., Dean Org., Speight Tyler. There were also present as Visitors Bros. Charles Atkins P.M. 27, T. J. Maidwell W.M. 27, J. B. Poole Sec. 27, Fredk. Ough P.M. 49, W. Elphinstone P.M. 106 and P.P.J.G.D., Henry Marks 205, F. G. Baker P.M. 753, S. R. Rogers P.M. 902, W. Jones 960, Stephen Hayworth 101 P.M. 15, E. A. Baber P.M. 1238, H. Barrow 1604, and W. W. Morgan. On opening the Lodge, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Southwood then announced that though the paper was a heavy one, circumstances, that he fully explained, prevented the attendance of several of the candidates. Bro. Sang, an aspirant for the second degree, was examined; he showed proficiency, and was duly advanced a step. Bro. Charles Atkins P.M. No. 27, was then formally proposed in open Lodge as desiring to be elected a joining member, and handed in all requisite credentials. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was next proceeded with, and Bro. Southwood, by an overwhelming majority, was asked to fill the post he has so worthily held during the past year. In acknowledging the great compliment paid him, our worthy brother remarked that his business claimed and required a vast amount of his time, but the unanimity with which the members had re-elected him had taken him by surprise. He should be uncourteous if he did not respond to a request urged so emphatically. He could only assure the brethren he would continue to do all in his power to maintain the honour and integrity of the Hervey Lodge. The election of Treasurer was next proceeded with, and was unanimous in favour of Bro. Dr. Hogg. Bro. Speight was also re-elected Tyler. Bros. Foot, Latreille, and Spalding were appointed Auditors. The bye-laws were then read, and the W.M. announced that it had been intimated to him by the manager of the Freemasons' Tavern that, in consequence of the heavy calls on their resources, by reason of the Festival of the R.M.B.I., some little time must elapse ere they could serve the banquet; he would ask Bro. Baker P.M. 753 to favour them by giving the Lecture on the Tracing Board of the First Degree. Bro. Baker readily complied, and delivered the Lecture with great precision, much to the edification of those assembled. Lodge was then closed. The banquet was then served, and full justice done to the good things provided. On the removal of the cloth Bro. Southwood proceeded with the toasts At the present time no toast could possibly be offered to an assembly of Englishmen that would be more acceptable than that of Her Most Gracious Majesty. Three of her sons are immediately associated with us as Masons, and each takes a deep interest in all that concerns the welfare of the Craft. Full honours were then paid. Second to that of the Queen no toast is ever more graciously received than that of the M.W. the Grand Master. Circumstances have occurred that makes our time somewhat limited to-night, and therefore, without further preface, he would offer the toast for their acceptance. Bro. Dean here sang "The Cavalier," with good effect. The next toast was the Pro. G.M., D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers. The Grand Officers, from the Earl of Carnarvon downwards, have very onerous duties, and these they perform in a most admirable manner. With the toast he would couple the name of their respected Treasurer, Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg. Bro. Goodacre sang "The Skipper and his Boy." Bro. Hogg said it was his duty and privilege to return thanks for the kind way in which they had received the toast. The Earl of Carnarvon was a man of the highest honour, and one we were pleased to see at the head of the Craft. All Masons were glad to see him at Grand Lodge, where he always did the work that fell to his lot to the satisfaction of all. With regard to Lord Skelmersdale, he was equally popular. He thanked them for the way in which his name had been received in connection with the toast. He then paid a high compliment to Bro. Baker, for the very interesting Lecture he had given in the Lodge. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Visitors, gave one and all a hearty welcome. He recapitulated their names, and spoke a kind word to each. He called on Bros. Maidwell and Baber to respond. Bro. Maidwell would have liked to have seen the W.M. more employed during the evening; he felt proud of his position as representative of the Visitors, on whose behalf he tendered his most sincere thanks. Bro. Baber had often felt surprised that he was not a member of the Hervey Lodge; he had always taken a great interest in its welfare, and also in that of the Lodge of Instruction working under its sanction. He added his thanks to those of Bro. Maidwell, and hoped that the present would not be the last occasion he should have an opportunity of enjoying the hospitality of the Hervey Lodge. Other of the visitors also replied. Bro. Hogg then proposed the health of the W.M. Many of the Visitors must have been somewhat astonished at the course taken by the members in the Lodge. When, however, they were made acquainted with the high estimation in which Bro. Southward was held, they would not wonder at the spontaneous effort made by the members to retain his services for another year. Bro. Hogg then recapitulated the many kindnesses they had received from their W.M.; it was with sincere pleasure he proposed his health, and trusted he might be spared for many years to be amongst them. Bro. Southwood said he greatly appreciated the unexpected honour that had been conferred upon him that evening. He felt he had attained the summit of his ambition, though Dr. Hogg had referred to honours that might perhaps be in store for him. He then referred to the fact of his having come amongst them almost a stranger, and added that to-night his Mother Lodge was holding its installation meeting, and that he had received an intimation that the rank of a P.M. of that Lodge had been conferred on him. He pressed upon the members the desirability of faithfully carrying out their duties, and fully regarding their obligations. He relied upon the hearty co-operation of the members, who he urged to follow in the footsteps of the esteemed brother whose name the Lodge bore. In reply to the toast of the Past Masters, Bro. George King sen. said he was the second P.M. of the Lodge; he took a deep interest in its welfare, and hoped it might be second to none in the Craft. The other toasts comprised the Officers, which was replied to by Bros. Goodacre and Latreille; the Press, associated with the name of Bro. Morgan, who replied; and the W.M. then summoned the Tyler. The Organist of the Lodge, Bro. Dean, rendered goodly service during the evening by accompanying the various singers, who comprised Bros. Goodacre, Maidwell, Rogers, &c. Bro. Morgan, by request, recited "The Charge of the Light Brigade."

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**The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. In the absence of the W.M. the Lodge was opened by Bro. J. Secx I.P.M., assisted by Bros. Jas. Freeman S.W., Blackie J.W., E. Moody P.M. Sec., R. J. Simpson Chap., W. H. Catchpole S.D., Thos. Hamer J.D., W. Kibble D.C., Geo. Jenkins Org., C. Taylor I.G., W. H. Hook and R. Hooker Stewards; Past Masters Bros. J. H. Townend, James Stevens, &c. The first business before the Lodge was the raising of Bro. Vowles, which ceremony was performed by Bro. Secx in his usual effective manner; at its conclusion Bro. Stevens P.M. occupied the chair and passed Bro. Metchim, performing the ceremony most perfectly. Bro. Secx again took the chair, and initiated Mr. Daniel Thos. Keene; this ceremony over, the Lodge, after the discussion of business, was closed. The brethren adjourned for refreshment, and duly honoured the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Stevens gave the health of the W.M. He referred to the much to be regretted absence of Bro. Stanway, and called upon the brethren to drink to his better health; he also asked them separately to toast their Acting Master Bro. Secx. Both of these toasts were enthusiastically received. Bro. Secx replied: he thanked the members for the kind expressions they always accorded the chair. He next gave the health of the Initiate, the Visitors, and other regular toasts, all of which were duly acknowledged. The visitors were Bros. W. R. Gilbert 711, T. Perry P.M. 1402, P.G. Treas. Devon, W. J. Ferguson P.M. 177, J. Griffin P.M. 933, W. W. Morgan jun. 1365, C. T. Mann 822, G. Dyer P.M. 186, &c.

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**Eboracum Lodge No. 1611.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday last, the W.M. Bro. T. B. Whytehead working the ceremonies, ably assisted by the Officers. A successful ballot was taken for one candidate and two joining members; after which there was an initiation and a passing. Hearty good wishes

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were expressed for Bro. G. Simpson M.C., who was on the eve of his departure to represent the Lodge as a Steward at the Masonic Benevolent Festival. The services of Bro. J. S. Cumberland S.W., as Steward for the forthcoming Masonic Boys' Festival, were accepted with acclamation, the W.M. alluding to the services rendered by Bros. Cumberland and Simpson in thus representing the Lodge two years in succession. The W.M. read a letter he had received from Bro. C. E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, stating that a party of American Masons were about to make a pilgrimage to England, and intended visiting York, and expressed a hope that the Masons of the City would be able to give the visitors a united reception. He also alluded to the very handsome testimonial which had lately been presented to Bro. Wm. Hunt P.M. of Hull, by his employers of the *Eastern Morning News*, and expressed his pleasure at the very high terms in which Bro. Hunt had alluded on that occasion to their worthy Secretary (Bro. J. Kay), than whom he knew not a man on whom he could place more reliance. He considered the Eboracum Lodge fortunate in having secured the services of Bro. Kay. These remarks were received by the brethren with hearty applause. Two candidates were then proposed and seconded, and the Lodge was closed; a very pleasant and social evening being afterwards passed. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Beanland P.M. Bradford, W. H. Wyatt P.M., Haffner P.M., &c.

**West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612.**—One of the most pleasant gatherings we have lately attended was held on Saturday last, at the Ealing Institute. Bro. A. Beasley presided; he was supported by Bros. H. L. P. Kasmer S.W., Burr J.W., J. Chambers Roe P.M. Secretary, T. Brown P.M. Treasurer, Delevanté Organist, J. Green S.D., W. J. Compton J.D., Bourne Steward, Tucker I.G., Harrison Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Rev. T. W. Morris, Owen, Capt. Lawrence, and W. W. Morgan. After preliminaries had been duly observed, Bro. Edmeston was passed to the second degree. The ballot was taken for three candidates for initiation; it resulted satisfactorily, and the gentlemen, Messrs. George Coop, Watkin Brown, and Edwin Tink Brown were received into our Order, each candidate being taken separately. Bro. Beasley makes a point of doing this, and it is a point we should like to see more often carried out. The W.M. then called on Bro. Roe, who had been unavoidably absent at the opening of the Lodge, to read the minutes of the last regular meeting, also those of the emergency meeting held on the 2nd inst. Those received confirmation, and Bro. Beasley called the attention of the members to the fact that he had consented to act as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School. Bro. Roe then gave notice that he should propose, and Bro. S.W. agreed to second, a motion, to be brought forward at the next regular meeting, that the sum of £10 10s be voted from the Lodge funds, and be placed on the W.M.'s list. After other matters had been disposed of, the Lodge was closed. A plain repast was then served at Brown's Hotel, and the brethren did full justice to the substantial fare provided. The W.M. presided, and the toast list was indeed a comprehensive one. The remarks of the several speakers were terse, and were kept well to the point. During the evening Bros. Delevanté, Porter, Acworth, Green, Goss, and the W.M. sang some capital songs. Bro. Delevanté rendered great assistance as accompanyist. The brethren dispersed at 9.30, after a very enjoyable evening.

**The London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction.**—Met at the Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., on Monday, 11th inst., at 6 o'clock. Present—Bros. Turner W.M., Triggs S.W., Brittain J.W., Sharrett S.D., Cree J.D., Morson I.G., W. Smallpeice Preceptor, C. J. Hogg Treas., J. E. Shand Hon. Sec., and others. Lodge opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. According to rule, the ceremonies were rehearsed, after which Lodge closed until Monday, 20th February, at 6 o'clock, when a numerous attendance is expected.

**Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 145.**—This Chapter held a Public Night on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, and, as a matter of course, there was a very large gathering of Companions. Companion E. Moody presided as Z., Thomas Ball as H. (acting), and J. C. Cox as J., G. S. States S.E., H. Venn S.N., D. Haslett Pr. Soj., C. A. Wood 1st Assistant (acting), and J. Jermyn Boyd 2nd Assistant (acting), were the other officers present. The Chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the previous Convocation read and confirmed, Comp John Boyd P.Z. 145 in a very lucid and able manner explained the connection of Royal Arch Masonry with the Craft. The clauses of the first section were worked by Comps. H. Venn, J. C. Cox and D. Haslett P.Z., all of No. 145. The historical lecture was then delivered by Comp. J. C Cox. Comp. J. Jermyn Boyd gave the history of Moses' rod. This was followed by the symbolical lecture by Comp. Thos. Ball P.Z. 145, and by an illustration of the four principal banners and ensigns by Comp. C. A. Woods 145. The traditional ceremonies, sacred signs, and mystical part of the degree were then fully explained by Comp. E. Moody Z. 145, and lastly Comp. John Boyd P.Z., to the delight of all present, gave the illustration of the symbolism of the Royal Arch Jewel and Platonic Bodies. Comp. S. Rawson then rose and proposed, on behalf of the Visitors, a vote of thanks to the Prudent Brethren Chapter, and in seconding this, Comp. J. Constable acknowledged their indebtedness to Comp. Boyd and those who had acted with him. This, it is needless to say, was carried with perfect unanimity, and was very gratefully as well as gracefully acknowledged by Comp. Moody Z. Comp. James Stevens then proposed, and Comp. Shervill seconded a vote of thanks to Comp. Boyd, who acknowledged it warmly, and said it was always a pleasure to him to afford Companions a share of his knowledge. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to a cold collation, provided by Bro. A. Best of the Freemasons' Tavern, and we will content ourselves with saying that everything passed off most satisfactorily. Among the visitors were Comps. S. Rawson P.G. Sup. China, H. Murray P.D.G. Sup. China, T. W. Reed P.Z. 180, T. Cubitt P.Z. 177, James Stevens 720, John Seex Z. 186, E. C. Mather, Col. H. T. S. Burney P.Z. 784, H. C. Levander P.Z. 76, E. B. Grabham 19, J. Constable Z. 141, E. H. Webb 174, R. L. Campbell 45, J. A. Smith Edinburgh No. 1, G. R. Shervill Z. 534, F. B. Morrell 784, J. H. Matthews Holy Zion Chapter, Calcutta, G. Dyer 146, B. H. Swallow P.Z. 77, W. J. Ferguson H. 1046, G. A. Rowe Z. 1185, E. Hopwood Z. 946, E. Hopwood Z. 19, G. Batley P.Z. 414, D. Treadwell S.N. 177, &c., &c., &c.

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WE hardly think it necessary we should offer any lengthened remarks on a year book which has been issued regularly for thirty-four successive years. The mere fact that it still continues to be issued, and that, in the ordinary course of things, its regular annual publication may be looked upon as assured, to use a common expression, speaks volumes in its favour. Its contents, of course, are of the usual character. In addition to several excellent papers on the art of Cricket, there will be found the usual statistical information respecting the principal Cricket events of the past year, and also as to the "form" of the principal batsmen and bowlers of the great clubs, the chief professional Elevens, the Universities, and the public Schools. If we say that no Cricketer, be he professional or amateur, should be without this "Companion," we say enough to show the value we attach to it.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales have graciously consented to inaugurate the New Buildings, on a day to be fixed in the month of March.

The fifteen sections will be worked at the Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205, held at Bro. Yetton's, the Rising Sun, Bethnal Green, by Bro. Cundick, on the 24th inst., at 7 o'clock.

*La Moule Maçonnique* announces that the Lodges which some time since were closed by the civil power, at the instance of the Council of the G. Orient, have been authorised to resume their labours.

The *Keystone* states that St. John's Lodge, Providence, Rhode Island, held its one hundred and twentieth Commemoration on St. John's Day. The Warrant for this Lodge was issued on the 8th January 1757, under the hand and seal of Bro. Jeremy Gridley, Prov. G. Master. On this occasion the officers for the ensuing year were installed, and a banquet followed, at which about seventy brethren sat down.

According to the *Masonic Chronicle* of New York, Bro. E. G. Davis has been re-elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and the following are the other principal officers—namely, Bros. H. A. Whitney Deputy G.M., Jos. McCoy S.G. Warden, B. F. Fuller J.G. Warden, William R. Singleton (re-elected) G. Secretary, and W. J. Stephenson G. Treasurer.

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THE Ballot for Life Governorships of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, consequent on the sale of Tickets by Bro. W. W. Morgan Jun., took place on Tuesday the 12th instant, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, Bro. Daniel W.M. 65 in the chair. There were Fifteen Life Governorships, and one prize value £2 10s, thus disposed of, and the following is the list of winners:—

| No. of Prize | No. of Ticket | Name | Address |
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| 3 | 1444 | W. J. JOHNS | Truro |
| 4 | 907 | HOLLANDS ... | 93 Leadenhall-street, E.C. |
| 5 | 1748 | BRUTTENBACH | (Address wanted) |
| 6 | 316 | C. GODTSCHALK | 107 Devonshire-road, Holloway, N. |
| 7 | 627 | HUGH COTTER | Carlton Arms, Devonshire-street, Mile-end, W. |
| 8 | 43 | H. KYRZOR ... | Cawsall Cottage, Hounslow |
| 9 | 832 | S. J. TURQUAND | 7 Royal Exchange, E.C. |
| 10 | 994 | T. MORTLOCK | Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping, E. |
| 11 | 777 | HOLLANDS ... | 93 Leadenhall-street, E.C. |
| 12 | 1093 | FOUNTAIN ... | Salisbury-court, Fleet-street, E.C. |
| 13 | 425 | A. SOUTHER... | 5 Fenwick-terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne |
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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE excitement in Parliament is still at fever point. The Government has carried its point by majorities of nearly two to one, and the credit of six millions for which they asked is now at their disposal for immediate use. That things have gone more smoothly than was at first anticipated is no doubt owing to the further advances towards Constantinople of the Russian armies, and the secrecy observed as to the terms of peace. When, for instance, the two houses met last Thursday, Lord St. Leonards rose in the Peers, and asked the Government whether there was truth in the report that the Russians had entered Constantinople, and the question having been enlarged by Earl Granville, Lord Derby rose and explained that Russian troops had occupied the lines which defend the City, but were not in the City itself. Later, he explained that a telegram had been received by Count Schouvaloff from Prince Gortschakoff denying the truth of certain rumours. On Friday, somewhat similar questions, or questions bearing on the Eastern crisis, were asked by Lord Hammond and Earl Granville, and in reply Lord Derby stated that the Government had thought it necessary to order a portion of the fleet to Constantinople, for the purpose of protecting the lives and property of British subjects. On Monday—rumours having been heard in the meantime to the effect that the request by the British Government for permission for its squadron to pass the Dardanelles had been refused—the Government were questioned on this point, but the Foreign Secretary answered very guardedly, admitting, however, that there was some foundation for the rumour. On Tuesday, the Earl of Derby said that he hoped, when their lordships met again on Thursday, he should be enabled to announce that the British fleet was anchored off the Golden Horn. On the last evening a Cattle Diseases Bill was introduced on behalf of the Government by the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, and received a first reading.

In the House of Commons the excitement was intense on Thursday evening, and no sooner had the Chancellor of the Exchequer risen in his place, and announced that the Russians had advanced close up to the lines of Gallipoli and Constantinople, than Mr. Forster rose, and declared it to be his wish to withdraw his amendment. A long and heated discussion then arose, and when the Chancellor subsequently announced that a denial of certain rumours had been received by Count Schouvaloff from St. Petersburg, an attempt was made to induce Mr. Forster not to persist in withdrawing his amendment. This, however, the right honourable gentleman flatly refused to do. An attempt was then made to adjourn the debate, but this proved a failure; and then there began a discussion on the question

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that the Speaker leave the chair, and in the long run the Government received a majority, the numbers being, in favour of the motion 195 and against it 99. On Friday, the House went into Committee, and the vote of six millions was moved. The leaders of the Opposition declined to oppose the Government, though they withheld their support, but Mr. Gladstone joined the members below the gangway on the Opposition side of the House. At length the division was taken, when there appeared for the Government 328, against 124. On Monday, on the Report of Supply being brought up, there was a further discussion, in the course of which Mr. Cowen, one of the members for Newcastle-on-Tyne, rose and delivered a speech which is said to have been one of the most eloquent, as it certainly was one of the most patriotic, to which the House had ever listened. The honourable gentleman was so carried away by the intense excitement of his feelings that in one vehement passage of his speech he nearly demolished with his fist the hat of Mr. G. O. Trevelyan. The cheers amid which Mr. Cowan resumed his seat were prolonged and most enthusiastic. Ultimately the resolution was put from the chair, and the House went into Committee of Ways and Means, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer moved the necessary resolutions for raising the money just voted, by means of Exchequer Bonds and Exchequer Bills. These resolutions were agreed to almost without question, and the House then resumed, and devoted the rest of the sitting to discussing the second reading of the Factories and Workshops Bill. This having been agreed to, the House was not long afterwards counted out. On Tuesday, the Manchester Corporation Water Bill passed its second reading. Sundry questions about Eastern affairs were asked, and then the subject of traffic in Church Livings was brought under notice by Mr. Leatham; but the subject was too dry, and the House was for the second time counted out, at a little after eight o'clock. On Wednesday, Mr. Biggar moved the second reading of the Voters (Ireland) Bill, but it was opposed by the Government, and thrown out by 134 to 96. The Valuation Bill was discussed and the House was shortly after adjourned.

The Queen is expected to leave Osborne for Windsor Castle on Tuesday next. On Saturday, by her command, the Prince of Wales held a *levée* at St. James's Palace, presentations to His Royal Highness being, by Her Majesty's orders, considered equivalent to presentations to Her Majesty. The Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian, the Duke of Teck, and the Prince of Lenningen were present. The diplomatic and general circles were numerously attended, and a large number of gentlemen were present. The evening of the same day the Prince and Princess of Wales dined with the Austrian Ambassador, Count Benet, who had issued invitations for a grand entertainment in honour of the Crown Prince of Austria. On Saturday, the Crown Prince himself dined with the Prince and Princess of Wales at Clarence House. On Tuesday, the Prince, with the Duke of Connaught, the Prince Imperial, and Prince Esterhazy hunted with the Royal Buckhounds. The meet was near Beaconsfield, and the Royal party enjoyed a good run. On Wednesday, the Prince and Princess of Wales, with three of their children, were present at the Gaiety Theatre, where an amateur pantomime was given, in aid of the funds of the Royal Dramatic Fund. The house was crowded. It is announced that Her Majesty will hold a drawing room at St. James's Palace on the 28th inst.

Meetings continue to be held in various parts of the country in connection with the political crisis. The most important came off on Saturday, at the Cremorne Gardens, when it is estimated there were from 6,000 to 9,000 persons present. Sir Coutts Lindsay presided, and on the platform were many members of Parliament and other influential gentlemen. The meeting did not pass off without disturbance, for the rough element mustered with a certain show of force, and there were many free fights; but the resolutions which expressed confidence in Her Majesty's Ministers were passed almost unanimously. The same day a meeting was held at the Corn Exchange, Oxford, at which Mr. A. W. Hall, the Conservative member for the City, took part. About 3,000 people were present, and resolutions in support of the Government were carried with acclamation. At Birmingham, too, there have been Conservative gatherings, but the Liberals mustered in force, and both parties passed resolutions, the former in favour of the Ministerial policy, and the latter against it.

Nor is this the only evidence of the agitation which prevails throughout the country. In all the dockyards there is the greatest activity. Fresh hands have been taken on, and orders have been sent down from the Admiralty to use the utmost dispatch in getting ready for sea all the ships under repair. At Woolwich, warlike stores of every description, rifle and revolver cartridges, heavy 12½ ton shot and shell, are being sent off in successive transport ships to the Mediterranean. The Government have bought two new ironclads, which had been built on the Thames for the Turkish Government, but which, owing to the war, were detained. Messrs. Laird have received orders to hasten forward the Iron Duke. In short, everything is being done to place our Fleet in a state sufficient for active warfare in the event of its services being needed. The same is doubtless the case with the Army, for the Government, warned by the terrible experiences of the Crimean War, are rightly resolved that if we are compelled to maintain our position by force of arms, there shall be nothing wanting in the equipment of our forces.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Indian Famine Relief Fund was held at the Mansion House on Monday, under the presidency of Sir Thomas White, in whose mayoralty the Fund was started. It was reported that the sum of £510,000 had been received to date, of which £490,000 had been sent to India. It was then resolved that a further £10,000 should be remitted, and that the Committee should meet again on that day four weeks. Of the sum mentioned as having been received since the last Committee meeting, £4,000 had arrived from Australia.

The Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held, on Wednesday evening, under the presidency of the Duke of Manchester, Provincial Grand Master for Northamptonshire and Hunts. There was a large gathering of the Stewards and their friends on the occasion; and, in the course of the evening, it was announced that the subscriptions amounted to £11,090 9s 6d, with nine lists still outstanding. We congratulate Bro. Terry on a result which, in the prevalent depression of trade, and amid the overwhelming political anxieties of the moment, must be deemed eminently satisfactory. Full particulars will be found elsewhere.

The case against Bradlaugh and Mrs. Besant has broken down in the Court of Appeal, and the judgment of the Court below has been reversed. The grounds of this failure of justice are owing to a purely technical matter, and have no reference to the merits of the question. Indeed, Lord Justice Brett, in the course of his remarks, stated that if the offence were repeated, and conviction followed, the punishment which the appellants have contrived to escape on this occasion would be far more severe.

The new King of Italy has scarcely taken the oath of allegiance to the Constitution, when the most determined opponent of Italian unity is stricken down. Pope Pius IX. has passed away, at the ripe old age of 85, having retained his faculties till within an hour or two of his death. After the body had been embalmed, it was removed to the church of St. Peter's, where it lay in state for several days, thousands and thousands of people taking the opportunity of showing their respect for the late Pontiff by passing in files round the place where the body lay. Meanwhile, the members of the College of Cardinals who were not in Rome at the time of the sad occurrence, are hastening thither as fast as possible, in order to take part in the election of a successor of Pius IX., but who that successor will be there is no opinion expressed at the moment, at least, no opinion which seems to be at all definite. Rumours, however, points to Cardinal Prince Schwartzenburgh as the likeliest candidate. As regards the late Pope, it has been oftentimes our duty to resent the attacks on Freemasonry made by him or with his authority, but no doubt he acted upon conscientious motives, and on erroneous information. All these things we readily consign to oblivion at this moment; all we remember is that the deceased Pontiff was one of the kindliest and best of men, and it will be difficult to find another ecclesiastic whose fame was as pure and spotless as that of the late Pius IX. May his virtues have their reward, and as to his faults, may they be buried with him!

The royal family of Italy are deeply sensible of the kind sympathy of our Queen at the death of Victor Emmanuel; and King Humbert, to show his sense of Her Majesty's sympathy, has despatched a Special Ambassador, in the person of General della Rocca, not only to notify his accession to the throne, but also to present Her Majesty with some memento of his late father. We believe this

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memento will consist of the inkstand which Victor Emmanuel was in the habit of using when he signed State Papers. We are also able to announce that the Duke of Abercorn will shortly proceed to Rome on a special mission to invest King Humbert with the insignia of the Order of the Garter. He will be accompanied by Mr. Victor Buckley, of the Foreign Office, as Secretary, and General Lord Wm. Paulet, G.C.B., Admiral the Hon. Sir H. Keppel, G.C.B., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Lord Claud J. Hamilton, M.P., and others, as members of the mission.

As regards affairs in the East, it is well nigh impossible they can be in a more critical state than they are just now. We have reached that point when the most trivial accident may cause a deadly breach between England and Russia. It is useless now to shut our eyes to the fact that this country has been duped by Russia, and that a strong and dangerous feeling is springing up among us which it will be difficult, if the present tension lasts much longer, to restrain within reasonable bounds. There has indeed been no such display of deep feeling since the beginning of the year 1854, when war with Russia was all but declared. It matters not the class of people we mix with, all are found to be animated by the most vengeful feeling against the Czar, and this, to say the least, bodes ill for the prospects of peace. As to the events which have happened, we know but little more of the terms of peace than was known last week. The Russians occupy the lines of Constantinople, in accordance with the latter, so that the City itself is at their mercy. It is even said that Russian troops will enter the capital. Our Fleet has been ordered thither, and Austria and Italy have applied to the Porte for the necessary firmans to allow of the passage of some of their war vessels through the Dardanelles to the Golden Horn. Austria, moreover, is said to be making great preparations for war, and the Emperor has summoned the Archduke Albrecht to Vienna, in order that important military measures may be concerted, as it is said that Austria-Hungary will join England in opposing the policy of Russia. All the Powers have accepted Austria's invitation to a Conference; but we fear there seems to be a greater likelihood of war being commenced than of the Conference meeting.

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The drawing for Life Governorships of the R.M.B.I., tickets for which were issued by Bro. W. W. Morgan jun., came off on Tuesday last, at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. The chair was taken by Bro. Daniel, W.M. of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, and the following acted as Scrutineers:—Bros. Wharman W.M. 15, Maidwell W.M. 27, Rath P.M. 534, Hollands, Aarons, J. C. Hayes, J. S. Frazer, Forrest, Lees. There were sixteen prizes. Full particulars of the names of winners and the numbers of the tickets will be found in another column.

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The members of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, held their Second Ball at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Chas. Daniel. The event proved a great success, there being over 225 guests present. This result is due to the energy of the Stewards and the tact displayed by the Hon. Sec. (Bro. Ferry). Bro. C. S. Pierce, the Hon. M.C., had the entire control of the Ball Room, and great satisfaction was expressed at the admirable manner in which he carried out his duties. Bro. Edwards charmed the company with his selection of music. Shortly after 12 o'clock the company repaired to the supper room, where Bro. Lewis, the excellent D.C. of the Lodge, was active in looking after the comfort of all. The W.M. proposed a few appropriate toasts, which were duly acknowledged. The company then returned to the Ball Room, and resumed dancing, with much spirit, until nearly 5 o'clock, when all departed, highly gratified with their visit, and expressing a hope that they might be present at the next Ball. Bro. Rand, the manager of the Cannon-street Hotel, exerted himself most successfully in catering; the refreshments supplied being of the most *récherché* description.

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From the *Port Elizabeth Telegraph*, of 11th January, we learn that:—

Among the passengers from Natal by the coasting steamer Melrose yesterday were Messrs. Francis, Joyce and Sink, who came round to Port Elizabeth for the purpose of being qualified to open a Royal Arch Chapter at Maritzburgh. A special meeting of the Chapter of Good Will, No. 711, was held last evening, when they were duly exalted and installed. They return to Natal by the Melrose

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## SATURDAY, 16th

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southga
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-s
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-squa
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## MONDAY, 18th

1—Grand Masters, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-stree
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-st
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, De
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd.,
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, An
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, Kin
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, c
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 1
on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, S
424—Borough, Freemasons' Hall, West-street,
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, No
623—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilwort
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portla
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1238—Gooch, Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury,
1502—Israel, 32 Hope-street, Liverpool.
R. A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum,

## TUESDAY, 19th FE

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresha
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampto
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, South
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-s
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-str
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell,
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-stree
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Inst
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St.
960—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, D
1430—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Bridge
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., a
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Tow
1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instru
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Cof
R. C.—Oxford and Cambridge, 33 Golden-square.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street,
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brix
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier,
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.

## WEDNESDAY, 20th FE

General Committee, Grand Lodge and Lodge of Bene
at 6.
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street,
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street,
206—Israel, Rising Sun, Globe-road, Bethnal Green.
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, a
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Gree
1388—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sister
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
1534—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Da
1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victo
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7
R. C.—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden-square.

131—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarbor
221—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, M
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instr
1090—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1096—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northal
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Horsea.

## THURSDAY, 21st FEBRU

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

813—New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1425—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 1534—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)
K. T.—Oxford and Cambridge, 33 Golden-square.

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
1472—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.
1515—Hemming, Lion Hotel, Hampton Wick.
1613—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

## FRIDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Bancleagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
903—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel. London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1365—Gladamnir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts.

## SATURDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY.

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

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—44—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.
" 406—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 82 Nicolson-street.

THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
" R. A. 153—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Constitution-street.

FRIDAY—223—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

### SATURDAY.

140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

### MONDAY.

302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
837—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

### TUESDAY.

448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

### WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
347—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

### THURSDAY.

600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
K. T. 56—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

### FRIDAY.

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
1103—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield.
R. A. 343—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

### SATURDAY.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Kent Lodge, No. 15.**—Met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Wednesday, the 13th instant, Bro. S. Wharman W.M. in the chair. J. H. Cambridge S.W., G. Ginman J.W., James Pinder I.P.M., W. P. Dukes P.M. Sec., T. Sleeman P.M. Treasurer, C. E. Ball S.D., W. Levy J.D., S. B. Lipscombe I.G., E. Barlow P.M. Steward, Beckett Tyler. A number of brethren and the following visitors were also present—Bros. W. F. Poulton I.G. 192, C. Poyner 141, Coleman 186, Christian P.M. 1662, Lee P.M. Duke of Connaught, E. Gottheil P.M. 185. There was a passing and raising announced in the agenda, but as neither candidate presented himself, the election of Officers for the year was at once proceeded with. This resulted in favour of Bros. J. H. Cambridge for W.M., T. Sleeman Treasurer, and Beckett Tyler. An adjournment next took place to the Holborn Restaurant, where an ample spread was partaken of, under the superintendence of Bro. Hamp, the polite and obliging manager, assisted by the fatherly solicitude of Past Master Barlow, the Steward of the Lodge. After grace, the customary complimentary speeches were given. The W.M. received his due meed of praise from Bro. Pinder, who enlarged upon the satisfactory way in which Bro. Wharman had conducted the business of the Lodge during his year of office, and opined that the Past Master's jewel, voted in the Lodge, and which is to be presented at the installation meeting, was seldom more richly deserved. The W.M. replied that he had endeavoured to perform his duties as well as his humble abilities would permit. On the election of Master last year he had entertained considerable doubt as to whether the suffrages of the brethren would be in his favour, and therefore was dilatory in acquiring a knowledge of the necessary duties. But when, rather to his surprise, he was unanimously chosen chief of the Lodge, he went to work with a will, and although he was perfectly conscious of his shortcomings, he was still very pleased if he had succeeded in giving some amount of satisfaction. The P.M.'s and Visitors each had a few words to say, and then came the toast of the evening, namely, the W.M. elect, of whose abilities the W.M. spoke in most flattering terms. Bro. Cambridge, expressing his thanks, took occasion to speak of the great pleasure it afforded him in having been elected to the dignified position of W.M. of such an ancient Lodge as the Kent, No. 15, and of his satisfaction in having arrived at the height of his Masonic ambition. He would never forget the amount of respect with which he had been treated from the very time of his entering the Lodge. He must also acknowledge with gratitude the instruction bestowed upon him by Bros. Gottheil and Barnes. He trusted that under his auspices the Kent Lodge would lose none of its *prestige*, and that no new members would be admitted with whom he would not be proud to shake hands, whose society he would not be glad to court—good, honest, and upright men, whose wives and families he would be pleased to receive as guests into his own home. The Treasurer, in his reply, referred to the financial condition of the Lodge, which was most encouraging; but that had not always been the case. Many times he had had to conceal from the members and visitors that he deemed it his duty to advance the means, so that there should be no disappointment in the supply of the usual comforts, he hopefully looking forward to the approach of more favourable times, which he was pleased to say had now arrived, for the Lodge was in a flourishing condition. Bro. Sleeman then reverted to an incident which occurred in the Lodge, affecting him most painfully, and in vindication pointed to the important services he had rendered during the past twelve years. These remarks were here interrupted by loud and most enthusiastic cheers, which lasted for some considerable time, amidst which the venerable speaker resumed his seat. Bro. Dukes spoke of the harmonious manner in which he and the Treasurer had always been able to work together, and Bro. Barlow, the Steward, who seems to be the pet of the Lodge, and whose name obtained the heartiest reception, assured the brethren that it would be his pleasure in the future, as it had been in the past, to exert himself to secure for them every comfort and enjoyment which it was in his power to bestow; always, of course, with the sanction and assistance of the W.M., from whom it was his duty to take his orders. The Officers next severally responded to their respective toasts, and the Tyler's charge concluded the proceedings. The intervals were enlivened by some excellent singing, in which Bros. Green and Lipscombe especially distinguished themselves.

**Egyptian Lodge, No. 27.**—The installation meeting of this old and flourishing Lodge took place on Thursday, the 7th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, and was numerously attended by brethren distinguished in the Order. Bro. J. Walker W.M. opened his Lodge, with Bros. C. Palmer P.M. as S.W., T. J. Maidwell J.W., H. G. Buss P.M. Assist. G.S. Treasurer, C. J. B. Poole P.M. Secretary, W. Richards S.D., Coulson I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Green, C. Atkins, Tebbis, Harrison, Hoare, J. Coutts P.G.P., D. H. Jacobs, Lambell, C. B. Payne, &c. The minutes of the former meeting, and of the emergency meeting, were read and confirmed. The report of the audit committee was read; it showed a balance of £54 14s 1d, and £54 7s balance in hand for the Benevolent Fund. Bro. T. J. Maidwell, W.M. elect, was then presented to the Lodge. Bros. C. Palmer P.M. and J. Smith P.G.P. were appointed to the Wardens' chairs, and a Board of installed Masters was opened. Bro. Maidwell was then duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Walker, who conducted the ceremony perfectly and impressively. The W.M. having been saluted in due form, appointed his Officers:—Bros. J. Walker I.P.M., Richards S.W., Chapman J.W., H. G. Buss P.M. A.G.S. Treasurer, J. B. Poole P.M. Secretary, Coulton S.D., Kent J.D., Cuthbertson I.G., D. H. Jacobs P.M. W.S., Grammer D.C., Murch A.W.S., Potter P.M. Tyler. The announcement of the names of the brethren selected for office called forth marked expressions of approval. Bro. J. Walker I.P.M. announced his intention to act as Steward at the Anniversary Festival for the Boys' School. The resignation of three brethren was accepted, with regret. Bro. Maidwell showed his proficiency by closing the Lodge in the several degrees. The brethren, over 100 in number, sat down to a very sumptuous banquet, which was provided by Bros. Clemow. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. The health of the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was given; also that of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present. With this toast Bro. Maidwell would couple the name of one who was present; he could not find a better representative to respond than the Grand Secretary, who had honoured them that evening by his presence. Bro. J. Hervey said time was short; he was not required to speak of the Grand Officers; their services were always appreciated. With regard to the Pro and D.G.M., there was little to be said, but that they do their duty as heads of the Order; in no case would they allow its dignity to be infringed. Now, in reference to the Lodge, they had a W.M. who had only been three years a Mason, but he is one who will sustain the prestige of the Lodge, and will carry out every duty. He was very pleased to witness the admirable way in which the I.P.M. had conducted the Installation ceremony. In the name of the Grand Officers he thanked the brethren for the way they had received the toast. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. It was

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not necessary to say they were welcome; they were, however, so numerous that he could not find words to speak of their various Masonic qualifications. He would call on Bro. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., and Bro. Southwood W.M. of 1260, to respond. Bro. Jabez Hogg said he felt very pleased to see the working of the W.M. He had visited the Egyptian Lodge before, and had been pleased to meet many of its members at the Hervey Lodge. Bro. Southwood endorsed all Bro. Hogg had said, one of the P.M.'s of the Lodge was about to join the Hervey Lodge. He had never listened with greater pleasure to working, and the manner the newly installed W.M. had inaugurated his year of office was most creditable. Bro. Walker proposed the health of the W.M. He did so with pleasure, he felt no regret in leaving the chair, for he was displaced by one who they were all proud of. Bro. Maidwell was one of the most enthusiastic workers in Freemasonry and now reaped the benefit of his industry. Bro. Maidwell thanked Bro. Walker for his kind expressions. He was proud to be in the chair; when he looked round the tables and saw so many kind friends, high in the Order, who, by their assistance, had enabled him to reach his present proud position, he assured them he would do all in his power, and hoped his efforts would sustain the prestige and promote the welfare of the Egpptian Lodge. The W.M. then gave the health of the P.M.'s; this was always a pleasing duty; to-night he had an especial pleasure, that was to decorate Bro. Walker with the jewel which had been presented by the Lodge. In placing it on his breast he hoped to see him wear it for many years, as a record of their respect. After a song, by Bro. Rudderforth, which was very humourously rendered, Bro. Walker rose: He had not only to return thanks for the toast of the P.M.'s, but also for himself individually; he felt it a great pleasure his being a P.M. From the kind manner in which the W.M. had spoken of him, he felt he had given them satisfaction. The jewel they had presented him with he would wear with pride to his latest hour. If he had not done what the former Masters had done, he hoped he had not failed in doing his duty to the Charities. He should endeavour to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors. He most heartily thanked them, not only for their valuable gift, but also for their kind expressions. The W.M. then urged on the brethren the claims of the Masonic Charities. Their requirements were well known, and little need be said by him. The Institutions had two worthy representatives present, Bros. Binckes and Terry, who could do them greater justice than he, with the limited amount of eloquence at his command. Bro. Binckes was pleased to enrol the I.P.M. as a Steward for the Boys' School; he was sure the brethren would give him their support. Through the liberality of a worthy member of the Craft, Bro. Erasmus Wilson, Cleopatra's Needle had been brought to this country. This interesting event ought to be considered worthy of a Red Letter day, and none ought to so consider it more than the Egyptians. He would not take up their valuable time; he had a worthy friend who was ready to respond to the toast more fully; however, he would just remark that we have large claims; there were many young members present who do not know what our Charities are doing; they ought to know. We have 200 girls, 225 boys, and 400 of the aged who require support. We hope that no exertions on our part will be wanting to make our appeals successful. Bro. Jas. Terry followed: He regretted the absence of Bro. Little, but he had to thank the Egyptian Lodge for their kind and liberal aid. As to Cleopatra's Needle, he thought it must have been "made well" or it would never have reached this country. In reply to the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bro. Bass G.A.S. remarked that the Egyptian Lodge was Vice-Patron of two of the Charities, and he hoped they would soon be so of the third. He was pleased to see an old and esteemed friend installed into the chair; he was sure Bro. Maidwell would do his duty. The Lodge prospered, and was a credit to the Craft. Bro. J. B. Poole P.M. and Sec. also replied. The toast of the Officers was next honoured. The W.M. had seen their working in Lodges of Instruction, and he hoped he was justified in placing them in their respective places; he hoped each would eventually fill the office of W.M. Bro. Richards S.W. thanked the W.M., he had been a member for eight years, and did not imagine he should have attained his present position. However, the W.M. was even a younger Mason, and this would be an incentive to him to work. (Cheers.) Bros. G. B. Chaplain and Coulson also replied; the Tyler's toast was then given. The Visitors were Bros. J. Hervey G.S., J. Boyd P.G.P. P.G.S., J. Smith P.G.P., T. Cubitt P.G.P., Howe A.G.P., E. P. Albert P.G.P., E. Gottheil P.M. 141, J. Hogg P.G.S.B., H. Webb P.M. 93, Rudderforth 12, J. Newton P.M. 174, L. Rogers 902, Dodd P.M. 1194, Pendlebury P.M. 1056, Southwood W.M. 1260, E. Coste P.G.D.C., Lee P.M. 975, F. Binckes P.G.S., James Terry P.G.D.C. Herts, H. Dowding 145, W. Masters 145, Middleton 435, Hooper 435, Walker 813, Green 1524, Hayes 619, Cripps W.M. 1685, Jeffreys W.M. 902, Dance W.M. 754, Goddard 1185, Hallows 1662, Carlton 1677, P. Jacobs late 145, Andrews P.M. 976, Taylor 1667, F. R. Vine P.M. 173, Middleton 46, Hooper 435, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Speight W.M. 147, &c.

**Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No 27.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday last. Bros. Norden W.M., Maidwell S.W., Chapman J.W., Coulson S.D., Whellan J.D., Rowell I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed, Bro. Grammer candidate. The first, second, and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Webb, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Whellan, of No. 27, was elected a member. Bro. Maidwell will preside next meeting, when he will be supported by the Officers of the Egyptian Lodge.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday the 11th inst. Present—Bros. Pearcy W.M., Stock S.W., Hallam J.W., Fenner Secretay, Wing S.D., Sparrow J.D., Symons I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Byott, Moseley, Alford, Powell, Isaac, Hunter, Killick, Trewinnard, &c. All preliminaries being duly observed, Bro. Byott was passed to the second degree. Bro. Pearcy worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the W.M. giving the traditional history, Bro. Byott candidate. Lodge was closed down to the first degree, Bro. Symons J.W. of the Mother Lodge was made a member. Bro. Stock was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Era Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 176.**—The election meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held on Friday, 8th February, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden W.M. presided. The minutes of the previous Lodge meeting were read and regularly confirmed. The ballot was unanimous in favour of the candidates for advancement. Bro. William Butler 1326 being in attendance, was regularly advanced to the ancient and honourable degree. Several brethren were proposed for advancement. The bye-laws were read. The ballots were unanimously in favour of Bro. Thomas Horton S.W. being W.M., and for the re-election of Bro. Henry Arthur Dubois as Treasurer. The show of hands was in favour of Bro. W. Y. Laing P.M. being re-elected Tyler. On motion made it was unanimously resolved, "That the usual Past Master's jewel be given to the W.M. for his distinguished services." Business ended, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Friday, 13th July, to meet at six p.m. The usual banquet followed. There were present, besides those named, Bros. W. Hammond P.M. J.W., F. Walters P.G.I.G. P.M. Sec., R. P. Tebb, B. Meyer, H. Meyer, David Smith Asst. Sec., A. F. Loos, and many others. There were not any Visitors.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No 198.**—On Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. C. Lorkin W.M., Bedwell S.W., Crosbie J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Fenner S.D., Ross J.D., F. H. Varley I.G. Visitors—Bros. F. H. Varley W.M. 33, and Diechinger 1366. The Lodge was opened and minutes confirmed; the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Gibbs candidate. The first section of second lecture was worked. The ceremony of installation was very ably rendered by Bro. Moss P.M. 185, assisted by several P.M.'s. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bros. Moss and those who had assisted him. Bros. Varley and Diechinger were elected members, and Bro. Bedwell appointed W.M. for the next meeting. The annual supper will take place at the above address on Monday the 25th inst.

**United Strength Lodge, No. 228.**—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, last Tuesday evening. Bros. James Hill W.M., Snare S.W., Halford J.W., Pearcy S.D., Patmore J.D., Hickman I.G. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Smith, a candidate for the third degree, answered the questions and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the W.M. raised Bro. Smith, working the ceremony in an excellent manner. The W.M. then proceeded to instal Bro. Halford, rendering this ceremony also in an efficient manner; the addresses were impressively given by Bro. Triggs. The W.M. Bro. Halford then invested his officers—Bros. Hill I.P.M., Snare S.W., Pearcy J.W., Patmore S.D., Hickman J.D., Killick I.G., James Terry W.S., Winsland Treasurer, Crump Secretary, Davis Assistant Secretary. The W.M. then initiated Messrs. Howard and Stockwell, and worked the ceremony to the satisfaction of all present. The brethren then repaired to the banqueting-room, where a splended repast was provided. Upwards of one hundred guests sat down. Amongst the visitors, of whom there was a goodly number, we noticed Bros. G. S. Lancaster P.G.W. Hants, E. Bowyer P.G.D. Herts, Hart P.G.D. Kent, McCubbin P.G.D. Berks and Bucks, Alfred Hodges P.G.D. Kent; P.M.'s Bros. Newton 1687, Underwood 860, G. F. Cook 1471, Grimwood 1224, Howell 1470, Littlewood 780, Waters Carrick-on-Shannon, C. Corner 2 Dublin; W.M.'s Bros. M. Rest 948, W. Randall 1470, T. Goode 1288, Garbett 1178, and Bros. Stock 1178, Beart 1478, Parker 369, Wilson 1366, Moore 1196, Thomson, S Rankin 475, Johnston 670, Burrows 1376, Mills 23, Tongue Polish National, Casely 625, Atkins 360, Cook 177, Greenaway 1567, Crockett 1328, &c. After the regulation toasts had been given, the W.M. proposed the health of Bro. Hill the I.P.M. This was received with cheers. Bro. Halford informed the brethren that he had a very pleasing duty to perform; to present to their I.P.M. a jewel from the Lodge, and also a collar, with a silver P.M. jewel attached, from the members of the Lodge. Both gifts bear an inscription testifying the satisfaction of the brethren at the manner Bro. Hill had discharged the duties of the chair during his year of office. Bro. Hill, on rising to thank the brethren for their kindness, was much affected; he had no idea how to express his thanks for the magnificent jewel they had presented him with. He hoped to be spared to wear it for many years, and was sure that when his wife saw it, she would be as proud of it as he was. The other customary toasts were then given in due course, and responded to. The brethren dispersed, agreeing that they had spent a very enjoyable evening.

**Prosperity Chapter, No. 290, Huddersfield.**—The regular Convocation was held on Wednesday, the 6th of February, at the Masonic Hall, South Parade. The following Comps. presided:—Wm. Schofield P.Z. as M.E.Z. (W. Harrop M.E.Z. being unavoidably absent), Jno. W. Turner H., Allen Haigh J., B. Hutchinson Treasurer, Cornelius Wheawill Scribe E., T. Farrar Scribe N., E. Dyson P.S. There were also present Comps. Wm. Smith P.Z., John Rhodes P.Z., Joshua Lee P.Z., and several others. Visitors Comps. Ruddock P.Z. and Dure M.E.Z. Chapter No. 275. The ballot was taken for Bro. Frank Wilkinson; it proved favourable, and the ceremony of exaltation was conducted in a most impressive manner. The Historical Lecture was delivered by Comp. Mitchell, the Symbolic by Comp. Turner H., and the Mystical by Comp. Lewis Brierley. The

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revision of the Register of Members of the Chapter was then proceeded with, and completed. The last and most important business was the election of Principals and Officers for the ensuing year; which resulted as follows:—Jno. W. Turner Z., Allen Haigh H., George Sykes J., B. Hutchinson (re-elected) Treasurer, Cornelius Wheawill (re-elected) Scribe E., Lewis Brierley Scribe N., Mitchell P.S., Smith P.Z. Janitor. The Chapter was then closed, and the members and visiting Comps retired to the banquet hall to enjoy a social evening, when the usual toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. The next meeting of the Chapter will be on November 27th.

**Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.**—At the regular meeting of this Lodge, held on Wednesday, the 6th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, there were present Br. . T. Halliday W.M. in the chair, W. Munday I.P.M., R. Knox P.M. as S.W., R. L. Armstrong J.W., J. Page Sec., R. G. Salmon S.D., G. W. Lax J.D., S. M. Harris I.G., G. Dumford Steward, G. S. Sims Tyler; Past Masters J. Cook and W. S. Hughes. The Lodge was duly opened and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The ballot was taken for three gentlemen, it proved favourable in each case, and one being in attendance, he was initiated into our Order by the W.M., in a very impressive manner. There being no other business, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts meeting with cordial responses. There being a very large attendance, some very good harmony was given, which contributed to the evening's enjoyment. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. J. Cook P.M. P.P.G.S.W. 481, J. Ponder W.M. 1119, J. Horner I.G. 1119, R. Whitfield P.M. 48, P. J. Jackson W.M. elect 424, B. P. Ord S.W. 1427, Gibson 424, &c.

**Chapter De Sussex, No. 406.**—The regular Convocation of this Chapter took place on the 8th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Comp. W. Cockburn M.E.Z. in the chair, supported by Comps. J. Risdale P.Z. H., W. S. Hughes J., G. Hothem P.Z. Treasurer, T. J. Armstrong E., R. L. Armstrong N., Dr. Luke Armstrong P.S., G. Cookburn A.S., G. W. Lox, R. L. Salmon, S. M. Harris, Bell 24, J. Cork P.S. 481, &c. The Chapter being opened, and all formalities gone through, Bro. Ogelvey was exalted to the sublime degree by the M.E.Z. The Chapter then proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:—Comps. J. Risdale P.Z. Z., W. S. Hughes H., T. J. Armstrong J., R. L. Armstrong E., Dr. Luke Armstrong N., G. Cockburn P.S. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to refreshment.

**Borough Lodge, No. 424.**—The installation of Bro. P. J. Jackson, as Master of this Lodge, will take place at the Town Hall, Gateshead-on-Tyne, on Monday, the 18th inst. The banquet will be held at the Half Moon Hotel. It is expected there will be a large attendance of brethren from both Provinces.

**Royal Lodge, No. 648.**—The largest gathering of Masonic brethren that was ever witnessed since the opening of the Lodge in 1855 took place on Tuesday night, at Bro. J. Welborn's, Foord's Hotel, Filey, twenty-eight past masters from various Lodges being present. The interesting ceremony commenced at 4 p.m., when the W.M. elect was installed by Bro. W. John Pearson Bell Dep. Prov. G.M. for N. and E. Yorkshire. Bros. W. Budd was invested with the honours of I.P.M., Winfindale S.W., J. Varley J.W., Rev. B. M. Taylor Chaplain, W. G. Long P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer, W. Fisher P.M. Hon. Sec., W. Watts S.D., V. Fowler J.D. C. D. Scrivener P.M. M. of C., F. M. Herring P.P.G.S.D. 236 Org., R. Dobson P.M. Steward, R. B. Simpson P.M. Steward, J. Welbord I.G., and W. Jefferson Tyler; after which the Lodge closed. At six o'clock, in consequence of there not being any room in the hotel large enough to accommodate the brethren, they adjorned to the Spa Saloon, where a sumptuous banquet was held, of which upwards of sixty partook. The W.M presided. Various toasts were proposed and cordially received. At ten o'clock the brethren from Hull, Beverley, Driffield, Bridlington and Scarborough retired, as special trains were waiting to convey them to their various destinations.

**Panmure Chapter, No. 720.**—A regular meeting of this Chapter was held at the Horns' Tavern, Kennington, on Monday, the 11th inst., and was well attended. Chapter was opened by the M.E.Z. Comp. Bridges, and the Present and Past Principals, and all Officers were in their places. Bro. F. J. Burton, of the Panmure Lodge 720, was exalted into the supreme degree, with full ceremony, and the addresses from the chairs were ably delivered. The election of Officers for the ensuing year then took place, with the following result, viz.: Ex-Comps. George Waterall M.E.Z., Mark S. Larlham H., Thomas Poore J., James Stevens P.Z. Scribe E. (tenth re-election), R. N. Field Scribe N., A. C. Burrell P.S., the Rev. W. B. Church Treas., T. Meggy D.C., and J. Gilbert Jan. A cordial vote of thanks for past services was recorded in favour of E. Comp. H. C. Levander, on his resignation of the Office of Treas. In addition to the above-named, there were present E. Comp. H. Smith P.Z., Poynter, F. W. Levander, T. Preston, E. Mitchell, &c., and Visitors, E. Comp. T. Perry P.Z. 328, and P. Prov. Grand Standard Bearer Devon, and Comp. W. J. Morphew. After disposing of some routine business, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions dined together and enjoyed the customary good fellowship so regularly displayed at each recurring meeting.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—On Friday, the 8th inst., at the Star and Garter, Kew-bridge. Bros. Costelow W.M., Gomm S.W., Blasby J.W., Erwin S.D., Gunner J.D., W. Goss I.G. Past Master Bro. J. Chambers Roe Preceptor. The first ceremony was capitally rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Jones candidate. Bro. Roe then took the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing Bro. Neville Parker candidate. Bro. Blasby, in consequence of his heavy private duties, resigned the Secretaryship of the Lodge of Instruction, much to the regret of the members, who appointed Bro. Gunner in his stead. A well deserved vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Costelow, this being the first time of his filling the chair.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 12th instant, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Lovelock W.M., M. Christian S.W., Wardell J.W., Brasted S.D., Slater J.D., J. Lorkin I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Allen, Finch, Collins, &c. The Lodge opened, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Bonner answered the necessary questions, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed down to the first. Bro. Allen worked the second, third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Preceptor will work the Installation Ceremony next Tuesday evening.

**Ranelagh Lodge, No. 884.**—Held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Bell and Anchor, Kensington-road, Hammersmith. Present—Bros. Fisher W.M., Baker S.W., Watson J.W., Middleton S.D., Shaw J.D., Warner I.G., Bayett D.C., Webb Steward, Thompson Treasurer, Worthington Sec., Oliver Org., Church Tyler. There were also present Bros Knowles P.M., Slack, C. Barker, A. C. Alais P.M., Millis, Thompson; and Visitors Bros. H. Kyezor 820, Davey S.W. 30, A. Draper P.M. 1305, G. W. Lay 569, Ward 382, Read P.M. 511, Cumming W.M. Polish National 534, Crispin, Reid, Palmer, &c. Bros. Sir Charles Wentworth Dilke, Bart., Williams and Cox were raised to the sublime degree, with great and solemn dignity, by the W.M. Bros. Hayward, Abrahams and Glover then passed the second degree, having previously answered the necessary questions. Messrs. F. W. Lorenz, W. Irodale and P. Burton having been balloted for, received Masonic Light. The election of the W.M. was then proceeded with, when Bro. Baker was duly elected to fill that important office. He expressed himself grateful for the high honour conferred upon him. The jewel of P.M. was then unanimously voted to Bro. Fisher for the great services he had rendered the Lodge during his term of office. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the mark of respect they desired to confer upon him, humourously remarking that he should reserve his greatest thanks for the moment when he should be decorated. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining room. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the usual toasts in due form, to which the brethren heartily responded. The I.P.M. gave the health of the W.M., and congratulated the members on the services which he had rendered, and also upon their selection of his successor. The Ranelagh had now reached its eighteenth year, and was displaying great vitality; so much, indeed, did it evince its power, that the brethren were about to raise the entrance fee to 10 guineas. The toast of the Initiates having been given and responded to, that of the Visitors followed, and with this was coupled the names of Bros. Kyezor, Cumming and Lay. Bro. Cumming, in thanking the members for their kindness, said he almost felt as one of themselves; he was so often amongst them. Bro. Kyezor felt it incumbent upon him to express his delight at the almost perfect working of the W.M. and his officers, and felt assured that so long as they worked harmoniously together, that the Ranelagh would flourish, even to the end of time. The proceedings were very much enlivened by the admirable singing of Bros. Hayward, Palmer and Hillinghana. These brethren accompanied themselves on the piano. The brethren separated in harmony, peace and brotherly love.

**Era Lodge, No. 1423.**—On 9th Feb. at the Island Hotel, Hampton Court, the first meeting of the year was held. In consequence of the temporary absence of the W.M., Bro. Thiellay P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex P.M. 145, the Lodge was opened by Bro. J. T. Moss P.P.G.R. Middlesex P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Bro. E. H. Thiellay having now arrived, he took the chair. The report of the Audit Committee was read. It showed that after giving the usual thirty guineas to the Charities, and paying for the jewel for the P.M., that a goodly sum was in the hands of the Treasurer. This Lodge particularly prides itself in giving a strong support to the Masonic Charities, and sets a good example to the Province of Middlesex. The all-important ceremony of Installation was worked in an admirable manner by Bro. J. W. Baldwin P.G.P. Middlesex P.M., who received a vote of thanks for his services. He installed Bro. T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex P.M. 73 P.M. 1540 as W.M., who appointed as his officers Bros. E. W. Devereux S.W., S. Wolff J.W., H. A. Dubois P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. Treasurer, F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. Secretary (re-invested sixth time), A. F. Loos S.D., J. Johnson J.D., B. Wright I.G., J. Faulkner D.C., J. H. Pearson W.S., J. B. Ryley A.S., D. D. Weinhausen Organist, G. S. Elliott Chaplain, J. Gilbert P.G. Tyler Middlesex Tyler (re-invested sixth time). Notices of motion to alter bye-laws, also to vote the usual thirty guineas to the Charities, were given. A P.M.'s jewel was given to Bro. E. H. Thiellay by the W.M. on behalf of the members of the Lodge. The Lodge was closed and adjourned till Saturday, 13th April. Banquet and dessert followed. During the evening telegrams were sent to Bros. Col. Burdett and Little, informing them that their health was being drunk; to these courteous replies were received.

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## ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

IT may suit some people to sneer at the analytical articles which we have latterly been in the habit of placing before our readers. Nothing, after all, it is urged, can surpass in value the simple list itself. No regrouping the figures will affect the total, and, moreover, anybody can analyse if he chooses. Nevertheless, we humbly submit that, while it is quite possible for people to make their own analyses, if only they know how to set about them, ours have not been without their value. They have called forth criticisms sometimes favourable, sometimes unfavourable. One of them was, on one occasion, publicly assailed by a distinguished brother, who, on grounds we were at once able to point out were erroneous, imagined we had written something intentionally disparaging to his province. We know, too, they are very narrowly scanned, and the slightest mistake, be it an obvious slip of the pen or a mere clerical error, is immediately brought to our notice. Were these analyses of little or no value, they would pass unnoticed. If they were written with a view to give offence, they would be contemned by all, nor would any brother who had any self-respect condescend to notice them. But they are written impartially, temperately, and with the sole desire to promote the cause of our Charitable Institutions. They are what they profess to be—simple records of facts and nothing else. We point out what has been done by certain in sundry places, we make apparent what has not been done in other places. We praise where praise is due. We offer every palliation and excuse we can think of for any shortcomings which may be noteworthy. Under these circumstances we feel we have reasonable grounds for continuing these articles; at all events, so long as the kind attention paid them by our readers justifies their continuance. And it is in this spirit we set about our task in the present instance, and the one return we ask for is, that our readers will give us credit not only for that impartiality we have always, and not unsuccessfully, striven to show, but, likewise, that our one object in criticising the list is to benefit our Institutions.

We will, first of all, draw attention to one of those errors which will occur even in the best regulated institutions. Indeed, in the hurry and excitement of the Festival, and considering that fresh lists are being received up to the very last moment, we are surprised these mistakes are not of more frequent occurrence. As our readers are aware, the sum announced to have been contributed was £11,090 9s 6d, and there were nine lists to be sent in. This amount was distributed as follows:—Metropolis, with 116 Stewards, £6,062 7s; Provinces, with 104 Stewards, £4,969 4s 6d; Colonial, one Steward, £58 18s. The actual figures should have been:—Total, £10,936 7s, of which £6,003 4s Metropolitan, £4,874 5s Provincial, and £58 18s Colonial. Thus the true total is less by £154 2s 6d than the announced total. The list as it appeared in these columns last week has been cast and recast. We have taken the precaution to have our own totals officially verified, and the result is what we have stated. The separate items were in every case correct to date, but, in the hurry of the moment, the aggregate was overstated. However, if we may judge from the experience of previous Festivals, there is every reason for believing that the total sum as it was given in the first instance will be exceeded. The outstanding lists have yet to be furnished, while those already sent in are being swelled by smaller or larger amounts, which keep passing into the coffers, or, at all events, to the credit of the R.M.B.I., by driblets. Thus we have no grounds for changing our opinion that Bro. Terry and his Board of Stewards have every reason to be satisfied with the result of their very laudable efforts. Over £11,000 must be set down as the net proceeds of the Festival just passed, and under the circumstances in which the country is placed, we may fairly state this as magnificent. So much for the general result. We pass now to the amount as distributed, and we find that the number of Metropolitan Lodges which sent representatives to the Festival was 108, for one of which two members acted, and there were four Chapters which sent up Stewards. The honour of having contributed the highest individual amount in these Lodges belongs to Bro. T. S. Taylor of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, of Stepney, whose list reached the handsome total of £260. Friends in Council, No. 1383, by the hands of Lt.-Colonel Shadwell Clerke sent £202. Bro. H. Vickery of Peckham Lodge, No. 1475, followed closely, with the sum of £192 1s, and then came Bro. C. A. Murton, representing the United Lodge of Prudence, No. 83, the members of which made his list up to £188. The other Stewards who sent in three figure lists were Bro. Daniel Holmes of the Islington Lodge, No. 1471, with £165; Bro. Wm. Hallett of the Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781, of Limehouse, £158 10s; Bro. J. Matthew Klenck of Paxton Lodge, No. 1686, Sydenham with an even £150; J. I. Cantle of the Ivy, No. 1441, Camberwell, with £133 5s; Comp. John Newton of the Rose of Denmark Chapter, 975, of Kew, with £120; Bro. George J. Grace of Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, Southwark, £116 10s; Bro. Chas. J. Perceval of Sincerity, No. 174, £109 15s; and Bro. James Hill of United Strength Lodge, No. 228, with £100. Thus, in the Metropolis the honour of heading the list belongs to an East End Lodge. The West End had an able representative, and did its duty so well as to take the second place. Then followed a Southern Lodge, while a Northern Lodge stood fifth, so that contributions flowed in liberally from all quarters. The number of Lodges represented rather better than two-fifths of the total number in the Metropolitan district, and of these we find that Nos. 2, 5, 8, 10, 18, 21, 22, 23, 28, 33, 179, 256, and 657, which have been represented at each of the three Festivals during the past three years, again figure in the list. Others again, if not regularly represented, are very frequently, while some few are, unfortunately and invariably, conspicuous by their absence, though it by no means follows as a matter of course that they do not contribute either to this or our other Charities. As our readers know well, absence from the Festival does not imply absence from the list, published annually, of donors and subscribers to the Charity. It is further worthy of mention, that of the new Lodges consecrated only last year no less than seven sent up Stewards, and one of these brethren is a three-figure representative (Bro. Klenck, No. 1686, £150).

We must now direct our attention to the Provinces, of which there are forty-one, besides three groups or districts which have no Provincial Grand Lodge. Twenty six of these sent representatives, so that there were eighteen absentees, of which four, namely, Bedfordshire with five Lodges, Cambridgeshire with four Lodges, Worcestershire with ten Lodges, and the Isle of Man with three Lodges, have not been represented at any of the Festivals which have taken place since the CHRONICLE was first published. The other absentees are as follow:—Cumberland and Westmoreland (nineteen Lodges), but it was represented last year, and also at the Boys' Festival in

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1876; Durham (twenty-five Lodges), which, however, contributed liberally in 1877 to both the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and to the Boys' in the two preceding years; Herefordshire (four Lodges), which has not figured at any Festival since that of the Girls' in 1876; Leicester and Rutland (ten Lodges), which gave just over £400 last year to the Boys' School, and contributed in 1876 to the R.M.B.I. Lincolnshire has twenty Lodges, but though it is not included in the present list, it has never failed in its duty, and has freely given in 1875, 1876, and 1877, to one or other of our Institutions. Monmouthshire, with its eight Lodges is another absentee, but it sent a representative last year, in the person of Dep. Prov. G.M. Bro. Homfray, whose list presented the handsome total of £210. Norfolk can boast of fourteen Lodges, six of which are situated in the thriving city of Norwich; but it has given at the three preceding Festivals of this Institution, and also handsomely supported its Provincial Grand Master, Lord Suffield, when he presided last year at the Girls' Festival. Northumberland has eighteen Lodges, one-half of them in Newcastle-on-Tyne; but it supported the Boys' School both last year and the year before. North Wales and Salop musters twenty-five Lodges, but it supported both our Schools last year, and moreover the Sir Watkin Testimonial for a perpetual presentation to the Boys' is in course of being raised, so that we must not be surprised that our brethren of this Province should find it necessary for the present to limit their attentions to this particular task. Both divisions of South Wales, the Eastern with its eleven, and the Western with its eight Lodges, are unrepresented on this occasion; but both figured in the Boys' list last June, and contributed to the same Institution in 1875 and 1876, and to the Benevolent in the latter year. Warwickshire has twenty-nine Lodges, and of these no less than sixteen belong to Birmingham; but it gave over £467 at this Festival last year, and the munificent sum of £2,000 to the Boys' School in 1876, when its Provincial Grand Master presided. The Channel Islands (four Lodges) and Jersey (seven Lodges) are also unrepresented, but they contributed to the Girls' in 1876. So far we have dealt with absentee Provinces, and we must remind our readers again that it does not follow of course that these Provinces do not contribute in the course of the year to this particular Institution; and in the majority of cases we have shown they do contribute to the sister Charities, or have done so to one or more of them at previous Festivals. We cannot, of course, expect of them too much; and of two courses, it certainly seems better that a Province, unless it be a very considerable one indeed, had better concentrate its efforts, and send up, in turn, a handsome list or lists to one Institution; than that it should distribute its efforts among all three. But in the case of the regular absentees whom we have named above, we would suggest to Bro. Terry and his brother Secretaries, whether it would not be as well if they gave these Provinces the opportunity of contributing. We can well imagine that, at all events, Beds, Cambs, and Worcester — for the Isle of Man is somewhat remotely situated—would like to contribute, and we throw it out as a suggestion to Bros. Little and Binckes, whose Festivals have yet to come, that they should pay a flying visit to these Provinces, or if that be out of the question, that they should delegate the task of awakening a certain interest in our Institutions to some well-known and influential brethren hailing from those Provinces. We offer this suggestion on the ground principally that we do not like to see the names of certain Provinces invariably absent on these occasions.

As to the Provinces which sent up Stewards, we note that Berks and Bucks (sixteen Lodges), sent up seven Stewards, and their lists, with a contribution of ten guineas from Provincial Grand Lodge, presented a total of £157 9s. The Lodges represented were the two Windsor, Etonian, No. 209, and Windsor Castle, the Newbury Lodge, No. 574, Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, the two Maidenhead Lodges, St. John's, No. 795, and Ellington, No. 1566, St. Peter and St. Paul, No. 1410, Newport-Pagnell, and Watling Street, No. 1639, of Stoney Stratford. This contributed at all three Festivals last year, the two Schools in 1876, and all three Institutions in 1875. Bristol (eight Lodges) sent up a representative, hailing from the Beaufort Lodge, No. 103, and his list yielded £134 15s. Last year, by the hands of its Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Limerick, it gave £161 8s to the Benevolent, and was a contributor to all three Charities in 1875. Cheshire has a strong array of thirty-nine Lodges. Three of these—a Stockport, No. 104, a Crewe, No. 321, and a Birkenhead, No. 537, sent up together £172 2s, by the hands of seven Stewards, five of whom belonged to the Stockport Lodge, St. John's, No. 104. It was a contributor at the Boys' and Benevolent last year; indeed, in only one out of the last ten Festivals has it been an absentee. Moreover, it has a perpetual presentation to the Boys', and an Educational Institution of its own, which, from an account we published last year in these columns, is, as our readers are aware, in a very flourishing condition. Cornwall has twenty-seven Lodges, and was represented by its Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and Bro. Hughan. The former had a list of £460, the highest individual list, not only in the Provinces, but in the whole body of Stewards, while Bro. Hughan sent up £110. Moreover, it must be borne in mind that at the Boys' Festival in 1876, the latter brother was Steward, when his list was between £400 and £500, so that its contribution this year of £570 is highly creditable. Derbyshire was another Province which was fortunate in obtaining the services of its Prov. Grand Master (the Marquis of Hartington) as Steward. It has eighteen Lodges, and, in addition to his lordship, Bro. T. A. Turner, of Mundy Grove Lodge, No. 506, Shipley, acted as Steward, the total of their two lists being £170—namely, Lord Hartington's £155, and Bro. Turner's £15. Last year it supported the Boys' and the Benevolent, and the former also found favour in its sight in 1875 and 1876. There was a representative of Dorsetshire in the person of Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, Past Dep. Prov. G. Master, whose list of contributions amounted to £150. Last year its list at this Festival was over £300, £180 to the Girls in May, and over £80 to the Boys in June. It freely contributed to the Benevolent in 1876, and the Boys in 1875 the very handsome sum of £633, so that, albeit there are only thirteen Lodges in this Province, it is a foremost contributor to all our Charities. Devonshire has forty-six Lodges, and one of these—the Loyal, No. 251, of Barnstaple—is represented, while one of its twenty-six Chapters also sent up a Steward. The lists of these two amounted to £110. This is as much as could have been expected, for last year its contribution to the Benevolent was only a little short of £600, and, indeed, it has been absent only at one out of the last ten Festivals. The three Stewards from Essex raised among them £88 16s. It has sixteen Lodges, three of which—No. 160, of Rochford, No. 453, of Woodford, and No. 1000, of Southend—were represented by the three Stewards already referred to. Its contribution to the Benevolent last year was over £113, and to the Boys £75 16s. In 1876, it gave £144 18s to the Boys, and has been a contributing Province at eight of the last ten Festivals. Gloucestershire (fourteen Lodges) had a single representative, in the person of Bro. H. Godfrey, of Foundation Lodge, No. 82, of Cheltenham, whose list yielded £118. Last year its contributions to our three Charities slightly exceeded £500. It figured likewise as a supporter of the Boys both in 1875 and 1876. Hants and the Isle of Wight has thirty Lodges, and two of these—the Carnarvon, No. 804, of Havant, and the Gosport, No. 903, of Gosport—made up between them £70 7s 6d. It must be remembered, however, that at the Festival of the Boys' School in 1877, when its Provincial G. Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., presided, its contributions reached £624 1s, while in May last it gave £222 to the Girls, and was down last February for £171 5s to the Benevolent. It has only been once absent, from the Festivals of the last three years, and Bro. Terry, therefore, has every reason to be satisfied, even though his contribution this year falls short of what it was in 1877. Herts (ten Lodges) sent up six Stewards. The aggregate of the six lists was £645 11s 6d, of which £300 was the result of Bro. Iles's exertions on behalf of the Province, while Bros. James Boatwright, of the Hertford, No. 403, Hertford, James Shilcock, of the Cecil, No. 449, Hitchin, Henry Hollis, of the Berkhampstead, No. 504, Berkhampstead, W. W. Morgan jun., of the Gladsmuir, No. 1385, Barnet, and Comp. G. Ward Verry, of the Gladsmuir Chapter, made up the remaining £345 and odd shillings among them. To Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. we may offer our congratulations on the success of his first appearance in the capacity of Steward. Bro. Morgan jun. is only a very young Mason, but he has shown there is good work in him, the result of his first effort being £146 18s, and this has since been increased to £160. About one-half of this was raised by the sale of shilling tickets, on the principle so successfully carried out by Bro. J. Constable, and but a small portion of the other moiety came from his Lodge, so that Bro. Morgan must have worked hard to

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bring together so respectable a sum. It is, indeed, to his labours that Herts is indebted for the premier place among the Provinces; for if we leave out the result of the tickets for Life Subscriberships, we shall find that W. Yorkshire and Cornwall were ahead of it. Kent (forty-three Lodges) contributed £270 15s, by the hands of six Stewards, who represented—one for each Lodge—the Freedom, No. 77, Gravesend, the Holmesdale, No. 874, Tunbridge Wells, the Lord Warden, No. 1096, Deal, the Cinque Ports, No. 1206, Sandwich, the Acacia, No. 1314, Bromley, and the Sandgate, No. 1436, of Sandgate. Last year its contribution to the Benevolent just exceeded £478, the result of the labours of ten Stewards; but as this Province makes a point of being represented regularly at each recurring Festival, we cannot be surprised there should be an occasional falling off. Be it remembered, however, that the sum contributed at this latest Festival raises its total for the last ten anniversaries to £3,431 4s 6d, or an average of £343 per Festival. East Lancashire (eighty-six Lodges) would no doubt send in a more formidable array of subscriptions, but for the fact of its having an Educational Institute of its own; but though it is down for comparatively small sums, it makes a point of being represented always, and this year the duty has fallen on Bros. C. F. Matier and G. P. Brockbank, the former for the Humphrey Cheetham, No. 645, and the latter for a new Lodge, the St. George's, No. 1723, Bolton. Last year the Province sent up for this Festival just over £330. W. Lancashire (seventy-seven Lodges) is down for £330 3s, the aggregate of seven lists. Bro. R. Wylie, we may presume, did duty for the whole Province, and his list of £180 will account for more than half of the total contributions. Bros. W. Harrison (Unanimity, No. 113, Preston), J. Daniel Moore, M.D. (Fortitude, No. 281, Lancaster), James Platt (Fermor, No. 1313, Southport), and G. Davenport Pochin, W. H. Buckley, and Lieut.-Colonel Birchall (all acting for Architect, No. 1375, Didsbury), made up the rest. Last year it gave £185 17s, with one list outstanding, to the Boys', £380 16s to the Girls', £149 17s 6d to the Benevolent, or about £650 in all; while in 1876, when its Provincial Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, was President for the Benevolent, its contributions reached beyond the sum of £1,500. Middlesex (twenty-seven Lodges) is another of the Provinces—such as Kent, East and West Lancashire, &c.—which makes a point of sending up Stewards to every Festival. One-third of its Lodges and two Chapters contribute, by the hands of twelve Stewards, a sum of £201 14s 6d, and thus raise the total of its contributions since January 1875 to over £3,770, or an average of £377 per Festival. The greatest efforts of Middlesex are in support of the Girls, a fact which will excite surprise in no one, seeing that Bro. Little, the Secretary of that Institution, is Dep. Prov. G. Master. Thus over £2,000 went into the coffers of the Girls' in 1875, 1876, and 1877, but the Benevolent is fairly well supported, and received in 1877, £329 5s; in 1876, £198 2s; and in 1875, £166 7s. Of course it was to be expected the Duke of Manchester, as Chairman, would receive the warm support of the Province over which he has so long presided; but Northampton and Hunts is not a large Province, and numbers only eight Lodges, yet its contributions, including the personal donation of the Prov. G. Master, reached the sum of £300, Bro. Butler Wilkins Dep. P.G.M., Bro. E. Cox, of the Pomfret, No. 360, Northampton, and Bro. Rob. H. Griffin, of St. Peter's, No. 442, Peterborough, acting apparently as joint Stewards for the Province. This Province has now played its part at five Festivals out of the ten which have taken place since the beginning of 1875. Notts, as a Province, though it has nine Lodges, is without any Prov. Grand Lodge organisation, but the Newark-on-Trent was represented by Bro. William Newton, and gave a small sum. The Province figured at the Boys' Festival last June, a single Steward taking up a list somewhat over the average, and in spite of its disorganised state it has supported the Girls' and Boys' in both cases at the Festivals of 1876 and 1877. Oxon (eight Lodges) sends two Stewards, Bro. Rev. H. Deane, Apollo University, No. 357, and Bro. N. O. Wakeman, Churchill, No. 478, Oxford. Last year, when its Provincial Grand Master, Prince Leopold, was only prevented by his health from presiding at the Benevolent Festival, it raised £279 13s, and there is this further to be said in its behalf, it has been present regularly at all the last ten Festivals. Somersetshire (nineteen Lodges) sent two Stewards, representing Lodges No. 446 (the Benevolent, Wells) and No. 814 (the Parrot and Axe, Crewkerne), and the Royal Cumberland Chapter, No. 41, Bath, sent also a small amount. Last year it gave over £253 to the Benevolent, and over £58 to the Boys'. Staffordshire (twenty-one Lodges) had the misfortune to lose its Prov. G. Master last year, but four Stewards, representing three Lodges, took up £156 7s. Last year it gave £145 to this Institution, over £160 to the Girls', and £149 2s to the Boys'. Suffolk (nineteen Lodges) sent £94 2s, by Bros. W. Clarke, G. H. Grimwood, and John L. Clemence, representing Lodges No. 114 ("British Union," Ipswich), No. 1224 ("Stour Valley," Sudbury), and No. 1452 ("St. Margaret's," Lowestoft.) Last year it gave £111 14s to the Benevolent, and £115 10s to the Boys', and is, moreover, constant in its support of our Institutions. Three Stewards, Bros. J. R. Boor (St. George's, No. 370, Chertsey), C. H. Edmands (Frederick of Unity, No. 452, Croydon), and H. W. Charrington (Wey Side, No. 1395, Woking), did duty for Surrey, with its eighteen Lodges. Their joint contributions only amount to £66 18s; but last year it gave just over £111 to the Benevolent, over £40 to the Girls', and over £90 to the Boy's; and in 1876 it raised over £210 for the last mentioned Institution. Here, again, we have an instance of praiseworthy support administered regularly. The honour of representing the nineteen Lodges of Sussex is shared—somewhat unequally, however—between a Brighton Lodge (the Royal Brunswick, No. 732) and a Lewes Lodge (the Pelham, No. 1303). The total of the two lists is £84 10s. Last year the same towns enjoyed the same honour, and together they made up a list of over £150. It also contributed over £270 to the Boys' Festival in June last, and over £233 to the Girls' in May. It was, further, a supporter of the Boys' in 1876 to the extent of over £200. Little Wilts (ten Lodges) does its duty regularly and liberally, one Steward for the whole Province, and a total of £164 11s, being the result on this occasion. Last year its Prov. Grand Master, Lord Methuen, was Steward for this same same Institution, and his list just exceeded £273. It also supported "Our Boys" to the extent of £142 16s, and the Girls' to that of £122 14s; in fact, it has only been unrepresented at one out of the last ten Festivals. N. and E. Yorkshire (twenty-five Lodges) sent up three Stewards, representing two Lodges, the aggregate of their lists being, however, small. It also contributed moderately to the Boys' and Benevolent last year, and we think it might bestir itself more actively on these occasions. West Yorkshire, as usual, has a long array of Stewards, and the goodly total of £603 5s. This follows immediately on a sum of £766 10s given to "Our Boys" in June last, and makes the total of its contributions to our Charities at ten Festivals £5,287 6s, giving an average slightly in excess of £528 per Festival. The Benevolent has received from this Province the sum of £1,945 15s at the last four Festivals. We need not say more than this; to do so would be "to gild refined gold."

We have now completed our task. We have done our best to render justice to all Lodges and Provinces, and if we have felt it to be our duty to remark on any apparent shortcomings, we trust it will be admitted we have done so, not in a captious or complaining, but in a kindly spirit, and with the sole desire to animate brethren to further honourable rivalry—within, of course, the just limits of their ability—in the sacred cause of Charity.

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The final meeting of the Board of Stewards of the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at four o'clock p.m., for the purpose of auditing, and, if approved, of ordering payment of the accounts in connection therewith. The Secretary will be in attendance throughout the day to receive such donations and subscriptions as may have been paid to the Stewards, and to take instructions as to the collection of the unpaid accounts.

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The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193, at the Railway Tavern, London-street, Fenchurch-street, on Wednesday next, the 27th inst., at 6 o'clock precisely. Bros. J. E. Ives, No. 781, W.M.; T. J. Barnes P.M. 933 and 554 S.W., J. Andrews J.D. 1227 J.W., E. Gottheil Preceptor I.P.M.

First Lecture.—Bros. Biddle, Hallam, Schoerboom, Ellis, C. H. Webb, Andrews, and W. Hogg.

Second Lecture.—Bros. W. J. Rawley, W. Musto, Ould, T. J. Barnes, and J. Shepherd.

Third Lecture.—Bros. M. Clegg, J. Taylor, and Myers.

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## INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

NEVER has been recorded in the annals of this Lodge, nor, indeed, it may with truth be asserted, in those of few other Lodges, even of the highest standing and reputation, such an immense and influential gathering, which a combination of highly interesting circumstances brought about on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. There was nothing on the agenda of an unusual or extraordinary character, but it became pretty generally known that during the evening, besides the installation of the W.M. and appointment of Officers for the year, no less than three testimonials, to members of the Lodge, would on that occasion be presented. The Lodge was opened at an early hour by Bro. John Peartree W.M., who, with his usual skill and thoroughness, conferred the third degree upon Bros. Barnes, Kosminsky, and Muhsam. By this time the Lodge had assumed a most picturesque appearance. Grand Officers, in their purple trappings, Provincials in a paraphernalia of a somewhat lighter tint, Past Grand Stewards in crimson, and Officers and Craftsmen in collars and aprons of white and azure, together with numerous glittering jewels, with which Past Masters and guests were profusely decorated, presented a *coup d'œil* not easily to be forgotten, the effect of which was greatly heightened by the heavy crimson curtains, gilded mirrors, and general furniture of the room, and the glass chandeliers whose numerous jets shed brilliancy upon the scene. Bro. J. D. Barnett P.M., who was appointed installing master, having ascended the chair, Bro. David Posener P.M. was duly presented, and Bro. Barnett at once proceeded to instal him, in accordance with the immemorial custom of the Order. The new Master appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. George Pare S.W., W. D. Bayley J.W., John Peartree I.P.M. and Treasurer, Phil Levy Sec., F. Croaker S.D., J. B. Barber J.D., T. W. C. Bush I.G., G. Bilby P.M. Organist, D. Sadleir Steward, Potter Tyler; each investiture being received with every mark of satisfaction. The W.M. then decorated the retiring Master with a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, and Past Master Sydney delivered a speech full of affectionate feeling, and, in the name of the brethren, presented Bro. Peartree with an elegant silver salver, most elaborately engraved, upon which appeared the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. John Peartree P.M., by the brethren of the Lodge of Tranquillity, No. 185, in recognition of the ability with which he has presided as W.M. during the preceding year, and as a token of their esteem for the zeal displayed by him as Treasurer during the past eighteen years. February 18th 1878." The same sentiments, in an abreviated form, also appeared on the reverse of the jewel. Bro. Peartree briefly, but evidently with heartfelt sincerity, expressed his thanks and his sense of appreciation of the flattering remarks which accompanied the gift. A splendid silver tea and coffee service, including a very handsome table kettle, was next placed in front of the pedestal. Bro. Saul Solomon P.M., the oldest member of the Lodge, rose, and addressing Bro. John Constable P.M. assured him of the high estimation in which he was held by every one of the brethren, and the admiration, which by extraordinary energy and zeal in the cause of Charity, he has succeeded in securing to himself. The name of Bro. Constable, the speaker ventured to assert, was as well known throughout the Craft as that of the Grand Master himself. It was but a few short years ago that Bro. Constable entered the Order, and his name was already a household word among Masons. The Lodge of Tranquillity has every reason to be proud of having him as one of its members, and the brethren, anxious to give some extra proof of their feelings towards such a zealous, and he might say, talented brother, resolved to present him with the small testimonial now before him. It was, however, not him alone, but for Mrs. Constable that the gift was intended. All were well aware of the not unfrequent murmurings of the ladies, and small blame to them, at the repeated absences of their husbands, who, while enjoying themselves abroad, are obliged to leave their partners in cheerless loneliness at home, and in this instance the accomplishment of the charitable enterprises must of necessity have caused these absences to be most frequent and protracted. It had, therefore, been suggested that some acknowledgment to Mrs. Constable for so much self-denial would be just and desirable. Divers difficulties, however, presented themselves against this course, and it was at length resolved to present it in the present form. Bro. Solomon concluded a very effective speech with sincere wishes for the welfare of Bro. Constable and his family, a sentiment which was loudly cheered by the whole assembly, and considerably prolonged, while that brother attempted to say a few words in reply. This to him was an almost impossible task under the circumstances. He therefore begged to be forgiven, as his emotions were such as to preclude him speaking at length, and he implored the brethren to allow his feelings to plead his gratitude. The inscription upon the teapot was to the following effect:—"Presented to Bro. John Constable P.M., by the brethren of the Lodge of Tranquillity, No. 185, in recognition of the great services rendered by him in the cause of the Masonic Charities. February 18th, 1878." A poor brother from Manchester, highly recommended, appealed for some help, and who, upon the application of Bro. Gottheil P.M., the W.M. relieved with the sum of £3 3s from the funds of the Lodge. The brethren were next called off for refreshment. Upon entering the banqueting hall, the eye was gladdened by the gay and festive appearance of the boards. Vases, epergnes, and a variety of quaint stands were filled with the brightest and most delicately-tinted flowers, whose mingled perfumes scented the room, while the variously coloured crystals, placed at regular intervals, were tantalisingly suggestive of pleasures in store. The viands were prepared by Bro. Silver, who, as was speedily proved, had exerted his culinary talents to do honour to the occasion. The wines were choice and abundant. It is, therefore, not surprising that the enjoyment was unalloyed and universal. The banquet over, grace was sung by Bros. George Perren, Buckland, and Baxter, and then eloquence had its turn. The W.M. drew enthusiastic cheers from the brethren when, in proposing the health of the Queen, he spoke of the anxiety which must possess the gracious Sovereign in the present grave and critical condition of State affairs, which, he was sure, entitled her to the sympathy, not only of Masons, but of every true-hearted Englishman throughout the world. H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Lords Carnarvon and Skelmersdale, especially the latter, and the rest of the Grand Officers, each received a fair share of eulogium and hearty response. The venerable Bro. John Hervey G.S., who occupied a position to the left of the W.M., responding, referred to the excellent Masonic qualities of Lord Skelmersdale; and amongst other matters mentioned, in proof, if any were needed of that noble brother's zeal, that last week he installed a Companion in the First Principal's Chair, and shortly will do the same to the Grand Superintendent of a Province. He likewise spoke in high praise of the Masonic talents of Bro. John Boyd, as exhibited only a week ago at the Public Night in connection with the Prudent Brethren Chapter, and of the services done in Grand Lodge by Bros. T. Cubitt and E. P. Albert. The W.M., whose health was proposed by the I.P.M., replied in a few well chosen words, especially referring to the circumstance that it had been his lot to work his way up from the very lowest grade to his present rank. This fact alone was sufficient to render his position of the highest value to him. For the Visitors, Bro. James Terry replied in his pleasantly clear and distinct manner, and took occasion to congratulate the Lodge upon its distinction by possessing such a member as Bro. Constable, through whose instrumentality the Charities had been so immensely benefited. He must also express his admiration of the manner in which Bro. J. D. Barnett had performed the ceremony of installation. He had had opportunities of witnessing that duty performed many hundreds of times, but never in the whole course of his long experience had it been his good fortune to listen to such an exposition of the ritual. Bro. Barnett had not done his task parrot-like, but had grasped its spirit, which enabled him to give his utterances with unsurpassed eloquence. Bro. Sydney spoke for the P.M.'s. He had not the opportunity of being frequently among them, and could therefore be of very little service to the Lodge. He was however, extremely pleased to find it so prosperous, and that it was not only making progress in wealth, but—what was of vastly greater importance—in intelligence. Bro. Saul Solomon P.M. responded for the Committee of the Benevolent Fund. He had often had to do duty in this capacity as President of the Fund, and on such occasions as these to make appeals for its maintenance and support. He was glad to say there was now no necessity to ask for help, as the fund now consisted of no less a sum than £800, and here they might allow it to remain for the present. There seems no immediate prospect of a drain on its resources, and he trusted none might be made for many years to come. But should necessity arise, he was confident an appeal to the brethren would be munificently responded to. The W.M. then proposed the health of his Officers, of whom he spoke in most flattering terms, and made it the occasion of presenting to Bro. W. Dunster Bayley J.W., a handsomely illuminated testimonial on vellum, in a valuable gilt frame, the reason for which was embodied in the resolution thereon inscribed, which reads as follows:—Presented to Bro. W. Dunster Bayley J.W., for his valuable services, in having obtained from the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, a re-transfer to the Lodge of Consolidated 3 per cent. Stock, the dividends whereon had remained unclaimed for a number of years; and the brethren further desire to assure Bro. Bayley that his genuine kindness upon all occasions will be ever remembered with feelings of brotherly esteem. 18th Feb. 1878." Bro. Bayley in returning thanks said, that this testimony of goodwill was very pleasant, although when undertaking so small a service any acknowledgement in any shape was entirely unanticipated by him. As long as he had been connected with the Lodge nothing but most unfeigned kindness had been shown him by every one of the brethren, and he could give an assurance that he would make it his duty and pleasure to further in every possible respect the prosperity of the Lodge. The Tyler's toast ended a remarkably pleasant and eventful evening. During the intervals the company were entertained with some truly artistic singing. Bro. Geo. Perren, being in excellent one, was vociferously encored after singing "The Thorn," by express desire. Bro. Buckland was highly amusing, but no opportunity was, unfortunately for the assembly, afforded to Bro. Baxter for the exercise of his sweetly melodious voice, except in a glee. The P.M.'s present were:—Bros. S. Solomon, M. Harris, C. Herrman, J. D. Barnett, N. Defries, N. Moss, R. Z. Bloomfield, J. Constable, S. Moss, J. H. Ross, N. Gluckstein, A. E. Sydney, and E. Gottheil. The Visitors were—W. Bro. John Hervey G.S., F. Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B., Jas. Terry Sec. R.M.B.I., Albert P.G.P., John Boyd P.G.P., J. T. Miller W.M. Joppa, M. D. Loewenstark W.M. 1668, A. M. Cohen W.M. 205, W. H. Gulliford W.M. 1017, S. Wharman W.M. 15, G. H. Felton W.M. 1613, Julius Arnsberg P.M. 1161, D. H. Jacobs P.M. 27, E. Pollitzer P.M. 1017, B. Fenner P.M. 820, E. Palhurst P.M. 188, 1017 P.G.P., Dr. Mickley P.M. 449, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, E. Bowyer P.M. 1580, I. Cohen 360, W. Payne Treas. 1602, Greenfeld 1602, T. Stephens 1475, Pollayer from Vienna, Jas. Wayland 1227, H. C. Felton 1185, 299, Rudderforth J.W. 1668, H. Aarons W.S. 1668, R. Clark 1613, W. D. Sky 1227, Parker 861, C. Harris, Geo. Hamilton J.W. 861, Geo. Perren 23 and 288, Geo. Buckland 1319, and Baxter.

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**Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.**—On 15th inst., at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting-hill.—Bros. Smout sen. W.M., Spiegel S.W., Tettenborn J.W., Woodmason S.D., Bolton I.G., Murlis P.M., Penn W.M., Adkins, Hutton, Lichtwitz, Whitaker, Eskell, Oldrey, Chalfond, and others. The Lodge was opened, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Oldrey being the candidate. Bro. Penn then took the chair, and worked the ceremony of raising, Bro. Adkins being the candidate. Bro. Spiegel was elected W.M. for Friday, 1st March, on which occasion he will give the Lecture of the first Tracing Board.

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## NEW ZEALAND.

THE mail just arrived brings us the following Auckland items:—

The installation of officers of Lodge St. Andrew took place on 21st December, at the Lodge Room, Masonic Hotel. There was a very large attendance, including visitors from all the other Lodges, and amongst them we noticed Bros. P.M.'s Niocol, Heather, Burns, Lodder, Willcocks, and the Rev. C. M. Nelson W.M. Prince of Wales Lodge. Bro. Walker, the outgoing and incoming R.W.M., presided, and having opened the Lodge in the first degree, and raised it to the third, the brethren were called on to receive Bros. the Hon. F. Whitaker R.W.P.G.M., Anderson R.W.P.S.M., and Tyler R.W.P.G. Secretary. The Provincial Grand Master was escorted to the chair. He nominated Bro. P.M. Niocol as Installing Master, and the following officers were duly obligated, invested, and installed as officers of the St. Andrew Lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. C. Walker R.W.M. (elected for the third time), T. Whiteon R.W.D.M., F. M. Hewson S.W., G. R. Hendry J.W., J. Lewis Treasurer, G. Payne Secretary, J. McEwen S.D., S. McCosky J.D., M. Gallagher Senior Steward, W. H. Niocol Junior Steward, J. Hughes I.G., C. Porter Tyler. The installation ceremony was carried out in a very impressive manner, and at the close of the proceedings Bro. the P.G.M. gave a short address, stating his intention of devoting time and attention to the working of the Lodges under his control, and said that his presence that night on the occasion of the installation of the Officers of the St. Andrews's Lodge was only the commencement of many attendances. After the R.W.M. had thanked the brethren for the high honour conferred on him in electing him for the third time to the chair of the St. Andrew's, the Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to the dining room, where an excellent repast was provided for them.

The installation and investment of officers of the Ara Lodge, I.C., took place at the Masonic Hotel, on 27th December. Amongst visitors present on this, the installation of officers of the oldest Masonic Lodge in New Zealand, were Bros. W. P. Pierce R.W.P.G.M. I.C., G. S. Graham R.W.D.G.M. E.C., Rees P.M. P.G. Sec., Burns P.M. P.G.D.C., Heather P.M. P.G.R., Dr. Kidd P.G. Chaplain, Rev. C. M. Nelson D.G. Chaplain and W.M. Prince of Wales Lodge, W. L. Mitchell P.M., W. Lodder P.G. Treasurer, G. H. Lavers D.G.S.W., W. H. Skinner P.M., Cole P.M. and D.G.J.D., W.M. Waitemata Lodge, and other visitors. Bro. Heather opened the Lodge in form, and raised it to the third degree. When officiating as Installing Master, he installed and invested Bro. M. M. Levy as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Levy then invested the following Officers:—Bros. E. S. Willcocks S.W., E. W. Page J.W., Rees P.M. Treasurer and Organist, Mitchell P.M. Secretary, Dr. Kidd P.M. Chaplain, T. E. Durance S.D., J. B. Crowther J.D., C. S. Weston J.D., F. G. A. Kummer and G. Thorne jun. Stewards, and C. Porter Tyler. After the installation service, the brethren sat down to an admirably prepared spread, laid by Bro. Hood, to which ample justice was rendered.

The installation of officers of the Lodge United Service (I.C.), took place at the Lodge Room, Masonic Hotel, on 28th December. There was a fair attendance of members of the Lodge and visiting brethren. Amongst the latter were Bros. G. P. Pierce R.W.P.G.M. (I.C.), G. S. Graham R.W.D.G.M. (E.C.), Cole W.M. Lodge Waitemata, and other dignitaries of the Order. Bro. Redfern opened the Lodge and raised it, after which Bro. P. M. Burns, who had been appointed Installing Officer, installed and invested Bro. Francis Roycroft W.M. The ceremony was conducted in a highly dignified and impressive manner, as were also the subsequent charges, &c., which were delivered by Bro. Burns. Bro. the W.M. elect being himself installed, then invested the following Lodge Officers:—Bros. J. Goodacre S.W., W. J. Salter J.W., Batt P.M. Treasurer, Burns P.M. Secretary, B. Holmes S.D., D. Hamilton J.D., Melton and Sutherland Stewards. The proceedings having terminated and the Lodge closed, the brethren adjourned to an admirably served repast, which was laid in the hotel dining room.

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According to ancient custom the members of the Tongariro Masonic Lodge, English Constitution, assembled within the walls of their Lodge room, on the evening of St. John's Day, to assist in the installation of office bearers for the ensuing year. The attendance of members was unusually numerous, and included many visitors from sister Lodges. The choice of the members this year fell upon Bro. Edward Hardcastle, the respected R.M. of the district, and we think the brethren of the Craft may be congratulated upon obtaining the services of so able a Master. The retiring Master, Bro. John Fleetwood, acted as Installing Officer, and was assisted by Bro. J. W. Robinson, as Director of Ceremonies. The following brethren were then formally installed in their respective chairs:—Bros. Edward Hardcastle W.M., Edward Wright S.W., J. P. Watt J.W., J. G. Woon S.D., J. D. Tripe J.D., B. N. Manley I.G., T. Read Tyler, C. H. Ashforth Secretary, J. Bridge Treasurer, and J. R. Rees Chaplain. The choral service was supplied by Bros. J. G. Woon, J. G. Baker, Culpan, Holden, and Sheriff, with Bro. Crawford presiding at the harmonium. The impressive ceremony of installation was carried through with excellent effect.

During the evening the Installing Officer took occasion to present to the Secretary, Bro. C. H. Ashforth, a testimonial expressive of the esteem in which that brother was held by the members of the Tongariro Lodge. The testimonial was in the form of a very valuable and handsome gold watch, bearing the following inscription:—"'Fidelis usque ad mortem.' Presented as a souvenir to Bro. C. H. Ashforth, by the members of the Tongariro Lodge No. 705 E.C., after nine years zealous services as Secretary. St. John's Day, 27th December 1877, Wanganui, N.Z." Bro. Fleetwood, in making the presentation, said the testimonial only expressed the unanimous feeling of the members, and was a token of their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by their Secretary during the many years he had filled that important office. He trusted that Bro. Ashforth would long retain his post, as he felt sure he would always retain the respect and good will of the brethren. Bro. Ashforth acknowledged the receipt of the testimonial in appropriate terms. He said that the services he had rendered the Lodge had always been given with great personal pleasure. He felt exceedingly grateful to the members for their substantial mark of esteem, and trusted that he would long be spared to continue in office as Secretary.

The installation having been duly completed, the brethren adjourned to Bro. Howe's Commercial Hotel, where a banquet had been prepared in a manner befitting the reputation of this hostelry. The chair was occupied by the W.M. Bro. Hardcastle, supported by Bros. H. S. Harrison, W. H. Watt, Major Noake, and C. H. Borlase. The toast list embraced the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, and also the special toast of "Secretary, Bro. Ashforth," which was proposed by Major Noake. The speaker referred in eulogistic terms to the lengthy services of the Secretary, and the admirable manner in which the duties of the office had been carried out. He (Major Noake) being one of the earliest members of the Lodge could speak with some authority on the subject, and therefore it afforded him the very greatest pleasure in proposing the toast. Bro. Ashforth, in responding, again thanked the members for their confidence and good wishes.

The brethren separated after spending a very enjoyable reunion.

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The installation of Master and Officers of the Lodge of St. John, took place in the Masonic Hall, Kelvin-street, Invercargill, on 20th December last. It speaks wonders for the growth and vitality of Freemasonry when it can be stated of this, one of the youngest daughters of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, that in the small space of eight months it has grown to a membership of about forty-five, well on for half of that number having been initiated in the Lodge itself. The meeting was presided over by Bro. Henry Feldwick, the retiring R.W.M., who also acted as Installing Master, honoured by having for his supporter no less distinguished a Mason than Bro. William Caldwell P.M. No. 432 S.C., a Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and 33°; he was also assisted by P.M.'s Wade and Jacobs of Lodge St. John, Bro. A. C. Henderson W.M. of the Southern Cross Lodge E.C., P.M.'s Bros. W. Craig, W. Moffet, and J. T. Martin, and Bro. F. H. Monckton W.M. of the Aparima Lodge E.C.; Bro. Chapman Jacobs acted as Director of Ceremonies, the Rev. W. H. Dean, Chaplain of the Southern Cross Lodge, as Chaplain, and Bro. John Feldwick presided at the organ. The R.W.M. elect, Bro. Horatio Wragge, having been introduced to the Installing Master, was duly installed, and subsequently saluted by the members in their various degrees. The other officers were then invested and instructed in their duties, which being done, Past Master Bro. Caldwell delivered to the Master, Wardens, and fellows, eloquent, though eminently practical addresses on the duties they owed to each other, and to the Craft in general. The newly installed Master then returned thanks to the presiding officer, the Hundredth Psalm was sung, and the ceremony of installation brought to a close by a prayer offered by the Acting Chaplain. The following is the complete list of Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Horatio Wragge R.W.M., Henry Feldwick I.P.M., J. H. Kerr D.M., E. R. C. Bowen S.M., F. W. Burwell S.W., D. Hunter J.W., Chapman Jacobs P.M. Treas., John Thomson Secretary, George M'Leod S.D., R. Gilchrist J.D., John Feldwick Organist, Thomas Findlay I.G., A. Munro Tyler. After the installation, the usual votes of thanks were returned—to P.M. Bro. Caldwell, who had kindly attended from Dunedin, and another to the members of the Southern Cross Lodge for the use of their fine hall. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren thereafter adjourned to their own hall, in rear of the Prince of Wales Hotel, where a repast was served by Bro. Richard Powell in a style that could not have been surpassed anywhere.

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## HONOURS TO A PLYMOUTH FREEMASON.

AT the last meeting of the Cornwall Rose Croix Chapter, held at the new Public Rooms, Truro, the Rev. George Rose, M.A., M.W.S. in the chair. It was proposed by Bro. William James Hughan 30° P.M. W.S., seconded by Bro. Colonel John W. Peard 30° P.M. W.S., and agreed to by a unanimous vote, that—

"In appreciation of his valued services to this Chapter, from its inauguration in 1875 to the present, Bro. Richard Rodda P.M. W.S. of the Huyshe Chapter, Plymouth, be elected the Premier Honorary Member of the first class."

We congratulate our distinguished Brother on such a special mark of confidence and good will, especially under such happy auspices, and as we hear effect is to be given to the vote by having it illuminated, we are glad to know the fact will be pleasantly and permanently chronicled.

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**Lodge of Israel, Liverpool, No. 1502.**—The third Annual Ball in connection with this flourishing Lodge took place on the 13th inst., at the Adelphi Hotel, and the well-known enthusiasm of the brethren at the head of affairs was conspicuously displayed, inasmuch as a most enjoyable and successful gathering was the result. The ball was in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge (the first introduced into this province), which has now at its disposal no less a sum than £150. The arrangements were admirably carried out by the committee, which, among others, comprised Bros. Alex. Jones W.M., A. I. Henochsberg I.P.M., R. Robinson P.M., A. Lyons Treasurer, B. Woolf, S. Schonstadt S.W., and H. M. Silver Hon. Sec. There were in all about 170 present, the brethren appearing in full Masonic clothing. The supper and refreshments were of a most *recherché* character. Great praise is due to the excellent manner the entire arrangements were carried out by the band of Stewards, headed by their indefatigable Captain. Bros. A. I. Henochsberg P.M., S. I. Henochsberg S.D., and A. Hart were untiring in their duties as M.C.'s.

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### LODGE VICTORIA IN BURMAH.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In my communication of the 28th October last, I explained to you the proceedings which had taken place relating to the exclusion of Bros. A. L. Vaillant, T. N. Seymour, J. C. Jordan, E. P. Dover, and J. C. Marsh from Lodge Victoria in Burmah, No. 832, in consequence of their having opposed the election and installation of Bro. the Rev. J. E. Marks, and if I mistake not you have received copies of the papers relating thereto. You were pleased to express an opinion in the columns of your paper favourable to the contention of these brethren. You are aware that at the Quarterly Communication of the 5th December last, the Grand Lodge was pleased to decide, that Bro. the Rev. J. E. Marks election and installation (he not having served the office of Warden for a whole year) was illegal and invalid, and peremptorily directed the restoration of the excluded brethren to Lodge No. 832. The Grand Secretary communicated the result of the appeal direct to the appellants, and to the W.M. of No. 832, which communication was received on the 10th instant. At the next regular meeting of the Lodge, on the 11th inst. (which, by a singular coincidence, was the very day and occasion last year on which the charges were brought against these brethren), the five brethren presented themselves at their Lodge, and requested to be allowed to take their places in the Lodge, when they were informed by a P.M., who is also the D.D.G.M., the I.P.M. being also present, that their attendance at Lodge was premature, and that they could not be admitted; the brethren pleaded the peremptory orders of the Grand Lodge, that they had come in a friendly spirit, &c., but all to no purpose. It was admitted that similar orders had been received from the Grand Lodge, but these could not be attended to, as the Grand Lodge had based its decision in ignorance, and had made some mistake in procedure, so the brethren had to go back, looking considerably small, disappointed and crest fallen. If the Lodge now appeals to the Grand Lodge against its own ruling, months will elapse before these brethren will or may be restored to their full privileges. Dear Brother, what do you call this, contumacy or rebellion? What is the punishment?

It is worthy of note that when the Lodge was opened, and the W.M. elect had been installed, the Grand Secretary's letter was read and disposed of as above reported, although the W.M. had only a few minutes before sworn "strictly to conform to every Edict of the Grand Lodge!" Alas! how lightly do such obligations set upon the consciences of some.

In my last communication I concluded thus—"So Masonic irregularity and official high handedness join hands, and pursue a crooked career, knowing that no one, not even the District Grand Master can or will intervene. This is a sad, but truthful state of affairs in this district at present, and yet I fail to see any escape from such a chaotic condition." Is not the above an exemplification of what I have already stated? I understand an appeal will be made to the District Grand Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

A LOOKER ON.

RANGOON, 19th Jan. 1878.

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### HOW TO PROVIDE FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE CHARITIES.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I put a solution of this simple problem before my brethren with the hope that every one who has moral courage will exert himself to condemn a wrong; and having recognised the right course, will pursue it to the end.

Let the Charities have your first consideration and support, and make everything subservient to them. This will meet the case without any difficulty, and without any brother having to subscribe an extra penny.

A case has been brought to my notice where £230 was spent on refreshments, and £4 on the Charities. I ask, is not this a case of gross improvidence? and does it not show that brethren of honourable and religious motives should seek to reform this terrible abuse, by which so many thousands of the funds of our Lodges are prostituted to purposes opposed to the sublime principles of Masonry?

A brother may be in wealthy circumstances to-day, to-morrow he may lose his appointment, however lucrative, through indiscretion or other causes. His bank may break; his business fail; his life may be prematurely taken, and his widow and fatherless children may be left on the mercy of the world. Are these questions unworthy of consideration? and are they not suggested by a proper feeling towards those bound to us by the most sacred ties?

Brethren whose health is their capital, and who move in a humble sphere, will see that they stand on the edge of the precipice, close to penury, and it behoves them to be provident.

I would say to such, Seek to know the amount spent last year on refreshments and on the Charities. You know not what day may make your wife a widow.

I anticipate the disfavour my appeal will meet with, but the honest brother who looks to himself, his family, and the Charities, will rightly appreciate my motive. I feel I am discharging a conscientious duty to God, the Craft, and the Charities by making this appeal, which I do with as much earnestness as affection.

It may be asked what I would have done. Let the brethren decide to meet every legitimate case of distress that arises. The Secretaries of our Institutions, having access to the Grand Lodge Register—with the number of members in each Lodge—can easily apportion the amount required, and send to the various Lodges particulars of the sum wanted. The Lodges should then vote the amounts from their funds. By this course no individual would be taxed, but refreshments should be limited, after due provision had been made for the requirements of the Charities. I trust I shall not appeal in vain when I urge the brethren not to throw away their funds.

Surely, whilst God is bountifully helping us, we ought to help ourselves.

The Grand Officers, the Provincial Grand Officers, the Clergy, and all who wish to reform the abuses, and uphold the *prestige* and high character of Masonry will not fail, I am sure, to use their influence to promote the exercise of heaven-born charity.

Brethren, the adoption of the course I commend to you will help to relieve your anxiety when your dying hour shall come. For the honour of the Most High, for the good of these excellent Charities, and for the interest of those most near and dear to you, be united; persevere, and may God fully reward you.

I am, &c.

W. DARLEY P.M.

12 Batsfoot Road, Deptford.
18th February 1878.

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**Traduction.**

### A.·. L.·. G.·. D.·. G.·. A.·. D.·. l'Univ.·.

GRAND ORIENT DE FRANCE.

O.·. de Paris, le 30 Janr. 1878, E.·. V.·.

Au E.·. C.·. F.·. Loth, Garant d'amitié du Gr.·. O.·. de France près la Grande Loge d'Ecosse.

SIR AND DEAR BROTHER,—You ask if a candidate who should, on presenting himself to a Lodge, declare that he is an Atheist, and does not believe in the G.A.O.T.U., would be admitted? Here is my answer:

1. French Masonry does not believe that there exists Atheists in the *absolute* sense of the word.

2. It believes there are among men different ways of conceiving and comprehending the existence of a Supreme Law or a Supreme Being.

3. Proclaiming liberty of conscience as the birthright of everyone, it thus thinks that it cannot impose any particular religious belief.

4. It leaves upon these delicate questions every member free, and excludes none on account of religious persuasions.

5. Not having to ask a candidate whether he believes or not in God, since it would have been necessary to make some sort of definition in reference to the matter (a thing which has always led to some very regrettable discussions), French Masonry will not have to discuss the question you put, as such a question would not, under present circumstances, have its *raison d'etre*, and, therefore, could not logically be raised in Lodge.

6. It is in this view, and to appease all minds, in the body of the Lodges under our jurisdiction, that a modification of our Constitution took place.

7. However, if despite of all, such a case as the one referred to should present itself, the Lodge certainly would not fail to consider whether it is in the presence of a "stupid atheist or a vain bully," *(fanfaron vaintenx)*, or before a mind whose superior acquirements might justify an exception in his behalf. It is thus that Gr. O. formerly counted among its illustrious members the eminent astronomer Lalande, and the great philosopher Helvétius, and others, who openly professed atheistic principles.

8. I have already told you, Dear Brother, and I repeat, nothing has been changed in the practices of French Masonry. Without troubling itself with religious beliefs, and disclaiming to lay on any restriction, it admits into its bosom all good men following the moral law, according to the spirit as well as the letter of the old Masonic Charter, and the rule laid down by Anderson.

9. Not being a religion, it has suppressed from its constitution a dogmatic formula that in 1849 cropped in; a formula which seemed to make of the French Rite a particular one, as it was written neither in the Masonic Code of England, Ireland, or Scotland, nor in that of any other country!

10. Being neither Atheist nor materialistic, as is proved by its official declarations, the Grand Orient has preserved, without, however, making it obligatory, the old Masonic motto—"A la gloire du Grand Architecte de l'Univers"—which is as much scientific and philosophic as, perhaps, religious, whether it be considered as a figurative allusion to our Grand Master Hiram, or as a glorification of labour, that labour which, by the French Constitutions, is imposed upon all true Masons.

I could not, Dear Brother, personally resolve the question you put me otherwise than by the above explanations; and I trust that you will find them satisfactory, and that they will have an echo in many hearts and minds.

Receive, Dear Brother, the assurance of my devoted and fraternal feelings.

Le chef du Secretariat,

THEVENOT.

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HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases of the skin, ringworm, scurvy, jaundice, scrofula, or king's evil, sore heads, and the most inveterate skin disease to which the human frame is subject, cannot be treated with a more safe and certain remedy than Holloway's Ointment and Pills, which act so peculiarly on the constitution, and so purify the blood, that these diseases are at once eradicated from the system, and a lasting cure obtained. They are equally efficacious in the cure of tumours, burns, scalds, glandular swellings, ulcerous wounds, rheumatism, contracted and stiff joints. These medicines operate mildly as well as clearly. The cures effected by them are not temporary or apparently, but complete and permanent.

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## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Polish National Lodge, No. 534.** — On Thursday, the 14th inst., the brethren of this Lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when the following Officers were present:—Bros. Cumming W.M., Rath I.P.M., Ebner S.W., Aspinall J.W., Boyd P.M. Treas., Paas P.M. Sec., Taylor S.D., Dr. Jagielski J.D., Dr. Corrie Jackson I.G., Lancaster D.C., together with several Past Masters. The Visitors were Bros. Saegert P.M. 548, Alais P.M. 834, Thomas 969, J. Boyd 23, Hasler 610, Hayes 619, Smith 228, Milinson 1201, Jekyll 1319. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, it was then advanced, and Bro. Bryant was raised. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and the W.M. presented Bro. Bryant with the distinctive jewel which the members of the Polish National Lodge, by the special permission of the Grand Lodge of England, are allowed to wear. He called on Bro. Rath I.P.M. to explain to Bro. Bryant the peculiar meaning of the decoration. This Bro. Rath did in the following words: Bro. Bryant,—In giving into your custody the jewel of our Lodge, and by placing the same on your breast, I am conferring on you an honour of which you may justly be proud. There are not many Lodges, either in England or elsewhere, which are so distinguished. The jewel of the Snow White Eagle, with wings spread heavenward, is a token of so exceptional a favour that when you come to understand its real meaning you will be doubly proud to wear it. A White Eagle is but an heraldic symbol, but this represents the Polish National Eagle, and it must in your heart signify the token of honour, and of steady resistance, even unto death, to all oppressors of liberty. Let its symbolic wings always remind you of the undying spirit of freedom, love, and charity to all men, of whatsoever nationality or creed. Let its silvery white colour be a mark of singleness of purpose, disinterestedness of aim, and purity of motive. Let the fact of its being an eagle remind you that it is the kingly bird which was privileged to stand by the side of Jupiter, to carry the thunder, and, while it is strong and mighty, it soars superior to low passion and narrow minded motives. The W.M., in the name of the Lodge, thanked the I.P.M. for his kindness. There was now another matter which engaged the attention of the brethren—namely, the presentation, by the W.M., in the name of the Lodge, of the Commander's White Eagle to the I.P.M. The W.M. in a few words reminded the brethren that it was the first time in the history of the Lodge that such a distinction had ever been paid to a P.M. The gift was made to show how they appreciated the noble conduct of Bro. Rath during his year of office; he concluded by hoping that he (Bro. Rath) might live many years to wear it. Bro. Rath felt as though the kindness and consideration of the brethren towards him, knew no limits. The honour which they had that night conferred on him, by the presentation of the Commander's White Eagle, filled his breast with sentiments, to express which his lips refused to find words sufficiently suitable. The honour of the Commander's Eagle had been conferred on but few. It had been far from his hopes and expectations ever to attain it when he first entered on his duties in the chair. In looking back on his term of office, he could but ask himself what had he done to merit such a distinction? He could not find an answer; except, perhaps, that he had struck out boldly to accomplish his work. If Eagles were the true symbols of merit, then the Polish Eagle, for which he entertained such feelings of veneration, on account of its great historical value, was certainly the one distinction which he should esteem most; and, far from daring to be the Commander of the heraldic King, he would on all occasions, when his zeal for charity, humanity, or any other Masonic precept should fail him, fly for protection and shelter under the mighty wings of this "Prince of the Spheres," so that it might, with a few flaps of its powerful wings, lift him again into those pure regions were all sordid considerations of self vanish, and where nothing but noble instincts and the loftiest of all virtues, the disinterested love of our fellow man, reigns supreme. Bro. Rath concluded by once more thanking the brethren for their generous gift, of which he should never cease to be proud. The Lodge then voted ten guineas each to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, to be placed respectively on the lists of Bros. Rath and Boyd, who are Stewards for those Institutions. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was provided in Bro. Best's first class style. After the Loyal toasts the gavel was entrusted to Bro. Rath, who proposed the health of the W.M. All were eager to do honour to the toast of the Master. His (the speaker's) task was therefore a light one. In one respect, however, he felt some diffidence, inasmuch as the brethren of the Lodge had grown to be such excellent spokesmen and orators that it became more and more difficult to say any thing which should prove worthy of their attention. If he dismissed the subject with a few neatly turned phrases, none would be the worse for it, and he might be contented thus to have fulfilled his duty. But the W.M. had toiled and worked for the weal of this community for seven long years, until he attained the summit of the ladder, and he is doing his utmost during his tenure to hold and keep them together by the bonds of friendship and goodwill. There is no doubt that we have sailed through the greater part of our present year in as pleasant a manner as we could possibly have wished, and from day to day our happiness and comfort has been increasing. If this is not a sign of ability on the part of the head of this republic, and of qualities well befitting the ruler of a Lodge, he was unable to find any. Where all were glad to be happy, where not a discordant sound is to be heard, where, in fact, life flows in an even and prosperous stream, there surely good men abide,—

"Wo man singt da lass dich nieder,
Böse menschen haben keine lieder!"

A truism of the divine Schiller he was anxious to apply to the Lodge.

"Abide where people laugh and sing,
For wicked spirits have no such thing."

This was the sum total of praise which they could that night bestow on the W.M., and he trusted that they would thereby make him as happy as he had endeavoured to make them. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the flattering way in which they had received the toast, and assured them that he had the interest of the Polish National Lodge at heart. He had always endeavoured to promote harmony and good fellowship at the different meetings of the members, and trusted that he had given the brethren satisfaction. He then asked the brethren to drink the health of the I.P.M., and briefly reminded them how Bro. Rath had striven to uphold and maintain the character of the Lodge during his year of Mastership. Bro. Rath acknowledged with thanks the kind sentiment expressed by the W.M., and to which the members had so heartily responded. In Masonry we have our symbols—the Sun, the Moon, and the Master of the Lodge. Now the Sun, of course, is the centre of our system, and whether from a dread of being lonely, or because he is too aristocratic a planet, he has an attendant attached to his body, which is the Moon; the pale Moon, who looks like the powdered footman of a grand lady, revolving round and round a centre of attraction, and borrowing all his lustre from the fountain of light. If, however, the Moon has but a secondary position in this great system of globes, her influence is none the less great. Why, does not the heart of this earth beat towards the Moon, through the palpitation of the sea, in an unceasing ebb and flow? And who has ever been in love and not appealed to the help of the benevolent Moon? Are not stanzas and rhymes made to the moon? Is not she the bearer of innumerable love letters? And, perhaps, if the truth were known, we might find out many a love letter which has slipped through her fingers from an ardent planet into the hands of Master Sun. The place of the Moon is thus such a one of which anybody might feel proud, and I am thinking that, having been placed next to the W.M., who represents the Sun, and been entrusted with the duties of the Moon, I may rest perfectly contented with what little I can do. If, in acting as chaperon I have been able to please the W.M. and brethren, I feel that I am amply rewarded. The Health of the Visitors was coupled with the names of P.M.'s Saegert and Alais, who suitably responded. The Health of the Officers was well received, and responded to by Bro. Jagielski. During the evening, some excellent songs and recitations were given by the brethren. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

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**Eleanor Lodge of Instruction, No. 1707.**—At a meeting held at the Angel Hotel, Edmonton, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—Bros. Turquand P.M. 1556 W.M., Pinder P.M. 15 and 1662 S.W., Christian W.M. 1662 J.W., Tanner W.M. 1707 I.P.M.

First Lecture—First section, Bro. Hunt 1662; second section, Bro. Pringle 781; third section, Bro. Francis S.D. 1685; fourth section, Bro. Christian W.M. 1662; fifth section, Bro. Killick W.M. 1693; sixth section, Bro. Andrews S.D. 1227; seventh section, Bro. Hewlett 141.

Second Lecture—First section, Bro. Brasted 1524; second section, Bro. Powell J.W. 184; third section, Bro. Garrod 785; fourth section, Bro. Pinder P.M. 15, 1662; fifth section, Bro. Garnett J.D. 1701.

Third Lecture—First section, Bro. Tanner W.M. 1707; second section, Bro. Garnett J.D. 1662; third section, Bro. Taylor D.C. 554.

The working throughout was marked by the proficiency of each brother who took part on this occasion. At the close, Bro. Turquand was complimented (and that deservedly) for the efficient manner in which he had conducted the lectures, and as a mark of respect was elected an honorary member, as also was Bros. Pinder and Christian, who ably assisted him. A vote of thanks was recorded to the remainder of the brethren. There was a good attendance, and several brethren present expressed the pleasure they had experienced in being present. Thus terminated a most enjoyable evening.

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We are informed that it is the intention of the brethren of the Lodges in Canterbury, namely, United Industrious, No. 31, Saint Augustine, No. 972, and Royal Military, No. 1449, to invite the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent to hold their Annual Festival for this year in that fine old city. Twenty-one years have elapsed since Prov. Grand Lodge assembled there, and several circumstances combine to make this a most fitting opportunity for the visit to be repeated. The three Lodges, amongst whom a most fraternal feeling exists, will send a joint invite, and it is intended that a right royal reception shall be accorded to the Craft. There is no place in Kent in which such conveniences exist, and which has such ample accommodation for large gatherings. Moreover, Canterbury is easy of access from all parts of the Province, and in the event of the invitation being accepted we anticipate the muster of brethren will be larger than has ever yet taken in Kent.

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The Ball of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, will take place at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Monday, 4th March next. Bro. T. Adams's celebrated quadrille band is engaged, and dancing will commence at 9 o'clock. The charge for tickets, which will include refreshments and supper, are for ladies 10s 6d, gentlemen 12s 6d.

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At the Festival on the 13th inst. a part of an Arch Jewel was lost either in the Banquetting Hall, or in the Temple. The finder will oblige if he will forward the same to our Office.—Ed. F.C.

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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THOUGH there is great anxiety in Parliament, there is little to record of moment in connection with the one absorbing topic of the day. In the House of Lords on Thursday last, the Earl of Derby was questioned as to the passage of the Dardanelles by our Fleet, and made answer in accordance with what he knew. The Lord Chancellor afterwards moved the first reading of a Bill on Territorial Waters. On Friday, Lord Stratheden and Campbell gave notice of his intention to move a certain resolution on Monday; but when that day arrived, the Earl of Derby pressed his lordship not to bring it forward, stating that in the event of his persisting, it would be the duty of the Government to support the previous question. Earl Granville spoke in a somewhat similar strain, and so the resolution was not moved. The same evening, other questions bearing on the Eastern Crisis were asked and answered, or not answered, according to the exigencies of the service. On Tuesday, the Foreign Secretary felt it his duty to decline giving any information in reply to a question by the Duke of Argyll.

In the House of Commons, very similar questions have been put by different members. On Thursday, after the Chancellor of the Exchequer had replied to sundry of these, Mr. E. Jenkins delivered himself of a speech on the second reading of the Consolidated Fund (£6,000,000) Bill. He would have done better to have held his tongue. When this and the Exchequer Bonds, &c., Bill had received a second reading, Mr. Sclater Booth rose and moved the second reading of the County Government Bill, the debate, on the motion of Lord E. Fitzmaurice, being adjourned to Monday. During the rest of the sitting, the House was in committee on the Irish Closing Bill. On Friday, after the usual array of questions had been disposed of, Mr. O. Morgan rose and moved his resolutions on the Burial Question. This occupied the greater part of the evening, and on a division, Mr. Morgan was defeated by 242 to 227, the result causing the Opposition to cheer loudly. On Monday, the adjourned debate on the County Government Bill was resumed, and in the result the Government carried the second reading by 231 to 63. On Tuesday, a resolution was moved by Mr. Meldon on the subject of the Borough Franchise, and though opposed by the Government, it was only by the narrow majority of eight that he was beaten, the numbers being—for Mr. Meldon's resolution, 126; against it, 134. The same evening, the second reading of Sir John Lubbock's Ancient Monuments Bill was carried by 64 to 56—majority eight. On Wednesday, the second reading of the Waste Lands (Ireland) Bill was moved by Mr. MacCarthy, but was opposed by the Government, Mr. James Lowther appearing for the first time as Irish Secretary, and on a division, was lost by 147 to 118.

The Queen with the Princess Beatrice, and attended by the members of the Court, left Osborne for Windsor, on Friday. She reached the Castle at a quarter past two p.m., and shortly afterwards the Earl of Beaconsfield arrived and had an audience of Her Majesty. Yesterday was fixed for Her Majesty to hold a Council, and on Thursday next she will hold a Court at Buckingham Palace. A levee is also announced to be held on the 11th March, by the Prince of Wales on behalf of Her Majesty. His Royal Highness and his brother the Duke of Connaught left London last week for Berlin, in order to be present at the marriage of their niece, Princess Charlotte of Prussia, with the hereditary Prince of Meiningen, and of the Princess Elizabeth, daughter of Prince Frederick Charles, the Red Prince of the Franco-German war, with the hereditary Prince of Oldenberg. Their Royal Highnesses reached Berlin on Friday last, and the marriages were solemnised on Monday, in the Chapel of the Royal Castle, in the presence of the Emperor and Empress of Germany, all the Prussian Princes and Princesses, the King and Queen of the Belgians, the English Princes, and a number of German Princes. After the ceremony, the newly-married couples received the congratulations of their parents and the assembled Princes. Supper was then served, and after supper came the torch dance in the White Hall, and in which the brides and bridegrooms walked through the Hall some twenty times. The event was marked in England by a Royal Salute of Osborne House, by H.M. Ironclad "Hector," on the day of the marriages. Among the presents, which the Queen gave her grand-daughters, were a pair of pearl and diamond earrings, a dress trimmed with Honiton lace, and a quantity of stuffs of Irish and Scotch manufacture.

There was a brilliant gathering on Tuesday, at the meeting held that day at Hopping Hill, Lamport, near Southampton, under the auspices of the Pytchley Hunt, among those present being the Empress of Austria, the Princess of Wales, the Crown Prince and suite, the Duke of Teck, and Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, the Duke of Grafton, the Earl and Countess Granville, the Earl and Countess Spencer, the Countess of Westmoreland, Lord Suffield, &c., &c. The Empress of Austria presented two cups. One, value £120 for hunters not tenant-farmers, was won by Captain Middleton's Piccadilly, the other, value of £80 (with £100 added), for tenant-farmer hunters, was won by Mr. Watson of Bedford. The Kelmarsh Challenge Cup, value £150, was won by Captain Manning's Twilight, the Pytchley

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Hunt Cup, by Captain Middleton's Minotaur—this was however disqualified by losing a weight—and the Selling Stakes by Goldcoast, the property of Captain Soames of Scaldwell, Hon. Secretary to the Hunt. Her Imperial Majesty left Cottesbrooke for London the day following, and set off immediately for the Continent, travelling *vid* Calais to Vienna. Her son, the Imperial Crown Prince, was at a grand ball on Thursday, given at Kimbolton Castle, by the Duke and Duchess of Manchester. Yesterday he was to have visited the Queen at Windsor, and to-morrow, he will leave England on his return home.

Warlike preparations are being urged forward with all possible rapidity in all our dockyards and at Woolwich Arsenal. Stores are being shipped off to the Mediterranean for Malta and the fleet as fast as the transports can be loaded. Orders are being given to various contractors for the supply of waggons, stabling, &c., &c. A Government agent has been this week at Bristol with instructions to purchase 5,000 horses, at, it is said, £50 each. All our vessels of war, ironclads and gunboats, and every class of intermediate vessel, are being got ready, and several battalions at Aldershot are at once to receive their regimental transport such as they require for a campaign. The men at our dockyards are working overtime; in fact, there is no doubt about the earnestness with which our preparations to meet all eventualities are being pressed forward, and there is equally no doubt that a very considerable hole will be made in the six millions voted by the Parliament for this special service between now and the 31st March. Our Mediterranean Fleet, moreover, is now reinforced by the Channel squadron, consisting of four huge ironclads, the Minotaur (flagship), Black Prince, Resistance, and Shannon. Thus, if war should unfortunately come, it will not be the fault of the Government if John Bull is not in good fighting trim, far better, indeed, than we were when the Crimean war broke out.

Of course, meetings continue to be held, the majority of them being with a view to support the Government. One took place on Saturday afternoon in Trafalgar-square, when from 2,000 to 4,000 were gathered together, and resolutions were passed in favour of the Government. One is fixed for to-morrow (Sunday) in Hyde Park, and one was to have been held at the Agricultural Hall on Thursday, when Mr. Gladstone and some of his supporters were to have been present and addressed the people. However, the conveners thought it would be better to postpone it. We think they acted wisely in so doing, for there was every probability of a shindy taking place, as is evident from the fact that the police had made great preparations, and were to be present outside the Hall in considerable force.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress attended in State on Saturday last at the Alexandra Palace, when a grand entertainment was given in aid of the victims of the war, the whole of the proceeds, after actual expenses had been paid being handed to the Committee acting under his lordship for the Baroness Burdett-Coutts' Compassionate Fund. The entertainment was on a most extensive scale, and included a ballad concert in the Central Hall, dramatic performance, with the transformation scene of the pantomime—Vertumna and the Swallows—Mr. Conquest, the first act of the Pink Dominoes, patriotic songs, the Mohawk Minstrels, and the British Army Quadrilles, which last awakened the most intense enthusiasm amongst the audience. The whole concluded with a grand display of fireworks by Mr. James Pain.

The thirteenth annual report of the Trustees of the Peabody Fund is very satisfactory. They mention that a sum of £12,065 has been received from an anonymous source towards the general purposes of the fund, the amount of which, at the end of the year 1876, was £643,316, and by the end of the year 1877 had been increased to £677,165. £72,627 had been spent during the year in the purchase of freehold property, and the erection of new buildings. Of this £25,000 was paid for Rochester Buildings, Old Pye Street, the property belonging to Mrs. William Gibbs, who sold it far below its real value, as she felt it would be better managed by the Peabody Fund. The trustees up to the present time have provided accommodation for 2,341 families, numbering upwards of 10,000 persons, The weekly earnings of the heads of these families ranged from £1 0s 10d in Shadwell to £1 6s 3d in Southwark, the average rent being 4s 2d per week. The net income derived from the occupied buildings is about 3½ per cent. per annum upon the cost. The number of persons in residence at the end of last year was 8,658, and the death rate 20·3 per 1,000.

Cabinet Councils were held on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and no wonder, considering how critical a state of things prevails in the political world, and that at any moment we may wake up and find ourselves engaged in war with Russia. However some silly people, like Sir Wilfrid Lawson, the Parliamentary temperance leader, may try to ridicule the efforts of Ministers to steer the vessel of the State through the perils to which she is surrounded, there is little doubt the great majority of the nation have the greatest confidence in their zeal and anxiety to preserve the honour and interests of Old England. Some of the most influential Liberals have given their adhesion to the Government.

Pope Pius IX. is dead, and another Pope, by the title of Leo XIII., occupies the Chair of St. Peter in his stead. The new Pope was chosen on Wednesday, the Cardinals having met in secret conclave the day previous. The Pope Elect is Cardinal Pecci, and according to the different accounts we have seen, His Holiness appears to be a man admirably suited, by birth, culture and mind, for the exalted position he is to hold. Leo XIII. was born in 1810, and is therefore in the full maturity of his powers.

The speech of Prince Bismarck on Tuesday in the German Parliament was looked forward to with amazing interest by the whole of Europe, but now it has been uttered, no one seems to know exactly what to make of it. Or rather, perhaps, everybody may read it any way he chooses to interpret it. The gist of the speech appears, so far as it is possible to probe it, that he is friendly with Austria, and has no feeling of antagonism towards England. Peace, he thinks, will come, and he is resolved to do nothing, and will advise the Emperor to do nothing, but watch, as heretofore, over German interests. It will be only when these are affected that the Prince will feel it his duty to counsel his Imperial Master to draw the sword in their defence. The same day the Austrian Reichstag and the Hungarian Diet met, and in both houses the Ministers present expressed the views of the Emperor as to the crisis. In both these speeches, there will be noticed the greatest clearness and precision. Both Prince Auersperg in the Reichstag, and Herr Tisza in the Diet, declared there were certain of the peace preliminaries which it would be impossible to reconcile with the safety of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, and that no conditions would be accepted which in any way affected the security of the people. Now it is certain that as the peace preliminaries stand now, Austro-Hungary would be ruined if they were permitted to remain. It is possible, therefore, that though Austria may not make common cause with this country, she has yet further and greater complications for her with Russia in store.

As to the state of things in the East, peace negotiations between Russia and Turkey are still in progress, though the latter can do little but sign any terms that may be demanded cannot but be very clearly seen. Constantinople is at the mercy of the invader, for the lines, which might have offered a strenuous resistance for some months to come, have been virtually surrendered to the enemy, or rather, the Turks have given up all idea of defending them, and the Czar's forces are so close at hand that there is nothing to prevent them advancing and taking possession of them without firing a shot. Meanwhile, there is no doubt that Russia is continually pouring fresh troops into Roumania, that she is hastening the manufacture of torpedoes, supplying her armies in Bulgaria and Roumelia with fresh ammunition and supplies of all kinds. Where her money comes from is not very material. Either that or credit must be at her disposal, or the efforts she is making could not last a week. In Asia the latest news is that the Turks had gained some advantages, but intelligence had at length arrived of the signature of the armistice, and military operations were therefore immediately stopped. However, it is the political not the military aspect of things which is uppermost in the minds of every class of people, and there is no good attempting to shut our eyes to the fact that, to use a common expression, there will be a pretty kettle of fish to fry. Roumania, who came so gallantly forward to assist the Czar in his greatest difficulties last summer, is growing more and more dissatisfied with the treatment she is receiving back. There is no concealment that Russia will take back Roumanian Bessarabia if Austria will allow it. Moreover, the Roumanian railways are virtually taken possession of by Russia, and the Czar's

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ally is thus virtually made his slave. Servia too is dissatisfied that her claims are made so light of. Then there is the insurrection still raging in Thessaly, where, according to all accounts, the insurgents seem to be inflicting defeat after defeat on the Turks. As regards the English Fleet, six huge ironclads and as many smaller vessels of war have passed the Dardanelles. Two of the former are off Gallipoli, guarding and keeping open the Straits, and four are about fifteen miles from Constantinople. Some of our despatch boats are in the Bosphorus, and another portion of our Fleet is in Besika Bay, just outside the Dardanelles. But what will be the upshot of all these complications it is impossible to tell. We can but go on hoping that Europe will be spared another and more terrible war than any that has raged in it this century.

## LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. The three chairs were occupied by Bros. J. M. Clabon, Joshua Nunn, and James Brett. Bro. John Hervey attended as G.S., Bro. H. G. Buss as Assistant Grand Secretary, and Bro. A. A. Pendlebury as clerk. Among the other brethren were Bros. S. Rawson, James Mason, J. M. Case, Col. Burney, Joseph Smith, John Coutts, C. A. Cottebrune, John Boyd, E. P. Albert, S. G. Foxall, Thomas Cubitt, Rev. Dr. Brette, H. C. Levander, Griffiths Smith, Herbert Dicketts, John Constable, E. F. Storr, H. Garrod, H. Bartlett, L. Stean, Alfred Moore, C. P. Cobham, C. J. Alphonse, John White, W. Smeed, Arthur E. Taylor, George States, Charles Atkins, Alfred Ireton, J. M. Klenck, Nelson Reed, G. M. Taylor, Walter Hopekirk, L. Beck, E. B. Grabham, J. Dixon, O. Roberts, R. F. Gould, E. H. Hewitt, E. J. Cabbery, H. C. Reeves, E. E. Cooper, S. Mallett, H. Massey, E. S. Barr, B. Meyer, Edwin Harden, H. C. Soper, S. R. Speight, G. Pitt Lewis, T. E. N. Greenwood, Joseph Wright, G. M. Wohlgemuth, W. Sayer, M. E. Frost, J. G. Defries, and many others. The Lodge having confirmed the grants made at the last meeting of the Lodge, to the amount of £335, considered the new petitions. There were a smaller number of these on the paper than has been the case for a long while, there being only twelve to be relieved, or considerably less than half the number that the Lodge has been accustomed to for many months. Out of the twelve cases, only one did not find a seconder for relief. The remaining eleven had grants made to them, of £335, the highest grant being £100, and the lowest £5. The others received sums of £50, £30, £20, and £10.

The Bayard Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1615, was consecrated on Saturday, under unusual circumstances. Our readers are aware that in this instance the ordinary rule of not granting a warrant for the formation of a Chapter in connection with a Lodge which had not been three years in existence was departed from. Bayard Lodge was chartered less than two years since, but its services to Freemasonry have been so great, and its members are so distinguished by their zeal and ability, that a departure from the law was considered justifiable. Thus, on Saturday, there was a very numerous gathering of R.A. Companions, and the ceremony of consecration was undertaken by Lord Skelmersdale Grand H., there being likewise present, among others, Colonel Burdett Prov. G. Superintendent Middlesex, Lieut. General Brownrigg Prov. G. Sup. Surrey, Comp. Æn. McIntyre Grand Registrar, Comp. John M. P. Montagu Prov. G. Sup. Dorsetshire, Sir M. P. Costa, Captain N. G. Philips Grand Scribe N, Comp. P. De Linde Long G.P.Soj., Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell Clerke, General H. Clerk, Comps. S. Rawson, J. B. Monckton, H. D. Sandeman, Rev. C. W. Arnold, Colonel Somerville Burney, C. E. Willing Grand Organist, Colonel Randolph, Sir Thomas Dyer, the Chevalier Habicht, Col. A. W. Adair, Captain F. Percy, Captain Wemyss, &c., &c. Comps. General Brownrigg and Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell Clerke assisted his lordship in the ceremony of consecration, while the organ was presided over by Comp. Willing. When the ceremony was over, Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney, Comp. F. Richardson and Captain R. P. Leeson were installed as M E.Z., H. and J. respectively, the last installation being performed by Comp. Hervey Grand Scribe E. Votes of thanks were then passed to Lord Skelmersdale, and the others who had taken part in the ceremonies of the day; then the officers were appointed, and the Chapter having been closed, the Companions adjourned to a banquet at the Grosvenor Gallery, New Bond-street, Colonel Burney and the second and third Principals presiding at the festive board.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

### SATURDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY.

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

### MONDAY, 25th FEBRUARY.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, 33 Golden-square.
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.
48—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)

### TUESDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

14—Tuscan, 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.)
92—Moira, Criterion, W.
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
180—Industry, The Restaurant, 3 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
869—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.
R. C.—Palestine, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1356—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.

### WEDNESDAY, 27th FEBRUARY.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
986—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1115—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1569—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-st., Newcastle.
R.C.—Philips, Athenæum, Lancaster.

### THURSDAY, 28th FEBRUARY.

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 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
99—Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston.
1563—City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
111—Restoration, Freemason's Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Lock, Stafford.

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## FRIDAY, 1st MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 186 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1613—Cripplegate, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.
601—St. John's, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.
660—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
709—Invicta, Corn Exchange, Queen-street, Ashford.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
879—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
906—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool.
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.

## SATURDAY, 2nd MARCH.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1573—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1235—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1436—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—349—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, 439 High-street.
,, R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY—113—St. John Fitherrow, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.

THURSDAY—363—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.

FRIDAY—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship, E. Register-street.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

MONDAY.

R. A. 303—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
R.A. 446—Regularity, Masonic Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

WEDNESDAY.

304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
430—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
1285—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
R. A. 356—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R. A. 367—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.

THURSDAY.

904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 1314—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.

FRIDAY.

343—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
321—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1646—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

SATURDAY.

R. A. 308—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.

# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.**—At the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday. Bros. Maidwell W.M., Richards S.W., Chapman J.W., Coulson S.D., Kemp J.D., Cuthbertson I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. After opening, Bro. Harvey, of Lodge No. 1216, was instructed in the answers to the questions of the second degree, and retired. The Lodge was opened to the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Norden candidate. The W.M. gave the Traditional History. The first and second sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. Ellis, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Kemp 27, Wills 299, Harvey 1216, and Butler 414, were elected members. It was announced that the Annual Banquet would take place on the 4th Thursday in March.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, 18th February 1878. Present—Bros. Stock W.M., Hallam S.W., Wing J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Sparrow S.D., J. W. Smith J.D., Elliston I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Pearcy, Halford, Isaac, Trewinnard, Johnstone, Sillis, Dybdahl, Alford, Moseley, Robinson, Banks, G. E. Cook, Currey, &c. Preliminaries having been duly observed, the Lodge was advanced to the second degree. Bro. Sillis gave proof of his proficiency and was entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was excellently rehearsed by the W.M., the traditional history being given. Bro. Tolmie worked the last section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being resumed to the first degree, Bro. Pearcy worked the second, and Bro. Tolmie the fifth sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. C. M. Dybdahl, the W.M. of the Salisbury Lodge, No. 435, was elected a member. Bro. Hallam was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was closed.

**Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.**—On Tuesday, the 19th of Feb., at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings. Present—Bros. Laker W.M., Soper S.W., Abell J.W., Cooper S.D., Bramham J.D., Linscott I.G., Bingemann Preceptor; Bros. Panter, Abell, Corun, &c. After opening, with customary formalities, Bro. Panter was raised to degree of M.M. The three sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Bingemann. The Lodge was closed down, and Bro. Soper was elected W.M. for next meeting.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 19th February. Bros. Bone W.M., Fraser S.W., Sayer J.W., Forrest S.D., Harris J.D., Maidwell, Hayes, Hollands, Rodderforth, D. Posener, Wm. Fraser, Wharman, Daniel, Gladwell, Hill, Campbell. After opening, Bro. Maidwell answered the questions leading to the third degree, and in due course was raised. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Daniel candidate. Bro. F. S. Fraser was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. A vote of thanks to Bro. Bone was recorded on the minutes, for the efficient manner he had worked the ceremonies for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Bone responded; he was pleased to belong to such a Lodge of Instruction. Bros. Daniel, Wharman and Gladwell gave notice that they intended to act as Stewards for the approaching Girls' School Festival. After a pleasant evening the Lodge was closed in due form.

**Borough Lodge, No. 124.**—The installation meeting took place on Monday, the 18th inst, at the Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead-on-Tyne, Bro. Anderson W.M. in the chair. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. Bro. Marchent now took the chair, and Bro. P. J. Jackson J.W. and W.M. elect was presented by Bro. Anderson. All below the rank of P.M. then left the Lodge, and on being re-admitted, were informed by Bro. Marchent that during their absence Bro. Jackson had been regularly installed into the chair of K.S.; he was accordingly proclaimed and saluted; he invested his Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—Bros. Anderson I.P.M., Lowick S.W., J. W. Mackay J.W., J. Marchent P.M. Treas., E. A. Gibson Sec., J. R. Furness S.D., J. Briden J.D., J. D. Doyes I.G., J. Redpath and J. Nicholson Stewards, Carry Tyler. Bro. Marchent then gave the usual charges, doing the whole ceremony in a most impressive manner. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, numbering about seventy, sat down to a most excellent banquet, provided by mine host Bro. Pearson. Grace having been said, the W.M., in giving the first toast, said, as loyal men and Masons, he called on them to drink the health of the Queen, after which the National Anthem was sung, which was followed by the health of Princess of Wales and rest of Royal Family. The W.M., in giving the health of the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., said words would fail to convey to the brethren his many good qualities, but he hoped he and Masonry might long be spared and flourish. Song, "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The next toasts were the Prov. G.M., the D.G.M., and Officers of the Grand Lodge. The W.M., in proposing the health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, John Fawcett, and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, coupled with the toast the name of the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Crook, and said they were honoured by his presence, as well as of other Officers of the P.G.L. The more you see of him the more you see to admire and honour. In reply, Bro. Crook said it was a pleasure for him to have to reply for the oldest Provincial Grand Master now in England; he hoped the P.G. Officers had done their duty; at any rate, they endeavoured to. He thanked them very heartily for the way in which the toast was received, and before sitting down he called on the brethren to drink to the R.W. Prov. Grand Master and Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Northumberland, coupling the name of Bro. E. D. Davis P.G.D.C. Bro. Davis, in reply, said Bro. Crook had, in high and flattering terms, eulogised the Prov. G.M. the Earl Percy, and he was delighted to have to return thanks for him; he had the benefit of the advice of their P.G.M., and in all matters of Masonry there was but one accord between the two Provinces; he thanked them very much, and he felt sure there was not a Mason in the Province but would use his best endeavours for the Craft, whether it be in this Province or his own. He was delighted that such unanimity existed between the two Provinces. Long might it last. Bro. Anderson I.P.M. then gave the health of the W.M., and in the course of his remarks, said it must indeed be a pleasure to him to see how they had rallied round him to-day; they had come near and far to do him honour, and from the knowledge he had of him as his J.W., he was confident he would make an excellent Master, and when they again met this time next year, he hoped there might be as large and influential a gathering. He called on the brethren to drink the toast in full bumpers. The W.M., who on rising was most enthusiastically received, expressed the pleasure and pride he felt in the position he occupied, and thanked the brethren for placing him there; he prayed for strength and health, so as to discharge his duty with credit, that in a year's time, when he handed the Lodge over to his successor, it might be in as happy a state as he now found it. Bro. Wraith P.M. gave the health of the Installing Master, and said the way he had given the ceremony must have been very impressive to every one present. Bro. Marchent P.M. replied, and said whatever he could do for the Borough Lodge he did with the greatest pleasure,

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Ever since he had been a Mason he had taken a sincere liking to the Craft, and the more he studied the more he saw to admire; they were a body of men both loyal and honourable. He then, in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Anderson, who said, in returning thanks for the honour done him, he never could have had so prosperous a year if it had not been for his Officers; he therefore gave the health of the Past and Present Officers, which was replied to by Bros. Wraith P.M., the S.W. and J.W. Bro. Crook P.G.S. then gave the Masonic Charities, and said he was about calling a meeting, in March, of the Masters and Wardens of the several Lodges, with a view to form a Charity Committee for the purpose of concentrating the voting power of the Province, and he called on the brethren to subscribe freely to the Charities, which were the pride of the Craft. The toast of the Visitors was duly honoured and responded to. The Tyler's toast then concluded a most enjoyable evening, which had been enlivened by some capital harmony, rendered by Bros. Riddle, Cook, Gibson, Smith, Jackson, Mackay, &c. The visitors were Bros. Crook Prov. G. Sec. Durham, R. Hudson Prov. G.D.C. Durham, W. Liddle P.P.G. Sec., J. Cook P.P.G.S.W. Northumberland, E. D. Davis Prov. G.D.C. Northumberland, T. Cochran P.M. 24, P.P.G. A.D.C. Northumberland, T. Halliday W.M. 406, Prov. G.P., Sinclare P.M. 48, McColoch W.M. 1643, J. Wood S.W. 48, J. E. Robson P.M. 48, T. S. Miller S.W. 424, T. G. Smith S.D. 991, A. Comble Sec. 1643, J. Ducket I.G. 481, Morris 406, S. M. Harris I.G. 406, &c.

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**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Wednesday, the 20th February, at Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. D. Posener W.M., Walker S.W., Bone J.W., J. K. Pitt Sec., Tollis S.D., Meyers J.D., Batyie I.G., Christopher Tyler. Past Master Bro. Gottheil Preceptor. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Pitt candidate; also that of initiation, Bro. Biddle candidate. Announcement was made that the Fifteen Sections would be worked on Wednesday next, 27th inst., at 6 o'clock, Bro. Ives to preside.

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**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—On Saturday, the 16th February, at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road. Present—Bros. Lorenzo M. Bedwell W.M., J. Crosbie S.W., Fenner J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Ross S.D., Varley J.D., J. Gibbs I.G. After opening, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Dybdahl candidate. The sections of the third lecture were then worked. Bro. Roberts 1698 was elected a member. Bro. Crosbie was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The annual supper will take place on Monday next, the 25th inst.

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**Israel Lodge of Instruction.**—The Annual Dinner of this Lodge took place at Bro. Yetton's, the Rising Sun, Globe-road, Bethnal Green, on Wednesday, the 20th inst. Bro. A. M. Cohen, W.M. of the Mother Lodge, presided, and was supported by a goodly attendance of the members of this popular Lodge of Instruction. The S.W. and J.W.'s chairs were respectively filled by Bros. Job and Stevens. The repast was capitally served, under Bro. Yetton's personal superintendance, and on the removal of the cloth, Bro. Cohen, who throughout exerted himself in a most genial fashion, gave the customary toasts. Altogether, a most pleasant evening was spent, though regrets were expressed at the unavoidable absence of some prominent members.

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**York Lodge, No. 236.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, the W.M., Bro. Valentine, presiding, supported by Bros. W. Cowling P.M. 236, J. Todd P.M. 236, R. Davison P.M. 236, T. B. Whytehead W.M. 1611, the officers of the Lodge, and a good attendance of brethren. After an initiation and a raising, it was resolved (notice having been given on the summons), on the motion of Bro. Cowling P.M. Treasurer, that the initiation fee of the Lodge should be raised from six to ten guineas, and the joining fee from two to three guineas. In moving the resolution Bro. Cowling gave several reasons why he considered the step desirable; a great outlay had been undertaken by the old brethren, and he thought those who profited by their efforts should contribute more towards the Lodge funds; the Lodge was also very numerous, and the additional fee would have the effect of bringing up a better class of candidates; the Past Masters of the Lodge were also all in favour of the increase. The resolution was put and carried. Four candidates were proposed, and the Lodge was then closed.

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**William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.**—On Friday, the 15th of February, at the Feathers' Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. George Tribbel W.M., W. Hill S.W., S. Nichols J.W., Aug. Braun Secretary, Rudderforth Preceptor, Kidman S.D., J. C. Hayes J.D., Heath I.G.; and Bros. West, Hall, Webster, and Murch. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form in the first degree. The minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Hall offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was most ably rehearsed by the W.M. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Kidman answered the questions for raising. Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bro. West took the chair and performed the ceremony of the sublime degree, to the edification of the brethren. A brother in distressed circumstances, by vote of the Lodge, was relieved. Bro. P.M. Braun was requested to rehearse the installation ceremony on Friday, the 22nd inst., Bro. Rudderforth as Master elect. Lodge was then closed in due form.

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**Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771.**—The annual meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, St. Alban's-street, Windsor, on Tuesday, 12th February, at 3.30 p.m. The Lodge was duly opened with solemn prayer by Bro. Scott W.M., assisted by the Officers. Bro. John S. Tolley presided at the organ, and was assisted in the musical part of the ceremonies by Bro. J. Large, of Westminster Abbey, and Bro. Thorpe Briggs, of St. George's Chapel, Windsor. The minutes of the last regular Lodge were read by the Secretary and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. R. Whincup Murrell, of Vale College, Slough, and declared unanimous. The R.W. the Prov. G.M. of Berks and Bucks, Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., was then announced, and was received by the Lodge with full Masonic honours. Mr. R. Whincup Murrell, being in attendance and properly prepared, was regularly initiated into Masonry by the W.M. Bro. J. S. Tolley P.M. P.Z. P.G.N. Berks and Bucks, then took the chair as Installing Master, and proceeded to open the Lodge on the square, when Bro. William Valentine Brown S.W. was presented by Bro. Scott as the W.M. elect, to receive the benefit of installation; the qualifications for the office having been recited, the ancient charges were read and assented to, and the obligation as W.M. elect regularly administered. The Lodge was opened on the centre, and a Board of Installed Masters declared; Bro. W. V. Brown was regularly placed in the chair of K.S.; Bro. T. H. Scott was invested with the collar of I.P.M. and presented with a Past Master's jewel; the B. of I.M.'s was then closed. The W.M. next appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. F. Fleck S.W., W. S. Cantrell J.W., the Rev. Arthur Robins Chaplain, John Whitehouse the re-elected Treasurer, John S. Tolley Sec., J. S. Barton S.D., F. Manley J.D., R. G. Barton I.G., J. Goddard D.C., G. Fountain S., R. Hannis S., and Nowell Tyler; the appointed Auditors for the year were Bros. R. G. Barton and William J. Goddard. The installation was afterwards carried out in its entirety, and with the care which always characterizes the working of this Lodge. The Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and, after the usual questions, was closed in due form and with solemn prayer. A distinguished number of visitors graced the Lodge by their presence, amongst whom were Bros. the R.W. the P.G.M. of Berks and Bucks, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., Schlemann P.M. 209, R. Roberts S.W. 209, J. Nicholls J.W. 209, J. Whitfield P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, J. Wilson P.M. 209, G. W. Dixon P.M. 209, J. O. Carter P.M. 209, G. Biggs P.M., H. Beeley P.M., H. H. Hodges P.M., T. Pycroft P.M., W. Skindle, Phillip Lovegrove 209, and Bryett P.M., &c. The brethren of the Lodge were represented by the above newly invested Officers for the ensuing year, and Bros. W. H. Bingham P.M., E. Grisbrook P.M., G. H. Powell P.M., W. Goddard, L. M. Nixon S.W. 1501, G. Kennedy, W. J. Goddard, F. Willett, A. Roberts, J. Lester, E. Davey, W. Seymour, R. W. Murrell, C. Jones, and Bro. James Watson J.P., late of the Bengal Civil Service. The banquet was served at the Castle Hotel, by Bro. F. Fleck, the proprietor, to whom all praise must be given for the elegant manner in which the repast was placed on the tables. The W.M. gave, in a most enthusiastic manner, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, and during the evening a choice selection of songs and glees were rendered by Bros. Large and Briggs, assisted by Bro. J. S. Tolley Sec., who presided at the pianoforte. After a very pleasant evening the brethren separated at an early hour.

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**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—At the Star and Gar, Kew Bridge, on Friday, the 15th, at 7.30. Bro. Gomm W.M., Blasby S.W., Erwin J.W., Goss S.D., Franckel J.D., Costelow I.G., Roe Preceptor, Gunner Sec. Bros. Acworth, Parker and others. Lodge opened in due form and minutes confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Kyezor candidate. Bro. Gomm performed his maiden ceremony with great care. Bro. Parker then answered the questions and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in second degree, and Bro. Parker was passed by Bro. P.M. Roe. Lodge resumed to first degree. Bro. Franckel begged to present the Lodge of Instruction with a splendid oil painting, by a German artist; the same to be disposed of, and the proceeds spent in providing the Lodge of Instruction with new collars and anything else that might be required to complete the furniture. The unanimous thanks of the members were returned to Bro. Franckel for his generous gift.

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**Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.**—Held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 20th Feb., at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. Bros. Breden W.M., Robinson S.W., Scheerboom J.W., Breden Sec., Ives Treas., Williams S.D., Clegg J.D., Jones I.G. Bro. Chapman and others were also present. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Chapman, candidate for passing, was asked the usual questions and entrusted. Lodge opened in the 2nd degree, and the ceremony of passing was worked by the W.M. Lodge opened and closed in the 3rd degree. Lodge resumed in the 1st degree, when the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Ives, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Maxwell, of the Wanderers' Lodge, was elected a member. Bro. Robinson will preside at the next meeting, 27th Feb.

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**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—On Tuesday, the 19th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Allen W.M., Brasted J.W., Slater S.D., Bedwell J.D., Defriez I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. C. Lorkin, J. Lorkin, Diguam, McClean, Carr, Fenner, Davis, Somers, Ashburner, Finch, Young, &c. The Preceptor opened the Lodge to the third degree, and in his usual impressive manner installed Bro. Allen. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, Bro. J. Lorkin candidate. The Preceptor gave the traditional history. Bro. Fenner worked the last section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Wyman, of Lodge 1614, and Bedwell, of Lodge 861, were elected members. Bro. Brasted was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

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**Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 20th of February, at the Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street. Bros. Snelling W.M., Abell S.W., Stacey J.W., Gates S.D., Thompson J.D., Vizzard I.G.; P.M. Bro. Long Preceptor, and several others. Business—After the confirmation of the minutes, the third ceremony was impressively performed by the W.M., after which the Lodge was resumed to the 2nd degree, and the lecture appertaining thereto worked by the brethren. Bro. Stacey P.M. and Bro. Vizzard were elected members. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M., and the Lodge closed. The Fifteen Sections are to be worked in this Lodge, by Bro. Tate, on Wednesday, 6th March.

**Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.**—A meeting of this Lodge, which is now the largest in the district, was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Wednesday, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. H. B. Jones. Among the brethren and officers present were:—Bros. W. A. Morgan S.W., A. N. Newens J.W., W. J. Huntley J.D., J. J. Holland I.G., H. Wilson Treasurer, J. Frost Secretary, S. Steed Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. J. G. Carter, J. G. Kewney, E. H. Boddy; and Bros. F. Reed, S. C. Landon, R. H. Walker, H. J. Newens, G. W. Smith, J. W. Haines, G. Clark, H. Price, G. Fortescue, and others. The ballot, which proved unanimous, was taken for Mr. J. W. Marshall, of Balham. Bro. H. J. Newens was passed to the second degree. Mr. Percy V. Denham, proposed by Bro. A. A. Denham (of the *Mid Surrey Gazette*), and seconded by Bro. J. J. Holland, was ably initiated by the W.M. Bro. W. H. Price was raised to the degree of M.M., and Bro. H. J. Newens was passed to the second degree. After some formal business, the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

**Hartington Lodge, No. 1085, Derby.**—The annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst. at the Masonic Hall. Present—Bros. W. Heathcote P.G.D. of C. W.M., S. Pipes P.P.S.G.D. and I.P.M., M. H. Bobart P.P.S.G.W. Treasurer, George Pipes S.W., J. Heathcote J.W., M. B. Hextall Secretary, S. Steele J.D., J. E. Russell M. of C., W. L. Dod as Organist, W. Butterfield as I.G., J. O. Manton S.S., W. Stone Tyler, W. Naylor P.G. Sec. and P.P.S.G.W., F. Iliffe P.P.J.G.W., Leech, Stokes, Griggs, Shepherd, Parkins, Lane, Mainprize, Gore, Walters, Popplewell, Coulthurst, Ratcliffe, and Pragnell. Visitors—T. Cox P.P.S.G.W. and P.G. Treasurer, J. Smith P.P.J.G.W., G. T. Wright P.P.J.G.W., A. G. Taylor W.M., Tyrian, J. Brown W.M. Arboretum, T. Roe jun. P.M. 802, F. Small P.M. 787, W. Cox P.M. Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness, E. R. Ward S.W. 253, T. Merry W.M. elect 731, and T. Cay 802. The Lodge was opened at 6.30 p.m., and after the usual preliminary business, Bro. M. H. Bobart took the chair, and Bro. George Pipes was presented to him for the benefit of installation. The ceremony was ably performed, the customary addresses being delivered in a most impressive and efficient manner in the several degrees. The newly appointed Master invested Bros. J. Heathcote S.W., W. B. Hextall J.W., M. H. Bobart Treasurer, J. O. Manton Secretary, S. Steele S.D., J. E. Russell J.D., T. H. Hepworth M. of C., G. F. Edwards Org., W. Butterfield I.G., J. D. Hart S.S., J. Pakeman J.S., and W. Stone Tyler. He then rose to perform the pleasing duty of presenting a handsome P.M.'s jewel to his predecessor, Bro. W. Heathcote, subscribed for by the members of the Lodge. The jewel is a fine piece of workmanship. The accounts of the Lodge were afterwards presented by the Auditors, and Grand Lodge certificates were handed to, and signed by the brethren entitled to same. A circular from the P.G. Sec., on behalf of the Institution for Aged Freemasons, was then read, and the sum of five guineas voted towards the funds of the Charity, to be placed on the list of the R.W.G.M. of the Province, the Marquis of Hartington, who had undertaken to act as a Steward at the Annual Festival. Two gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation into the mysteries of the science, and, after "hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the Lodge was closed in ancient form. The brethren proceeded from their labours to a sumptuous banquet, and the evening was subsequently enlivened by conspicuous musical talent.

**Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.**—The fortnightly meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held at the St. George's Hall, Park-street, Deal, on Friday, the 15th inst. There were present Bros. Thomas Ayling I.P.M. in the chair, T. J. Usher P.M. P.P.G. Regist. and Sec., Rev. J. B. Harrison P.M. and Chaplain, E. Kirby S.W., J. Laggett J.W., J. Home S.D., W. Ryder J.D., J. Carpenter I.G., S. Willey D.C., S. Holgate Tyler, J. C. Cross, F. R. England, G. Chandler, H. McDermott, W. Carterfield, F. Haslip, and Henry Bartholomew. Visitor—J. Sylvester, of the Scotch Constitution. Lodge opened in ancient form; minutes read and confirmed, Lodge opened in the second degree. Bros. Haslip and Bartholomew, candidates to be raised, were examined, found proficient, and entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, when Bros. Haslip and Bartholomew were duly raised. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. A candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Ayling, in responding to the toast of the evening, his health, said it gave him great pleasure to know he had performed the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of the brethren. He was sorry their W.M. was unavoidably absent, but trusted he would be with them at their next meeting. The health of Bro. Sylvester was then very cordially drank, and he, in responding, paid the Lodge a high compliment; he particularly referred to the I.P.M.'s able and impressive manner, and to the way in which he had performed his duties. Bro. Laggett announced to the Lodge the gratifying results of his efforts as Steward at the late Festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. He had been able to collect the sum of £70; he found this amount placed him at the head of the list of Stewards for Kent; he thought this, for his first try, was very gratifying. Bros. Sylvester, Ayling, Usher, Ryder, Carpenter, and Bartholomew kindly entertained the brethren with songs, &c.

**Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.**—Held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present Bros. Arthur Welch W.M., W. G. Flanagan S.W., J. Early Dank J.W., W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, W. Ferguson S.D., E. J. Blackwell J.D., T. Newman D.C., W. Ridley and J. H. Hawkes Stewards, R. Dowsett I.G., P.M.'s Bros. Freeman Hurley, Weightman Margrett; Bros. Heathcote, Pulley, Hukins, Creed, Bailey, Hunt, Rhind. Visitors—Bros. Pocock I.P.M. 414, Bradley J.W. 414, C. G. Hawkes 414. Business—The Lodge was opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for two candidates for initiation, one was rejected, and the other elected. The W.M. proposed, and Bro. Hurley P.M. seconded, that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of Bro. Chancellor. P.M. Weightman proposed, and the W.M. seconded, that mourning should be worn at the next Lodge, this to be notified on the agenda paper. The I.P.M. Bro. Margrett presented the Lodge with a polished oak case, containing the working tools of the three degrees, which the W.M. accepted, and for which he returned thanks. After receiving nominations for joining members, the Lodge was closed.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—At Bros. Bolton and Lane's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 15th inst. Present—Bros. Wallington W.M., Smith S.W., Lane J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Posener jun. S.D., Da Silva J.D., Hine I.G.; also Bros. Bolton, Cleverley, Hunter, Ellis, Ashburner, Tatton, Campbell, &c. The usual formalities having been gone through, the Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, the traditional history being given, Bro. Hunter candidate. Lodge resumed to the second degree, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Wallington, Bro. Ellis being W.M. elect. Lodge resumed to the third degree, and Bro. Ellis worked the third section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Ashburner, of the Burdett-Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, was elected a member. Bro. Smith was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Wallington for presiding in this Lodge for the first time, and for rehearsing the ceremony of installation.

**Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.**—Held at Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, 15th February. Bros. L. R. Rogers P.M. Preceptor, Jeffreys W.M., Dunn jun. S.W., Press J.W., Frampton S.D., Thompson J.D., Cox I.G., and other brethren. Lodge opened, minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Edmunds, candidate for passing, was examined, entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. John Walker I.P.M. 27 was then presented as W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Jeffreys installed the candidate, and afterwards gave the addresses. Bro. Dunn jun. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed officers in rotation. It was then proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Jeffreys, for the very able manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of installation.

**Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.** — The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-stret, on Wednesday, the 20th inst. The Lodge was opened at half-past four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. R. S. Kingham, assisted by Bro. J. J. Michael P.M., Bro. T. A. Adams P.G.P. as acting I.P.M., Bro. W. M. Stiles Sec. and J.D., Bros. J. Douglass S.W., C. J. Scales J.W., W. Side S.D., Colls I.G., H. Stiles D.C., G. Clark W.S., H. Lovegrove Steward. There were present Bros. Raney, Gilbert jun., Edmonds, Brammell, Saintsbury, Hatch, Hewison, H. Clark, J. J. Steele, Beattie, Cruikshanks, Holden, Lea, Channing, Killingback, Grant, Kearns, Tombs, and a number of brethren, including Visitors, Bros. Dwarber P.M. 55, 1589, Meyers 1621, Fisk 212, Baker P.M. 753, Pickard J.W. 753, Poulton 192, 1604, Urick W.M. 144, Burgess 1604, Unite P.M. 144, and Hancock. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bros. Holden, Lea, Channing, Steele, Ward, Kearns, Grant, and Cruikshanks were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. Bros. F. W. Dimsdale, H. A. Dimsdale, and W. E. Smith were passed to the second degree. Messrs. E. R. Freebody, A. Gemmell, C. Turner, and C. W. Blake were elected, after ballot, and the first three were duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. It was unanimously resolved that an application should be made for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge; Bro. J. Willing P.M. Treas., T. Williams I.P.M., and Ferguson P.M. 177 are the three principals designate. After the transaction of some routine business, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet provided by Bro. F. H. Clemow in his usual style. Fifty-five members of the Lodge were present, and eleven visitors. The usual toasts were given, and the proceedings were enlivened by the vocal efforts of Bros. Cruikshanks, Michael, Hewison, and Hatch.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction.**—At the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday evening, 20th inst. Present—Bros. H. Myer W.M., McMillan S.W., Slater J.W., Bonner S.D., Jameson J.D., Pollack I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, G. Ferrar Treasurer, E. Dietrich Secretary, and a large number of brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising. The Lodge was then closed down to the first degree, and the W.M. worked the first three sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. A cordial vote of thanks was

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unanimously voted to Bro. H. Meyer, for the able manner in which he had conducted the duties during the evening. Bro. McMillan was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

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**New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Finsbury Park Tavern, under the presidency of the following Officers:—W. T. Purkiss W.M., Eldridge acting S.W., T. Press J.W., H. B. D. Dunn S.D., R. C. Frampton J.D., Verry Tyler. The business consisted of raising Bros. James Newling Thompson, George David Edmunds, Thos. Crane, and George Benjamin Carey; this was ably performed by Bro. Linton Raynor Rogers, who, at the solicitation of the W.M., occupied the chair; upon the Lodge being closed the customary banquet followed, which was well served by Bro. Joseph Pigott. After the cloth had been removed the set formula of Loyal and Masonic toasts was proceeded with. Bro. Rogers, in responding to the toast of the Visitors, acknowledged the honour he felt in having been allowed to perform the work in the Lodge, and assured the brethren such mark of appreciation would be long remembered. Bro. Constable also replied; he congratulated the brethren upon the selection they had made in their W.M.; something more than mere parrot-like repetition of ritual was required of a W.M.; Bro. Purkiss possessed all those good qualities which should characterise a Mason, and he hoped that steps would be taken by the brethren to acknowledge the gift of three handsome mahogany pedestals which had been presented by Bro. Purkiss. In reply to his health, submitted by Bro. Rogers, the W.M. said that although he had been twenty-one years a Mason, he had never previously taken any active part in the duties of a Lodge; he now found himself occupying a position of which he was justly proud. He had the pleasure of representing the Lodge as Steward at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and took up what might be considered a fair sum for so young a Lodge. The reason he had not been more pressing in his solicitations was, that he intended to be Steward for both the Boys' and Girls' during the present year, and hoped the brethren would not fail to support him upon each occasion. The Officers and Secretary replied severally to the toast of their health; we congratulate these brethren on their efficiency; to Bro. Rogers, the Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction, is to be attributed this feature; his painstaking care can be testified to by all who know him. The following were present:—A. J. Berry Sec., H. B. Thompson, T. Jackson M.C., Alfred Westerby 185, Tibbetts 59, P. Dunn 1288, J. F. O'Connor Wood 1288, Searle 1288, Stannard 1572, Wilkinson 167. Some excellent songs were sung, by Bros. Rogers, Stannard, H. B. D. Dunn, and others, but the most amusing contribution was by Bro. Verry, a contribution he designated by the title of "The Roaming Flies."

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**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—The weekly meeting was held at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, on Tuesday, 19th inst. Present—G. Newman Z., F. Brown H., J. B. Sorrell J., G. L. Walker S.N., W. Grist P.S., Comps. S. F. Catterson, A. L. Annett, F. Buckland, N. H. Cohen, H. Lovegrove, P. Wagner, T. Call. The ceremony was rehearsed, Comp. H. Lovegrove candidate. The Minutes were then read, and the officers appointed for the next fortnight. Comps. F. Brown to be Z., Sorrell H., Grist J., Wagner S.N., and Call P.S. Comp. Henry Lovegrove, of the Royal Jubilee Chapter No. 72, was elected a member. The Chapter was then closed and adjourned. Companions are particularly desired to note that the Chapter now meets at half-past six o'clock, instead of seven as formerly.


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## THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

### RIGHTS OF PROVINCIAL BRETHREN.

AT the meeting of Grand Lodge to be held on Wednesday next, the recommendation submitted by the Board of General Purposes, for the recasting of the constitution of the Lodge of Benevolence, will come on for discussion. It is proposed to limit the number of members to forty-five, with the addition of a President, and the principal Grand Officers. Out of the forty-five, thirty are to be elective.

There is an amendment on the notice paper, proposed by the Rev. William Tebbs, which we believe aims at equalisation of the suffrage in respect of the elective members, but which does not otherwise affect the principle of the alterations proposed by the Board of General Purposes. Clause C of this amendment runs as follows:—"As many representatives (W.M. or P.M.) of London Lodges, to be elected by the W.M.'s of such Lodges, as shall be in twice the proportion of the number of London Lodges to the number of Provincial Lodges."

We confess our inability to fathom the exact meaning or limitation of this clause; and do not, we apprehend, stand alone in our want of acumen. However it be explained, we cannot but regard the amendment of Bro. Tebbs as complicated in theory, and cumbersome in practice, if it even be practicable. Except in Grand Lodge, it is not easy to get all W.M.'s of London Lodges together, and even there, many must be unavoidably absent on all occasions: a fact which is fatal to equalisation of the suffrage in this case. For this and other reasons we do not expect that this amendment will meet the views of any party in Grand Lodge. The real question at issue now is, not the way in which the Lodge of Benevolence shall be recast, but whether it be desirable to reconstitute it at all.

Another amendment stands upon the paper, emanating from Bro. Robert F. Gould, P.M. of No. 92, which has the merit of being perfectly intelligible, and provided the reconstitution of the Lodge of Benevolence take effect, is, from our point of view, highly desirable. It aims simply at protecting the rights of Provincial brethren, by providing that one-half of the number of elective members shall be actual or Past Masters of Country Lodges, *in case the requisite number of qualified brethren shall be put in nomination.*

We flatter ourselves that the English spirit of fair play is ever dominant amongst us, and that no one can desire to deprive our country brethren of a just share in the control of the Lodge of Benevolence, proportioned to that of Londoners. To this end, the amendment of Bro. Gould is happily calculated, and we doubt not that numerous influential brethren from the Provinces will be found in their place to support the insertion of a proviso which, in our opinion, would find its proper place annexed to the original motion.

As to the principle of the original motion itself, opinion may be divided; subordinate Past Grand Officers and others who will lose their former *ex officio* privilege of sitting at the Lodge of Benevolence, may feel disposed to resist the innovation. However the matter be settled, it will be well to bear in mind that the *amendments* must be put *first* to the meeting; that should the original motion afterwards be carried, it is desirable that the amendment protecting the rights of country brethren should be previously tacked on to it; and that brethren who vote for the affirmative on such amendment will remain perfectly free to oppose the original motion afterwards, if they deem fit.

## LODGE "VICTORIA IN BURMAH."

OUR readers will have noticed a letter signed "A Looker On," which appeared in our issue of last week, and from which it will be gathered that the authority of Grand Lodge has been deliberately set at naught by "Victoria in Burmah," No. 832, Rangoon. We have no intention of recounting the whole of the circumstances connected with the recent disputes which have taken place in this Lodge, but it will be necessary to give an outline of the leading facts. In December 1875, Rev. Bro. Marks, at the time absent in England, was appointed Senior Warden of this Lodge. He did not, as it happened, return to Rangoon till the April following. He did not take his seat as Warden till August. He was a candidate for the Mastership in December 1876, when his eligibility was questioned; but Bro. Nichols, at the time W.M., ruled that he was eligible, and on a ballot Bro. Marks was elected Master by thirteen votes against eleven given to Bro. Vaillant. An appeal against Bro. Nichols's ruling was lodged in the proper quarter, but was dismissed on the ground that it was not couched in respectful language. Pending a second appeal, Bro. Marks was installed. The I.P.M. then presented a complaint against sundry brethren for un-Masonic conduct, and the Lodge passed sentence of exclusion against the brethren in question. Subsequently, the Dep. District Grand Master decided adversely on the second appeal, and he further declined to interfere in the matter of exclusion. Bro. Vaillant and his brethren in misfortune then carried their case to Grand Lodge, and at the Communication held on the 5th December last, that august body, on motion duly made by Grand Registrar, and seconded, resolved (1) that Bro. Marks was not eligible to fill the chair of his Lodge; (2) that Lodge "Victoria in Burmah" be directed to receive again as members the five brethren whom they had excluded, and restore them fully to all their Masonic rights and privileges. What has since taken place was recorded in these columns last week by "A Looker On." The excluded brethren presented themselves at the next regular meeting after the resolution of Grand Lodge had been received, that is, on the 11th January, and requested to be allowed to take their seats again in the Lodge. They were told, however, "by a P.M., who is also, D.D.G.M., the I.P.M." (Bro. Marks, we presume) "being also present, that their attendance at the Lodge was premature, and that they could not be admitted." In vain did they plead the peremptory order of Grand Lodge, which, it was admitted, had been received; in vain did they protest they had come in a friendly spirit. It was no good, and they had to retire crestfallen and disappointed, because in the opinion of Lodge Victoria in Burmah, "Grand Lodge had based its decision in ignorance and had made some mistake in procedure." These are the facts of the case thus far. Let us now turn to the law on the subject of "Appeal."

At page 95 of the Constitutions we find it laid down that—

"The grand lodge possesses the supreme superintending authority, and the power of finally deciding on every case which concerns the interest of the craft. Any lodge or brother, therefore, who feels aggrieved by the decision of any other Masonic authority or jurisdiction, may appeal to the next practicable grand lodge against such decision. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of, and be transmitted, together with all documentary evidence, to the grand secretary twenty-one days at least before the next quarterly com-

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munication of grand lodge, accompanied by a certificate, that notices and copies of the appeal have been sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made, and also to the opposite party, and upon receipt of the appeal and certificates by the grand secretary, he shall forthwith give notice thereof to the party whose decision is thereby called in question; and on the hearing of the appeal, the proof of the service of the notices and copies of appeal shall be upon the appellant unless admitted by the parties, and such service shall be considered valid if sent by the ordinary post.

"At the hearing of the appeal no fresh evidence shall be adduced by either party.

"No appeal can be received unless couched in proper and respectful language."

All this is clear enough. Now let us turn to what Grand Registrar said when he moved that the sentence of exclusion against these brethren be quashed, and that they be restored to their rights and privileges as members of the Lodge "Victoria in Burmah." Bro. McIntyre laid it down that this question—that is, the countercharge by the retiring W.M. against the members who had appealed to the Deputy District G.M. against the ruling of the W.M., as to Bro. Marks's eligibility to fill the chair of this Lodge—"was not a question to be decided by the Lodge, and for them to say whether these brethren should be excluded or not. It was a complaint made by brethren to a competent authority, who had to deal with all such questions, and not for any member or any number of members of a Lodge to say, 'In making your complaint against us, you have said that which is not true, and we will exclude you.'" Then further on, we have Bro. McIntyre pointing out what steps ought to have been taken. "What they ought to have done, if they complained of falsehood, was to have made a counter-complaint to the Deputy District Grand Master; have had witnesses called to prove whether the statements were true or false; and had complaint heard and decided by him, who was the supreme person there. But it was not competent, when a complaint was made before a higher tribunal, to make the same matter subject of complaint before the Lodge, as Grand Lodge decided some time ago in a case from Trinidad." Moreover, Bro. McIntyre added, "Pending the decision of the Deputy District Grand Master, the appealing members were treated by the Lodge most unfairly," and then we have, the grounds on which Bro. McIntyre felt himself bound to arrive at this conclusion, all which will be found in the proceedings of the December Communication of Grand Lodge.

This is how, so far as we know, this distressing case stands at this moment. The sentence of exclusion against Bro. Vaillant and other members of Lodge "Victoria in Burmah," has been declared null and void by our Grand Lodge, which, be it remembered, the Constitutions declare "possesses supreme superintending authority, and the power of formally deciding every case which concerns the interest of the craft." But the Lodge in question has so far declined to obey the resolution of Grand Lodge, and the brethren whom it has restored to their Masonic rights and privileges, are still denied them. And we are invited to believe that Grand Lodge has "based its decision in ignorance," and has "made some mistake in procedure." We do not of course take upon ourselves to say that our Grand Lodge authorities are infallible. They are men, and as such are liable to error, but we think it is too much—whether it be intended as a joke or in earnest—on the part of Lodge "Victoria in Burmah" to ask us to believe that our Grand Lodge, including Grand Secretary Hervey and Grand Registrar, has gone all wrong, while brethren of far inferior experience—as the officers of Victoria in Burmah have proved themselves to be—are all right. We have no wish to say anything which will hurt the feelings of brethren who are entire strangers to us, and we shall, therefore, say nothing further on this point than that we prefer to believe that the Grand Secretary has done his part as required by the Constitutions, and that the ruling of so distinguished a brother as the Grand Registrar, who, it must be borne in mind, is a Queen's Counsel, and therefore one pre-eminently learned in the law, is preferable to the opinions of the members of the Lodge Victoria in Burmah! We must, however, take upon ourselves to point out that the position of this Lodge is very different now to what it was three months ago. Then it had only displayed ignorance of its duties, now it has shown itself contumacious and has deliberately set the edict of Grand Lodge at defiance. The first duty of a Mason is obedience to constituted authority, and Grand Lodge "possesses the supreme superintending authority" over all Masons within its jurisdiction. What Lodge "Victoria in Burmah" should have done was to have obeyed Grand Lodge unhesitatingly and then respectfully submitted to its authorities a statement setting forth in what particular respects Grand Lodge had acted in ignorance, and how it had erred in its procedure. As the case stands now, "Victoria in Burmah" may be suspended, and if it perseveres in its contumacy may be erased from the list of Lodges holding under Grand Lodge. And we feel bound to add, that in our humble but sincere opinion, Grand Lodge will sustain no very serious loss if so inharmonious a Lodge is swept away, so that no evidence of its existence is left behind.

## REPLY TO "TOLERANCE."

### BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

I DISTINCTLY remember the predictions of *wise-acres*: that when Catholics were emancipated the streets would be deluged with blood; that the Reform of Parliament, would produce anarchy, and that the repeal of the corn-laws would ruin the country. Some denounced the contemplated reforms as crimes, while others declared that they were blunders which were worse than crimes, &c. But the Catholics were emancipated, the Reform Bill was passed, and the corn-laws were repealed, and *nobody was hurt*. On the contrary, the obstructionists themselves were afterwards ashamed of the ridiculous arguments they used on those occasions. Progress has also been made in the scientific world, as well as in the theological world, within the last fifty years, in spite of obstructionists; nor has Masonry been altogether standing still for the last thirty-six years (since I was initiated). Then Dr. Oliver's "Antiquities of Masonry" was regarded as a profoundly sublime work, but now it is conceded to be ridiculous; then, beliefs in Masonic legends and ancient landmarks were universal, but now these fade away like a scene of dissolving views; then we believed that an atheist was necessarily stupid and immoral, but now, even "Tolerance," my opponent, admits that atheists are respected in the best circles of society; then editors were too illiberal to have published "A Plea on behalf of the Grand Orient of France," but now Masonic editors are liberal. And, last, it cannot be denied that my present opponent is more generous and candid than my Masonic opponents have hitherto been; all which proves conclusively that the world has progressed in every direction, in spite of obstructionists and wise-acres, and I really believe that we shall continue to make progress, as hitherto, notwithstanding the opposition of timid conservatives, &c.

The dimensions of a Lodge are given as follow: "As long as from east to west, as broad as between north and south, as deep as from the surface of the earth to the centre, and as high as the heaven," meaning the *utmost universality*; with a proviso, however, for the brethren to be good and true, or men of honour and honesty, with just enough of theology to cement the harmony of the Lodge. Be it remembered that the religious clause of 1723 was really an innovation upon the old Constitutions, which required prayers to be addressed to the Trinity, and an unqualified submission to the doctrines of the Church; furthermore, the religious clause seems to have been inserted into the Charges of the Constitutions, because it was believed in those days that atheists were stupid and immoral.

Sweden, Denmark, Prussia, France, &c., have all received their first Masonic charters from the Grand Lodge of England, and each alike were bound to adhere to the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England. And now, our boasted Masonic universality amounts to this, in the first three of the above-named countries a Lodge has dwindled down to the size of the geometrician's point, viz.: without length, breadth, or thickness. In the United States the Lodge work is strongly impregnated with sectarianism, and even in England, though not quite as bad as in the previous jurisdictions, the dimensions of a Lodge do not come up to the plan marked out on her Masonic tracing board.

Now, it has recently been reported (whether rightly or wrongly is immaterial) that the Grand Orient of France has extended the circle of Masonic universality by expunging all theological requirements from candidates for Masonry, thereupon the Grand Lodge of England expressed great regret, and appointed a committee to search its old records, and there seems a disposition on the part of some to follow the lead of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, by expelling the French Grand Orient from the Masonic association.

At the very same meeting the departure from Anderson's landmarks by the Three Globes at Berlin was also brought to the notice of the Grand Lodge of England, but no committee was appointed thereon, either to search the record or to do anything else. The same members who were fierce against the Grand Orient of France considered it indelicate to disapprove of the un-Masonic conduct of the Berlin Grand Lodge. Admitting then that both France and Prussia have disobeyed Anderson's constitution, I want to know why the Grand Lodge of England has a right to interfere in France? and why it has no right to do the same thing in Germany? My opponent, in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 5th of January, in a like manner confines all his indignation towards France, and has not a word to say about Germany. And here is the drift of his arguments.

The world consists of believers and disbelievers in a Deity. Likewise of believers and disbelievers in the necessity of a govern-

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ment,. He (my opponent) also takes for granted, that anarchists as well as atheists are respected among the first circles of society, on account of their high intellectual standing; that an anarchist may also be of a gigantic intellect, and might also be respected among the highest class of society; and as an anarchist is not a fit member for a society, therefore an atheist is also unfit for our society.

Now, in the first place, a gigantic intellectual anarchist is a mere phantom of my opponent's imagination, there is no such person in existence, and we need not therefore think what we shall or shall not do if he applies for admission to Masonry; but suppose there was such a person, I could see good reason for excluding him from any and every society. If our Masonic institution professed to be a religion there would be equally cogent reasons for excluding an atheist, but as "Tolerance" claims Masonry to be a mere moral institution, he ought to have furnished good evidence to prove that an atheist cannot possibly be a moral man before he undertook to thunder against the Grand Orient of France for admitting atheists. But he furnished no such proof; on the contrary, he frankly admitted that atheists are respected among the first circles of society, which itself implies that they are neither stupid nor grossly immoral. But yet, because Dr. Anderson and King David said, atheists were fools or libertines, he comes to the conclusion that "there can be no morality which is not based on theism."

If my opponent persists in the above opinion, against his own admitted evidence to the contrary, it is useless to continue this discussion. My own opinion is, that morality as well as immorality are independent of belief even in Deism; the former I have already proved; as to the latter, your prison chaplains will inform you that atheists have never polluted with their presence the prison chapel; that, in general, the greatest criminals have never doubted the doctrines of the Church they were trained to, and hence they are more orthodox than some doctors of divinity; and even King David, though a firm believer in the Deity, yet it did not save him from lust and crime; and last, when I see our American Masonic luminaries ever ranting about Christianity, &c. and are yet perfectly indifferent about lying and deceiving, I must come to the conclusion that morality or immorality do not depend on belief. The fact is, every religionist imagines that there is no morality like his morality, that his virtues are better than virtues of other religionists, that his people are the chosen people, that his heart is better than his neighbour's who believes in another ism. In short, each says, "I am holier than thou." The mission of Masonry, however, is just to disabuse our minds from these conceits. Its design is to bring together good and true men of all religious denominations, that each may see that goodness and virtues are not monopolised by his church. Dr. Anderson indeed imagined that atheists are necessarily void of common sense and morality, hence he excluded atheists from the Masonic brotherhood. It is now however demonstrated that Anderson's opinion was wrong (as already shown), and the French Grand Orient therefore concluded to extend the Masonic mantle of charity over that class too, and what harm will it do? Anderson, Payne and Desaguliers were Christian clergymen, their consenting to associate on the level with Jews, Deists, Mahommedans, &c., is certainly no proof that they entertained hostility towards Christianity, and what proof has been adduced to show that because the Grand Orient has decided, by a large majority, to extend the circle of Masonic universality, that it was prompted to do so on account of hostility to belief in God?

But here is another phantom of our brother's conjuring, "what becomes of my consistency (says he) when, on the one hand, I swear to obey the laws of my country, and on the other hand am ready to vote for an atheist into my Lodge."

This refers to the law that an atheist cannot testify in a court of justice, but as no law of my country exists forbidding me to vote for atheists into my Lodge, I certainly cannot violate a law by so voting for one. Besides which, laws made in the middle ages were mostly designed to favour the governing classes and the State Church at the expense of the people; most of these barbarous laws have disappeared, after severe struggles, and even bloodshed. This law against atheists is as unjust as the former laws were against heretics and Jews, and every one who believes in the golden rule of "Do as you would be done by," should use his influence to abolish every unjust law, whether the injustice effects a large or a small number of citizens, and I hope and trust that Bro. Tolerance will be benefited by the above hint.

With regard to the strong fears entertained by my opponent that somebody would transcend *his* boundary of liberty, if I can understand him rightly about the boundary, I fully agree with him, viz.: that no one has a right to insist that his insane ideas should be respected; that is, if I am persuaded that certain ideas are insane or ridiculous. I do not want the believer in those ideas to be continually boring me with his hobby; and, as religionists generally believe that all religionists outside of their own community, entertain some insane notions, hence all sectarian beliefs should be excluded from the Lodge service. As far as I can understand, there is not the remotest intention of introducing atheism into French Lodges, but as my opponent seems to fear that atheism will take the place of theism, the Grand Lodge Committee on the French question ought to have been authorised to visit Parisian Lodges, where they could learn whether his fears have any foundation, and if it should prove that theology as well as anti-theology are alike excluded from French Lodges, then the wisest course for the Grand Lodge of England is, not to meddle with the decision of the Grand Orient of France; for, in the first place, French Masonry is certainly more consistent with our professed universality than even English Masonry is; and, second, as the Grand Lodge of England had decided that it would be very indelicate to censure Berlin Masonry, which, in fact, annihilated the very essence of Masonry, I really cannot see how it can consistently censure the French Orient for improving and extending its beneficent influence.

And, last, let us remember the old adage, "Cast out the beam out of thine own eye, and then thou shalt see clearly the mote that is in thy brother's eye."

BOSTON, 25th January 1878.

# QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 6th March 1878:—

1. The Regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during the time of Public Business will be read.

2. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th December 1877 will be read and put for confirmation.

3. The M.W. Grand Master will move:—

"That this Grand Lodge do grant the sum of One Hundred Pounds to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes for the assistance of the members of the Iguaklad Lodge, No. 653, in the Island of Curacoa, West Indies, who have suffered from the Hurricane which occurred there on the 23rd September 1877."

4. The Right Hon. The Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, will present the Report of the Committee appointed at the Quarterly Communication of the 5th December last, to enquire into the circumstances relative to the elimination of the name of the Great Architect of the Universe from its Ritual by the Grand Orient of France, for the consideration of Grand Lodge, and will move its adoption.

5. Election of M.W. Grand Master.

6. Election of a Grand Treasurer.

7. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz:—

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| The Widow of a Brother of the Old Union Lodge, No. 46, London ... ... ... | £50 | 0 | 0 |
| The Widow of a Brother of the Mechanics Lodge, No. 245, Jersey ... ... ... | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| The Widow of a Brother of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, London... ... | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| A Brother of the Strawberry Hill Lodge, No. 946, Twickenham ... ... ... | 100 | 0 | 0 |

8. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

[We refer our readers to the agenda paper for particulars.]

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of February 1878, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £4,628 2s 8d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for Petty Cash, £75; and for Servants' Wages, £96 15s.

9. Report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts, of Receipts and Disbursements during the year 1877.

10. Adjourned Debate on so much of the Report of the Board of General Purposes of the 21st August 1877, as relates to the Lodge of Benevolence, viz.:—

1. The "Lodge of Benevolence" to be in future designated the "Board of Benevolence."

2. The Board of Benevolence to consist of the Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, a President, and forty-five other members. The President and fifteen of such members to be annually nominated by the Grand Master at the Quarterly Communication in December, and the remaining thirty members to be elected by Grand Lodge from amongst the actual Masters and Past Masters of Lodges, such election to be conducted in the same manner as that of the Board of General Purposes, but it should not in our opinion be a regulation that one-third or any other proportion of the members should retire annually.

3. The Board to elect one of its Members to be Vice-President.

4. Five Members to form a quorum.

11. NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

1. By Bro. Rev. William Tebbs, P.M. No. 285, Shepton Mallet.

Proposed Amendments on the Report of the Board of General Purposes, in reference to alterations in the constitution of the Lodge of Benevolence:—

(1.) The title; the mode of working; and the nomination and election respectively, of Officers of the *Lodge of Benevolence* to remain as now.

(2.) The Lodge of Benevolence from and after the end of this present year of office to be constituted as follows:—

*a.* All present Grand Officers.

*b.* One Representative (W.M. or P.M.) to be elected by the W.M.'s of the Lodges comprising each Provincial Grand Lodge.

*c.* As many Representatives (W.M.'s or P.M.'s) of London Lodges to be elected by the W.M.'s of such Lodges as shall be in twice the proportion of the number of London Lodges to the number of Provincial Lodges.

*d.* As many Past Grand Officers to be nominated by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, in December, as shall make up the number of "*c*" to that of "*b*."

2. By Bro. Robert F. Gould, P.M. No. 92, London.

On the President of the Board of General Purposes moving—

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That Grand Lodge do adopt the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes with reference to the reconstitution of the Lodge of Benevolence,

To propose, as an Amendment, the addition of the following words, viz.:—

"That fifteen of the thirty members to be elected by Grand Lodge (as recommended in paragraph 2 of the Report of the Board of General Purposes) shall be actual or Past Masters of Country Lodges, in all cases where such number of qualified brethren shall be duly nominated for election."

12. Letters and papers from Lord de Tabley, R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Cheshire, recommending the erasure of a Lodge from the Roll of Lodges.

Letter from the Secretary of the Lodge referred to praying, on behalf of the members, for a respite for twelve months.

Application from the Royal Lodge, No. 207, Kingston, Jamaica, for assistance to enable them to build a Masonic Temple.

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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. 1733.—Sunbury Lodge, Sunbury, Middlesex.
1734.—Trinity Lodge, Rayleigh, Essex.
1735.—Carnarvon Lodge, Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope.
1736.—St. John's Lodge, Halifax, Yorkshire.
1737.—Winchester Lodge, Winchester, Canterbury, New Zealand.
1738.—Lodge Excelsior in Khandeish, Bhosawul, in Khandeish, Bombay.
1739.—Carnarvon Lodge, Grosley, Derbyshire.

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## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS FOR SUFFOLK.

### From the East Anglian Daily Times.

THE Province of Suffolk, which has five Chapters of Royal Arch Masons—one in Woodbridge, three in Ipswich, and one in Bury—now owns its Grand Chapter, and as its head has one of the hardest working and most respected members of the Craft. In obtaining as the Grand Superintendent of the Province Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, and Past Grand Principal Sojourner, the Companions are to be congratulated, and the proceedings of Saturday may be considered as an indication of the satisfaction experienced by the members in his selection, and augurs well for the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry. As stated by Comp. Martyn during the afternoon, it would have been a great pleasure to them all to have had their Provincial Grand Master as the head of the Chapters, but Bro. Lord Waveney has not become a Companion of Royal Arch Masonry, and his Lordship consequently requested Comp. Martyn to assume the responsibility of ruling the Provincial Grand Chapter. The Grand H. of the Supreme Grand Chapter, Comp. Lord Skelmersdale, very kindly attended for the purpose of the installation of Comp. Martyn, which took place in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Ipswich (kindly lent by the Mayor, C. H. Cowell, Esq.), on Saturday afternoon. The chamber presented a splendid appearance when set out in full Chapter form, with the Companions, numbering about 70, seated around.

The Chapter was attended by M.E. Comps. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale Grand H. G.S.W. Lanc., Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.P.S. P.Z., W. P. T. Phillips 81, J. N. York 1008, B. Gall 81, Dr. W. P. Mills 225, Rev. R. N. Sanderson 959, S. H. Wright 376, N. Tracy 376, J. Pitcher 376, J. A. Pettit 959, A. Barber 225, G. Cresswell 959, J. B. Fraser 376, H. Luff 376, W. H. Lucia 1008, A. Barfield 19, T. Grimwood 81, T. Robb 225, A. Fleming 376, F. Binckes 10, W. Wilmshurst 81. Comps. A. Barnes, R. D. Gall, and C. F. Browner of the Royal York Chapter 81, Woodbridge, W. Daking, G. Abbott, and T. J. Wentworth, of the St. Luke's Chapter 225, Ipswich, J. H. Staddon, A. Gamman, W. Clarke, W. Spalding, A. De George, T. R. Elkington, W. B. Jeffries, R. Allen, S. R. Anness, R. Anness, J. M. Harvey, S. Shortridge, W. H. Spicer, W. T. Jobson, W. G. Cunnold, W. Boby, H. C. Casley, J. Walker, J. K. Sidgwick, A. A. Seaborn, A. J. Grimwade, H. W. Hitchcock, and H. Ribbans of the Royal Sussex Chapter 376, Ipswich, W. D. Paine and A. A. Bennett of the Royal Alexandra Chapter 959, Ipswich, W. Armstrong, R. Evans, F. W. Joy, J. Shepherd, T. F. Lucia, E. King, W. Patrick, and the Rev. J. T. Hassall P.G. Chaplain of the White Rose Chapter 1008, Bury St. Edmund's, and the following visitors:—C. L. Lilley 12, T. J. Rolling, W. Richey, G. Smith, C. Ellis, F. Wheeler, G. H. Grimwood, and H. Welham of Chapter 51 Colchester. The Royal Arch Chapter was opened by the M.E.Z. of the oldest Chapter in Ipswich (the St. Luke's), Comp. Dr. Mills, assisted by the M.E. Comps. Fraser and Sanderson. Upon the entrance of the Grand H., Lord Skelmersdale, the Companions saluted him in due form, and he accepted the chair which Comp. Mills resigned. His Lordship congratulated the Companions upon the progress of Masonry in the Province. He had made a promise to Comp. Martyn that he would instal him as the P.G.S., and he was pleased to be present in fulfilment of that promise. The M.E. Comps. Mills and Pitcher presented the M.E. Comp. Martyn to the Grand H., and the patent, dated 30th June 1877, was read, authorising the constitution of the P.G. Chapter. The Grand H. then installed Comp. Martyn, and congratulated him upon the position he had attained. He had watched his progress in Masonry with interest, and was sure the Grand Z. could not have found one better qualified to occupy the office. E. Comp. Clarke, who acted as M.C. during the ceremony, then proclaimed the M.E. Comp. Martyn obligated, invested, and installed as the Provincial Grand Superintendent of Suffolk. The P.G.S. announced that he had selected the M.E. Comp. W. P. T. Phillips as Prov. Grand H., and the M.E. Comp. York as Prov. Grand J., and said he thanked all the Companions heartily and sincerely for the honour which had been conferred upon him, and felt proud to be installed by Lord Skelmersdale for such an important Province as Suffolk, and with God's will he would devote himself to furthering the work of the Province. He referred to the difficulty he had experienced in selecting officers out of the very large number of Past Officers, but said he thought in choosing the Z. of the oldest Chapter as H., and P.Z. and founder of the youngest Chapter in the Province as J. he had acted satisfactorily. He hoped to advance those brethren deserving of advancement, and he would be grateful for the assistance and co-operation of the Companions at all times. He thanked all for their presence, and particularly Lord Skelmersdale for coming at great inconvenience to himself. His Masonic and Parliamentary duties, they all knew, were heavy, and he (the P.G.S.) was sure he would be but expressing the sentiments of them all when he returned the M.E. Comp. their hearty thanks. He moved that the first resolution entered upon the minutes of the P.G. Chapter be a vote of thanks to his Lordship for his attendance. The motion was seconded by the P.G.H. W. P. T. Phillips, and carried unanimously. The Grand H. (Lord Skelmersdale) said he had great pleasure in coming down to Suffolk again. He thought he had now a right to consider himself affiliated to the Province, and that he might consider himself as one of them. He trusted that the Provincial Grand Chapter of Suffolk, as well as Royal Arch Masonry, might flourish. A proposition made by the M.E. Comp. Luff, and seconded by the M.E. Comp. Sanderson, that the M.E. Comp. Dr. Mills be elected Treasurer for the Province was carried unanimously. The P.G.S. then appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—P.G.S.E. M.E. Comp. W. H. Lucia, P.G.S.N. M.E. Comp. Sanderson, P.G.P.S. M.E. Comp. J. B. Fraser, P.G. 1st A.S. M.E. Comp. Luff, P.G. 2nd A.S. M.E. Comp. S. H. Wright, P.G.D.C. M.E. Comp. Westgate, P.G.R. M.E. Comp. Armstrong, P.G. Stewards, M.E. Comps. Wilmshurst and Noble. It was decided that the appointment of a J. should not be made, but that the Chapter where the P.G.C. meets appoint a Companion for the day. Comp. G. Spalding was appointed for that day. The P.G.S. apologised for the absence of Comps. Lord Henniker, the G.S.E. J. Harvey, P. de L. Long, and the P.G.S. of Cambs. The next business was the appointment of a committee to frame the bye-laws, and it was ultimately decided that it consist of the P.G.S., the two Principals, the P.G.S.E., and a representative to be selected by each Chapter. The P.G.J. proposed a vote of thanks to the mayor for granting the use of the Town Hall. This was seconded by the P.G.S., and unanimously agreed to. The Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed, and the Comps. retired to the Golden Lion Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided. The chair was occupied by the new Provincial Grand Superintendent, supported on his right by Lord Skelmersdale and the P.G.H., and on his left by the P.G.J. and M.E. Comp. Binckes; the vice-chair being occupied by M.E. Comp. Sanderson, the P.G.S.N.

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## ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

ON Saturday last, at York, the installation meeting of the Hilda Rose Croix Chapter was held, when the ceremony of transferring the warrant from Whitby to York was performed, under the superintendence, and in the presence of the Supreme Grand Council of England. The meeting was held in the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, and there were present the following members of the S.C. 33°, members of the Hilda Chapter, and Visitors:—Capt. Nathaniel G. Philips 33° M.J. Lieut. G.C., Major General H. Clerk 33° G.T.G., J. Montague P. Montague 33° G.C., Lieut.-Col. S. H. Clerke G.S.G., H. D. Sandeman 33° G.S.F.C., C. J. Banister 33° S.G.I.G. (northern district), W. H. Marwood 31°, J. W. Woodall 31°, Walter Reynolds 31°, G. Wilkinson 30°, A. O. Marwood, T. Marwood, S. Middleton, Thos. Cooper, J. F. Holden, R. Huntley, T. B. Prissick, J. S. Cumberland, T. B. Whytehead, M. Millington, G. Simpson, John Ward, A. T. B. Turner, &c. Several brethren were elected joining members, and candidates for advancement, and two serving brethren. The days of meeting were fixed to be on the last Wednesday in November, February, May, and August. Bro. Thos. Cooper was installed M.W.S., and appointed the following Officers:—Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett M.P., T. B. Whytehead S.G., S. Middleton I.G., J. S. Cumberland G. Marshal, M. Millington R., A. T. B. Turner H., John Ward C. of G., B. Wormald Treas., G. Simpson D.C., P. H. Rowland Org., P. Pearson and H. Jackson Equerries. The proceedings were of a very successful character throughout, there being several visitors from the Hull and Sheffield Chapters present. During the morning the members of the S.C. visited the Cathedral, St. Mary's Abbey, the Museum, and other places of interest, under the guidance of Bro. T. B. Whytehead.

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## CONSECRATION OF A MARK LODGE AT ABERGAVENNY.

ON Thursday, 14th ult., a large number of Freemasons, including a number of the county gentry, met at the Freemasons' Hall, in Lion-street, to perform the ceremony of consecrating a Lodge of Mark Masons (the third in the county) in connection with the Blue and Royal Arch Lodges already established in the town, and to instal Bro. J. C. Hunter Little, of Llanvair Grange, as Worshipful

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Master for the ensuing year, and appoint and invest his Officers. Having partaken of luncheon, at the Greyhound Hotel, about 11 o'clock all repaired to the Freemasons' Hall, and having transacted some minor business—advancing a number of duly qualified brethren, and initiating no less than 18 new members—the ceremony of the consecration of the new Lodge as "St. John's Lodge, No. 214," and the installation of Bro. Little as W.M., and appointment of Officers, was performed by the Right Worshipful Bro. L. Augustus Homfray P.G.M.M.M., assisted by the Right Worshipful Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G.S.W. and Grand Secretary of England. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Little presented the Lodge with a massive silver goblet, to be used by the Craft as "a loving cup." The following is a list of the Mark Masons under the Worshipful Master of this new Lodge for the year:—Bros. W. Williams S.W., T. Harrhy S.W., Crawshay Bailey M.O., F. Greene Lake S.O., Edward Phillips J.O., Rev. W. J. C. Linsay Chaplain, George Albert Jones Sec., W. Tucker Treas., J. O. Marsh S.D., W. White Supt. of Works, V. A. Julius J.D., J. B. Walford D.C., Henry Harris Reg., W. G. Hands Org., Capt. Wilson and McLeod Stewards, and Joseph Greene Tyler.

In the evening a grand banquet was held at the Greyhound Hotel, and the catering of Bro. W. Tucker gave great satisfaction. Bro. Little W.M. presided, and there were also present, in addition to those whose names have been already mentioned, Bros. Col. Chas. Lyne D.P.G.M., A. T. Perkins P.G.D.C. W.M. 109, S. H. Steel P.M. 818, S. G. Homfray P.G.S.W., E. O. V. Haldane P.G.M.O., W. O'Kerley, W. Pickford P.M. P.G.T. and C. P. Gwent Encampment, G. H. Gorvin P.M. 818, Chas. J. Daniel P.M. 818, Valentine J. O'Brien, Horseford W.M. 818, W. H. Spring Nos. 1182 and 464, H. J. Edmunds 818, W. J. Hands 818, Henry Harris 818, E. Hampton 818, Henry Fletcher P.G., W. Davies 281, Samuel Eames 281, T. Delafield 1005 and St. John's, Abergavenny, Jno. Jones, Crickhowell 818, Joseph Grieve Tyler, Jno. Chandler W.M. 178, J. W. Hallam P.M. 237, E. J. Baker 214, R. De M. Lawson P.M. 99 and 155 P.G.O. Eng., J. O. Marsle S.D. 214, Jas. Goeden 818, Edward Price 818, W. Rowe 818, R. Wain 818, John E. Thomas 818, W. Tucker, Thos. H. Gage, G. O. Keystone, Lodge 109, Arthur Jones 818, &c. A long list of complimentary toasts was gone through, and a pleasant evening was spent. We understand that the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting is fixed to take place at Abergavenny, in June next.

## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS AT THE CONFIDENCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 193.

AN unusually large gathering was expected at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., on Wednesday last, but as is but too often the case in this world, full of imperfections—men propose and the heavens dispose. For as the evening drew near, down came a pelting rain sufficient to damp the ardour and discourage the spirit of the most enthusiastic. Nevertheless, and despite the inclemency of the weather, a tolerable number made their appearance, and Bro. Ives, who on a former occasion was chosen to preside, was able to open the Lodge in due time and proceed with the appointed work. The S.W.'s chair was occupied by Bro. T. J. Barnes, that of the J.W. by Bro. Andrews. Bro. Gottheil was I.P.M. and Tollis I.G. There were also present, besides those who had undertaken to work the sections, Bros. J. Constable Treas., J. K. Pitt Sec., D. Posener, Biddle, Saint, Beattie, Boas, Gomm, Loewenthal, &c., &c. The responses were given in the following order, Biddle, Hallum, Sherborne, Ellis, Webb, Andrews, Hogg, Rawley, James Stevens, Ould, T. J. Barnes, Ellis, Clegg, Taylor, Barnes. There were several visitors, of whom Bros. Ould, Jones and Wood became members. The work was excellently done, and the hearty thanks and honorary membership which were unanimously voted to the W.M. were never more richly deserved. In these days the sections are worked pretty frequently, under a variety of more or less favourable conditions, but seldom are they given with such pleasure to the ear and so acceptable to the understanding as was the case in this instance. The workers, with one exception, were directly or indirectly pupils of Bro. Barnes, the distinctive character of whose teaching is daily becoming more widely known and appreciated. The above referred to exception was Bro. Jas. Stevens P.M. Great City, who works after the method of a former eminent Preceptor, the late Bro. John Thomas P.G.D., retaining many expressions considered obsolete by those who desire to re-model the ritual and lectures more in conformity with pure English diction. Bro. Stevens is eminently a representative of the old school, whose mode of teaching was fairly illustrated by him in the manner in which he gave the second section of the second lecture, while what is considered the modern or improved version found an exponent in Bro. Clegg, evidently a pupil of Bro. Barnes, and especially so in the work of the latter brother, whose version of the fourth section of the second lecture, in many essential points differs materially from that which has hitherto been deemed correct, and which there is no doubt many intelligent Preceptors are still ready to defend and uphold. It would be invidious to select any of the working brethren for especial praise, as they each displayed some excellencies of their own, and they will find a sufficient reward for their exertions in the gratification it was in their power to bestow upon those who had the pleasure to listen to them. Before the adjournment of the Lodge, the S.W. took opportunity to express his opinion of the manner in which the work had been performed, both by the Master and brethren, and assured the assembly that his position that evening was one of the most enjoyable he had experienced for some time. Bro. Bush was elected W.M. for next Wednesday.

Men may fight Masonry till the end of time without accomplishing its extinction.

# Old Warrants.

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## No. 114.

No. 340, "Ancients;" No. 434 at the "Union" of 1813, but extinct before 1832.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS HARPER D.G.M.

JOHN B. ROACH S.G.W. RICHD. HUMPHREYS J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the GRAND LODGE of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful the Most Noble Prince John, the 4th Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c. &c. &c. GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq^r., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful John Bryant Roach, Esq^r., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Rich^d. Humphreys, Esq^r., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), No. 340 Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful John Joy, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful John Johnson, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Robert Davy, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at Ceylon, in the East Indies (or elsewhere), in the Second Battalion of His Majesty's 34th Regiment of Foot, with the consent of the Commanding Officer of the said Regiment, upon the First and Third Mondays in every Month, on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, John Joy, John Johnson, and Robert Davy (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London this Fifteenth day of September, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seven, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Eight hundred and Seven.

ROBERT LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. (Letters, &c. vacant).

ENDORSEMENT.

"By a mandate of the R.W. Thos. Westrop, D.G.M., of Munster, I have installed John Joy W.M. of 340.

R. LOANE, W.M. of No. 84.

"Bandon, 25 November 1807. Masonry 5807."

## No. 115.

No. 94 "Ancients;" No. 118 A.D. 1813, at "Union;" No. 95 A.D. 1832, and No. 80 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOL, GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS HARPER D.G.M.

C. HUMPHREYS S.G.W. B. PLUMMER J.G.W.

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WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful the Most Noble and Puissant Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Athol, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Charles Humphreys, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Benjamin Plummer, Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held

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within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful David Searles, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Thomas Black his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Thomas Grecian his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, at Masons' Arms, Sunderland, Warrant No. 94 being first duly registered pursuant to the statutes in that case made and provided, upon the Second and Fourth Tuesday in every month, the twenty-fourth day of June and twenty day of December in every year, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, David Searles, Thomas Black, and Thomas Grecian (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. John's Day, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due Respect to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force or Virtue.

No. 94
June 1776.
Sunderland.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Five, and in the year of Masonry Five thousand Eight hundred and Five.

Seal.

Robert Leslie,
Grand Secretary.

Around this Seal is inscribed the following, viz.,
"Grand Lodge of Free and
"Accepted Masons according
"to the old Institutions."

Note.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 7, Letter G. 3rd June 1776.

Original Warrant granted to 51st Regt. Oct. 21st 1761. Vol. 3, C. and E.

The present title, No., &c. are, "The St. John's Lodge," No. 80, Sunderland.

**London Masonic Club of Instruction.**—Met at the Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., on Monday, 25th ult., at six o'clock p.m. Present—Bros. A. Turner W.M., J. Brittain S.W., W. Sharrett J.W., J. E. Shand Sec. S.D., J. D. Langton J.D., C. E. White I.G., W. Smallpeice Preceptor, J. Marvine, and others. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved, ceremony and lectures worked in accordance with bye-laws. Lodge closed until Monday, 11th March, at six o'clock p.m., at which meeting arrangements will be made for working the Fifteen Sections, on a future day. This will be the first time at this Club, and by this Lodge of Instruction. Members desirous to take part in the work are requested to communicate with the Secretary, Bro. Shand, or the Preceptor, Bro. W. Smallpeice, who will preside upon the occasion.

**Lodge of Israel, No. 205.**—The usual meeting of the brethren of this prosperous Lodge was held on Tuesday evening last, at the Cannon-street Terminus Hotel. Bro. A. M. Coben, who has been reinstalled W.M., after a lapse of thirty years, presided; and despite the intimation that there would be no banquet, there was a goodly attendance of brethren. The business of the Lodge consisted of passing Bros. A. Abrahams and J. Richmond, and raising Bro. Louis Henry Leon, both of which ceremonies were most ably and efficiently rendered. It was, however, a matter for deep regret that the W.M. was not in the enjoyment of his usual health, and he consequently called upon P.M. Latour to assist him, by giving one small part of the ceremony.

**Rising Sun Lodge, Bombay.**—At a meeting held on Tuesday, 22nd January, at the New Freemasons' Hall, Byculla, Bro. Muncherjee Dosabhoy Wadia, a member of an ancient family much respected among Parsees, was installed Master of the above Lodge for the current year. From the account given by the retiring Master, Wor. Bro. Edwin Freeborn, the Lodge appears to be in a prosperous condition, and is rising in importance as well as usefulness.

**Caledonia Lodge, Bombay.**—The annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, 25th January, at the New Freemasons' Hall, Nesbit-lane, Byculla, previously known as the Nawab's Bungalow. There was a very large attendance, and amongst those present were Bro. Macintosh Balfour, the Grand Master elect of Scottish Freemasonry in India, Bros. Hamilton Maxwell, Turrel Leith, Major Prendergast Walsh, and many other prominent Masons. The brother installed as Master of Lodge Caledonia for the ensuing year is Dr. F. W. Doolittle, and his Officers are:—Bros. Major Prendergast Walsh D.M., Captain Clark S.W., A. McM. Taylor J.W., Hanshaw Treasurer, W. F. Whitehead Secretary, J. K. R. Johnson P.S.D., H. Furber J.D., Rule I.G., and J. C. Houghland Tyler.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday afternoon, in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, V.P. presided, and there were likewise present Bros. Jno. Boyd, Col. Peters, H. Massey, Thos. W. White, R. B. Webster, Thos. Massa, Griffiths Smith, Thos. Francis Peacock, J. A. Rucker, H. A. Dubois, and F. R. W. Hedges, in the absence of Bro. Little, Secretary, through illness. The business transacted was of a merely formal character. On the motion, of which Col. Creaton gave notice at last meeting, the salary of Mr. Peachey, Junior Clerk, was raised £10 a year; and a letter from Bro. John Hervey was read to the meeting conveying the refusal of the Board of General Purposes to allow the Great Hall to be used for the half-yearly elections. There were but two candidates for being placed on the list, and no further business was before the meeting.

## CONSECRATION OF THE FRANCIS BURDETT ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 1503.

THIS interesting event took place on Saturday last, at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. The ceremony of Consecration was performed by Comps. J. Boyd P.Z. Prov. G.J. as M.E.Z., H. Dicketts P.Z. as H., and H. C. Levander P.Z. Prov. G. Scribe N. as J.; Comp. H. G. Buss P.Z. Prov. G. Treas. acted as Director of Ceremonies. Comp. J. Boyd then installed the three first Principals as under:—Comps. W. Wigginton M.E.Z., J. Tomlinson H., D. P. Cama J., and acquitted himself of his task in a manner that commanded the admiration of all present; this was the more satisfactory as there were no less than twenty-nine first principals or P.Z.'s in attendance. The M.E.Z. proposed that Comps. John Boyd, H. G. Buss, H. Dicketts and H. C. Levander should be elected honorary members; this being seconded, was carried unanimously. Several Companions were proposed as joining members, and a large number of brethren for exaltation. The New Chapter was then closed, and Col. Burdett, the Grand Superintendent of the Province of Middlesex, assisted by Comp. Davidson Grand H., and Comp. John Boyd Grand J. opened the Provincial Grand Chapter. On the conclusion of the preliminary business, the Grand Superintendent installed Comp. Boyd as Prov. Grand H., and Comp. Richards as Prov. Grand J. Comp. Levander was appointed G. Scribe E., Comp. Still P.S., H. Dicketts 1st Assist. The other officers being appointed, Provincial Grand Chapter was closed, and the Companions, at seven o'clock, sat down to an excellent dinner, under the auspices of the Francis Burdett R.A. Chapter. Col. Wigginton, the new M.E.Z., occupying the chair, supported by Comps. Tomlinson H. and Cama J. The usual toasts were given and replied to, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close about eleven o'clock. Amongst those present besides those names we have mentioned, we noticed Comps. Palmer, J. R. Sherwell, J. L. Thomas, Wm. Roebuck, Jermyn Boyd, Sir C. Palmer, Righton, Massa, Lechford, Charles Horsley, Stedwell, Thomas Cubitt, G. Kenning, G. States, Court sen., Court jun., &c.

## NEW LIFEBOATS FOR DEVONSHIRE.

THE National Lifeboat Institution has just sent two fine new Lifeboats to be stationed on the Devonshire coast. One is for Yealm river, near Plymouth, and the other for Hope Cove, on the eastern side of Bigbury Bay. Each boat is 35 feet long, 9 feet wide, rows ten oars double-banked, and possesses the usual characteristics of the boats of the Institution in regard to self-righting, self-ejecting water, &c. The expense of the Hope Cove Lifeboat Station has been met from the munificent gift voted to the National Institution by the English Freemasons for the establishment of two lifeboat stations in perpetuity, in testimony of their loyal gratification on the occasion of the safe return of their Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, from his tour through India. Their other lifeboat will be placed at Clacton-on-Sea, on the coast of Essex. The public inauguration of these lifeboat stations has been deferred until the summer, at the request of the Freemasons. The Yealm River lifeboat was presented to the Institution by a benevolent lady, under the initials A.B.S., and the boat, in accordance with her desire, is named the Bowman. These new boats will be placed on their stations under the superintendence of Admiral Ward, Inspector of Lifeboats to the National Lifeboat Institution. It should be mentioned that the Society is much indebted to the local committees for their kind co-operation in the organisation of these new lifeboat establishments. Mr. Baldwin Bastard is the chairman, and Mr. Ralph Dawson was honorary secretary for the Yealm River Branch, while the Hope Cove Lifeboat Station will be under the management of the Salcombe Branch, of which Mr. Robert Hurrell acts as chairman, and Mr. W. H. Webb as honorary secretary. The Institution now has 267 lifeboats under its management, thirty-six of which are placed on the coasts of Devon and Cornwall. A large sum is needed annually to maintain them in a state of thorough efficiency.—*Western Morning News.*

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## THE LANGTHORN MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

THE Anniversary Meeting was held on Wednesday last, at the Swan Hotel, Stratford. The President, Bro. J. G. Stevens, was unavoidably absent through indisposition, and the chair was taken by Bro. W. A. Tharp, the Vice-President of the Association; he was supported by Bro. Charles Lacey and the members of the Committee, while the energetic Secretary, Bro. T. S. Taylor, was in his accustomed place. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, ballot was taken for three Life Governorships, and resulted in favour of Bros. R. E. Baugh, E. Williams, and W. E. Farrington. The report for the past year was then submitted; it stated that the amount of subscriptions received during the year—£288 11s 6d—had enabled the members to have twenty-six appropriations for Life Governorships to the different Charities as against twenty-four the previous year, making a total of fifty since the establishment of the Association. The officers were then all re-elected, and the following forms the committee:—Bros. E. J. Anning 1364, C. Asbdown P.M. 1076, J. J. Berry P.M. 554, R. W. Biggs I.G. 1421, J. Boulton I.G. 1056, W. G. Durrant J.W. 1056, J. H. Guernsey 749, H. B. Holliday P.M. 1076, G. Levick P.M. 1227, J. F. Proctor J.D. 1421, H. N. Taylor J.W. 1421, R. J. Tucker W.M. 933. Votes of thanks to the executive were unanimously passed, and special mention was made of the efficient services of the worthy Secretary, Bro. T. S. Taylor. After a short interval the dinner was served; the Chairman was supported by Bros. F. Binckes, Secretary R.M. Institution for Boys, James Terry, Secretary R.M.B.I., H. Massey, W. W. Morgan, W. Land, Medwin, Bright, Triggs, Hobbs, Claridge, Holloway, Boulton, Proctor, Mole, &c. The vice-chair was filled by Bro. Hollington, W.M. of the Mother Lodge. In proposing the toast of the evening, "Success to the Langthorn Masonic Institution," Bro. Tharp described at length how it had been, in the first instance, suggested and brought into due form by Bro. T. S. Taylor, and he went to show how the success that had been achieved was mainly due to his exertions. No less than £500 had been voted in the course of the last two years. Bro. Taylor responded, and in doing so thanked all present for the compliment they had paid him, and attributed much of the success to the assistance which had been so freely offered him by several indefatigable brethren. Bro. Taylor also alluded to his success as a Steward at the recent Festival, pointing out that he had not only surpassed all previous achievements in the east of London, but had headed the list of Metropolitan Stewards. After the health of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had been suitably honoured, the toast of the "Masonic Charitable Institutions" was proposed. Bro. W. W. Morgan, in the absence, through illness, of Bro. Little, was called upon to return thanks for the Girls' School, and took the opportunity of urging on brethren the necessity of supporting this Institution all the more earnestly that Bro. Little was prevented by the state of his health from pleading its cause in person. Bro. Binckes replied for the Boys' School, in his usual genial, fluent, and emphatic manner, and set forth the claims of his Institution to the continued support of the Craft. Bro. Terry followed suit, and fully endorsed Bro. Binckes's statement as to the labours which they both had to go through in visiting Lodges, and how gladly they would have occasional rest from this part of their duty. The toast of the "Visitors," and others brought the proceedings to a close.

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It is with great pleasure we are able to announce that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., has done Bro. Harty, the artist to whom the Masonic world is indebted for the admirable memorial engraving of His Royal Highness's Installation as Grand Master in the Royal Albert Hall, the great honour of attaching his autograph to several of the artist's proofs. This will give an additional interest to this necessarily limited number of engravings now in course of issue, and there will be doubtless a very keen competition among Craftsmen as to who shall be the fortunate possessors. We offer Bro. Harty our hearty congratulations on this crowning evidence of the merits of his work, and trust he may have a substantial reward for the cares and anxieties he must have experienced, as well as for the arduous labours he has gone through during the past three years.

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We have to acknowledge the second number of *Der Bund*, a new Masonic publication which has made its appearance this year. Bros. Hugo Mandello and Dr. Ludwig Rosenberg are joint editors, and the contents are of a very interesting character. The new candidate for Masonic favour deserves to be well supported by our German and Hungarian brethren. It is published at Buda-Pesth, Vienna and Leipsic.

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We acknowledge, with fraternal thanks, receipt of a copy of Bro. David Pryce Owen's *Scriptural Extracts*, compiled and pointed as a Musical Service for the various Masonic Ceremonies (Craft and Arch) as recognised by the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England. The compilation has evidently been a labour of love with Bro. Owen, and he has done it well. Full directions are given as to when the extracts shall be introduced in the various Ceremonies, and each group is faced by one or more blank pages lined for music, so that the different chants which find most favour with different Lodges may be inserted against the different extracts, each for each, in strict order of succession. We can only again repeat our thanks to Bro. Owen for allowing us an opportunity of judging for ourselves of his useful and well arranged publication. The price of a single copy is eighteen pence, of twenty-five copies (one interleaved), in cloth case, a guinea and a-half. It is published by Messrs. Simpkin and Marshall, London, and by Bro. Owen himself, at Welchpool.

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We remind our readers that the Ball of the members of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, will take place on Monday next, at Freemasons' Tavern. The Board of Stewards are using every exertion to make the gathering a success. Bro. T. J. Cusworth W.M. is the President, and Bro. J. R. Gallant P.M. Vice-President. These brethren will be assisted by Bros. T. Bartlett P.M., H. J. Gabb P.M., R. R. Harper S.W., W. Stead J.W., J. Stilwell T., S. George S.D., Wm. Gabb J.D., John Thomas D.C., F. Dunn S., J. Taylor I.G., F. W. Swales, T. Glass, W. Pierpoint, J. T. Sinclair, A. L. Fancquez, J. Bond, G. Mustoe, W. J. Crabb, H. L. Allardyce, W. H. Main P.M. (Hon. Sec.), 171 Kingsland-road. We anticipate a very pleasant gathering.

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M.W. Bro. Mackintosh Balfour was installed as Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, on Saturday, 26th January, the ceremony of investiture being performed by the retiring Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Morland. There was a very large attendance of both Scotch and English Masons, including the District Grand Master (the Hon. J. Gibbs) and his Deputy under the English Constitution.

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We greatly deplore the death of Major George Barlow, whose genial kindness will long live in the memory of those with whom he was associated. Bro. Barlow was a distinguished member of Craft, Arch, Mark, and High Grade Masonry, and his ability was appreciated by the governing bodies of each of these branches of Freemasonry.

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The following circular announces the suspension of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., of 76 Lombard-street. The liabilities are thought not to exceed £650,000. The failure is attributed to heavy losses by bad debts. The firm was established prior to 1770, and has therefore been in existence upwards of a century. Although it is probable that other houses will be more or less compromised, no names have transpired.

"14 Old Jewry-chambers, London, 28th Feb.

"Gentlemen,—We have to inform you that Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., of 76 Lombard-street, are compelled to suspend payment.

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"We are, Gentlemen, your obedient servants,

"LAWRANCE, PLEWS AND BAKER."

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GERMAN FREEMASONRY.—The Union of the German Grand Lodges has elaborated a project of constitution of the future United Grand Lodge of Germany, which is to have its seat at Berlin. In the meantime the eight existing German grand lodges are to continue under the name of "mother lodges." Only the three symbolic degrees of apprentice, fellow-craftsmen and master are recognised. The particular lodges are to enjoy the liberty of their statutes. At the head is to be a Grand Master, elected for three years, and assisted by the Council of the Grand Lodge and the Assembly of Representatives. The first is formed of 16 members—two from each mother lodge—and the second of freely elected deputies of the particular lodges. The representation of German Freemasonry abroad takes place exclusively through the United Grand Lodge.—*Daily Chronicle.*

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A WELL MERITED TESTIMONIAL.—Many of our readers will be pleased to hear that a movement has been recently set on foot to present Bro. Morris Abrahams, the enterprising proprietor of the Pavilion and East London Theatres, with a testimonial, not so much for the ability he has displayed in catering for the public amusement, but in recognition of the services he has rendered to the parish of Whitechapel, and the public spirit he has evinced as a guardian of the poor, and member of other local bodies, the members of which are not invariably distinguished for business ability. Major Munro, who is chairman of the Committee, said at the last meeting of the Committee that since Mr. Morris Abrahams had held the positions on the local boards, many great and important changes had been brought about, beneficial to the parish, a sentiment which was most heartily endorsed by Bro. W. Musto and others. It is not yet decided what form the testimonial shall take, but a goodly sum has been collected.

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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THERE is still the same excitement in political circles, and though Parliament is outwardly calm, there can be no doubt there is the greatest anxiety in the minds of all classes, and events, as they happen, are watched most narrowly. Last Thursday, in the House of Lords, after Lord Stratheden and Campbell had given notice that he should, though in a slightly altered form, again bring forward the motion he had, at the instance of the Foreign Secretary postponed, the Earl of Derby, in reply to Earl Granville, stated that the Russians had undertaken not to occupy Gallipoli or the lines of Bulair, or the Asiatic coast of the Dardanelles, provided we did not land troops on either coast of the Strait. This engagement, the Foreign Secretary said, had given great satisfaction to the Government. He further stated that he did not know when the Conference would be held, but he thought it might be towards the end of the first week of the current month. The Earl of Beaconsfield then, in a brief but forcible speech, moved the second reading of the Consolidated Fund (£6,000,000) Bill, and the Exchequer Bonds and Bills (£6,000,000) Bill. These were carried unanimously, and the House adjourned. On Friday, these Bills were read a third time and passed, and the Territorial Waters Jurisdiction Bill, after a few remarks from the Lord Chancellor and Lord Hatherley, received a second reading. On Monday, Lord Stratheden and Campbell brought forward the resolution of which he had given notice, to the effect that the Government should do its utmost to discourage encroachments on the treaties of 1856 and 1871, and was supported by the Earl of Dunraven and Lord Dorchester. Lord Derby, however, pointed out that the motion was too late, and that to have been of any service it should have been brought forward last year. He, therefore, moved the previous question, and was supported in so doing by Viscount Cardwell, acting, during Earl Granville's temporary absence from the House, as leader of the Opposition. Lord Houghton, however, supported the resolution. Lord Bury spoke briefly, and after a few words in reply from Lord Stratheden and Campbell, the previous question was carried without a division. On Tuesday, Earl De La Warr inquired of the Secretary for Foreign Affairs as to the proposed terms of peace between Russia and Turkey, but the latter said he could give their lordships no authentic information.

In the House of Commons on Thursday last, after the Chancellor of the Exchequer had stated, in reply to the Marquis of Hartington, what arrangements had been agreed upon between England and Russia, as to Gallipoli and Bulair, and the Asiatic coast of the Dardanelles, it was proposed to go into Committee on the Factories and Workshops Bill, when Mr. Fawcett rose and moved, by way of amendment, that itshould be an instruction to the Committee that they have power to regulate the hours of labour, and for securing the attendance at school of children employed in agriculture. In the debate that followed, Messrs. Goldney, Mundella, and others took part, and Mr. Cross opposed the motion, which, on a division, was rejected by 208 to 93. The House then went into Committee on the Bill, and got as far as the sixteenth clause, when progress was reported and the House resumed. The Attorney-General then moved the second reading of the Bar Education and Discipline Bill, which after several attempts to adjourn the House, was agreed to. Nearly the whole of Friday's sitting was occupied in discussing Mr. Trevelyan's motion for assimilating the Franchise in Counties to that now existing in cities and boroughs. Sir C. Dilke spoke in favour of it, and so did Mr. Laing and the Marquis of Hartington, while Mr. Lowe and Mr. Goschen from the Liberal, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer from the Conservative, benches opposed it. On a division, the motion was defeated by 271 to 219 votes, or a majority of 52. On Monday, after the Chancellor of the Exchequer had said, in reply to Mr. Forster, that the Government had no official knowledge of the terms of peace between Turkey and Russia, the House went into Committee on the Factories and Workshops Bill, and worked away from clause 17 to clause 65, when progress was reported. The Attorney-General then obtained leave to bring in a Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill, and it was read a first time. On Tuesday, Mr. Hubbard brought forward his motion on the Income Tax, but after a brief debate, withdrew it by leave of the House, which was almost immediately afterwards counted out, a motion on the Heralds' College, or College of Arms, not being sufficiently attractive. At Wednesday's sitting, in spite of the opposition of many Ministers, the second reading of the Colonial Marriages Bill was carried by a majority of 182 to 161.

The Queen held a Council at Windsor Castle on Tuesday last, at which were present the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Earl of Beaconsfield, the Lord Chamberlain, the Right Hon. R. A. Cross, and Colonel the Right Hon. T. E. Taylor, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. Mr. Jas. Lowther, M.P., was introduced and sworn in as a member of the Privy Council on his appointment as Chief Secretary for Ireland. Mr. Lennox C. Peel was in attendance as Chief of the Council. The Duke of Richmond and Gordon and the Earl of Beaconsfield afterwards had

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audiences of Her Majesty. Sir Horace Rumbold, Bart., was presented, and had the honour of kissing hands on appointment as Minister at Berne. Lord Kinnaird was also introduced and delivered to Her Majesty the insignia of the Order of the Thistle worn by his late brother, and Mr. Stirling Crawford that by the late Sir Stirling Maxwell, after which the Duke of Hamilton and the Marquis of Lothian were successively presented and invested by Her Majesty with the Riband and Badge of the Order of the Thistle. In the evening the Crown Prince of Austria arrived at the Castle, accompanied by the Count de Bombelles. The Austro-Hungarian ambassador, Count Beust, and Sir Andrew and Lady Buchanan also arrived and were included in Her Majesty's dinner party. The Crown Prince walked and drove with the Queen in the morning and returned to town after luncheon. Count Beust and Sir A. and Lady Buchanan returned in the forenoon. On Monday, the Count Della Rocca, Special Ambassador from the King of Italy, accompanied by his aide-de-camps, Count Morelli di Popolo, and Count Fr. di Hautecour arrived at the Castle and were introduced to Her Majesty, when Count Della Rocca delivered to the Queen the insignia of the Order of the Garter worn by his late Majesty King Victor Emmanuel. The Countess Della Rocca was afterwards presented, and all of them had the honour of being included in Her Majesty's dinner party. On Wednesday, the Queen, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, and headed by the ladies and gentlemen of the Court, arrived in London and drove under escort to Buckingham Palace. On Thursday Her Majesty held a Court, which was numerously attended by the Diplomatic Corps and General Circle. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught are still in Germany at the moment of writing. They were present at the grand ball given by our Ambassador in Berlin, Lord Odo Russell, in honour of the marriage of the Prussian Princesses. They attended divine service according to the Anglican rite on Sunday, and on Monday left for Darmstadt, being accompanied to the railway station by the Imperial Crown Prince and Princess of Germany. Darmstadt was reached on Tuesday afternoon, and on their arrival at the station the English Princes were received by the Grand Ducal family. On Tuesday Prince Leopold took leave of Her Majesty, and set out on his journey to the South of France, whither he has gone for the benefit of his health. The Prince is attended by Mr. Collins, C.B., and travels *incognito*.

The meeting in Hyde Park on Sunday was significant of the present temper of the British public. An immense gathering under the auspices of the National Patriotic League was held near the Marble Arch about two o'clock, when resolutions in support of the Government were carried with acclamation. The peace party meeting was fixed for three o'clock, and the spot chosen was in the direction of Apsley House. Mr. C. Bradlaugh was the moving spirit, and had it been carried through, Mr. Auberon Herbert would have been the presiding genius; but he had not occupied his position for long, when his presidency was abruptly terminated. The National party marched upon them in overwhelming numbers in order to oppose the contemplated resolutions, and finding Mr. Bradlaugh and his followers armed with bludgeons, a *mêlée* ensued, in which the peace party speedily disappeared, leaving hardly a trace behind them. Other resolutions of a patriotic character were put and carried, and in due time, but not till a late hour, the park was cleared of its noisy visitors. It is needless to say the interests of the park itself, which is intended to be a place of recreation for the public, and not a bear garden, suffered material damage, the grass being momentarily destroyed, and also the pretty flower beds, with their sprouting crocuses and other bulbous plants. It should be added that when the meeting was over, a party of the Nationalists marched to Downing-street for the purpose of presenting the Prime Minister with the resolutions. Lord Barrington thanked them on behalf of his Lordship, and promised that a day should be appointed for the reception of a deputation. Another and rougher section of the mob marched to Mr. Gladstone's residence, and one of the blackguards broke a window; and when a constable attempted to take him into custody, he behaved violently, and three policemen, each of whom he savagely assaulted, were required to take him to the station. On Monday, he was brought up at the Marlborough-street police-court, and sentenced by the presiding magistrate to three months' imprisonment with hard labour for each assault, and a fine of 40s, and £3 10s for the damage done to the window, with the alternative of two months' hard labour in addition. Had the fellow had six months' hard labour for each assault, the public verdict would have been "served him right."

Government are losing no time in pressing forward with their Naval and Military preparations. A second ironclad, still more powerful than the first, has been added to our Navy. The vessel has been re-named the Superb, and carries an armament of twelve 18-ton guns, in a battery a hundred feet long. Her tonnage is about 9,000, and she can be sent to sea forthwith if it should be necessary, but the Admiralty are having her interior fittings altered. The First Lord, Mr. Smith, with Admiral Wellesley, First Naval Lord, and the Comptroller of the Navy visited Chatham on Monday, and inspected the vessels there in progress. The Dreadnought has had her complement of 38-ton guns placed on board, and the Nelson armour-clad has made efficient trials of her machinery, a high rate of speed having been obtained. In the House of Commons, Mr. Hardy, in reply to Sir H. Havelock, said that Transport and Commissariat were ready for one army corps, and very nearly so for a second; but the most significant fact of all is the official announcement that Lord Napier of Magdala has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of any expeditionary force it may be thought necessary to employ, and that Sir Garnet Wolseley will be his Chief of the Staff. These appointments have given general satisfaction, as Lord Napier, though of ripe age, having been born in 1810, is full of energy and ability, and is one of our most experienced generals; while Sir Garnet Wolseley, who first saw service in 1852, in Burmah, is younger, and, at the same time, equally energetic with his Chief. The Channel Squadron is at Malta, being now attached to the Mediterranean Fleet, and constitutes an addition of four powerful ironclads—the Minotaur, Black Prince, Defence, and Resistance—under Lord John Hay. In a very short time we shall be able to double our ironclad fleet. Lastly, orders on a large scale are being given for war material of every kind, and the Arsenal at Woolwich is fully as active as it was at the time of the Crimean War.

The clergyman, the Rev. Henry John Dodwell, who, on Friday morning last, attempted to shoot Sir George Jessel, the Master of the Rolls, was brought up the same day before Mr. Flowers, at Bow Street, on the charge of attempting to murder or do grievous bodily harm. He was formally remanded till Saturday, and then committed for trial, the witnesses being bound over to appear. On entering the Court, a short time after the occurrence, Sir George Jessel was congratulated by Mr. Roxburgh, Q.C., on behalf of the Bar, on his narrow but providential escape from peril, and the Master of the Rolls feelingly acknowledged the kindly congratulation, and also expressed his sense of thankfulness to Providence for having spared him from such imminent danger. Another clergyman, the Rev. Ogle Russel Lafont, Rector of Hincksworth, Baldock, Herts, was brought before Mr. Vaughan on Wednesday, and charged with being a wandering lunatic. Evidence was given that Mr. Lafont had presented himself at the Government offices, in Downing Street, and declared himself "the Prime Minister to be." A certificate of Dr. Boyd, divisional surgeon, showed that he was insane, and he was remanded to the Workhouse pending further inquiries as to his state of mind.

Rachel Levison, *alias* Madame Rachel, who, some years since, was tried and convicted of attempting to obtain money by false pretences, has been committed for trial on a charge of obtaining £200 from Mrs. Pearce, wife of a stockbroker, by fraudulent representations. In answer to application for the release of the prisoner on lower bail, the magistrate fixed it at, Madame Rachel in £2,000, and two securities in £1,000 each—the same as on the previous occasion.

It is formally announced that Pope Leo. XIII. will be crowned in the Sistine Chapel to-morrow (Sunday), and will be afterwards proclaimed in the interior balcony of St. Peter's. Cardinal Simeoni is confirmed in his office as Papal Secretary of State.

The aspect of the Eastern Question becomes graver every hour. We have already alluded to the active preparations of our Government for war, if war should be inevitable, and there can be no doubt about the dangerous feeling in this country which the terms of peace have evoked. Whether or not, before these lines appear in print, peace will have been concluded, is comparatively of little moment, if the terrible terms which, whether authentic or unauthentic, have leaked out, are insisted upon. We need

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not dwell at length upon them. Suffice it to say, that there is to be a huge independent Bulgaria, extending to within a few miles of Adrianople, cut out of Turkey, and placed for two years certain, if not for all time, under the administration of Russian officials. Servia, Montenegro, and Roumania, are to receive additional territory and independence, but the last is to be robbed of her strip of Bessarabia, in which case it is rumoured that Prince Charles will abdicate and his ministry resign. An enormous indemnity is demanded, and also a part of the Turkish fleet. As regards the former, part will be paid in territory, and £40,000,000 in bonds, the interest and principal being secured by the Egyptian tribute—which is already hypothecated to French and English bondholders—and other securities. In short, as it has been said in some journal, at home or abroad, Turkey is not only being murdered, but will be "skinned" likewise. There can be no doubt, indeed Russian journals openly admit, that these terms are intended to be an insult to this country and Austria, and it is equally clear that if the cession of ironclads and the appropriation of the Egyptian tribute are persisted in, England will very soon be engaged in a terrible war, under great disadvantages, and it may be single-handed. However, there are one or two points on which Russia will do well to ponder before she drives this country to extremes. Our wealth is enormous, our navy is capable of any amount of expansion. We have—regulars, reserves, militia, and volunteers included—nearly half a million of men trained to the use of arms, and we can have any number of excellent soldiers from India and volunteers from our Colonies.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, at 4 p.m., on Tuesday afternoon. Bro. Edward Cox, Hon. Treasurer and Vice-Patron, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford Past G. Chaplain, C. Denton, W. Hicks, G. Ward Verry, T. S. Taylor, J. M. Klenck, R. W. Webster, C. W. Noehmer, and several others, together with Bro. James Terry, Hon. Secretary to the Board, and Secretary of the Institution. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary stated that the proceeds of the Festival amounted to £11,127 and some odd shillings, seven lists having since come to hand, so that there are only two or three now outstanding. Three hundred and sixty-four gentlemen, and one hundred and eighty-two ladies attended the Festival. It was further announced that the number of Stewards had been increased to 225; that £526 had already been paid in respect of the expenses of the Festival; that £193 14s 6d was still due on account of fees and dinner tickets, and that the expenses reached the sum of £671 2s 9d, leaving a small balance to the credit of the Board, which, by resolution, was left in the hands of the Secretary, to dispense as he might think fit. Votes of thanks were unanimously accorded to the Chairman, his Grace the Duke of Manchester, for having presided, to the President (Bro. Joseph Smith P.G.P.), the Treasurer (Bro. E. Cox), and the Secretary (Bro. James Terry), as well as to Bro. A. Best, the proprietor of Freemasons' Tavern, for the very admirable manner in which the dinner had been provided, and the necessary arrangements carried out. A vote of thanks to Bro. Cox for presiding was also passed, and the Board dissolved.

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The House Committee of the Royal Benevolent Institution met at Croydon at 3 p.m. on Thursday, when the residents received payment of their respective annuities for the quarter.

We have received a copy of "Balance Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1877," of the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, of which Bro. J. R. Goepel P.P.G.D.C. and P.M. 155, 823, is the honorary Treasurer. The Receipts for the period show a total of £856 6s. Of this sum £418 is in respect of Rents from Lodges, twenty-three holding their meetings in the Hall; £108 in respect of Rents from eleven Chapters; £45 for Rents, Miscellaneous—Conclaves, Preceptories, &c.; £37 for the Rents of Lodges of Instruction; £4 3s for Rents Occasional; £175 15s for Emergencies, Committees, Refreshments, &c.; £25 from the Masonic Club; and £43 8s cash borrowed from the Furniture Fund. The payments, including a balance of £5 4s 2d due to Treasurer on the previous year's accounts amount to £858 14s 9d, so that there was due to Treasurer on 31st December, the trifling sum of £2 8s 9d. These include £8 18s for Insurance; £145 7s 9d for House Account; £8 18s 11d for Printing; £25 18s 7d for Coal Account; £158 14s 2d for Repairs and Alterations; £22 11s 10d for Furniture; £100 for Interest; £32 2s 2d for Decorating; £78 4s 3d for Rates and Taxes; £23 2s 3d for Ironmongery; £103 14s 10d for Gas; £10 19s 11d for Coke; £22 3s 1d for Gas Fittings; £23 2s 2d for Plumbing; £22 for Organ; and £59 15s 2d, being cash advanced for Building, besides other small items. The outstanding debts, including balance to Treasurer, amount to £31 15s 8d. The Masonic Hall Building Fund Account shows an expenditure for Plumbing, Ironmongery, &c., of £128 6s, against which there are receipts amounting to £68 10s 10d, the balance £59 15s 2d, being advanced from the Maintenance Fund. The receipts of the Furnishing Fund Account amount to £43 8s, and the payments to the same sum, the amount being lent to Maintenance Fund. The Organ Fund Account touches one transaction only, namely, "removing, altering, and addition to organ" £62, towards which the Concert Committee paid cash £40, the balance, £22, being paid out of General Fund. Each of the foregoing is certified as having been duly "audited and found correct." The statement of account has been carefully drawn, and does credit to Bro. Goepel's business qualities.

Our readers may have noticed that, in our report of the last meeting of the "Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101," at the Masonic Hall, Reading, it was stated "the ballot was taken for two candidates for initiation, one was rejected, and the other elected." Circumstances have since come to our knowledge which induce us to offer a few remarks. The rejected candidate, we are given to understand, was a member of the Corporation, and a person of the highest respectability and moral worth, and this statement is borne out by the fact that his proposer and seconder were both Past Masters and Founders of the Lodge, the latter being the late Bro. Chancellor, who at the time of his death was Prov. G. Treasurer. No intimation was given of the rejection, which is looked upon, not without reason, as a deliberate and wanton insult to the Masonic sponsors of the candidate. The accepted candidate had been already rejected by the Mother Lodge (No. 414) and his proposal in the Grey Friars has, to say the least, a very suspicious appearance about it. As the ballot is necessarily secret, we are not in a position to explain this strange inconsistency. Here we have a worthy and estimable man, a member of the Municipal Corporation, of high moral character, and generally respected, denied initiation, though his sponsors were respected P.M.'s and Founders of the Lodge; while, on the other hand, a candidate, who had been rejected in the parent Lodge on, we assume, sufficient grounds, is accepted in the daughter Lodge. This is certainly anomalous, and to be deeply regretted. It will not tend to promote harmony among the "Grey Friars," and it may cause a great deal of dissatisfaction, and so bring about a state of things which must prove injurious to the best interests of the Lodge, and indeed to the interests of the Craft generally. We cannot say the rejection of a candidate under the circumstances as described is contrary to the law, for, however worthy a candidate may be, some members of the Lodge in which he is proposed may imagine they will experience some difficulty in getting on with him comfortably, and though they might welcome him as a brother, are not prepared to accept him as a fellow-member of their Lodge. But the acceptance in a Lodge of a candidate rejected in another Lodge in the same town is assuredly matter for close scrutiny, and some explanation of so suspicious a circumstance should be forthcoming.

The installation of Bro. Bernard Sharp, P.M. 168, as W.M. of the Wolsey Lodge 1656, will take place at the White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick, on Monday next, the 4th inst., at 4.30 p.m.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 2nd MARCH.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
199—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1472—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1623—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1654—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

## MONDAY, 4th MARCH.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1206—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, 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. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick.
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

27—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
190—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
258—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
265—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.
662—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
697—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
823—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
851—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
950—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1060—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
1061—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1084—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1134—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1673—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1678—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.

## TUESDAY, 5th MARCH.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
86—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
95—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
173—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1607—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
134—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
186—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
309—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
346—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
360—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
363—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
483—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
556—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
946—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1332—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1488—St. Elseth, Castle Hotel, Ambwch.

## WEDNESDAY, 6th MARCH.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall. At 6 for 7.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
536—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1434—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1545—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

61—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
298—Harmony, Masonic Room, Annan-street, Rochdale.
324—Meira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
337—Wigton St. John, Love and Leeds, Wigton.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1365—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1334—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

## THURSDAY, 7th MARCH.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)
K. T.—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Guildhall, Canterbury.
38—Union, Connell 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 Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Masonic Building, Abingdon-street, Northampton.
443—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
456—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Mall, Stockton, Durham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)
793—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.
1013—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underly, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.
1367—Boaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Boaminster.
1473—Bootle, Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Bootle, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1504—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery.
1613—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1630—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemason's Hall, Sheffield.

## FRIDAY, 8th MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
786—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1396—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1269—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.

## SATURDAY, 9th MARCH.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

### SATURDAY.

R. A. 309—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.

### MONDAY.

154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1352—De Warren, Masonic Hall, Hotel, Halifax.
R. A. 390—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.

### TUESDAY.

265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 280—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

### WEDNESDAY.

R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds

### THURSDAY.

260—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.

### FRIDAY.

458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
1091—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
K. T.—Hope, Freemason's Hall, Huddersfield.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—439—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.
TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 89 Constitution-street.
THURSDAY—97—St. James, St. James' Hall, Writer's-court.
FRIDAY—93—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

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## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Royal Athelstan Lodge. No. 19.**—The Past Masters' centenary Club attached to this Lodge held its ninth anniversary at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 28th ult. Bro. Daniel Nicholson P.M. in the chair, supported by Bro. John Charles W.M. and many of the Past Masters of the Lodge. Bro. Alexander T. Hollingsworth, having completed his year of office as W.M., was formally introduced as a member of the Club, and invited by the President to partake of the loving cup (the gift of Bro. W.M. Bywater P.M.) Bro. George Campion P.M. was unanimously elected chairman of the Club for the ensuing year, 1879. The banquet, served by Bro. Best, proprietor of the Freemasons' Tavern, was everything that could be desired.

**Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.**—Held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday evening last. Present—Bros. Richards W.M., Chapman S.W., Coulson J.W., Maidwell S.D., Kemp J.D., Cuthbertson I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, Atkins P.M. Treasurer, and other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ellis as candidate. The first and second sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Ellis, assisted by the brethren. A cordial vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Richards, it being the first time he had performed the duties of the chair. After other business the Lodge was closed.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—Held at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday last, the 25th ult. Present—Bro. Hallam W.M., Wing S.W., Sparrow J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, J. W. Smith S.D., Lorkin J.D., Banks I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Kidder, Johnstone, Isaac, &c. The minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Johnstone answered the usual questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced to second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Johnstone candidate. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Kidder being the candidate. Bro. Sparrow worked the first, and Bro. Isaac the second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lorkin of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, was elected a member. Bro. Wing will preside next week.

**Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.** — On Tuesday, the 26th of February, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Bros. John Soper W.M., E. Abell S.W., J. Cooper J.W., W. G. Dickins Sec., W. Brambam S.D., T. B. Linscott J.D., A. W. Tranter I.G., J. Bingemann Preceptor; Bros. J. S. Brown, J. H. Dodson, A. Sanders, E. Miroy, J. L. Corne, C. F. May, and several other brethren. After preliminaries, Bro. Hallam offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The second and fourth sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Brown, and the third by Bro. Bingemann. Bro. Abell was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. John Soper for his able working for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. After which the Lodge was closed, in perfect harmony, and adjourned to Tuesday, 5th March.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on the 26th ult. Present—Bros. Cambridge W.M., Sayer S.W., Brown J.W., Daniel S.D., Wharman J.D., Gladwell I.G., J. S. Fraser, D. Posener, Hollands, Forrest, Ellis, Quincey, Chivers, C. Alphonse W.M. 108; Bro. Leins Installing Master, and Bro. Barnes (Doric). Bro. J. S. Fraser opened the Lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Fraser vacated the chair. Bro. Cambridge was presented by Bro. Barnes to Bro. Leins for installation, and the ceremony was duly proceeded with. Bro. Cambridge invested the officers. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Chivers candidate. This brother also answered the questions leading to the second degree. The thanks of the meeting were given to Bro. Leins for presiding and working the ceremony in such a perfect and impressive manner. Bro. Sayer was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. Bro. C. Alphonse, W.M. of Lodge 108, was elected a member. The ceremony of installation is generally worked at this Lodge of Instruction on the fourth or fifth Tuesday in every month. Brethren wishing to make themselves proficient should bear this in mind.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—The annual dinner of this Lodge of Instruction took place on Monday, at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road. There was a capital attendance of members and their friends, and the whole proceedings were of a most agreeable character. The chair was occupied by Dr. Robert Cross, W.M. of the mother Lodge, who was supported by Bro. George Lambert P.M. 198, and by several of his officers. The vice chair was filled by Bro. Stock, and Bros. Halford, Killick, and Pearcy, Treasurer, Secretary, and Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction, exerted themselves to promote the comfort of the guests. The repast was capitally served, and on the removal of the cloth, Dr. Cross proposed the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty: We always unite our loyalty to the Queen with our loyalty to the Craft. Her Majesty had three sons who were Freemasons, and she is, through them, intimately associated with us. The toast was then fully honoured, and the W.M. then gave the health of the M.W. the Grand Master, the Pro. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers. Dr. Cross then proposed Prosperity to the Percy Lodge of Instruction. In introducing the toast the worthy Doctor remarked that he was proud to be in his present position. He thought, however, that one of their own members might have better filled the chair (cries of No, no). He supposed that he must agree with them. He certainly felt it a great honour to be there as representing the Mother Lodge, though he hardly thought they should be considered the Alma Mater. The brethren whose guests they were that evening met together to impart instruction; they had the sanction of the Mother Lodge, which had reason to be proud of the association. He was convinced the brethren to whose hands the management was entrusted would always reflect credit on the honoured name of Percy. With the toast he would associate the name of the Preceptor, Bro. Pearcy. After a song from Bro. Stock, Bro. Pearcy replied: He was proud to have the W.M. and several influential members of the Mother Lodge present. Since the resuscitation of the Lodge of Instruction they had met with great success, and had enrolled 246 members. He thanked the brethren present for the kind way they had received his name in connection with the toast. Bro. Pearcy then, in brief terms, proposed the health of the Chairman, who gracefully replied: He would not occupy much of their time: he knew his old friend Bro. Lambert wished to say a few words. He would nevertheless take a look back at the past. It was thirty years ago since he had the pleasure of initiating Bro. Lambert, who was a very worthy member of the Percy Lodge, and was universally respected by its members. For himself he would only add that he was greatly pleased at the satisfactory way in which those present carried on their work, and he trusted he should again and again have the pleasure of meeting them. Bro. Lambert on rising said he never felt in a prouder position. The Percy Lodge of Instruction was the first ever held in this country, in fact the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was an offshoot from it. It was established in 1789. Bro. Lambert then related some interesting details in connection with its earlier career; how in those days, in Lodges of Instruction it was customary to make Masons, and how till within a few years he had personally known a brother who had been made in such a manner. He, with other members of the Lodge, had naturally been anxious, when application was made for their sanction, to know what manner of men they were to whom was to be entrusted the responsibility of working under their name. He then referred with regret to the fact that the minute books were missing, but he would do all in his power to assist in bringing them to light. The other toasts comprised the Officers, to which Bros. Halford and Killick replied; the Visitors, responded to by Bro. Grabham; the Charities, by Bro. Jas. Terry, and the Press, by Bro. Morgan. The chairman then toasted our Distressed Brethren, and the company dispersed.

**Cleveland Lodge, No. 543.**—On Monday night the members of the Cleveland Lodge, No. 543, met at the Lodge-room, Golden Lion Hotel, Stokesley, to instal the W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. W. S. Dixon was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. G. Marwood P.D.P.G.M. for the North and East Ridings. Bro. Dixon nominated for his Officers—Bros. W. R. Sharpe S.W., T. R. Unthank J.W., Thomas Fenny S.D., F. Wrightson J.D., A. Skilbeck I.G., J. H. Handyside Secretary, R. Watson Treasurer, H. Fawcett Organist, and W. Harrison Tyler.

**William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.**—On Friday, the 22nd of February, at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. Aug. Braun P.M. 766 W.M., Harris S.W., Kidman J.W., W. J. Miller P.M. 766 pro tem Sec., Kennard Treas., Hill S.D., Parsons J.D., Heath I.G.; Bros. C. Webster, Nichols, Hall, Moore, Mathias, Reid, West, Evans, Adair, Tribbel, March, Clipper, W. Webster, and sundry other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form; the minutes were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Geo. West S.W 1287 was duly presented for installation, which ceremony was rehearsed by Bro. Braun. Lodge being closed down, Bro. Henry Moore 1287 was elected a member. Bro. Harris was appointed to preside at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Braun for rehearsing the ceremony of installation.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—Met at the Star and Garter, Kew-bridge, on Friday, 22nd Feb., at 7.30 p.m. Present—Bros. Blasby W.M., Irwen S.W., Goss J.W., Costelow S.D., Tucker J.D., Gomm I.G., C. Rowe Preceptor, Gunner Secretary; Dorey, Acworth, Metcalf, Kyezor, &c. After formalities had been complied with, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Acworth being the candidate. Bro. Tucker gave the lectre on the Tracing Board, with admirable completeness, to the edification of the members present, and reflecting great credit on so young a Mason. The Lodge was closed down in due form, in harmony, peace, and brotherly love.

**The Lily of Richmond Lodge of Instruction.**—Met at the Greyhound, at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, 23rd inst. Bro. Hinton W.M., Kyezor S.W., Wade J.W., Fisher S.D., Hamblin J.D., C. Roe I.G., Phillips Preceptor and Secretary. Visitor—Bro. W. Newsome. Lodge was opened in due form, in the first, second and third degrees, and resumed to the first. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Newsome answered the questions, and was raised to the sublime degree by the W.M. with his usual ability and effectiveness. Bro. Preceptor Phillips said he felt contrained, with much regret, to place his resignation in the hands of the brethren. The continued absence of so many of the members made it at times impossible to carry on the Lodge duties, and although those present invariably expressed themselves indebted for his attention, he could only view with concern the gradual breaking up of the Lodge of Instruction. He would be the last to desert the ship, and would remain in office

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until the brethren found a successor. Bro. Wade trusted that Bro. Phillips would reconsider the matter, as the members would find it impossible to replace him. Bro. Kyezor said it was with very deep regret that he had heard Bro. Phillips tender his resignation, as he had known him for years, and looked upon him as the keystone of the arch, and on which the vitality of the Lodge of Instruction rested. If Bro. Phillips resigned, the fabric would collapse from inanition; the Lodge had recently suffered from the errors of others, and matters over which they had no control. He hoped that the members would make an effort to raise it again to the elevated position it formerly enjoyed. Bro. Phillips then proposed, and Bro. Hinton seconded, that Bro. Kyezor fill the chair of King Solomon on Saturday next, 2nd March. Bro. Kyezor having thanked the brethren, appointed the officers in rotation, and trusted that the members would assemble in strength at the next meeting.

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**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—At Bro. Smyth's, Sister's Tavern, Pownell-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 26th ult. There was a very large assemblage on this occasion; many brethren who had not been able to attend since the removal of the Lodge from the Triangle came to pay a mark of respect to their old Preceptor, Bro. Wallington. Bros. Dallas W.M., Weige S.W., Slater J.W., C. Lorkin S.D., M. Christian J.D., Wardel I.G., Smyth Tr.; also Bros. Worsley, Smith, Johnson, Barker, Pavitt, Watkins, Allen, Musto, Cusworth, &c. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Musto candidate. Bro. Allen worked the second section of the lecture, and Bro. Worsley the fourth, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Ferrar, Sadler and Atkinson, were elected members, and Bro. Weige was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, the Lodge was then closed and adjourned until Tuesday next at eight.

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**Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.**—On Wednesday, the 27th February, at the Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street. Bros. Abell W.M., May S.W., Marston J.W., Vizzard S.D., Hyde J.D., Pate I.G.; P.M. Long Preceptor; Woods, &c. Business—The ceremony of initiation was ably performed by the W.M., and the sections of the lecture were worked by the brethren, after which Bro. May was appointed W.M. for next meeting. On account of the indisposition of Bro. Tate, who was to have worked the Fifteen Sections on Wednesday next, 6th March, they are unavoidably postponed.

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**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—Held at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 22nd ult. Present—Bros. Smith W.M., Lane S.W., Cleverley J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Simmons S.D., Hunter J.D., Hine I.G., also Bros. Bolton, Posener jun., Wartski, Campbell, Stroud, Pearcy, &c. Lodge was opened, the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Simmonds being candidate, Bro. Campbell worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Wartski of the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, was elected a member. Bro. Lane was unanimously elected W.M., for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

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**Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.**—Meets at the Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road. On Wednesday next, Bro. Crouch will work the installation ceremony. On the fourth Wednesday in March, Bro. Verry will work the Fifteen Sections. The meetings are held every Wednesday evening.

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**Gladsmuir Chapter, No. 1385.**—The installation meeting of this Chapter was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on 21st Feb. The Comps. present were—Ex. G. Ward Verry, Prov. G.P.S. M.E.Z., H. Edwards H., J. Livingston Prov. G.S.B. J., T. S. Carter Prov. G.H. S.E., J. Lowthin P.P. 2nd Assist. Treas., G. Neall P.Z., F. H. Wilson Iles Prov. G.S.E., Cussans S.N., W. J. Crutch P.S., R. F. Young 2nd Assist. Soj., J. Purrott D.C., W. Marks, J. Cutbush, F. Venables. Visitor—Comp. C. P. Cobham, 403, &c. E. Comp. G. W. Verry installed E. Comp. H. Edwards as M.E.Z., E. Comp. Iles installed E. Comp. Livingston as H. and Comp. Cussans as J. The other Officers appointed were E. Comps. Carter S.E., Crutch S.N., Lowthin Treas., J. Cutbush D.C., J. Purrott Steward. E. Comp. Verry was presented with a P.Z.'s jewel, which had been subscribed for by the Chapter. The Comps. afterwards dined together, when a very pleasant evening was spent.

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**The Weyside Chapter, No. 1395.**—The ceremonies of consecrating and opening the first Provincial Grand Chapter for Surrey took place on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the Crown and Anchor Inn, Woking, Surrey. A number of the Companions were visitors, who had come from London and other parts to meet the Companions of the new Chapter, and assist in the ceremony. The Chapter was formed by the Grand Superintendent for Surrey, Lieut.-General Brownrigg, C.B., assisted by Ex. Comps. Dr. Harcourt P.Z. 370 and Complin. The following Comps. were also present:—Rev. C. W. Arnold, Dr. T. C. Eagan, H. W. Charrington, C. H. Woodward P.Z., Greenwood P.G.S., March, Groombridge, J. W. Sagg 1152, S. Brownrigg P.G.C., Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.S. Suffolk, Knight 185, Elsam Lorimer 370, Bottinger, J. H. Wilson, H. E. Frances Z. 452, Magnus Ohren P.Z. 452, &c. The ceremony of consecration was most ably and impressively performed by Lieut.-General Brownrigg P.G.S., Comp. Dr. Harcourt giving as the oration a very eloquent and instructive essay on the relative teachings of the M.M. degree and R.A. Masonry, which was listened to with deep attention, and much appreciated. After the consecration, Dr. Harcourt installed the Principals designate into their respective chairs, as follow:—Comps. Rev. C. W. Arnold Z., Dr. T. C. Eagan H., H. W. Charrington J. After the business of the Weyside Chapter, Comp. Dr. Harcourt again took the chair of Z., and obligated Lieut.-Gen. Brownrigg P.G.S., and installed him into the chair of Z., who, calling upon Comps. Complin and Arnold to take the the obligation of Past Grand Principals, severally placed those Comps. into the chairs of H. and J., appointed the remainder of his P.G. Officers as follow:—Comps. Greenwood G.S.E., C. H. Woodward G.S.N., Price P.G. Treas., Groombridge P.G. Reg., March P.G.S., Eager First Assist. G.S., Charrington Second D.G.S., H. E. Frances P.G.D.C., T. H. Woodward P.G. Sword Bearer, J. W. Sagg P.G. Standard Bearer. A committee was appointed to prepare the bye laws, and the business being ended, the Prov. Grand Chapter was closed. The Comps. then adjourned to the house of Comp. Dr. Eager, where they were made welcome to an excellent luncheon, and the various viands were done ample justice to by the Comps. The necessity of catching an early train for the return journey shortened the time for speech making, but each Masonic toast received its due amount of appreciation. The Grand Superintendent, with Dr. Harcourt, and prosperity to the Weyside Chapter, as toasts, being very warmly received, nor were the ladies of Dr. Eager's household forgotten in the enthusiasm which acknowledged the tasteful way they had decorated the tables with choice and beautiful flowers.

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**Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, Hampton.**—A very successful meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 18th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. John Hammond W.M., supported by Bro. John Hurst I.P.M.; in the west by Bro. Fox W.M. 1326; in the south by Bro. Jassett; Bros. E. Hopwood P.G.S.B. Mid. Treas., W. Hammond P.P.G.D. Mid. Sec., Ockenden S.D., Walls J.D., Kent I.G., Moody J.S. The Lodge being opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken, resulting unanimously in favour of the admission of Bro. Winfred Kay 1326 as a joining member, and of Messrs. Robert Bray and David Papworth as candidates for Masonic light. The W.M. then proceeded with the initiation of these gentlemen (both of whom were his personal friends), and also passed Bro. W. C. Davey to the degree of F.C., working both ceremonies admirably. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Colonel Burdett) was, on the proposition of the W.M., unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge. A candidate for initiation was proposed, and further business being despatched, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. After the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Special reference was made to the illness of the R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and if the good wishes of the Hemming Lodge were of any avail, our Bro. Little would be a "Hercules" to-morrow. The health of the Worshipful Master met with a hearty reception. For the Visitors Bro. Stokes, from Ireland, replied, and expressed his gratification at the hospitality extended to him generally wherever he had visited a Lodge in the Province during his sojourn in Middlesex. Bros. Bray and Papworth responded for the Initiates in suitable terms. We were glad to notice that the toast of the Charities was high up on the list, and we hope the appeal of the W.M. and of Bro. Hurst (whose name, as Steward for "the Girls'," was coupled) will result in a total creditable to 1512. Notice of motion for £10 10s to head the list had been given in open Lodge by the Treasurer. One other feature we also feel bound to notice. The speeches were brief, the words well chosen, and each toast appropriately recommended. Bro. John Hammond's example is worthy the imitation of many a presiding genius in our Masonic hierarchy, who, when the labours of the evening terminate, is apt to be just a little prosy at the banquet. In such instances a brother has sometimes to leave before the programme is completed, in order to catch his train, with an uncomfortable feeling that he has not been mindful of his duty in paying homage to all the toasts, or else accept the alternative of waiting till the weary end. Bro. Court 1503 was also present as a visitor, and the following members, not already named:—Bros. W. Knowles, H. Jones, H. C. J. Murphy, H. Tagg, &c. Bros. Papworth, Davey, Walls, Hurst, Jessett, and Knowles contributed vocally to the harmony of the evening. The brethren separated shortly after ten, to meet again, all being well, on Thursday, 18th March.

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**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**—At the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday evening, 27th February. Bros. McMillan W.M., Slaiter S.W., Bonner J.W., G. Ferrar Treas., E. Dietrich Sec., Jones S.D., G. Davis J.D., Jameson I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor; Brasted, R. Olley, Maples, O. Dietrich, C. Olley, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ferrar candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. R. Olley, who had previously answered the questions, was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the third and fourth sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Fieldwick, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Slaiter was unanimously appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

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**Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642.**—The Masonic Ball took place on Friday the 22nd ult., at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, under the presidency of Bro. Penn W.M. of the Mother Lodge, ably assisted by Bro. Murlis P.M., who acted as Hon. Sec., Bro. Parkhouse and the brethren of the Lodge. The Hall was splendidly decorated, under the superintendence of Bro. Adkins, and upwards of 160 ladies and gentlemen enjoyed a very pleasant evening; the gay dresses of the fair sex, made the scene one of the most brilliant that could be imagined. The supper was served in an excellent manner, presided over by Bro. Penn. Bro. Stephens P.M., Steward for the next Festival of the Girls' Institution, in responding to a toast, said, that after this successful evening, he would alter his mind; the

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amount he intended to have on his list would certainly not be less than £200. Dancing was kept up with great spirit, until the small hours of the morning. The whole of the arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Murlis, who is to be congratulated on the success which attended his efforts; the Stewards were Bros. Smoot sen., Woodmason, Adkins, Newland, Whitaker, Crabb, and Spiegel.

**Urban Lodge, No. 1196.**—The first regular meeting of this Lodge since the installation of Bro. E. G. Legge (noticed in our issue of the 26th January) was held at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Tuesday, the 26th February. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and after the minutes of the previous Lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, the bye laws were read. The W.M. then stated that as there were no candidates for either of the degrees, he had determined, with the assistance of the Officers and approval of the brethren, to work the 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the First Lecture, feeling assured that to such of the brethren as had not had opportunities of visiting Lodges of Instruction, it would be both interesting and instructive to hear the explanations of some of the principles of Freemasonry, and of the ceremonies through which they all had passed, they would find that every part had special objects in view, and if, on some future occasion, any Brother would express a wish to take up a section, or part of any section, he (the W.M.) would be very happy to work it with them in the Lodge. The W.M. then, with the assistance of the Officers, and especially of Bro. Henry Marsh P.M. and Bro. C. H. Webb D.C., worked the three first sections of the First Lecture in a very efficient manner, the W.M. putting all the questions, and also giving some of the addresses and the charge. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial supper supplied by Bro. Gay, which, though not on this occasion comprising "black puddings," included the famed "Urban pudding," to which full justice was done. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, the W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors, of whom he said he was pleased to see six present, including the W.M.'s of two other Lodges (although this was only what might be considered an off-night). Visiting Lodges was a duty they were all enjoined by the Book of Constitutions to perform, and he (the W.M.) did not known anything which tended more to the creation and extension of brotherly love and good fellowship than visiting strange Lodges, whether at home, in the country, or abroad, and afterwards recounting the pleasant reminiscences of such visits. While on the question of visiting, the W.M. stated he wished it to be known amongst the brethren that he intended to pay an official visit to the Urban Lodge of Instruction, which held its warrant from their Lodge, on some early date to be arranged by the Secretary and Bro. Hawksley, who was an active member, and one of the founders of the Lodge of Instruction. He hoped to have the support of all the Officers on that occasion. Bros. Walford P.M. 1489 and Watts P.M. 194 replied on behalf of the Visitors, and expressed their thanks for the cordial reception they had received, and the great pleasure it had afforded them to hear the sections worked in so admirable a manner in open Lodge; they wished this was more generally practised. Bro. Marsh, too, in reply to the toast of the Past Masters, spoke of the pleasure it had given him to be present to hear and take part in working the sections in open Lodge, which he characterised as a happy thought on the part of the W.M. He (Bro. Marsh) was one of the founders of the Urban Lodge, and had installed six of its Masters, but from the thorough knowledge of the work which the W.M. had displayed, he felt sure that he (Bro. Legge) would instal his successor in the chair. He should be very pleased for him to do so. Bro. Carpenter, the Secretary, also stated that the W.M., whom he designated as the reigning king, was not a man to abdicate any of his rights or powers; he regretted that only three of the Past Masters were present, and he felt sure all would sympathise with the absent ones, as Bro. Tickle was kept away by family illness, and the popular Brother J. Pearson through an unfortunate accident sustained at the Zoological Gardens, while Bro. Simpson I.P.M. was where, as a Mason, he should be—by the side of his Masonic Bro. J. Pearson. Shakspeare has said that the lion would not touch the true prince, but Bro. Carpenter opined that Shakspeare was wrong in this instance. After the Officers' and Tyler's toasts had been given, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close, and the brethren separated at half-past ten o'clock. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Blatchford S.W., Heath J.W., Eckstein S.D., Radford J.D., Hawksley I.G., Webb D.C., Ware P.M., Marsh P.M., Carpenter Sec., Dowsing, Green, Harvey, Buck, Beck, Temperley, and F. Radford. Also Visitors Bros. Bouter, Porcheron, A. Buck, G. Watts No. 194, Walford 1489, and Webster W.M. 569.

**Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.**—The regular monthly meeting was held on Friday, the 22nd ult., at the Head Quarters of the Honourable Artillery Company, Finsbury, under the presidency of Bro. R. G. Webster W.M. The following officers were present:—J. D. Everingham S.W., Lieut. Durrant acting J.W., Ensign F. J. Stohwasser S.D., Quarter Master W. G. Brighten J.D., W. Birdseye I.G., Captain Helsham P.M. Treasurer, Capt. J. Eglese P.M. Secretary, W. Jolliffe D.C., and Ensign W. I. Spicer I.P.M. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Capt. M. H. Jacobs, which being unanimous, he was initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. Ballots were also taken for Bros. Hy. Bateman, Chas. Edward Eglese, Wm. Henry Baker, and Horace Gooch, as joining members, who were all unanimously elected. Bros. Dadswell, Parr, Elam, and Ralls having answered the usual questions, were severally passed to the second degree. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Ensign W. I. Spicer I.P.M., who raised Bros. Blanks, Ellis, A. M. McKenzie and C. H. McKenzie to the sublime degree. The whole of the ceremonies were exceptionally well performed. The Lodge then voted the following sums to the undermentioned Charities, to be placed on the lists of Bros. Webster W.M., Everingham J.W., and Lieut. Durrant, who had undertaken to serve as Stewards at the respective Festivals:—To the Boys' School, ten guineas; to the Girls' School, ten guineas; to the Aged Freemasons and Widows, £10. The Lodge was then closed, with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to supper.

**The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—This Chapter is steadily progressing in its career of usefulness, and although not so numerously attended as might be desired, still there is a marked improvement in the number of those whose visits may be counted upon with tolerable regularity. The Companions who are habitually met around the miniature furniture, with its tiny standards and banners (which, by the way is a rather ingenious contrivance, furnished by Comp. Causy of Cheapside), are nearly all well qualified to instruct, although they modestly prefer being thought to go there for the purpose of being instructed. At the meeting on Tuesday, the 26th ult., held at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, E.C., there were present Comps. F. Brown M.E.Z., J. B. Sorrell H., W. Stephens J., Thos. W. White S.E., P. Wagner S.N., Thomas Call P.S., J. Constable, J. Peartree, F. Buckland, J. G. Middleton, visitor from St. James's Chapter, No. 2, R. W. Goddard, S. P. Catterson, T. Pownceby, W. H. Cohen, E. Gottheil, &c. The ceremony of the degree was rehearsed in a manner reflecting the highest credit to all the Officers. It may be doubted whether any regular Chapter can boast a staff so capable of performing the by no means easy duties the exigencies of the degree demand with such consummate ability and precision. The business of the convocation commences at 6.30, and as a rule concludes shortly after eight, thus affording Companions an opportunity to take advantage of its benefits without materially interfering with a natural desire to reach home at an early hour, after the fatigues of their daily occupation.

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## THE RESOLUTION OF GRAND LODGE ON THE FRENCH QUESTION.

THE conduct of Grand Lodge in reference to the altered Constitutions of the Grand Orient of France has been worthy of its high position. It is impossible the charge of having acted over-hastily can be brought against it. It was only in the middle of September of last year that the Annual Assembly of the Grand Orient adopted the resolution which has caused so much discussion, and we feel, we may add, so much regret among Craftsmen. At the Quarterly Communication of our Grand Lodge in December last, on the motion of the Pro Grand Master, duly seconded, it was resolved to appoint a Committee to investigate the circumstances, and meantime to admit as visitors into our Lodges all French brethren, whose certificates bore date prior to the 13th September, the day when the amendment of its Constitutions was adopted by the Grand Orient. This Committee, which included some of the ablest of our Masonic luminaries, has been conducting this inquiry ever since, and the result is a report embodying a series of resolutions, which was submitted to Grand Lodge on Wednesday, and was adopted unanimously. The resolutions are four in number. The first expresses the profound regret with which Grand Lodge views the change adopted by the Grand Orient of France in removing from their Constitutions the principle of a belief in the Great Architect of the Universe—a step directly opposed to the principles and practice of all true Masons from the past to the present time. The second declares that, while this Lodge is prepared to recognise as brethren the members of any foreign Grand Lodge whose proceedings are conducted in accordance with the ancient landmarks of the Order, "of which belief in the Great Architect is the most important," it cannot recognise "as true and genuine brothers any persons initiated in Lodges where that belief is denied or ignored." The third resolution cautions Masters of all Lodges in union with the Grand Lodge of England against admitting any foreign brother as a visitor unless duly vouched for, or producing a certificate that he was initiated in a Lodge professing belief in the Great Architect of the Universe; and failing that, that he shall not be admitted except on his own statement that he acknowledges this belief as an essential landmark of the Order. The fourth and last merely declares that these resolutions shall be forwarded to the Masters of all Lodges in England, Ireland, Scotland, and the Colonies, holding under Warrants of Grand Lodge England, with directions that they be read in open Lodge at the first meeting after their receipt. In moving these resolutions, the Pro Grand Master pointed out that they must be accepted in their entirety, as each was a corollary to that which preceded it, so that the whole must stand or fall together. He also pointed out, that while Grand Lodge had no desire to interfere with other Masonic jurisdictions, it was bound to express its opinions, and also to give effect to them; and he did not think they were exacting too much from foreign brethren in requesting them to make the declaration as prescribed by the third resolution. This, he thought, was the very least they could do, holding, as they did, by this ancient and most important landmark. The resolutions, as we have said, were carried, and so far the question is at rest. As our Grand Lodge held no official communication with the Grand Orient of France, as was the case with the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, there could be, of course, no formal severance of official relations. The position in which English and French Freemasons stand to each other under the altered circumstances is, that only those French brethren who were initiated under the former Constitutions of the Grand Orient, or who are willing to declare their belief in the Great Architect, will be eligible to be received as visitors into our English Lodges; and as a matter of course only those who deny such belief will be shut out. This is certainly, as the Earl of Carnarvon put it, the minimum which it was our duty to do, nor can it be denied that the resolutions have been framed in the most liberal and fraternal spirit. There is one point, however, on which we think there should have been some expression of opinion. We mean the conduct of English brethren who may think of visiting French Lodges. We cannot be expected to know by intuition whether the Lodge we may propose to enter accepts this particular landmark. We may stir up anything but a fraternal spirit among the members if we ask the question, in order to satisfy ourselves that we are not mixing with those whom our Grand Lodge has formally declared it cannot recognise "as true and genuine" brethren. Something, in our judgment, should have been laid down for the guidance of English brethren in such cases, which it is obviously possible may arise sooner or later. If English brethren are free to enter all French Lodges, both those which accept and those which reject the principles of belief in the Great Architect, what good can come of excluding one section of French brethren from visiting ours? If English Masons are not likely to suffer any contamination by mingling with *all* classes of French brethren, they are not likely to suffer by the reception at home of a few chance visitors. We admit these resolutions are in the light of an official protest against the altered Constitutions of the Grand Orient of France, and to that extent they are meant to uphold what we believe to be the true spirit of Freemasonry; but in order to be complete they should, as far as possible, regulate the conduct of English Masons in visiting as well as receiving French Masons. We have heard there are between seventy and eighty French Lodges which protest against the change. Are we to visit these only, and, if so, through whom shall we be able to learn their styles and titles? We have no wish to be thought hypercritical, or to be actuated by a carping spirit, but these are certainly points on which some information should be vouchsafed us. Otherwise we shall go about blindly, and perhaps be guilty of some act in direct opposition to our own most cherished views on Freemasonry. It is rather surprising that this should have escaped the logical mind of our Pro Grand Master and the rest of the Committee. We repeat, we are not anxious to widen the breach between the two Grand bodies, but in a question of this kind we should be able to rely on something more than our own discretion.

## INTEGRITY LODGE, No. 163.

THE Balance Sheet of this Lodge for the past year, and the particulars of its donations to different Masonic and other Institutions, with the privileges enjoyed in consequence, indicate a singularly healthy condition of affairs. The receipts show a total of £462 0s 1d, comprising balance from previous account, £148 9s 8d; Initiation and Joining Fees and Subscriptions, &c., £306 15s; Interest and Dividend, £6 15s 5d. The expenditure presents a total of £315 15s 6d, comprising St. John's Festival Expenses, £28 19s; Steward's Account, &c., £67; Rent,

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Stationery, &c., £81 7s 6d; Grand Lodge, &c. Fees and Certificates, £31 7s; Benevolent Account, including £50 to Male and £50 to Female Fund of R.M.B.I., and a Two Guineas subscription to each of our Three Institutions, £106 11s. Thus, there remained to come forward to the current account a balance on the right side of £146 4s 7d, of which £100 is the equivalent of 20 Masonic Hall Shares. Turning to the Lodge donations and its votes, we find that, as regards the Boys' School, the Lodge has given to the General Fund £168, giving 42 votes annually in perpetuity, to the Building Fund £84, giving 32 votes annually in perpetuity, or together £252, representing 74 votes. Of the latter, the W.M. has 40 votes and ranks as Vice-President, while the I.P.M. has 14 votes, the S.W. 10 votes, the Treasurer 10 votes, and 4 other votes are in respect of the annual subscription of Two Guineas. The donations to the Girls' School amount to £189, carrying 33 votes, 23 of which are allotted to the W.M. as Vice-President, and 10 to the I.P.M. Four other votes are in respect of the annual subscription of two guineas. To the Male and Female Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution the Lodge has contributed to each £150, representing 30 votes in perpetuity, of these the W.M. (Vice-President) has 10 votes, the I.P.M. 10 votes, and the S.W. 10 votes in respect of each fund, and the annual subscription of one guinea to each carries with it in each case four additional votes. The Lodge is likewise a patron of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, having presented a donation of £100, and receiving in return one hundred votes at each election. Its donations to the Manchester Warehousemen and Clerks' Orphan Institution amount to £57 15s, in respect of which it enjoys one vote annually for twenty years from December 1869, and ten votes annually from December 1876. Thus, Integrity, No. 163, has given altogether £841 to different Masonic Institutions, and enjoys in consequence 267 votes in perpetuity, the number being further increased by 16 votes to 283 by reason of the annual subscription to each of the three central charities. It has also eleven votes to a local charity, in return for donations amounting to fifty-five guineas. In short, and apart from annual subscriptions, the Lodge has thus far bestowed in Charity but a few shillings short of £900. Well done, Integrity! *Macte Virtute!*

## CANYNGES LODGE, No. 1388, BRISTOL.

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

ON Saturday, the 2nd inst., under the most pleasing circumstances, with a large gathering of the brethren of Canynges Lodge, and a goodly list of visitors from far and near, the installation of Officers for the ensuing year of the above Lodge was, according to the brilliant York ritual, accomplished at the Freemasons' Hall. The ceremony of obligating and installing the W.M. was entrusted to and ably performed by W. Bro. Biggs P.M., and W. Bro. J. C. Bingham took his position as Master of the Lodge amid the applause of the brethren. The W.M. then proceeded to instal his Officers for the ensuing twelve months. It was very pleasing to witness the despatch with which W. Bro. Bingham invested his staff, a convincing proof that he had studied the important position he was destined to fill, and mastered its detail so far. The following are the names of the Officers of the Lodge for the following year:—Bros. J. C. Bingham W.M., R. Barnett I.P.M., F. Sully S.W., J. W. James J.W., W. H. F. Bolt Sec., E. F. Marsh Treas., W. B. Biggs P.M. D.C., Chas. A. James Assist. D.C., W. M. Lowick S.D., L. F. Marsh J.D., F. H. Worlock I.G., W. Hazard P.M. Tyler, B. H. Rice Second Tyler, A. Brettle Organist. The W.M. then presented the Lodge with five pieces of furniture, viz.—two columns and three gavels, on each of which there was a silver shield, on which was engraven the designating emblem and appropriate inscription, as, for example—"This column, made from a beam taken from the roof of St. Werburgh's Church, was presented to the Canynges Lodge, No. 1388, by Bro. J. C. Bingham W.M., 2nd March 1878." This valuable gift was presented as a memento of W. Bro. Bingham's accession to the chair, and was greatly appreciated by the brethren of the Lodge, who unanimously carried a vote of thanks, the same to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Mitchell then presented the Lodge with a very handsome sword and sheath for the use of the I.G. This gift was much appreciated, and the brethren tendered the donor unanimous thanks, the same to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Trawle then presented, in the name of a few brethren, a splendid gavel, the signal from which would bring the most exuberant and digressing brother to a sense of his position. A vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to Bro. Trawle for this valuable gift, and duly recorded on the minutes. The W.M. then received the hearty congratulations and best wishes of the brethren assembled, after which Bro. S. G. Homfray, P.G.S.W. V.W. Deputy Prov. G.M. Monmouthshire, gave the usual charges, in a most eloquent and impressive manner. The W.M. then closed the Lodge in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the Montagu Hotel, where a grand banquet was prepared, under the superintendence of the highly efficient and popular hostess, Mrs. Ward. Numerous and varied though our lot has been, in many lands, to inspect the skill of experts in the banqueting line, we must say we never experienced such a charm as we did on entering the banquetting room on this occasion. The spacious hall, thoroughly but not glaringly illuminated, the subdued light reflected from properly tinted walls, the refreshing and artistic display of charming exotics, the harmonious blending of exquisite flowers, and the delicious fragrance of the ever welcome violet, elicited the deserving expression that the hostess emulated in the spirit of perfection with the estimable and accomplished brethren of this model province. After the brethren had done justice to a well selected, and properly catered for *Menu*, the W.M. rose to give the loyal and patriotic toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was enthusiastically received, and followed by the brethren singing the National Anthem. The next toast on the programme, H.R.H. the Grand Master, was proposed with a suitable preface, and warmly received, the brethren singing God Bless the Prince of Wales, accompanied by Bro. Lawson on the piano. The next toast, embodying the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the R.W.D. Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of England, uniting with it the name of Bro. Homfray P.G.S.W., V.W. Deputy Provincial G.M. of Monmouthshire, was duly honoured. Bro. Homfray ably responded. On rising for the fourth time the W.M. said, I have now a toast to propose which brings us nearer home. Masonry in this Province is so successful, and so replete with every good, that we feel sure we owe it to more than chance. I need not hesitate in saying it is owing to the sterling qualities of our Prov. Grand Officers, and considerably to our highly esteemed brother who has honoured us with his presence this evening. His virtues are so well known to you all, his services so manifold and so valuable that to speak of them here would be out of place, so I will give you the toast of the Earl of Limerick, Prov. G.M. of Bristol, Bro. Wm. A. F. Powell V.W. D.P.G.M, and the Prov. G. Lodge of Bristol, which was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. V.W. Bro. Powell in response said, W.M. and brethren, the toast just given is so extended that I must, in order to avoid making a speech, reply to each portion as briefly as possible. Allow me first to respond on behalf of our Prov. Grand Master. The manner in which his health has been proposed and received is not warmer than should have been accorded him. His Lordship is now in the South of France, where I trust he is enjoying himself, and whence we wish him a safe return. At one time we were in the custom of having two Prov. G. Lodges annually, and the advantage derived from that system of carrying on the affairs of the Province were so beneficial as to make me express a desire that we may see it re-instituted. We are in the midst of stirring events in our Order, and it becomes the brethren to make themselves conversant with what is transpiring. There will be a great matter of interest in next Grand Lodge, with reference to the action that will be taken in the Grand Orient of France. Your Lodge, Worshipful Master, is a happy Lodge, and its prosperity has resulted from having proper officers, in their proper places. We believe that the object of holding the Lodge on a Saturday is productive of good results, as it enables many of its members to participate in its gatherings who otherwise, from their position as commercial travellers, could not possibly attend. In making this city your home, thanks to the rapid means of modern travelling, which is so different to what I used to experience in my primitive method of transit in bygone days, you can reach your homes in time to put in an appearance at your Lodge one Saturday in the month. Therefore I can well appreciate the object of establishing this Lodge. I should like to remark that there is a very strong desire in the Province to try and secure the presence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales among us on the occasion of the opening of the Royal Agricultural Show. Of course, it would be highly gratifying to us, and a great feature in our history, if we could succeed. I promise you I shall do all in my power to further so laudable a desire. It is with great delicacy I refer to the failure of a London bank, in which some of our Charity funds have been placed. Let us hope and trust, pending definite intelligence, that we shall not suffer so much as some brethren think. In conclusion, I return you my sincere thanks for the manner in which the W.M. has proposed the toast, and the brethren have received it. Prov. G. M. Powell: I rise to propose a toast which most of you will anticipate. I have always advocated the appointment of a good man to the chair in the East, as the prosperity of a Lodge and the harmony of its working depends greatly upon the Worshipful Master. In making the selection you have this day of a Master to rule this Lodge, I feel you have done well, and most congratulate you on your choice, feeling sure that the worthy brother has the best wishes for the Order at heart, and the well-being of this Lodge as his constant care. I now give you the health of the W.M. elect, Bro. J. C. Bingham. The toast was very enthusiastically received. W. Bro. Bingham in responding said, Brethren,—The V.W. D.P.G.M. has been pleased to refer to me in the toast he has so kindly proposed, and which has been so warmly received by you, in a most flattering manner. That speech must lead you to expect great things from me, but that remains to be proved. I am fully persuaded that you know I have the best interests of the Craft at heart, and especially the prosperity of the Canynges Lodge. It will be my constant care when here to do my duty thoroughly, and when unable to attend I shall be with you in heart. Although I may, from the deep conviction of the great responsibility placed upon me in accepting this high office, be unable to give expression to those feelings which crowd upon me in these exciting moments, rest assured my endeavours shall be to fulfil my sacred obligations, and to prove more by acts than by words how truly I feel the honour you have conferred upon me. (Cheers.) Brethren, I have another toast to propose which should have been brought before you at a more advanced stage, but I feel confident it will be none the less appreciated now, when I tell you it is the health of our respected I.P.M.

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Bro. Burnett. Before we drink this toast, I have a very pleasing duty to perform, in handing to our worthy Deputy Prov. G.M. this Past Master's jewel, with a request that he may decorate our I.P.M. with it. The V.W. Brother, in receiving the jewel, said, I am called upon to perform a very pleasing duty. Bro. Burnett, I have presented jewels to many brethren, but I have never done so with greater pleasure than I do on this occasion, and allow me to state, in placing this jewel where I do, I trust you will have long and happy years to wear it, that I have never heard a name spoken of in Masonry with more praise than your own. Bro. Burnett in reply, said, W. Master and brethren, I kindly thank you for the mark of esteem you have shown me, and am very grateful to the V.W. Bro. for the manner in which he has spoken of me. I feel that I am greatly indebted to the brethren for their past indulgences. I have endeavoured to do my duty for the past twelve months, and any shortcomings must not be attributed to a lack of love for the Order or interest in the welfare of the Lodge. At this stage of the evening a very interesting duty devolved upon Bro. Kent, who approached the W.M., and said: We are pleased to hear the kind remarks of our I.P.M., and the encouraging words spoken by our V.W. D.P.G.M. must be acceptable to us all. We think, while looking at the prosperity of the Canynges Lodge, that we are greatly indebted to Bro. Wills, as the founder, and with whom first originated the conception of establishing this Lodge. Feeling the great boon that has been conferred upon so many brethren by its formation, we have, as a small tribute and mark of our respect, taken this occasion for showing it, by respectfully requesting our V.W. Deputy to invest Bro. Wills with this P.M.'s jewel. The jewel was then handed to V.W. Bro. Pavel; and Bro. Williams rose to support the statements of Bro. Kent and endorse them, by saying: I feel it a duty to-night which I owe to the Craft to say that I have known Bro. Wills, in daily intercourse and Masonically, for a long time, and I know the mark of respect shown him to-night is only his just due. I had the honour of being the first Master of this Lodge, and I know how deep a debt of gratitude we owe to Worshipful Bro. Wills for establishing it; for you must bear in mind with him originated the first idea of its formation, and were it not for him there would be no Canynges Lodge this day. Therefore, I say, let him who won the honours wear them. It was intended to present a proper address to Bro. Wills on this occasion,* but we are unable to do so through some unforeseen circumstances. From the deep interest Bro. Wills has taken in the Canynges Lodge since its foundation, and his continued active participation in promoting its welfare at all times, I hope the inscription† which the jewel bears will be a lasting testimony of the appreciation which the brethren here at this moment entertain of his services. The V.W. D.P.G. Master then decorated Bro. Wills with an elegant P.M.'s jewel, and in doing so expressed a hearty wish that he might live long to wear it, a sentiment which was loudly applauded. Bro. Wills, on rising to respond, was warmly cheered, he said: I have often heard brethren express surprise on finding themselves in something like my position to-night, but no greater surprise could await me than this presentation. I assure you I was in complete ignorance of it until I entered this Lodge to-night. I feel greatly indebted to the brethren for their past and present token of respect, and to the V.W. Brother for the kind sentiments he has expressed. As to the position which I have taken in the Canynges Lodge, I have undertaken it as a past and present duty, and pleasure to promote its interests, knowing by its formation we have secured privileges to our travelling brethren which they never could otherwise enjoy. It is pleasing and encouraging to see such good men occupy and pass the chair as we have seen this day. (Cheers). W. Bro. Williams, in proposing the Visitors, remarked that the toast which had fallen to his lot to propose was one always heartily received in the Canynges Lodge, and especially would it be so to-night, as there were so many distinguished brethren present. We had the always welcome Bro. the Deputy Prov. G.M. for Monmouthshire, whose presence that evening was so edifying and complimentary to us. We have also a distinguished brother from London, who was the representative of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, who had come expressly to witness our installation, and to glean information as to our working. The FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, as a Masonic journal, is an invaluable medium in conveying information of a most interesting nature to all parts, and recording what transpires in our Order As the brethren in one Province cannot know much of the proceedings at a distance, it must be apparent that Masonic journalism, conducted on proper principles, must be very valuable to the Craft. V.W. Bro. Homfray replied on behalf of the Visitors, in his usual happy strain, and Bro. Davies replied on behalf of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. W. Bro. Worlock Prov. G.S., in proposing the health of the W. Masters of the Province, said it was not an easy matter to fill the office of Master of a Lodge. Each brother in assuming that office felt that the welfare of his Lodge depended, to a great extent, on him, and upon his being properly qualified to fill that office depended the efficiency and regularity of the working in the Order. The toast was duly honoured and responded to by W. Bro. Trull, on behalf of the Clarence, W. Bro. Pearson for the Beaufort, W. Bro. Morgan on behalf of the Royal Sussex, Bro. G. C. Harris Treas. Moira, W. Bro. Hooper Jerusalem, and W. Bro. Norris St. Vincent. W. Bro. Wills proposed the Officers of the Canynges Lodge, which was followed by the Masonic Charities, from I.P.M. Burnett, coupling with it the name of W. Bro. Bowden, who, on rising to respond to the toast, said: It is with great pleasure that I avail myself of this moment to inform you that I have been enabled to present a sum of £150. We cannot do better than work hard for the Masonic Charities, and we must work hard ourselves as well as try to procure the co-operation of our sister Provinces, to aid us in carrying our candidates through. I never rose with a heavier heart than I do to-night, for since I arrived in this room I have received a most disheartening telegram, relative to a bank failure in London, where our Masonic Charity funds are deposited. According to this telegram, the loss will be near £4,000, but we may still hope for better news. I beg to return you my best thanks for the manner you have received the toast. W. Bro. Wills, in proposing success to the Lodge of Instruction, pointed out its many advantages, as a course of tuition in Masonry, must be highly beneficial to all who were desirous of learning. He trusted the brethren would drink the toast with all cordiality, and couple with it the name of the zealous and indefatigable W. Bro. Compton. Bro. Compton appropriately replied, and exhorted the Past Masters, Masters and brethren to attend as often as possible, and participate in the duties of and benefits accruing from the Lodge of Instruction. The W. Master, in bringing the proceedings to a close, proposed the health of the Musical Brethren, adding thereto the name of the genial and talented Bro. Lawson, who replied in a very fitting manner, and thus was concluded one of the most pleasant evenings that it has been our good fortune to pass. The enjoyment of the evening was very greatly enhanced by the excellent musical qualities of Bros. Biggs, Sulley, Worlock, Gore, Norris, and the instrumental music of Bro. Lawson.

* On the occasion of the presentation of the P.M.'s jewel to W. Bro. Wills, it was intended to present him with the following address, but through the engrosser not having been able to complete it in time, the gift was postponed. It has since been handed to Bro. Wills. The address is splendidly engrossed on parchment, and forms a testimonial which, in conjunction with the magnificent jewel, must be highly appreciated by the worthy recipient.

"PALMAM QUI MERUIT FERAT."

"To Bro. Charles Wills, Past Master Canynges Lodge, No. 1388.

"At a meeting of some brethren, members of the Canynges Lodge, it was proposed that it would be fitting to adopt some means of recognising the services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. Charles Wills, specially having regard to his efforts in promoting the formation of the "Canynges Lodge," which was constituted for the special purpose of enabling brethren to avail themselves of the privileges of the Craft who would otherwise be prevented by their business engagements from doing so, and also to mark their sense of his constant endeavours to uphold true Masonry, and promote harmony in the Lodge. It was therefore resolved to ask his acceptance of a Past Master's jewel, as a small token of the high esteem in which he is held by the brethren, and which at future times may serve to remind him of his connection with the Canynges Lodge."

"Province of Bristol, 2nd March 1878."

† The jewel bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. Charles Wills P.M. Canynges Lodge, No. 1388, in recognition of his efforts to found and promote the Lodge."

## KINGSTON, JAMAICA.

**Gleylyon Lodge.**—The installation of Master and Officers of this Lodge took place on St. John's Day, 27th December 1877, when the following Officers were duly installed:—W. Bros. S. Hammond Watson W.M., L. Knox D.M., D. Berwick S.M., J. Mitchell S.W. Rickett J.W., Melville Sec., Fryer Treas., Rev. McCalla Chaplain, Plummer S.D., Delasses J.D., Peak I.G., J. Hoyes Tyler; the Installing Officer being Bro. B. M. Dias, assisted by Worshipful Knox "Glenlyon," Garsia Langley Davis "Royal," Ferron "Alvanaja," Barned, Hollar, "Phœnix," Taylor, Tait, "Sussex," McGlashing "Hamilton," Berwick "Caledonian," Gutman of Grand Lodge of Canada. The Right Worshipful S. Constantine Burke, Provincial Grand Master of Scotland for Jamaica, was present. After the usual ceremonies the brethren retired to a well-spread banquet, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. The brethren retired at a very late hour.

**Phœnix Chapter, Port Royal.**—The following Officers of this Chapter were elected on 10th January 1878:—M.E. Comps. D. Barned P.Z., O. Delgado jun. P.H., L. C. Hollar P.J., J. S. Campbelle S.E., C. Levy S.N., G. Myers P.S., R. Thompson Treasurer, J. H. Hollar Janitor. The installation will take place in April.

**Friendly Lodge.**—The installation of Master and Officers of this Lodge took place at the Lodge room, Hanover-street, Kingston, on 14th January 1878, on which occasion the Right Worshipful Hon. Dr. Hamilton, Provincial Grand Master for East Jamaica, installed the W.M. There were present the Right Worshipful S. L. Burke, Provincial Grand Master of Scotland for Jamaica, and several Past Masters. The following are the Officers installed:—Worshipful J. J. G. Lewis W.M. (Prov. Grand Sec.), Bros. A. Morrice S.W., M. Delgado J.W., J. S. Thompson S.D., Eugene Finzi J.D., S. E. Alexander Treas., Edmund Finzi Sec., J. Lyons I.G., G. Magnus Tyler. At the gateway was illuminated letters, in gas, R. H.—Welcome, in honour of the Provincial Grand Master. The hall was lighted by fifty-two gaslights. After the installation the brethren retired to a supper, where ample justice was done, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts proposed and heartily responded to. The banquetting room was very neatly decorated, and lighted by twenty gaslights, and several Masonic emblems illuminated by gas. This is the third time Worshipful J. J. G. Lewis has occupied the chair of this Lodge.

**Sussex Lodge.**—The installation of Officers for the ensuing year took place at the Friendly rooms on the 16th January. The following Officers were installed:—Worshipful Dr. J. Thomsett W.M., Bros. W. L. Mudon S.W., J. Harris J.W., Rev. Croskey Chaplain, W. Whitehouse Treas., J. L. Smith Sec., Dr. D. P. Ross S.D., F. Callow J.D., St. Leger-Jewry I.G.; Bros. C. Blackburn and L. Crosbie Stewards, Bro. G. Magnus Tyler. After the installation the brethren retired to a banquet. The Right Worshipful Dr. Hamilton, Provincial Grand Master of East Jamaica, was present.

The building purchased by the members of the Sussex Lodge has been nearly completed, and will shortly be consecrated.

The Right Hon. Dr. Hamilton, Provincial Grand Master for this Island under the English Constitution, has arrived safely from the Continent, where the usual yearly meeting of the Grand Lodge for East Jamaica will be held.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

*We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.*

*We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.*

*All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.*

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## BRO. J. NORTON AND "TOLERANCE."

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I fully anticipated, when I wrote the letter you were kind enough to publish in your issue of the 5th January, a rejoinder from my worthy and respected Bro. Jacob Norton. Having thus entered into a friendly conflict of words with so doughty a disputant, with a full knowledge of the consequences that awaited me, I must pay the penalty of my audacity, and endeavour to meet his argument to the best of my ability. However, Bro. Norton, if a powerful, is likewise a courteous, antagonist. I am confident he will give the arguments I may adduce in support of my thesis a great deal more of his valuable consideration than they merit, and if he thinks it desirable, with your kind permission, to reply to them, that he will do his best to meet them in a judicial spirit. Having thus, after the manner of a man about to engage in a friendly bout with the foils, saluted my opponent—whom, by the way, I would willingly and most fraternally embrace, if my arms were long enough, to reach from London to Boston U.S.—I must now betake myself to my serious task of breaking, if possible, through his guard, and disarming him. It is natural I should feel somewhat nervous during the first few passes, but I must do the best I can; and if I only succeed in gaining the sympathy and applause of your readers, as I fancy I have already gained the respect of my antagonist, I shall be satisfied.

Let me, first of all, state why I made no reference in my former letter to the German question. Bro. Norton's communication, to which I attempted a reply, was entitled "A Plea on Behalf of the Grand Orient of France," and to the recent action of that Grand Body, I accordingly confined the remarks I offered. If, however, it will be any satisfaction to Bro. Norton to learn my opinion on the conduct of the Berlin Grand Lodge of the Three Globes in excluding Jews from the Lodges under its jurisdiction, I say at once, that I think it worthy of the strongest condemnation. The error, however, lies in exactly the opposite direction; in other words, France is too lax, and Germany is too exclusive. Having said this, I pass to Bro. Norton's rejoinder in respect of the French question.

Permit me to begin by pointing out that Bro. Norton appears not to have exactly understood the drift of my argument or illustration as to anarchists and atheists. I did not take "it for granted" that anarchists as well as atheists were respected among the first circles of society, on account of their high intellectual standing. I argued that there are anarchists as well as atheists in the world who, it is as reasonable to suppose, may be much sought after in society by reason, not of their anarchical tendencies, but of their high intellectual attainments, and because, in the ordinary sense of the word, they are patterns of morality. But I urged the bulk of mankind is archical as it is theistic; and though society may admire, and even run after such as atheists when they are known to possess great mental powers and the strictest morality, in its limited sense, nevertheless, it would not be guilty of so egregious an act of folly as to countenance in any way their eccentric and senseless opinion in respect of government and religion. There is a vast difference between hearing what a man has to say on any subject, and admiring him for the ability with which he says it, or accepting as beyond the possibility of controversy the opinions he enunciates. I may go into a Jewish Synagogue, and listen with pleasure to the service and the teachings of the priesthood. I may enter a Roman Catholic Church, and be edified by the sermon. I may visit the *salon* frequented by some noted anarchist, and hear what he has to say on the evils of government. I go from a friendly feeling, or it may be from a sense of curiosity, but in none of the cases I have cited does it follow that I approve or accept the doctrines I hear laid down. Similarly I may read works on anarchy and atheism, but it does not follow that I do so because I sympathise with, or approve of the opinions I find recorded in them. But the case is quite different when I go out of my way to sanction the admission of atheists and anarchists into a Society which if it is not theistic and archical, has no *raison d'être* whatever. Then I directly, and so to speak, officially, countenance their views. I have too much sense to imagine that the admission of a few atheists and anarchists into our Society will *atheise* or *anarchise* it, as Bro. Norton would say; but, when I admit them, or I should say by my very act of admitting them, I deliberately insult my own common sense, and that of the bulk of mankind through all ages, I do an almost irremediable wrong to the Society I love and respect so much. I allow there is the possibility that their creed as to religion and government may be right and ours wrong. I to a certain extent endorse with the respectability of our own views, opinions which, it is known, are false. I lie, in the teeth of my own convictions, and deserve the reprobation of all honest and honourable men. I proclaim, in fact, that God himself was a liar, when, by the mouth of His own inspired servant, he declared: "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." This is the sin I am guilty of when I admit these outlaws against religion and government into my society. I have, of course, my own private convictions as to which is the best form of religion, and which the best mode of government; and, as I claim the right to hold my own particular views on these questions, so I willingly accord to others the same right. Moreover, as I know beforehand, that other members of my Society differ and will continue to differ with me as to which are the best forms of religion and government, I provide against the possibility of these differences of opinion being the cause of offence to any one; and I say, when assembled together as a society, there shall be no religious or political disputations. We are agreed up to this point, that everybody must believe in the existence of God, and that some kind of government is indispensible, and we wisely provide in our ceremonies a formula expressing this belief, but in words to which it is impossible for any person, be his religious or political tendencies what they may, to take exception. Only an atheist or an anarchist could raise even the mildest objection to our simple and unpretending declaration of faith in God and obedience to the law; and this class of persons, how interesting soever they may be as types of a certain class of the animal man, not originally included by God in the category of His creatures, is, in the opinion of all just and upright men, outside the pale of our and every other honourable society. We should be degraded below the level of the mere brute if we accepted the communist—which is only another term for anarchist—as worthy of being admitted into our society. We should descend, if possible, still lower, were we to allow that an atheist was eligible into a theistic society. I hold still that my argument, as set forth in your issue of the 5th January, is a just one, and that an atheist by virtue of his irreligion, and an anarchist by virtue of his unbelief in the necessity for government of any kind are, in very truth, on the same footing—they are ineligible into the Fraternity of Masons, a body which is naturally theistic and archical.

I now approach another part of the question between Bro. Norton and myself. I laid it down in my former letter that "there can be no morality which is not based on theism." Bro. Norton's opinion is "morality as well as immorality are independent of belief even in Deism," and he adduces in support of such view the experiences of prison chaplains, the lust and crimes of King David, and the irreconcilability of teaching with practice among American brethren. I must presume that I do not consider myself competent to enact the *rôle* of counsel for the defence in these cases; but if I were forced into that position I should advise my client to plead guilty, at all events in the case of King David in respect of his lust and crimes, and my American brethren for the alleged inconsistencies between their preaching and their practice which Bro. Norton denounces. And more than this, I should urge them to throw themselves on the mercy of the court before whom they were summoned, and plead for leniency, on the simple ground that as a poet has phrased it, "to err is human, to forgive divine." But setting apart these considerations, which I hold are foreign to the material question at issue, I can see there is a serious difference between Bro. Norton and myself as to the sense in which we severally use the word "morality." He, it is evident, uses it in its ordinarily accepted meaning. His notion of a moral man is the ordinary one, namely, that he is one who is honest, that is, who will not appropriate to his own uses another person's goods; who will pay every debt he may contract with his neighbour; who does not hanker lustfully after his neighbour's wife or daughter; who will not assault his neighbour for differing with him; who will not conceal his true enmity under the mask of friendship; who, in short, will not do any of those things which are commonly accounted of men as, in the narrowest meaning of the word, immoral. The sense in which I used the word "morality," when I said "there can be no morality which is not based on theism," vastly transcends the meaning which apparently Bro. Norton assigns to it, when he affirms that "morality, as well as immorality, are independent of belief even in Deism." I take it to include the whole duty of man, in the sense in which such duty is described at length by Aristotle in his Ethics, or by Cicero in his treatise *De Officiis*. I fear I must acknowledge that my acquaintance with these invaluable works is rusty as compared with what it was some five-and-twenty years ago. Yet do I think my memory serves me right when I affirm that these two philosophers, each in his own particular treatise, inculcate alike the study and practice of virtue in the fullest and most unrestricted sense of the word, or in fact all those duties which are associated with or assigned to man in his relation to the Godhead, the state, and himself. I do not see how it is possible for a man to regulate his duty towards himself without considering the state of which he is a unit. I am unable to comprehend how he can fully understand his duty towards the state without having some regard for the world of states of which the one he belongs to is only a part. I fail to appreciate how he can justly define his duty towards this world of states, or, in other words, towards the whole of human kind, unless he has some sense of respect for the Being by whom the universe, of which our world is only a part, was created. It was in this sense I used the word "morality," when I said it was based on theism. It is in this sense I believe it is used among Masons, when they define Freemasonry to be a system of morality; and if I need a warrant for this opinion, I do not think I need go further than the charge administered to a candidate at his initiation into the mysteries of the first degree according to our ritual. So, again, I hold that Anderson, in excluding from the society of Freemasons both "the stupid atheist" and "the irreligious libertine," did not mean thereby only the man who lacked common sense or ordinary morality. I see nothing incongruous or incomprehensible in a "stupid atheist" being at the same time a very able mathematician, a distinguished astronomer or geologist, or an eminent man of letters; nor, in my opinion, is there anything strange in an "irreligious libertine" being a model of chastity, sobriety, or of what is commonly adjudged to be "morality." Words after all have only a relative meaning, and we must define the sense in which they are used by different people before we attempt to show whether their statements are reconcileable or not. In the argument between Bro. Norton and myself this is absolutely necessary, as regards the word "morality," and the phrases "stupid atheist" and "irreligious libertine." He uses them in their common every-day sense. I, as I have endeavoured to point out in this letter, have used them in their fullest sense. I consider "morality," as used in our Masonic Constitutions, applies to the whole duties of man in relation to his Creator and fellow-creatures, and not merely to the practice of certain virtues, such as temperance, charity, and the like.

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I do not consider the "stupid atheist" or "irreligious libertine" is merely a person without understanding, or a proper sense of decency. On the contrary, I think the expression is meant to be applied to those who are so puffed up, so vain-glorious of their own mental powers, and the knowledge they have acquired therein, that they laugh to scorn the bare idea that it is possible there can be any knowledge "that passeth all understanding." They fondly believe and triumphantly declare they know everything; let us say, from the taste of an orange to the mechanism of the Universe. This is the class of people to whom the Grand Orient has recently opened its portals; the class of arrogant upstart mortals who claim to be gods; not the poor simple boobies whose souls are no bigger than a flea's, and whose understanding is even less, or those who are intemperate and immodest. I quite agree with Bro. Norton that it is the design of Masonry "to bring together good and true men of all *religious* denominations"—mine are the italics—"that each may see that goodness and virtue are not monopolised by his church." Just so, my Brother Norton, but Grand Orient has gone just a step beyond, and has declared officially that religion and irreligion are on a footing of perfect equality, and that theists and atheists are alike eligible to be accepted into Freemasonry. I say this declaration is outside the true scope of our Fraternity, and so, it seems to me, to judge from the words I have quoted above, does Bro. Norton. Then, as to the second phantom of my conjuring, when I ask, "what becomes of my consistency when, on the one hand, I swear to obey the laws of my country, and on the other hand am prepared to vote an atheist into my Lodge." Now there is nothing very alarming in this phantom. The reason why an atheist's testimony is not admissible in a court of law is simple enough. He rejects all the ordinary forms of obligation by which men bind themselves to speak the truth. Therefore it would be an act of gross injustice to condemn or acquit a prisoner on the testimony of such a person. We can deal with the word of a religious man on oath, whatever the form of his religious belief may be, because it is spoken under a due sense of responsibility. He may be a most notable liar and be guilty of perjury in every word that he utters, but he knows that if his perjury is brought home to him, he will suffer for it. But there is no binding an atheist; he has no sense of morality in him—morality in my sense, not Bro. Norton's, be it remembered. And let me ask Bro. Norton how it is possible that an atheist can be obligated as a Mason. The Christian, the Jew, the Mohammedan, and the professors of other religious sects can do so, because, as I have just said, they all have a sense of responsibility towards some higher Being; but nothing is sacred in the eyes of an atheist. It is useless to speak of a man's honour when he has none, or to expect he will keep his word when, to use a familiar expression, there is no power under the sun which will compel his observance of it. There is then reason on the side of those who exclude atheists from the blessings of Freemasonry. The "Universality" of Freemasonry is simply so much humbug—to speak in Bro. Norton's most pronounced fashion—if we are to accept every one at the bidding of a minority. We may as well open our portals to the thief, whose only crime is that he has the haziest and most indistinct notions as to the ownership of property; or to the adulterer, whose ideas about the relations between the sexes are somewhat confused. In fact, as the thief and the adulterer, in the strictest sense, only sin against man, while the atheist sins against God, the former are preferable as candidates for Freemasonry to the latter. Yet I presume Bro. Norton is the last person in the world to advocate the admission of thieves and adulterers into our Fraternity. As to the comparative injustice of the law against atheists, and the now defunct law against the Jews, there is absolutely no similitude. The Jews are a law-abiding people, atheists are not. As people became more enlightened, they saw the injustice of denying to persons of a particular religious sect certain privileges which were enjoyed by all the rest of the community, and the injustice was removed. This act of beneficence, however, to one class of worthy citizens brought no injury to the other classes, while my contention is that the admission of atheists into our Fraternity will injuriously affect it. Hitherto we have been in a position to refute with just indignation the oft-repeated statement that there is no antagonism between religion and Freemasonry, but how have we been able to do so? Why, by pointing to the undeniable fact that, though we exclude no one on the ground of his religious belief, and though religious discussions are prohibited in our Lodges, we obligate none but those who have some sense of religion in them. Should we stand in the same position if there were atheists in our midst? Bro. Norton admits that the anarchist as we have pictured him would be ineligible, but where is the difference between the atheist and the anarchist, except in the greater criminality of the former? He openly declares his unbelief in the Creator and his works, while the latter only sets himself in hostility to the institutions of the creature man. Yet the sin of the atheist is of no account in the eyes of the Grand Orient of France, provided, according to Bro. Thevenot's exposition, recently published in your columns, he is a man of great mental acquirements. In my humble judgment, the "stupid" atheist, being "stupid" in the sense of having little or no power of understanding, is less dangerous than his *confrère*, with "a mind where superior attainments" are held to "justify an exception in his behalf." But to return to Bro. Norton's argument. He agrees with me that no one has a right "to insist that his insane ideas should be respected by the majority," provided he is first satisfied they are insane. Well, but what has the Grand Orient of France just done but shown its respect for "atheism," "free-thinking," or by whatever name else may be described the views of those who do not believe in God? And shall we say, Bro. Norton, that atheism does not betoken insanity; that is, literally, an unhealthy state of the mind? I quite agree with you, my Dear Brother, in all you say about different religionists. It is merely another way of declaring there are people who define orthodoxy as "their doxy," and heterodoxy as "the doxy of other people." I know, too, most redoubtable upholder of the Universality of Freemasonry, there are different degrees and kinds of insanity. Thus, some people are said to be as "mad as hatters," although why hatters should be more insane than other people transcends my power of comprehension. Others again are said to be "as mad as March hares,"—which I must leave to the animal physiological to explain. I have in my time heard too, of long abstruse philosophical discussions between adepts as to the difference between *amentia* and *dementia*. But without attempting to analyse too strictly the meaning of the word "insanity," I think I am justified in affirming that, if the almost universal belief of mankind in God is a proof of man's general mental health, the absence of such belief in the case of a very limited few, must be regarded as a proof of their mental unhealth. And were I inclined to indulge in casuistry rather than argument, I should plead atheism is the "exception," which justifies the wisdom of the general law of theism, and that in recognising the equal claims of both to the respect of men and brethren, the Grand Orient is guilty of self-stultification. Lastly, if French Freemasonry, under its altered Constitutions, is merely a kind of learned society, like our Geographical, Historical, Linnæan, Geological, Anthropological, Physiological—do not be frightened, Bro. Norton, at this formidable array; they are the titles of very useful societies, which have done, and still are doing, useful work—if French Masonry is this, and a huge benefit society to boot, then, I say, let this be generally understood, and we shall wish it all possible vitality and all the success which itself desires. But this is something other than Freemasonry in my opinion, and the Grand Orient of France would have no cause to feel aggrieved at our Grand Lodge, which is the Mother Grand Lodge of Speculative Freemasonry, declining to recognise its claim to form part of the great Masonic brotherhood.

I have now touched on most, if not all, of the points in Bro. Norton's reply to my first letter, and having done this, I salute both him and you fraternally, and subscribe myself

Your Servant and Brother,

"TOLERANCE."

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## GRAND ORIENT AND ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Although, before the issue of your next number the Grand Lodge, at its Quarterly Communication, will have probably disposed of the question which, rightly or wrongly, has been raised therein concerning the Grand Orient of France, yet I fraternally beg you will allow me to congratulate Brother Norton upon his comprehensive and judicious reply to "Tolerance," and, at the same time, to make a few remarks upon the matter.

Brother Norton has not written a second "Plea on Behalf of the Grand Orient," but decidedly a true defence of the principles upon which alone must stand universal Freemasonry, viz., "liberty of conscience." He is the apostle of true Masonic universality, and, as such, he deserves well of all *true* Masons. Excellently he argues Masonic toleration against sectarianism, that historical leprosy that has engendered among societies and nations so many evils, and which now threatens to gangrene a large part of the Masonic body. Forcibly he proves that Freemasonry, symbolising *light*, must necessarily advance with the spirit of the age; and as much progress has been made both in the scientific and theological world since Dr. Oliver wrote his sublime work on the Antiquities of Masonry, so also the Society has not been standing still altogether. Bro. Norton truly says that the Grand Orient has simply extended the circle of Masonic universality by expunging all theological requirements from candidates for Masonry; he clearly defines what has taken place; and he might have added, with much truth, that such was from its foundation the tendency, and ever will be the object, of French Masonry. Aiming at universal fraternity, which is not attainable without absolute liberty of conscience, and the utmost tolerance possible, it has never caused Jew, Mahommedan or even Christian to take the "*obligation*" upon the Bible, nor has it ever undertaken to present to candidates that book—which has never figured among the jewels of its Lodges—as the "unerring standard of truth and justice." Respecting all religious persuasions, it has, since its earliest days, accepted men of all creeds and opinions, believers or unbelievers, such as Lalande, Helvetius, Voltaire, and many others, without a protest of any sort from Masonic authority in the world.

Now, if French Masonry, which was certainly at that time in closer relation than at present with the admitted mother Lodges, was not then reprehensible, and did not by such admissions trespass on the so-called ancient landmarks, how could it, a century later, be taken to task, despite the progress of the time and modern exigencies, for *not* refusing men just as Littré, or any of those who, holding the opinions of Prof. Tyndal or Sir W. Thompson, are, nevertheless, men of honour and honesty, good and true? As to the charges of materialism and atheism made against the Grand Orient, just after the passing of its recent resolution, it cannot fairly remain after the official declarations which have been published in your columns. Those accusations have been repelled emphatically, and with calm dignity, by both the President of the Conseil de l'Ordre and the Grand Secretary.

"Nothing has been changed in the practice of French Masonry," says Bro. Thévenot. And it is therefore to be hoped that besides such an official affirmation, the Grand Lodge Committee, before making their report, have, by all means, obtained substantial proof that it is so. However, it is argued by those who seem determined to believe the principles of Masonry at stake in the Grand Orient by the mere fact of the amendment of a paragraph in its Constitution, that it is not so much for admitting men of honour and good repute, without reference to their belief or unbelief, that Grand Orient should be censured, or even excluded from the Masonic Association, than for the fact, the crime of having suppressed the dogmatic paragraph which had crept in in flagrant contradiction with the true spirit of the Constitution itself. It is not necessary to remind those brethren

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that, prior to the year 1849, no such dogmatic affirmation as the one amended ever existed in the letter of the Constitution; and, moreover, it has been fully asserted that if that declaration of faith was then introduced it was only owing to some *occult* influence not independent of political motives, to obtain the Government authorization for the re-opening of the Lodges, and also for the acceptance of the long vacant Grand Maitrise by Prince Murat. Nor, indeed, need it be stated once more that no other Masonic rite in the world ever had any identical or similar article written down in its Book of Constitution as an ABSOLUTE dogma for the Brotherhood; as those Constitutions, it is well known, are generally more remarkable for what they omit than for what they recite. The explanations given, however simple, however fraternally candid, do not seem to have satisfied the opponents of the Grand Orient. Grand Lodge of Ireland did not even pause to consider them, and instantly committed itself to an action from which, however much it may be regretted, it cannot gracefully retreat. Grand Lodge of Scotland, more moderate and wise, seems to fly from the responsibility of too precipitate a decision which would break the Masonic link with the Grand Orient; and, instead of taking a straightforward resolution, as was expected at its last meeting, allowed the matter to remain where it was before, probably awaiting in the meanwhile the verdict of the Grand Lodge of England to guide them as to the right step to be taken, and what penalty, if any, should be inflicted upon French Masons. The Masonic world, too, whether it believes or not in the right of Grand Lodge of England, or any other Grand Lodges, to interfere with the resolution passed by the Grand Orient, anxiously awaits the report of the Committee and the resolution that will consequently be passed at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge. Will it be that the question had to be abandoned? Such a course, if not detrimental, would, at any rate, satisfy no one.

Firmly convinced of the Masonic integrity and learning of the Grand Lodge Committee, having faith in the undoubted fealty of English Masons to the pure principles of the Order, the Grand Orient, in setting aside the unfortunate coincidence in the matter of the German Jewish Disability (brought also before the Grand Lodge, and dropped) *implicitly*, and with all deference, admits the competency of the Grand Lodge to pronounce upon and solve the question raised, in true Masonic spirit, and hope that the latter will think twice and wisely consider before widening the breach that is meant to separate the French from Irish Masons—a breach which would lead to disunion and schism in the body of the Fraternity at large, and the consequences of which would conduce to the creation, in both countries, of rival Lodges, with rival principles, actuated more or less by deviation from our true Masonic rule and principles.

Yours fraternally,

M. B.

Paris, 5th March 1878.

## BRO. THEVENOT'S LETTER.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It appears to me that Bro. Thevenot's letter is tantamount to an admission that Freemasonry as now constituted in France sanctions the admission of an atheist, if only he has "a mind whose superior acquirements might justify an exception in his behalf." For what says our brother? (1) French Masonry does not believe in the existence of atheists "in the *absolute* sense of the word." (2) It believes "there are among men different ways of conceiving and comprehending the existence of a Supreme Law or Supreme Being;" in other words, there are materialists and theists, and both are equally eligible to be admitted into French Freemasonry. (3) If it were a law of French Masons that every candidate should be asked "whether he believes or not in God," then it would be necessary "to make some sort of definition in reference to the matter." This, I take it, is what your worthy correspondent, Bro. Rev. Dr. Ace, would describe as a *petitio principii*, or begging of the question. Masons here and in other countries are not required to define "God"—I beg pardon, "to make some sort of definition in reference to the matter; they are simply called upon to subscribe to the Constitutions, which lay it down that belief in the existence of God is a fundamental principle of Masonry. The mention of "God" in the French Constitutions is not, according to Bro. Thevenot's exposition, to be tolerated; for it would be necessary to define Him, and that, he tells us, "has always led to some very regrettable discussions." This means, of course, that there are in French Lodges members who deny the existence of God, or, in other words, atheists. Theistic Masons do not require any definition, and there only remain the atheistic Masons, who would necessarily refuse to subscribe to any sort of definition of Him whose existence they deny; to do so would be a denial of their unbelief. (4) The G. Orient has already reckoned among its illustrious members Lalande, Helvetius, and others, "who openly professed atheistic principles." This is an admission that the G. Orient has frequently done what it is doing now, that is, it has accepted, as it is now accepting, professed atheists, and this we English Masons consider is utterly subversive of the pure principles of Masonry. (5) The Grand Orient, "being neither atheist nor materialistic," retains the old Masonic motto, "without, however, making it obligatory," namely, "*A la Gloire du Grand Architecte de l'Univers*," which, Bro. Thevenot says, "is as much scientific and philosophic as, perhaps, religious, whether it be considered as a figurative allusion to our Grand Master Hiram, or as a glorification of labour." Here, again, we have a distinct admission that French Masonry has in it a certain leaven of atheism. The Masonic motto may be interpreted in a religious sense or in a non-religious sense; or it may be omitted altogether. That is, if a French Mason likes to believe in God he may do so, but he is equally at liberty to deny Him. What more, I ask, is needed than Bro. Thevenot's letter to prove the radical change which has come over the spirit of French Freemasonry? It is not atheistic "in the *absolute* sense of the word," for it recognises theists, and admits them into its Lodges. Neither, we presume, is it theistic "in the *absolute* sense of the word," for it recognises atheists, and if they are men of superior mental acquirements, admits them likewise. This may be a sop in the pan to the Universalist, but it is not in accordance with true Masonry.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

## THE LODGE LIGHTS.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Can any of your correspondents throw any light upon the proper position of the Lodge candlesticks? In various Lodges the practice varies. In several old Lodges, they are placed on the left side of the pedestal, but I notice in still more Lodges that they occupy a stand on the right. I suppose one must be right and the other wrong, and should be glad of information on the point from a qualified authority.

I am, yours fraternally,

6th March 1878. A YOUNG W.M.

## REJECTION OF CANDIDATES.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As a member and well-wisher of the Grey Friars Lodge 1101, allow me to thank you for your able article in your last issue, on the unmasonic conduct of those who blackballed a most respectable and worthy candidate.

But what will you say, Sir, when, on the present notice, we are asked to go into mourning out of respect to our departed Bro. Chancellor, when his memory has been so insulted, by the action of some five or six of those who profess to have been his friends in blackballing his nomination, that being his last Masonic act in the Grey Friars Lodge.

Well may the outside public say: See how these Masons love one another.

I am Sir, and Bro. yours truly and fraternally,

A MEMBER OF 1101.

## THE LATE FESTIVAL.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your last issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, I notice that you mention thirteen Lodges in the Metropolitan district as having supported the Masonic Charities regularly; you seem to omit the Royal Albert Lodge, No. 907. I believe that my Lodge has sent a Steward to the R.M.B.I. regularly for some fifteen years, and in your previous issue you represent my list as being £15; if I remember correctly it was about £54. Apologising for troubling you,

I am, yours fraternally,

F. A. WHITE W.M. 907.

28th February 1878.

[We have great pleasure in inserting the above letter, and we shall be still more pleased if our correspondent's conjecture turns out to be correct. We, however, have only the printed lists as they reach us to deal with, and from one (for the Boys' Festival in 1876) out of the ten we have published, No. 907 was absent. It does not, of course, follow that the Lodge did not send up a Steward on that occasion, for if his return of subscriptions was not delivered to the Secretary prior to, or even during the banquet, it would not figure in the list as published by us, but would be among those set down as "lists outstanding." In such case we should probably know nothing about it. However, it matters little what happened at this Festival, as there is no doubt that No. 907 will always take rank among the most regular and cordial supporters of all our Institutions.—ED. F.C.]

IMPOSING FUNERAL AT WORKSOP.—An imposing demonstration of respect was shown, on the 18th ult., at Worksop, on the occasion of the funeral of Bro. William Mallender, who died very suddenly on the 14th ult. Deceased was a member of the "Pelham" Lodge of Freemasons. He also belonged to the Abbey Church choir, and filled the post until recently of Quartermaster of the Worksop Volunteers. The funeral procession was a very long one, and, starting from the residence of the family, the corpse was followed by the Freemasons in a body, a number of the Volunteers in civilian dress, and nearly the whole of the men of business and tradesmen of the town. The body was carried on the shoulders of the deceased's workmen. The church was completely full, and there was also an immense number of persons outside. Bro. Rev. E. Hawley, vicar, and Bro. Rev. F. V. Bassell, curate, of the Abbey Church, conducted the burial service, which was full choral.—*Sheffield and Rotherham Independent.*

## MARRIAGE.

On the 5th instant, at All Saints Church, Scarborough, by the Rev. R. Brown-Borthwick, Vicar, GEORGE HENRY, only son of the late Isaac Walshaw, Scarborough, to JOSEPHINE ANN DODSON, only child of the late John Stericker, of Sutton-on-the-Forest, Yorks. No Cards.

## BIRTH.

On Wednesday, at Muswell Hill, the wife of Bro. F. BAIN, of a daughter.

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# Old Warrants.

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## No. 116.

No. 39, "Ancients;" No. 59 at the "Union" of 1813, No. 52 (as below) from A.D. 1832, and No. 44 from A.D. 1863.

[G.L. SEAL.]

AUGUSTUS FREDK. G.M.

TO ALL AND EVERY OUR RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, WORSHIPFUL AND LOVING BRETHREN,

WE, PRINCE AUGUSTUS FREDERICK OF BRUNSWICK LUNENBURGH, DUKE OF SUSSEX, EARL OF INVERNESS, BARON OF ARKLOW, KNIGHT OF THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE GARTER, K.T., &c., &c.

GRAND MASTER

OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND,

SEND GREETING.

WHEREAS, It appears by the Records of the Grand Lodge that a Warrant bearing date the 18th of June 1755 was issued under the Seal of Masonry, authorizing certain Brethren therein named to open and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the Town of Manchester, which Lodge was then No. 39, and whereas by the Union of the two Fraternities on the 27th December 1813 the said Lodge became No. 59, and by the alterations of the Numbers in the year 1832 the said Lodge became and is now registered in the books of the United Grand Lodge No. 52, and is now held at the sign of the Bull's Head, Union Street, in the Town of Manchester aforesaid, No. 52 in the Eastern Division of Lancashire, under the title or denomination of the Lodge of Friendship, and whereas the Brethren composing the said Lodge have, by their Memorial, represented to us that the said Warrant hath become defaced and illegible, and have prayed to grant them a Warrant of Confirmation. Now know ye, that we, being satisfied of the reasonableness of their said request, do hereby grant this our Warrant of Confirmation unto our right Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren John Hickman, Thomas Inglis, Samuel Hickman, Jabez Gadd, Thomas Tuke, Thomas Ashworth, William Scott, and the other Brethren composing the said Lodge, authorizing and empowering them and their Successors to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Manchester aforesaid, under the title or denomination of

THE LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP,

At such times as to the brethren may appear necessary, and then and there when duly congregated to make, pass and raise Free Masons, according to the Antient Custom of the Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And further, at the Petition of the said Brethren, we do appoint the said John Hickman to be the said Master, Thomas Inglis to be the Senior Warden, and Samuel Hickman to be the Junior Warden, for continuing to hold the said Lodge until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed, strictly charging that every Member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge shall be installed in Antient form, and according to the laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his office. The said Lodge to be upon the General Register of our Grand Lodge, No. 52. And we do require you the said John Hickman and your Successors to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons, and that you and they and all other the members of the said Lodge do observe, perform and keep the said laws, rules, and orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge, or transmitted by us or our Successors Grand Masters, or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. And we do enjoin you to make such Bye-Laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the Members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft, and a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such Bye-Laws and Regulations, and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge, to be entered in Books to be kept for that purpose. And you are in nowise to omit to send to us or our Successors Grand Masters, or to the Right Honourable John George Earl of Durham, our Deputy Grand Master, or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being, at least once in every year, a list of the Members of your Lodge, and the name and description of all Masons initiated therein, and Brethren who shall have joined the same, together with the fees and monies payable thereon. It being our will and intention that this our Warrant shall be in force so long only as you shall conform to the laws and regulations of our said Grand Lodge. And you the said John Hickman are further required so soon as conveniently may be to send us an account in writing of what may be done by virtue of these presents.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at London, this 29th June A.L. 5835 and A.D. 1835.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,

DURHAM, D.G.M.

WILLIAM H. WHITE, EDW. HARPER, } G. S.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Lodge of "Friendship," 44, Manchester.

## PRESENTATION OF A TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. W. H. WALLINGTON.

IT must be a great attraction that attaches to the duties of Masonic Instructors, or we should never find so many talented brethren ever ready to devote their time and attention to this task. This seemed to be fully recognised by the members of our Order who assembled on Saturday last at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, who were gathered together to offer a meed of praise to one of the most painstaking and courteous Preceptors of the present day. Bro. Wallington, since he accepted the post of Preceptor of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, has given the members unqualified satisfaction. He has thrown into his work an amount of energy rarely equalled, and has spared no pains to make those who have sat under him proficient in their Masonic duties. Under these circumstances we were not surprised when we received an intimation that many of his followers desired to give our brother some "portable" mark of their regard. The assembly took place at 8 o'clock, when the brethren partook of a modest but substantial repast, which was admirably served by host Smyth. Bro. Dallas, the Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction, was at the head of the table, and he was faced by Bro. J. Ashburner. On the removal of the cloth, the Loyal toast customary at all gatherings of the brethren was given. Bro. Dallas then rose. He briefly reminded the brethren of what had brought them together. He was pleased, on behalf of his fellow members of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, to ask Bro. W. H. Wallington to accept the gifts that were now before them. These comprised an elegant Dining Room Clock and stand, and a massive Gold Ring. Bro. Dallas intimated that he had received several letters from brethren who were unable to be present, but who had expressed their sympathy with the movement. He, then with a few graceful remarks, begged Bro. Wallington to accept the gifts it afforded him so much pleasure to present on behalf of those on whose behalf he acted. Bro. Wallington said he hardly knew how to thank them. He had been Master in a Lodge, and had addressed the brethren on many occasions, but had never before been placed in such a position as the one he now stood in. He could assure his brethren that until but a few days ago he was not aware they had any intention of so tangibly marking their appreciation of the services he had been able to render them. Bro. Dallas had taken him by surprise when he had requested him to suggest what form the testimonial should take; but when he found that it was a work completed, and it only remained for him to declare what would be most acceptable to him, he copied the words used by their worthy Bro. Constable, who had declared on a similar occasion any gift that would please his wife would please him. He thanked them heartily and sincerely for their handsome gifts; he assured them what he had done had been done from a pure love of the Craft, and for the instruction of those who had been associated with him, Bro. Wallington concluded a capital speech by trusting he might meet them on many future occasions. In reply to his health, proposed by Bro. W. W. Morgan, Bro. Dallas remarked that his utmost endeavours would be exerted to promote the happiness and comfort of those around him. He referred to absent friends, and regretted that since the removal of the Lodge of Instruction from the Triangle, circumstances had prevented the attendance of many who were most energetic in the earlier days. However, they were still surrounded by old and tried friends, and he joined Bro. Wallington in saying he trusted they might assemble on many future occasions. Several other toasts were given, and brief replies made. The proceedings were enlivened by some capital songs and recitations. Bros. George Weige, Dallas, Young, Brasted, Lorkin, Ashburner, Wallington, Brown, Forss, &c., rendering good service. The brethren did not separate until a late hour.

The inscription on the Clock was as follows:—

"Presented to William Henry Wallington by the brethren of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, as a token of the high esteem in which he is held by them as a personal friend, and for the efficient and truly Masonic manner in which he has fulfilled the duties of Preceptor for some years past."

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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THERE has been considerably less excitement in Parliament. This may be partly owing to the fact that every day Great Britain becomes stronger from a naval and military point of view, and therefore better prepared to meet all eventualities. It is partly due, likewise, to the knowledge that the question of peace is only a matter of a few days, and though the terms will not be known officially till the ratification takes place at St. Petersburg, enough has leaked out since Sunday, when the preliminaries were signed, to enable us to judge of their character. Of this, however, we shall have a word or two to say anon. As regards Parliamentary news, there has been but little work done in the House of Lords. On Thursday last, Lord Dorchester asked for information as to the position of the vessels comprising the Turkish fleet, and the Earl of Derby replied that while he believed he had accurate knowledge of their whereabouts, he did not consider himself at liberty to say what he knew, as there was only an armistice between Russia and Turkey, and peace had not been signed. Half-an-hour sufficed for the transaction of business on Friday, but there was a tolerably long and lively debate on Monday, on a motion, by Lord Midleton, to the effect that the House should meet at 4 p.m. instead of 5 p.m. Ex-Lord Chancellor Selborne was favourable to the motion, and so, later in the evening, were Earl Granville, the Earl of Morley, and Lord Rosebery, while the Lord Chancellor opposed, and was supported by the Earl of Beaconsfield, who met the principal arguments of the mover, and concluded by suggesting that their lordships, whenever there was a great pressure of business, might adopt the practice of the Commons, and fix an earlier hour of meeting, as occasion might require. The motion was withdrawn. On Tuesday, there was a debate on the second reading of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Bill, to which the principal contributors were the Marquis of Ripon, Lord Dunsany, Earl Spencer, Earl Fortescue, the Earl of Belmore, and the Duke of Richmond and Gordon. The Bill was read a second time.

In the House of Commons on Thursday last, the House resumed the Committee on the Factories and Workshops Bill, and made such progress, that the last clauses were reached and additional ones proposed, but this stage of the Bill was not completed, as, on the suggestion of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, progress was reported, in order that the new Chief Secretary for Ireland might move for leave to introduce the Grand Jury Law Amendment Bill in Ireland. The measure was criticised by a number of Irish members, but the desired leave was given, and the Bill was brought in and read a first time. On Friday, after the usual preliminary questioning of Ministers, Mr. Hibbert, on the motion for going into Committee of Supply, moved for a Select Committee of Inquiry as to the election of Poor Law Guardians. No objection was raised by Mr. Sclater-Booth, on behalf of the Government, but that right honourable gentleman suggested its postponement for the present, and Mr. Hibbert, on the understanding that it should be introduced and acquiesced in by the Government, subject to one or two modifications, consented to this arrangement, and the motion was withdrawn. A motion by Mr. Cartwright on the Wine Duties, was defeated by 85 votes to 65 votes, after which the House went into Committee again on the Factories and Workshops Bill, and further progress was made. On Monday, the new member for Canterbury, Mr. A. E. Hardy, son of the War Minister, took the oaths and his seat. On the motion for going into Committee on the Army Estimates, several questions affecting our land forces, and one in particular, relating to adjutants of Volunteers, were brought under the notice of the House, after which Mr. Hardy rose to move the Estimates in question, and in doing so entered into a long, exhaustive, and comparative statement of the various votes that would be required for the service of the year 1878-9 on a peace footing. Mr. Holms and other members having criticised the policy and statements of the right honourable gentleman, the votes for the number of men and for the cost of their maintenance were agreed to, as also were those for Divine Service, and the administration of military laws. On Tuesday, the preliminary skirmishing was followed by a motion, by Mr. Beresford Hope, on the National Portrait Gallery, South Kensington, which was withdrawn, on Col. Stanley promising that there should be a temporary arrangement of the pictures; after which Mr. Bright moved, and Mr. Chamberlain seconded, that an address be presented to the Queen requesting Her Majesty to withhold her assent from the scheme of the Endowed Schools Commissioners for the management of King Edward VI.'s Free Grammar School, Birmingham, and of the foundations of John Millward and Joanna Lench in the county of Warwick. Mr. W. E. Forster and Mr. Muntz supported it, but Mr. S. Lloyd, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and others opposed, and on a division, the resolution was lost by a majority of 129 to 70. Shortly afterwards the House was counted out, but it met again at 2 p.m. on Wednesday—owing to its being Ash Wednesday—when Major O'Gorman moved the second reading of the Municipal Franchise (Ireland) Bill, and, though he was opposed by the Government, he failed to carry the day, by five votes only, the numbers being 165 against, and 160 for the second reading. On the motion for the second reading of the Town Councils, Local Boards, and other Local Governing Bodies Bill, a motion for the adjournment of the debate was defeated by the narrow majority of 9. However, the motion was renewed, and ultimately the House was adjourned by the rules of the House, at ten minutes to six o'clock.

The Queen returned to Windsor Castle from Buckingham Palace on Friday, but previous to her leaving, the Italian Ambassador had an audience of Her Majesty, and presented his credentials on appointment as ambassador. The Earl of Derby, as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, was present. The Earl of Beaconsfield also had an audience. On Saturday, the Duke of Connaught arrived at the Castle, and later, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Lady Northcote arrived, and were included in Her Majesty's dinner party, as well as Sir Howard Elphinstone, in attendance on His Royal Highness. The Duke left for Buckingham Palace on Sunday afternoon, and started thence for Ireland in the evening, in order to resume his military duties at the Curragh. The Chancellor of the Ex-

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chequer, after an audience with Her Majesty, returned to town with Lady Northcote on Monday. On Tuesday, the Queen and the Princess Beatrice went to the new Tapestry Works at Old Windsor. They were shown over them by the directors, and inspected several pieces which were being prepared for the Paris Exhibition.

The Prince of Wales has been in Paris for some time past, and has been busying himself in connection with the Exhibition about to be held. His Royal Highness is President of the Royal British Commission, and has been at the Exhibition several times during his stay, inspecting the progress of the work, receiving our home and colonial Commissioners, and being received by the French authorities, and by them conducted into the machinery and other departments. He will, doubtless, have returned ere these lines appear in print, as he will hold a *levée* at St. James's Palace, on behalf of Her Majesty, on Monday next.

The regular Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall. There was a numerous attendance, as there were some matters of more than usual interest which were to be brought forward, or to which reference would be made. The Pro Grand Master occupied the chair, and Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, was in his place. Particulars of what passed will be found elsewhere in our columns.

On Saturday, the Speaker and about a hundred members of the House of Commons paid a visit to Portsmouth, for the purpose of inspecting the vessels of our fleet lying there and undergoing various stages of treatment. The visit was not an official one, but was made in response to the invitation of Lord Marcus Beresford, M.P., who is very popular with both sides of the House, and is also second in command of the Thunderer. On their arrival, at about half-past eleven, they were conducted to the Extension Works, where lie the Thunderer, the Dreadnought, and the Inflexible, the three most powerful vessels in our Navy. The last will carry four 81-ton guns in two turrets, and was the first visited. The Dreadnought, which differs from the Inflexible in having less breadth of beam, and carries only 38-ton guns, received next the attention of the visitors, and lastly, the Thunderer, with its 25-ton guns; but before going on board the last-named, the members witnessed the march past of some 600 boys from the St. Vincent training ship, and almost immediately a number of liberty men from the gunnery ship Excellent, who had landed and who marched past to the satisfaction of the spectators. These then went on board the Thunderer, where, with the exception of the Speaker, and about thirty members, they partook of a hasty lunch, and then continued their tour of inspection, and saw torpedo and other experiments. Then about 4.30 p.m., the Speaker having previously conveyed the thanks of the whole party to Admiral Superintendent the Hon. F. A. C. Foley, and the other chief officials, for the courtesy they had extended towards them, the visitors left, on their return to town.

An immense meeting was held on Tuesday in Exeter Hall for the purpose of protesting against the Russian occupation of Constantinople or Gallipoli, and the dismemberment of Turkey, and likewise in favour of Turkey's attempt at introducing Constitutional Government. The Lord Mayor presided, and among those present were Lieutenant Armit R.N., Captain Burnaby, Mr. Borthwick, Dr. Armand Leslie, Colonel Nassau Lees, Major Durrant, Mr. Gibson Bowles, Mr. Alfred Austin, &c. A series of resolutions was then proposed, the principal speakers including the names already mentioned and others. An attempt to move an amendment to the first proved a conspicuous failure, and the resolutions were carried unanimously amid great enthusiasm, the speeches and the proceedings being again and again interrupted by the singing of Rule Britannia and the War Song. A similar meeting convened on requisition by the High Sheriff of Hampshire, was held the same day in the County Hall, Winchester, those present being Mr. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Lord Henry Scott, M.P., Sir H. Drummond Wolff, M.P., and many other influential gentlemen. Resolutions of confidence in Her Majesty's Government were passed unanimously, and the Earl of Beaconsfield has written to Mr. W. W. B. Beach, expressing his thanks for the honour done him and the confidence exhibited in the Government. A meeting of Volunteers in uniform was summoned for to-day in Hyde Park, but Mr. C. Stokes, having been in correspondence with the War Department, and having gathered the views held by the military authorities, has announced that the meeting will not be held. Lord Bury, the new Under-Secretary of State for War, in communicating his views on the subject, declared that no such demonstration was necessary, as the Volunteers had already and for so many years exhibited the most devoted loyalty to the Crown.

Our naval and military preparations are being pushed forward with the greatest activity. On Monday, His Royal Highness the Field-marshal Commanding-in-Chief, with some members of his staff, visited Aldershot, for the purpose of inspecting the young soldiers of one year's service and under in the regiments quartered there. There were about 6,000 of them in all, who were drawn up opposite the different parts of the camp. His Royal Highness passed slowly along the lines, frequently stopping to put questions concerning those who seemed young and less well developed. On the whole the result is reported to have been very satisfactory, many of these young soldiers already wearing the stripes of lance corporals, while others showed they had been promoted to the rank of full corporal. On Wednesday, His Royal Highness paid a similar visit of inspection to Woolwich, and was equally gratified with the result. At Chatham all the large ironclads in hand are being steadily and rapidly brought forward for commission, and the Monarch armour-plated ship is to be commissioned on the 21st, and the Penelope, ironclad, and the Euryalus frigate on the 23rd instant. The Thunderer is ready to sail anywhere at twenty-four's notice. At Keyham, the Prince Albert Turret ship, carrying four 18-ton guns, and four other armour-clad turret ships at Devonport, are ordered to be ready for commission by the end of the month, for the purposes of coast defence. At Woolwich, the manufacture of ball cartridge is proceeding at the rate of two millions a week, and in the case of necessity this might be doubled. One army corps is ready for immediate mobilization, and will be called out shortly. A second is nearly ready. Large numbers of horses of a superior character are arriving at Woolwich, £60 having been paid for artillery draught horses, £55 for heavy cavalry, and £50 for light cavalry, the regulation price being only £35. The army clothing department is in full activity, and can turn out equipment for a full regiment of 1,000 strong in twenty-four hours. All the other departments are making similar exertions. Thus by the end of the financial year, thanks to the Vote of Credit, the defensive and the offensive power of the country will be in a satisfactory state.

The Pope was privately crowned in the Sistine Chapel on Sunday. Usually this ceremony takes place in St. Peter's, but for reasons variously assigned it was not held in public. In consequence the number of persons present was comparatively few; yet the coronation was quite as imposing, regarding it from a ceremonial point of view, as though it had been held as usual. Cardinal Franchi has taken the place of Cardinal Simeoni as Papal Secretary of State, and the latter becomes head of the College of the Propaganda. On Saturday, Rome was the scene of another, and it may be, an almost equally imposing ceremony. On that day, the mission, of which the Duke of Abercorn was the Chief, fulfilled its duty of investing the King of Italy with the insignia of the Order of the Garter. His Grace and suite were conveyed to the Palace of Quirinal in six state carriages. Two battalions of infantry, with their colours, and a band of music were drawn up facing the Palace, and the band played "God Save the Queen." The King and Queen, with the Ambassadors and Court were present, and after the investiture the Duke addressed his congratulations to King Humbert, who replied in equally complimentary terms.

The treaty of peace between Russia and Turkey was signed on Sunday, immediately after which the Grand Duke Nicholas held a review of the troops, to the number of 31,000, at San Stefano. Great enthusiasm was exhibited, and the Grand Duke dispatched a telegram to the Czar congratulating him on the success of Russia's holy mission. The terms of peace will not be fully known till the ratifications have been exchanged at St. Petersburgh; but their general purport has been stated publicly in the various journals at home and abroad, so that we can judge, to a certain extent, of the change effected. The Turkish fleet is not to be ceded, and the indemnity, payable in cash or bonds, is, according to the Earl of Derby's statement in the House of Lords, though some have questioned its accuracy, reduced from £40,000,000 to £12,000,000. The Egyptian tribute, and other securities, already assigned by the Sultan to the foreign bondholders, are not affected. The rest of the indemnity will be paid in kind, in the

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shape of a portion of Turkish Armenia, including Batoum, Ardahan, Bayazid, and Kars. Bulgaria is to be a principality, under the rule of a prince not connected with any of the principal reigning European families, and will have a port on the Egean Sea, but will not include Adrianople and Salonica, though the boundary will run very close to them. Montenegro and Servia will have an accession of territory, but Bosnia and Herzegovina will remain under Turkish rule, and Thessaly and Epirus are to have a constition similar to the one granted to Crete in 1868. Roumania is not included in the treaty, as according to Russian ideas her views were too ambitious, and she desired to treat with Turkey as a sovereign and independent state. Turkey, therefore, is bidden to settle directly with the principality. However, Russia helps herself to the Dobrudscha, with a view to exchanging it for Roumanian Bessarabia. The navigation of the Danube will remain as before, and so will the Straits, except that Russia demands the free passage of merchant vessels in time of war as well as in time of peace. Russia is to evacuate Roumelia in three months, and Asiatic Turkey in six months, while her troops, to the number of 50,000, will continue to occupy Bulgaria for two years, or till a Bulgarian Militia has been formed. These, and some others, are the main features of the treaty, and the question now is, will the other Great Powers, and especially England and Austria-Hungary, accept it. There is already a talk of the latter taking possession, for the greater security of her own interests, of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and it has been said that Russia means to remain at San Stefano so long as the British fleet is off Constantinople and in the Dardanelles. Moreover, a constant flow of reinforcements for the Russian armies is marching through Roumania, the reason assigned being the terrible losses they had sustained in crossing the Balkans. All this does not bode well for the peace of Europe.

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The ball of the New Concord Lodge took place on Monday last, and was throughout a complete success. Bro. T. J. Cusworth, the W.M., acted as President, and after the supper, proposed the few toasts usual on such occasions. Bro. Gallant, the Vice-President, called on the party to drink to the health of Bro. Cusworth, recounting, in a neat little speech, his work in connection with the Lodge, and his exertions to make the present evening's entertainment pass off pleasantly. The toast was enthusiastically honoured, and briefly acknowledged. The name of Bro. A. L. Faucquez was coupled with the health of the ladies, and we hope that the fairer section of the party were satisfied with his reply, we can testify that the sterner sex were entirely so. Dancing was renewed, and the remainder of the programme gone through most enjoyably. We were pleased to greet our esteemed Bro. Adams, who was present during the first few dances, in order to get the music up to his advanced standard. We think, judging from the experience of Monday last, that Bro. Adams's fifty years' apprenticeship in this branch of the art has culminated in efficiency, and we hope that he may be seen at the head of his band for many years to come. There was one matter we much regretted, and, indeed, so did all present. We refer to the absence of the Hon. Secretary, Bro. Main, who, through a severe domestic affliction, was unable to take part in the evening's proceedings. We tender him our sincere condolence.

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On Wednesday evening, 13th inst., the Fifteen Sections will be worked by Bro. Thomas Poore P.M. 720. The chair will be taken at 6 for 7 p.m. precisely, at the Balham Hotel, Balham, S.W., Bro. James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, Worshipful Master. Brethren are respectfully invited to attend.

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## GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THIS Committee sat, on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Sigismund Rosenthal in the chair. The other brethren who attended were Bros. Geo. J. Row, James Winter, S. Rawson, L. Ruf, J. J. Berry, Raynham W. Stewart, John Boyd, Percival Sanford, W. F. C. Moutrie, Wm. Roebuck, A. Darrant, Donald M. Dewar, Hyde Pullen, J. G. Chancellor, Hen. W. Hunt, J. W. Dosell, H. Massey, W. Maple and F. Binckes. In answer to Bro. R. W. Stewart, Bro. Binckes said that on the 1st of January this year the balance to the credit of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co.'s Bank was £2,759 19s 4d. £1,249 2s 10d had since been paid to the bank from the office, and £15 5s direct to the bank, and dividends amounting to £148 2s 6d, or a total sum of £4,172 9s 8d. Against this sum were to be placed cheques drawn on the bank amounting to £2,680 19s 4d, which left a balance on general account of £1,491 10s 4d, and on sustentation account £74 16s 4d. The real balance therefore which the bank owed the Institution was £1,566 6s 8d. Arrangements would be made for keeping the Institution's account at the Bloomsbury Branch of the London and Westminster Bank, where Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls had also opened accounts. A resolution was then passed, on the motion of Bro. Raynham Stewart seconded by Bro. J. J. Berry, for taking the account of this Institution to the London and Westminster Bank. On the motion of Bro. W. Roebuck seconded by Bro. R. W. Stewart, the salary of Miss Hall, the matron, was raised from £100 to £130, and that of Mr. Brocklehurst, the second assistant master, from £70 to £80; after which some petitions were received, and some outfits granted. Bro. Binckes having informed the brethren that the health of the School was good, the Committee separated.

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## UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE regular Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England was held on Wednesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, W.C. The M.W. the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon presided, and was supported by Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M., F. B. Alston S.G.W., Lord Tenterden J.G.W., Capt. Philips S.G.D., E. J. Morris J.G.D. The usual preliminaries were disposed of, and the M.W. the acting Grand Master withdrew Article No. 3 of the agenda paper. With reference to Article 4, he said that he had to report to Grand Lodge the result of the deliberation of the Committee appointed at the last Communication. Without recounting the arguments, he said they had arrived at the conclusion to submit four resolutions, and he now had the pleasure of enumerating them: First, deeply to regret the steps which the Grand Orient had felt it necessary to take, by eliminating the G.A.O.T.U. from their service; second, that this Grand Lodge, while anxious to receive foreign members in the same spirit as heretofore, could not recognise as true brethren any person admitted in a Lodge denying or ignoring a belief in the G.A.O.T.U.; third, that any visitor desiring to enter a Lodge under the English Constitution, that the Master should exact the production of his certificate, or that he should be properly vouched for, and distinctly pledge his belief in the fundamental principle of our Constitution, viz., belief in the Great Architect of the Universe; fourth, that these resolutions be sent to the Masters of all Lodges holding under Warrant from the Grand Lodge of England. These resolutions proved most acceptable, and Bro. H. Greene moved, as a rider, that Worshipful Masters should be requested to read the resolutions in open Lodge. The M.W.G.M. agreeing with this rider, was perfectly willing to add it to the original motion, which being formally put, was unanimously carried, amidst vociferous cheering. The election of Grand Master for the ensuing year was the next business before Grand Lodge, and on the proposition of Bro. A. B. Cooke, Dep. M. 259, seconded by Bro. R. F. Gould P.M. 92, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was elected with acclamation. The W. Bro. Thomas Fenn P.G.D., acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, then proclaimed the M.W.G.M. in the usual form.

The Earl of Carnarvon, in referring to the election of a Grand Treasurer said, that he felt that he should be best consulting the interest of the Craft by postponing the election until the next Communication, and, for the further information of the brethren, he begged to propose that a Committee be formed for the purpose of inquiring into the finances of the Grand Lodge of England, and the duties of the Grand Treasurer, and would submit that such Committee should be composed of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., the G. Reg., the Presidents of the Board of General Purposes, the Lodge of Benevolence, and the Colonial Board, with the additional names of Bros. John Havers, F. A. Philbrick Q.C., and Gibson, which recommendation was carried nem con. It was further stated that the monies in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co. were, on behalf of Grand Lodge account, £3,513; Grand Chapter, £388; the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £1,566; the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £3,980; and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £777. But it was explained that the last named had a loan of £4,000, and consequently would claim a set off, hence there would be no loss to that Institution. It was also mentioned that an order had been given to invest £3,000 on behalf of the R.M.B.I., and this order we are in a position to state had been carried out, the claim in the case of the Benevolent Institution is thereby reduced to £980. The Deputy Grand Master stated that he had received a letter from a member of his Province, sympathising with the Institutions, and suggesting the formation of a special fund to cover any loss which might arise, and promising the munificent sum of £300 towards the same. Lord Skelmersdale said that it would be a pity not to make public the name of so good a brother, and as he had the permission of the Pro G.M. he would do so. The brother who had thus come forward was William Harrison, P.S.G.W. of East Lancashire; this announcement was received with rounds of applause. The report of the Lodge of Benevolence was now read, and grants amounting to £250 were confirmed. The Report of the Board of General Purposes, Grand Lodge Accounts, and the Auditors' Report were received and adopted. The adjourned debate on the reconstruction of the Board of Benevolence was opened by Bro. J. B. Monckton P.B.G.P., whose remarks were met with such disfavour, and cries of agreed and vote, that little else could be heard. Bro. Binckes followed, and the result was that the report was rejected by an overwhelming majority. The erasure of Lodge No. 1054 was allowed, and the appeal of the Secretary thereof dismissed. The application from Lodge No. 207 was rejected, after which Grand Lodge was closed, at 9.15.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 9th MARCH.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.

## MONDAY, 11th MARCH.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
90—St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 8, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.
R. C.—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.

75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
802—Rectitude, Town Hall, Reading.
867—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
869—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
865—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
863—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

## TUESDAY, 12th MARCH.

46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.
R. C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
802—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1509—Manoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

## WEDNESDAY, 13th MARCH.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Wimsley-street, W., at 7.15. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road.
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1305—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1260—Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
196—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
281—Fortitude, Athenæum, Leicester.
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.
696—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
829—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1161—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1209—Lewes, Bugle Hotel, Battle.
1249—Dodson, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1342—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.
1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannoe, Staffs.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.

## THURSDAY, 14th MARCH.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Alder-gate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, the Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke-grove-road, Notting-hill.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, 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.
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
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.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
901—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1065—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1146—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1204—Royd's, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

## FRIDAY, 15th MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1443—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
K. T.—Kemeys Tynte, Masonic Hall, Golden-square.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford.

## SATURDAY, 16th MARCH.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

829—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

### MONDAY.

296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

### TUESDAY.

495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
903—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
R. A. 285—Jubilee, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

### WEDNESDAY.

258—Amphibions, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.
919—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Pontefract.
1016—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

### THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
204—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.

### FRIDAY.

491—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Skaidburn.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1034—Ecclehill, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclehill.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
R. C.—Talbot, Freemason's Hall, Sheffield.

### SATURDAY.

119—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.
TUESDAY—1—Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.
WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street, R.A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.
THURSDAY—8—Journeymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.
FRIDAY—R. A. 82—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

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## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—Held at the Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 4th instant. Present—Bros. Wing W.M., Sparrow S.W., Lorkin J.W., Pearcy acting Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Mosely S.D., Millward J.D., Carrey I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Marston, Killick, Halford, Stock, J. W. Smith, Sillis, Alford, Robison, Read, Hallam, Dybdahl, Thompson, Banks, Powell, &c. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Marston, who advanced the Lodge, and rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Wing acting as W.M. elect. The Lodge being resumed to the first degree, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, in a manner which elicited the approbation of all the brethren, Bro. Sillis candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. H. Marston, W.M. of the Skelmersdale Lodge No. 1590, was unanimously elected an honorary member. Bro. Sparrow was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed.

**Prosperity Lodge, No. 65.**—The regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Charles Daniel. Bros. Burge S.W., Brown J.W., Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, C. F. Ferry Secretary, Braine S.D., Mathews J.D., Simm I.G., Speight P.M. Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Forbes, L. A. Leins, Carruthers, Cornwall, Davey; and Bros. Miller, Fox, Edwards, Pierce, Bright, Beale, Wall, Barker, Rich, Sheffield, Paul, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Harwood, Ratcliffe, Brackmore and James having shown their proficiency, were raised to the third degree. Bros. Jarvis, Bright, Mitchell and Chivers were passed to the second degree. The working of the W.M. deserves special praise. Bro. Burge S.W. informed the brethren that his business avocations would prevent his accepting the office of W.M. He hoped, however, at a future time, to be able to do all that might be required of him, and he hoped the brethren would then not forget him. (Cheers.) The W.M. complimented Bro. Burge on his manly and straightforward explanation; he assured him that when he was ready to come forward he would not be forgotten. The bye-laws were then read and the election for W.M. took place, Bro. Brown J.W. was unanimously chosen, forty-five votes were recorded for him, and the announcement was received with marks of approbation. The newly elected W.M. suitably acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Goodwin P.M. was re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Speight was re-elected Tyler. Bros. Pierce, Lake, Rich, Dyson, Walls and Roberts were appointed Auditors. Bro. L. A. Leins P.M. proposed, and Bro. Davey P.M. seconded, that a sum of ten guineas be given from the Lodge Funds for the purpose of presenting the retiring W.M. with a Past Master's jewel. In addition, Bro. Leins said he would propose that £5 5s be voted for the purpose of presenting Bro. Daniel with a testimonial on vellum, expressive of the satisfaction he had given to the Lodge. This was carried by acclamation. The W.M. consented to act as Steward for the next Festival of the Girls' School; he would head the list with the sum of £10 10s. The Lodge also voted the sum of £10 10s. He trusted the brethren would liberally support him. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Ferry for the excellent manner he had discharged the duties of Secretary. Hearty good wishes were given, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren, over eighty in number, then sat down to banquet, which was ably provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford. After the W.M. had proposed the loyal toasts, Bro. Carruthers I.P.M. rose; he hoped the toast he had to offer would be received with the enthusiasm it merited, it was the Health of the W.M. Bro. Daniel was always ready to do his duty to the Charities; he had served the office of Steward for the Aged twice, and to-night he had announced that he would become a Steward for the Girls' School. No worthier brother could be found to represent that Charity; the members of the Lodge would be pleased to support him. The W.M. said he could scarcely find words; his diffidence prevented him saying as much as he would have liked. He left the chair with regret; he hoped he had made many friends; he believed he had not one antagonist. He was initiated in the Lodge, and the kind expressions of the members, and the testimonial voted to him would never be effaced from his memory or forgotten by him. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, coupling with it the names of Bros. Lochhead, Bratten, and H. M. Levy. These brethren testified to the able manner the W.M. had conducted the duties of the chair, and the kind way he had spoken of the Masonic Charities. The W.M. would find a worthy successor in the brother they had elected to succeed him. The W.M. then proposed the health of the P.M.'s; he spoke of what they had done for the Lodge, and the Charities; he regretted the absence of the Treasurer, who they all respected. He hoped the W.M. elect would emulate their bright example. Bro. Carruthers I.P.M. responded, and was followed by Bros. Forbes and Leins. The W.M. then proposed the health of the W.M. elect. The S.W. had gracefully retired in favour of the J.W., who, he was sure, was one who would be a worthy Master of the Lodge. Bro. Brown said that having been elected, whatever his abilities were they were at the command of the Lodge. The health of the Treasurer, Secretary, and the Junior Officers was next given, Bro. Burge responded. The Tyler was then summoned, and the brethren separated, after passing a very agreeable evening. The Visitors were Bros. Lochhead 871, Bratten P.M. 1227, Lidle 55, Knell 865, Holmes 1471, W. A. Back 1076, D. P. Holness 1471, Baylis 813, Trewinnard 228, Williams 1158, Sayer, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

**Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101.**—The installation meeting of this Preceptory will be held on Tuesday next, at the Masonic Hall, York, when Sir Knight the Rev. Wm. Valentine, the E.P. elect, will be installed by the Sub-Prior of the Province, E. Sir Knt. J. Fearne Holden.

**Industry Lodge, No. 186.**—The first meeting of this Lodge since the installation was held on Tuesday the 26th, at the Restaurant, 3 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, under the presidency of Bro. D. J. Robinson. Bros. Hook S.W., W. Mann P.M. Secretary, Allison S.D., Philp J.D., Johnson I.G., Rickards W.S., Hook jun. Organist. P.M.'s Bros. Black, Noehmer, Tallent, Dyer, Seex, and a numerous attendance of the brethren. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The W.M. showed his proficiency by the impressive manner in which he passed Bro. Bischoff to the degree of a Fellow Craft. Bro. Seex P.M. proposed, and Bro. Noehmer P.M. seconded, That the report of the Committee respecting the removal of the Lodge be adopted, and the Lodge hold its future meetings at Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street. This was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned. There was no banquet.

**Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.**—The regular meeting was held on Monday, the 4th, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bro. J. E. Miller W.M., M. Spiegel S.W., L. M. Auerhaan Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., H. Hyman J.W., Campion S.D., R. Baker J.D., H. P. Isaac I.G., Benjamin Steward D.C. P.M.'s Bros. L. Alexander, L. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, I. Abrahams, S. Hickman, L. Alexander, O. Roberts. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. J. Wynman having answered the questions, was raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being capitally rendered. The W.M. also gave the traditional history, which was fully appreciated by the brethren. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, eighty in number, sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Bro. M. Silver. The W.M. proposed the Loyal toasts. After that of the Queen, the National Anthem was sung, by Bros. J. Benjamin, Prentice, F. Brough, Mdme. San Mastini, and Miss Alma Yorke. After full honour had been paid to the M.W. the Grand Master, and the Pro-Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the W.M. proposed the health of the Deputy G.M. Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers. The Lodge of Joppa had been honoured by having a brother selected for Grand Office; he referred to Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P., who to know was to respect, he would associate his name with the toast. Bro. Albert responded, and the W.M. then proposed Prosperity to the Benevolent Fund connected with the Lodge. This toast had been so frequently brought before their notice that it did not require any comment from him; they had an excellent exponent of its advantages in the President. Bro. L. Alexander returned thanks for the toast; for eighteen months there had been no application for the benefits of the fund. He sincerely trusted the members might not require aid from it. He announced that two brethren had that evening contributed to it. Bro. L. Lazarus I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M.; by his working and by his presidency they had seen that the Master they had selected was one who could carry out the duties required of him. Bro. Miller was in every way worthy of their regard and esteem. The W.M. said that if he carried out one-half of the expectations of the I.P.M. he should be perfectly satisfied. He trusted, on his retirement from the chair, that all their cordial anticipations would be carried out to their satisfaction. The health of the Visitors was then proposed by the W.M., who mentioned their names seriatim. He assured them they would always meet a cordial reception. Bro. M. Cohen P.M. No. 185 responded, and he was followed by Bro. M. Levy 1017, and J. H. Ryley late 188. Each complimented the W.M. on his working and able presidency. The toast of the Wardens was replied to by Bro. Spiegel, who remarked that the traditional history had not been given since Bro. Obed Roberts P.M. had occupied the chair. As young Masons they would be pleased to follow in such worthy footsteps. Bro. H. Hymans followed, and fully endorsed all Bro. Spiegel had said. The W.M. had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. All who knew Bro. Albert respected him, and Bro. Auerhaan was one equally esteemed; there had been a little episode in regard to his election, but he was now again Treasurer, and they were proud of him. Bro. L. M. Auerhaan felt gratified at being re-elected Treasurer; whatever the Lodge wanted of him his heart and soul was in their cause; any money required of him for the Lodge was at their disposal. As regards his election, his friends had came forward to support him; he was proud that he was again their Treasurer. Bro. Albert briefly returned thanks. With the Junior Officers was coupled the name of Bro. H. P. Isaac, who responded to the toast. The Tyler was then called, and the brethren separated. The W.M. arranged for a very pleasing musical entertainment. Bro. Benjamin provided the artists. The Visitors were Bros. T. James 699, H. Phillips 205, M. Cohen P.M. 185, R. Senecal P.M. 860, J. Phillips 55, Beckett 733, M. Levy 1017, J. H. Ryley late 188.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—Held its regular meeting on Saturday, the 2nd March, at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. A. W. Fenner W.M., A. Ross S.W., McMillan J.W., Killick Secretary, T. Slaiter S.D., Garrod J.D., Thompson I.G., Pearcy Preceptor. Business—The Lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brock acting as candidate. Several sections of the first lecture were worked by Bros. Pearcy, Fenner, Sparrow and G. E. Cook. Bro. McDowall 948 was elected a member, and Bro. Ross appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

**Northampton Chapter, No. 360.**—The Installation meeting of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Buildings on Thursday, 28th February. Present—Comps. J. U. Stanton Z., R. Howes H., J. T. Green J., W. Kingston N., G. Robinson E., F. Gadsby P.S., J. Bingley A.S., B. Wilkins D.P.G.M. Northn. and Hunts., M. A. Bodmé, T. Davis, S. Jacob, J. Kellett P.Z.'s; J. H.

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Hale, C. Barnes, H. J. Atkins, H. W. Parker, &c. Bros. the Rev. Samuel John Woodhouse Sanders, and W. Kirby (as serving Companion), both of the Pomfret Lodge 360, presented themselves for exaltation and were duly elected. Comp. Stanton performed the ceremony, being most ably assisted by Comp. Wilkins and the several officers. Comps. Howes as Z., Green as H., and Kingston as J., were then duly installed in their several chairs by Comp. Wilkins, who performed the task in a most impressive manner. The following are the other officers for the ensuing year:—Comps. E. G. Robinson N., E. Roberts P.S., F. Gadsby Assist. Soj., J. A. S. Bouverie and John Bingley Assists., Rev. J. Stenson Chaplain, J. U. Stanton Treas., Dean and Stanley Janitors. At the conclusion of the business of the evening the Comps. partook of an excellent banquet, provided by Mrs. Forth (of the Peacock Hotel), in the admirable manner for which she is noted, and the remainder of the evening, under the genial presidency of the M.E.Z., was spent harmoniously, and to the gratification of all present. The Chapter has, during the past twelve months, been unusually strengthened in numbers, and the coming year bids fair to be a most prosperous one.

**Lily Lodge of Instruction, No. 820.**—Met at the Greyhound, Richmond, on Saturday, the 2nd of March. Present—Bros. Kyezor W.M., Digby S.W., Wade J.W., H. W. Rydon S.D., Harris I.G. Lodge was opened. The minutes were not confirmed, owing to the unavoidable absence of Bro. Phillips, Secretary. Bro. Clear offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Lodge was then opened up in regular form to the second degree, and closed to the first, when Bro. Digby rose to express his views as to the falling-off of the attendance. He thought if the ceremonies were rehearsed in rotation, that many would attend. Instead of leaving the working to the discretion of the W.M., a prescribed rule should make it incumbent upon the W.M. to work the degrees in the order that they are given, so that constant repetition would be abolished, and the W.M. be enabled to give the third degree as well as some sectional workings more frequently, and to the greater edification of the members. Bro. Kyezor promised to give the matter his serious consideration, and as, requested, would lay the matter before the brethren. Bro. Wade was then elected to fill the chair on Saturday, the 9th instant. Bro. Kyezor remarked that too much praise could not be given to Bro. Wade for the strides he had made in knowledge of the Craft. Lodge then closed in love and harmony.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Powis-road, Bolston. Bro. Christian W.M., Slaiter S.W., Wardell J.W., C. Lorkin S.D., Carr J.D., Dignam I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas. Past Master Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Brasted, Allen, Finch, Davis, Rubery, Franklin, and others. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Collings candidate. Bro. Brasted worked the first and second, and Bro. Allen the third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Rubery and Franklin of 1662 were elected members. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. M. Christian for his able working in the chair. Bro. Slaiter was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.**—This Lodge held its meeting on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street. Present—Bros. Marston W.M., Hallam S.W., Abell J.W., Lee S.D., Welsford J.D., Vizzard I.G. Past Master Bro. Long Preceptor; Somers, Hyde, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which the lecture of the 1st degree was ably gone through. Bro. Somers of No. 1062 was elected a member, and Bro. Hallam W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871.**—The eighteenth installation meeting was held at the White Swan Hotel, 217 High-street, Deptford, on Thursday, 28th February. Dr. J. J. Pakes W.M. opened the Lodge, and in a correct and impressive style raised Bros. John Stanley and George Hill to the third degree; completing his work of the year by installing his successor, Bro. G. T. Limn as W.M., who appointed and invested as his Officers—Bros. J. J. Pakes I.P.M., R. Harman S.W., J. G. Vohmann J.W., W. Andrews P.M. Treasurer, re-invested for eighth time. F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. Sec., the Father of the Lodge, re-invested for the seventeenth time, G. Harvey S.D., W. M. Harris J.D., E. Good I.G., H. J. Fisher Org. re-invested for fourth time, G. Andrews P.M. D.C. reinvested for fifth time, H. J. Tuson P.M. W.S., J. Bavin P.M. 147 Tyler, reinvested. By desire of the members, Bro. George Andrews P.M. gave the addresses. On the motion of Bro. F. Walters, seconded by Bro. H. J. Tuson, it was unanimously resolved "That a vote of thanks be given to Bros. J. J. Pakes and G. Andrews, for their admirable rendering of the ceremony of installation. On behalf of the members, the W.M. presented Bro. Pakes with the Past Master's jewel which had been voted to him. The Lodge was closed and adjourned. In consequence of the illness of Mrs. Porter (since dead), the banquet was held at the Yacht Tavern, Greenwich. Visitors—Bro. J. Terry Sec. R.M.B., Prov. G.D.C. Herts, P.M. 228, &c., W. H. Farnfield W.M. 1716, G. Payne P.G.S. P.M. 1, B. Brown I.G. 1, B. J. Deacon 1382, C. Graham 1540, G. Butler Sec. 217, &c.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—At the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 1st instant. Present—Bros. Lane W.M., Posener jun. S.W., Simmonds J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Secretary, A. W. Smith S.D., Campbell J.D., Hine I.G.; also Bros. Bolton, Crouch, Stroud, Wartaki, Posener sen., &c. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in a very careful manner, Bro. Townsend acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Posener jun. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The annual supper in connection with this Lodge of Instruction is announced for the last Thursday in the present month, and it is hoped there will be a good attendance. Farther information can be obtained of Bros. Bolton or Lane, at the above address.

**Star Lodge, No. 1275.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, 1st March. Bro. R. W. Williams P.P.G. Organist Middlesex W.M. presided, and did all the work in an admirable manner. He raised Bro. Dovanas, and initiated Messrs. David Moss, Richard Cowling Edmonds, and a friend who he introduced, into Freemasonry. Some important notices of motion were given by a P.M. to alter the bye-laws. The usual routine business was gone through, and the Lodge closed and adjourned, to meet on Friday, 7th June, at four p.m. There were present Bros. Past Masters H. J. Green, J. Smith P.G.P. Treasurer, F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex Secretary, W. E. Williams S.D., C. W. Williams S.W., W. Kipps P.G. Organist Kent J.W., Rev. G. R. P. Colles P.P.G.C. Oxon Chaplain, E. W. Chetwynd J.D., A. Tisley I.G., S. Marketis D.C., G. S. Elliott C.S., L. Van Boolen, J. Turnbull, and many others. The Visitors were Bros. General P. D. Roddey 1538, F. B. Williams S.W. 1538, J. Cherry 747, &c.

**Marquis of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.**—On Monday, the 4th instant, at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, at 7.30. Present—Bros. Grist W.M., Aspinall S.W., Bishop J.W., Goddard S.D., Mann J.D., Jacob I.G., Slaiter Secretary, Blunt Preceptor; also Bros. High, Lockett, McDowall, Poulton, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Lockett being candidate. The Lodge then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Lockett was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Lockett then answered the questions leading to the degree of M.M., and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed by the W.M., who gave the traditional history and lecture in a very impressive manner, Bro. Poulton being candidate. Bro. Aspinall was elected W.M. for the ensuing two weeks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned.

**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.**—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 27th February, when, after an initiation, the W.M. (Bro. T. B. Whytehead) read a very interesting paper on "The Landmarks of Freemasonry." A vote of thanks, proposed by Bro. T. Cooper I.P.M., was carried by acclamation, Bro. Cooper urging the importance of making a real study of Masonry, and expressing a hope that this would not be the last paper the W.M. would read. In replying, Bro. T. B. Whytehead said that the D.P.G.M. (Bro. Dr. J. P. Bell) was very anxious to see an intelligent practise of Masonry in his Province, and he himself had long felt that mere ritualistic perfection was, though very desirable, apt to produce barren and unsatisfactory results. His great wish was to create amongst the brethren a desire for the study of Masonry, than which, he could assure them, nothing was more interesting. The S.W. (Bro. J. S. Cumberland) expressed a hope that the paper would be printed and circulated amongst the members.

**Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.**—Held at the Mitre Hotel, Goulbourne-road, Notting-hill, on Friday, the 1st of March, Bro. Spiegel W.M., Adkins S.W., Woodmason J.W., Penn S.D., Smout sen. J.D., H. Debane I.G., Bro. Savage, P.M. Preceptor, Smout jun., Lichtwitz, Poulter, Tettenborn, Hatton, Gabb, Whittaker, Hook, Parkhouse, Chalfond and Webster. After reading the minutes, Bro. Spiegel the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Penn being candidate; after which the W.M., according to promise, gave the lecture on the first Tracing Board, with all the illustrations; the brethren paid great attention, and were all highly pleased, it being the first time of many of them hearing the same. The W.M. then proceeded to complete his evening's work by working the first and second sections of the first lecture. Bro. Charles Webster 1381 was elected a member of this Lodge. Bro. Savage P.M. proposed Bro. Adkins as W.M. for the 15th inst., Friday the 8th being Officer's night, when Bro. Penn the W.M. will take the chair. Bro. Savage P.M. proposed, and Bro. Penn W.M. seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the special treat the W.M. had been pleased to give them that evening. This was carried, and the W.M. briefly acknowledged the compliment.

**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—Held its weekly meeting at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, on Tuesday, the 5th instant, when the Officers, as reported in our last issue, were in attendance, and rehearsed the ceremony of the degree with their wonted ability. The following were elected for the ensuing fortnight:—Comps. J. B. Sorrell Z., Thos. Cull H., P. Wagner J., G. L. Walker S.N., and S. P. Catterson P.S.

**Golden Rule Lodge, No. 1261.**—This Lodge met on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Café Royal, 2 Air-street, Regent-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Longley. Bros. J. Jessop S.W., J. Lewis J.W., Williams P.M. Treas., Allworth P.M. Sec., W. Emdin S.D., Atkins J.D., Dr. Payne Hon. Organist; and P.M.'s Bros. Capt. J. Perry Godfrey, Dr. Cross, and a numerous assemblage of the brethren. The Lodge was opened and the minutes

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of the former meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Williams was, by the courtesy of the W.M., raised to the third degree by Bro. Capt. Perry Godfrey, and ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. R. Jessop and Miller. A similar compliment was paid them by the W.M. allowing Bro. Allworth P.M. to initiate his friends. Propositions for initiation were handed to the Sec., and the Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards partook of a banquet that was fully appreciated; the W.M. Bro. Longley admirably presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, all of which were heartily received. Bro. Captain Godfrey I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. He thanked him for allowing him and his brother Past Master to perform the ceremonies in favour of their friends; at the same time each acknowledged the W.M.'s capability. The toast having been very ably responded to, the W.M. proposed the health of the newly initiated member, who was a brother of the S.W. By the attention he had paid to the ceremony, the brethren would feel a pleasure in having such an addition to their number. Bro. R. Jessop, in responding, electrified the brethren by his trite and sensible remarks. He was deservedly applauded, and it was predicted he would eventually be a shining light in Freemasonry. Bro. Miller also replied. Bro. Capt. Perry Godfrey responded for the Past Masters. The remaining toasts comprised the Visitors, responded to by Bros. Hart P.P.G.D. Kent, Craig No. 3, Vanderpump 1507, &c.; the health of the Officers was proposed and responded to, and then the W.M. summoned the Tyler.

**Royal Clarence Chapter, No. 68.**—The regular meeting of this Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Bristol, on Monday last. Comps. R. Coffee Z., Rev. J. B. Spring P.Z. H., E. C. Howell J., A. Dimoline P.Z. Treas., H. White S.E., R. Shorland S.N., E. Honey P.S., M. Ansaldo and H. Wilkinson Assist. Sojs.; P.Z.'s W. Pearce, John Pickford, &c. The Chapter was formally opened and the preliminaries disposed of; Bros. Philip Rawle and Joseph James Clarke were exalted to the supreme degree. Comp. Howell was installed into the chair of third Principal, and, some other business having been settled, the Chapter was closed. The Comps. now adjourned to the Cathedral Hotel, where a very nice spread was awaiting them. About twenty Comps. sat down to supper, under the presidency of M.E. Comp. Coffee, Comp. Honey acting as Vice. Each guest having done ample justice to the good things provided, and the customary Loyal and Patriotic toasts being proposed and duly honoured, M.E. Comp. Coffee gave the health of the highly respected Deputy Prov. G.M. In doing so, he felt he need not inform the Comps. that in Blue Masonry, as well as in Royal Arch, they were indebted to V.W. Bro. Powell for the deep interest he takes in all branches of the Craft. In proposing this toast he had much pleasure in uniting with it the name of Comp. Dimoline, a name highly honoured among them, as the pillar on which Royal Arch Masonry had been supported in the Province. Comp. Dimoline replied, and enjoined the Comps. to imitate more and more the truly Masonic attributes and talents of the Worthy Dep. Prov. G.M. Comp. Dimoline is a veteran Mason of this Province, and has served the exalted post of M.E.Z. for seven years, as near in succession as the Constitutions will allow; he has been a Royal Arch Mason thirty-three years, and we can safely say that this Comp. has true Masonic attributes. The Venerable M.E. Comp. next proposed the health of their respected First Principal, and paid Comp. Coffee a most pleasing tribute of praise for the zeal with which he conducts the important office, and the efficient manner in which he performs the sublime ceremonies of the Holy Royal Arch. Comp. Coffee, in reply, asked his Comp. Officers to give him that attention and assistance by which he alone anticipated carrying out the functions of his high office. Toast after toast was heartily proposed by the highly agreeable and versatile M.E., and cheerfully responded to by all present. A pleasant evening was drawn to a close by Comp. Coffee proposing the health of Visiting Comp. Davies (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), who briefly thanked the Companions for the great cordiality shown him. P.S.—Want of space this week prevents our giving a more lengthy account.

**Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.**—At the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 7th March, at 7.30. Present—Bros. Biddle W.M., Da Silva S.W., Marks J.W., Gladwell S.D., Norden J.D., Dawbarn I.G.; Hogg P.M., Moss, Harvey, Campbell, and W. J. Rawley. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, with Bro. Moss as the candidate. Bro. Hogg, assisted by the brethren, worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture. Bros. Moss and Harvey were instructed in the answers to the questions leading to the second degree. Bros. Gladwell, of No. 172, and Marks, of No. 1275, were elected members. Bro. Da Silva will preside at next meeting.

**Beaufort Lodge, No. 103.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, 5th March, at Freemason's Hall, Park-street, Bristol. Present—Bros. George Pearson W.M., David Bell S.W., W. H. Marriott J.W., Henry Fleetwood Sec., W. H. Bowden P.M. Treas., R. J. Toleman S.D., J. M. Hatherley J.D., Thomas Thomas Assist. D.C., D. P. Belfield Steward, W. H. Pine I.G. *pro tem*, W. Hazard Tyler. Past Masters Bros. E. Cook, W. Benham, W. G. Vowles, E. H. Vowles, J. B. Halford, and about fifteen members. Visitors—Bros. H. F. Lambert J.W. 686. S. M. Davies (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), C. G. Vicary 187, W. Vicary Treasurer 1138. It was proposed by Bro. W. G. Vowles, and seconded by Bro. E. H. Vowles, that Bro. W. Benham be the representative of the Lodge on the Prov. Charity Committee, and carried unanimously. Vote of thanks passed to Bro. G. Pearson W.M. for his gift of £10 to the Widows' fund, on behalf of the Beaufort Lodge. Ballot was taken for Mr. Walker, he was accepted and initiated. Bro. J. B. Halford then gave the Entered Apprentice Charge in a most impressive manner.

**Royal York Lodge, No. 315.**—The annual installation of the officers of this Lodge took place in the Masonic Room, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday, the 5th inst. Among those present were Bros. John H. Scott Dep. P.G.M. of Sussex, J. Dixon P.M. 271 Prov. S.G.W., Rev. H. M. Davey J.W. 38 Prov. G. Chaplain, V. P. Freeman P.M. 732 Prov. G. Secretary, T. S. Byass P.M. 1465 Prov. S.G.D., T. H. Crouch P.M. 851 Prov. J.G.D., J. M. Kidd P.M. 732 Prov. G.D. of C., C. Sandeman P.M. 315 G.A.D. of C., A. King 271 Prov. G. Organist, W. Read P.M. 66 G. Pursuivant, &c. An apology was tendered on behalf of the R.W. Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, who was prevented, by an attack of bronchitis, from attending at the installation ceremony. The retiring W.M., Bro. Feat, was succeeded by Bro. A. J. Hawkes, who was most impressively installed into office by Bro. C. Sandeman. The newly-elected W.M. next proceeded to the installation of his officers, who were elected as follow:—C. W. Hudson S.W., T. Packham J.W., H. Saunders Treas., R. J. Pope Sec., G. Nash S.D., W. H. Gibson J.D., T. Chandler D.C., W. J. Smith I.G., G. R. Locker and H. Payne Stewards, T. Hughes Tyler. At the termination of the installation ceremony the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a splendid banquet was served by Bros. Sayers and Marks, who fairly excelled their previous efforts, and gave universal satisfaction. The chair was taken by the newly elected W.M., who was supported by the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge already mentioned and the P. Masters of the Brighton and Provincial Lodges. Upwards of 100 sat down, the gathering of brethren being one of the largest ever held in Brighton or the county. The vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. C. W. Hudson S.W., R. J. Pope Sec., and T. Packham J.W. After the banquet the chairman gave the Queen and the Craft; His Royal Highness Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. of England; and the V.W. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Prov. G.M., and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past. To the last toast Bro. W. Kuhe P.G.O., and Bro. W. H. Wood responded. The chairman, in proposing the health of the Rt. W. Sir Walter W. Burrell Bart. M.P. Prov. G.M. of Sussex, regretted that, through indisposition, the Prov. G. Master of the County was absent. He and those present were much disappointed, and had anticipated that after a lapse of twenty years, during which no official visit had been made by the Prov. G.M. and his Officers to the York Lodge, that they would have been honoured with Sir Walter's presence. All, however, were hopeful that he would soon be able to resume his Masonic duties. The chairman next proposed the W. Bro. John H. Scott Dep. Prov. G.M. of Sussex, and the Officers of the Prov. G. Lodge Present and Past. Bro. Scott, in responding, remarked that he never experienced greater embarrassment, for although as D.P.G.M. he had at times to act for the Prov. G.M.,—and after twenty-five years' experience that was a comparatively easy task,—he had never previously been called upon to represent him. He found it impossible, and others would also be similarly situated, to fill the place of the genial, kind old English gentleman whose absence they all deplored. The lot of the Provincial Grand Officers had of late been cast in pleasant places; they had visited all parts of the county, and found Masonry flourishing. He hoped soon to find their Prov. G.M. again busy with them. Bros. J. W. Stride P.M. 315 proposed the W.M., who, he remarked, was a good example to younger Masons. Bro. A. J. Hawkes, on rising to respond, was warmly received. He felt proud to think that after six years' membership of the York Lodge he had reached the highest post of honour the members could confer upon him. The W.M. next gave the Visitors, to which Bros. H. Davey, Pegler, and Sabine responded. He next gave the Past Masters, to which Bros. C. Lamb (ex-Mayor) and W. R. Wood responded. The Officers of the Lodge, acknowledged by Bros. C. W. Hudson, P. Packham, and R. J. Pope. The Initiates, to which Bros. C. J. Carter, Taylor, and Downam replied. The Tyler's toast completed the programme. During the evening some excellent songs were sung by Bros. J. Hill, R. Nicholson, G. Cole, W. Roe, J. Eberall, and C. J. Carter. Bro. W. Kuhe contributed pianoforte solos in his usual artistic manner, while Bros. Roe and Gates gave a pianoforte duet. Bro. W. Roe was a most efficient accompanist. The pleasures of the evening were further enhanced by variations given in good style by Bros. C. W. Hudson and T. Binsted.

The *Hull Packet*, of Saturday last, says:—

There are few persons who are unacquainted with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and Girls which has been established by the energy of the great body of Freemasons in the metropolis. Valuable as such an institution is it has been frequently felt that the establishment of schools more local in character is desirable. It by no means follows that such should be antagonistic to the central school—in fact, they would relieve some of the pressure which must naturally bear upon it, seeing the large number of children of Freemasons left year by year totally unprovided for, a very small percentage of whom receive any assistance whatever. It is also a more difficult matter to obtain entrance to a central than to a local charity, whether Masonic or not, and this affords a reason why the members of our local Lodges should imitate the example set by the Leeds Freemasons. The Committee of the Leeds Masonic Educational Institution, in their report just issued, state that their object is to provide assistance to children who would never be able to obtain admission to the Metropolitan Masonic Schools, by seeing that their education is attended to at home, and in needful circumstances gifts are given to deserving boys and girls, the sons or daughters of Freemasons, in order that they may start life with a fair prospect of success. The institution consists at the present time of twelve patrons and three perpetual governorships, who have contributed £10 10s each; seven patronesses or ladies and fifty-two life governors, who have contributed £5 5s each; and seventy-three annual subscribers of sums varying from 5s to £1 1s. It should not take long to establish something of this kind in Hull, and from what we have been able to observe we believe it to be very much needed.

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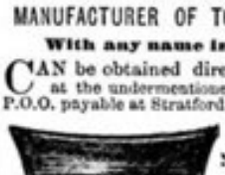

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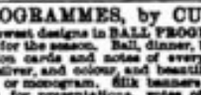
By Appointment  To The Queen.

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## HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

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FOR many years we note but isolated events in the history of the Craft in this Province. In 1791 the Festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated, on the 27th June, by the brethren of St. John's Lodge going in procession to Church; and it was ordered that they should "appear on the occasion in cocked hats, and likewise that the Tyler be clothed, at the expense of the Lodge, with a blue coat and waistcoat and corduroy breeches, the whole with yellow buttons, a pair of white stockings, and a three-cornered hat; and also that he be presented with a hairy cap to wear on public occasions, the latter to remain the property of the Lodge." The procession is described as having been numerous and respectable, the members being adorned with the insignia of the Craft, and accompanied by music and banners, there being also an immense crowd of spectators, who "conducted themselves in the most perfect order and regularity." On the 3rd January 1793, the number of the Lodge was changed to 471 by the filling up of blanks caused by the erasure of Lodges from the Roll, and it was announced on the same day that the Prov. G. Master had appointed the Rev. Bro. William Peters, who was appointed in 1783 Grand Portrait Painter, and whose portraits of Lord Petre, the Prince of Wales, and the Dukes of Cumberland and Manchester, adorn the walls of Grand Lodge, to be his Deputy, the same Rev. Bro. being also appointed Prov. G. Master of Lincolnshire by the Prince of Wales G.M. On the 23rd May of the same year a Lodge of Emergency was held, with a view to considering the visit of the Prov. G.M., and it was resolved that those who may be appointed Prov. G. Officers should pay for their expenses, and that certain brethren be recommended for appointment as such. On the 18th June a Prov. G. Lodge was held at the Lion and Dolphin Inn, under the presidency of the Rev. Bro. Peters, and Bro. E. Hodges, a highly respectable tradesman in the town, was invested as S.G. Warden for the ensuing year, commencing from St. John the Baptist's day, and other appointments were made, though, with one exception, none of them were in accordance with the recommendations of the Emergency meeting. At the same time, Bro. Peters, who, we read, had heard of the virtues and abilities of the son of Bro. Smith, "who is not yet a Mason, but it is probable will be one," ordered that a blue apron be reserved for him as Prov. G. Painter. On the 25th July, an Emergency meeting was held under the presidency of the Prov. G. S. Warden Bro. Hodges; and the Rev. Bro. Thomas Hoe was invested with the blue apron—white aprons being the order of the day among members of private Lodges—as Prov. G. Chaplain. On the 24th June 1794, the Rev. Bro. Peters, owing to the expected confinement of his wife, was unable to meet his brethren, but he informs the Prov. G. Secretary that it is the pleasure of the Prov. G. Master that, with the exception of the Wardens, the same Prov. G. Officers shall be continued for the ensuing year. He also states the brethren to be appointed S. and J. Wardens must be the two who have contributed most largely to the subscription for the defence of the country, then being raised in the county, to which, at a Lodge of Emergency, the members of St. John's had agreed to contribute. No brethren, however, appear to have been appointed to these offices. On the 12th July 1797, the Rev. Samuel Oliver, the "Masonic Patriarch," who was father of the well-known Masonic writer Bro. Rev. Dr. G. Oliver, and who died in 1847 at the advanced age of 96, was initiated in St. John's Lodge, and was passed and raised on the 6th September. During his membership the Rev. Bro. wrote twelve Masonic songs, one for each Lodge night, and one for the Festival. In June 1860 the original MSS. of these songs were presented, together with many of his own works, by the late Dr. G. Oliver, on the occasion of his being elected an honorary member of the Lodge. On the 12th September the Lodge held a meeting of Emergency, and a procession was formed to attend the funeral of Quartermaster Thompson of the 14th Light Dragoons, and lately a Knight Templar of Lodge 273 Irish Constitution, and in this they were assisted by brethren of the "Ancient" Lodge No. 91. Several brethren of the Dragoons were present. In the year 1800, Lord Rancliffe died, and on 4th February 1801 a letter was written to the Dep. Prov. G.M., requesting he would order a Prov. G. Lodge to be held with a view to appointing the P.G. Officers, in consequence of the death or removal of several of them, but nothing resulted from the application. This year the Lodge removed to the Three Cranes Inn, Gallowtree Gate, from the Lion and Dolphin, Bro. Moore having requested them to do so, "as, in consequence of Mrs. Moore's objections, it militated against his peace of mind." The first meeting at the new quarters was held on the 15th July, when a number of the officers of the Royal Horse Guards, two troops of which were quartered in the town, were initiated, among them being Cornet Packe, the same who, as "the gallant Major Packe," fell at Waterloo. On the 17th August two other officers of the same regiment were initiated, and on the 7th of the following month Private Thomas Draper, was proposed, initiated, and passed, and the next evening raised, Bro. Kelly's opinion being that this was done in order that he might serve as Tyler in a Lodge proposed to be formed in the regiment. On leaving the town the officers presented to the Lodge a regimental trumpeter's banner of crimson silk, richly embroidered in gold and silver with the royal arms, and this is still suspended over the Master's chair in the Freemasons' Hall. Though Lord Rancliffe died, as we have stated, in 1800, it was several years before another Provincial Grand Master was appointed, though an effort was made in 1807, and again the year following. In 1809 St. John's Lodge moved from the Three Cranes to the White Swann Inn, Market Place, and thence in February 1812 was despatched a letter to Lord Rancliffe, soliciting him to become Prov. Grand Master. His Lordship replied affirmatively, expressing himself much honoured by their choice, and promising that "by following ye steps of" his father he would endeavour to merit a continuance of their goodwill. This promise was certainly carried out, as during the first twenty-one years of his tenure of the appointment he never fulfilled his duties, and it was by an accident that even then the Prov. Grand Lodge was reconstituted. However, not to anticipate matters, we find that on 4th November of the year in which his Lordship accepted the appointment, a letter was written to him recommending that the Rev. Bro. W. Peters be appointed his deputy. Nothing is said as to the result of the recommendation, and Bro. Kelly opines that, as Bro. Peters had held the office of Prov. Grand Master of Lincolnshire for twenty years, it was very probably declined. At a meeting on the 5th May 1813 we read "Bro. Kgrist Justin, member of a French Lodge at Ashby-de-la-Zouch" was present. So singular a record causes Bro. Kelly to travel out of the direct road in order to give some account of it. He tells us that both at North-

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ampton and the above named town were several French officers, who had been taken prisoners of war, and were residing there on parole, and that some Masonic Lodges appear to have been formed among them. One of these brethren, Louis Jean, a sub-lieutenant in the 11th demi-brigade of Light Infantry, married a native of Ashby, who, after her husband's death, settled at Leicester, and this has enabled Bro. Kelly to furnish transcripts of the deceased officer's certificates as a Master Mason and member of the Rose Croix degree. Nor does he furnish them only, but adds likewise a full and interesting description of their appearance and the signatures they bear respectively. Both these have for their heading

"A.·. L.·. G.·. D.·. G.·. A.·. D.·. L'a.·.
"An Nom et sous les auspices du G.·. Or.·. de France.
"Et sous la protection immédiate de sa Seigneurie T.·. P.·. T.·. Ill.·. et T.·. R.·. F.·. Lord Moira, agissant Comme G.·. Maitre de toutes les LL.·. Regulieres du Royaume de la Grande Bretagne."

After the Union in 1813, St. John's Lodge became 525 on the Roll of the United Grand Lodge, while Lodge No. 91, "ancients" of the same town, became No. 114. The latter, however, ceased to exist about 1818. At an emergency meeting of the former, held on 12th February 1816, the R.W.M. commenced the business by stating that the "Lodge of St. John" was "the Provincial Grand Lodge," and as Lord Rancliffe had appointed no one to act as Deputy, it was duly proposed and seconded and agreed to that Bro. Alderman Fox, who had been Mayor in 1812, be recommended to his lordship for appointment to that important office. At the next, his lordship's reply in the affirmative was read, and a deputation having waited on Bro. Fox, he accepted the office, and retiring with the deputation to the Lodge, was duly installed and appointed his officers. On the 4th December, the St. John's Lodge returned from the White Swan to the Three Cranes, and then, on the 27th of the same month, the Dep. P.G. Master Fox opened a Prov. G. Lodge, and consecrated the same. However, on the 17th April of the year following, the Lodge again changed its quarters to the George Inn, and on this occasion recorded a vote of thanks to the brethren of Lodge No. 114 for the handsome manner in which they had come forward for their accommodation; and this is the last we hear of the elder of the two Lodges, which must have ceased to meet shortly after, though it was not erased from the list of Lodges till some years later. On the 21st November 1817, at a meeting of St. John's, we read that Bros. Abraham Smith and Thomas Turner were "'admitted Masters of Arts and Sciences in order to their exaltation to the sublime degree'—then a necessary preliminary to the Royal Arch, otherwise termed 'passing the chair.'" Up to this time, too, we are informed that it was usual for a regular proposition to be made in open Lodge before a brother could be raised from one degree to another. On the 29th December Sir Fred. Gustavus Fowke, Bart., of Loseby Hall, joined the Lodge, and became a most useful and active member. On 17th April 1820, an address prepared by Sir F. G. Fowke, to be presented to George the Fourth on his accession to the throne, was adopted by the Lodge, and at the meeting on the 3rd May, a letter from Lord Sidmouth acknowledging the address was read. At the latter meeting, also, the warrant of confirmation was produced by Bro. W. Cooke, who was cordially thanked for his zeal in procuring it. We now come to several remonstrances against the utter inattention to his duties of Lord Rancliffe, who, from the date of his appointment, had never once taken any part in the Masonic duties of the Province, but the remonstrances had no effect; or, to speak more precisely, no notice was taken of them. Early in 1821, the Lodge moved to the Bell Inn, and in the autumn of the same year Sir F. G. Fowke initiated Mr. George Pochin, of Barkby Hall, and passed and subsequently raised Earl Howe, initiated in the Tyrian Lodge, Derby, on 25th September 1815. The latter was also made a member of the Lodge, and gave £10 towards its funds. The former became the Master in 1824, and High Sheriff of the County in 1828, when he presented his official Banner of Arms, which is still preserved by the Lodge. Further petitions were transmitted to the Grand Master as to the inattention of Lord Rancliffe, and in April 1822, Sir F. G. Fowke and Bros Pochin and Cooke had an interview with his Royal Highness at Kensington Palace, and suggested that Earl Howe should be appointed to the office of P.G.M. To this the Grand Master assented, but still nothing whatever was done. On 27th December 1822, Earl Howe was installed W.M. of St. John's Lodge, and during his occupancy of the chair two noteworthy events occurred. The Marquis of Hastings, the Lord Moira of ten years previously, and formerly acting Grand Master, having on 1st August posted through Leicester on his way to Donington Park, it was resolved to present him with a congratulatory address. A meeting of the Lodge was called; the address was drafted and approved, and on the morning of the 8th August a meeting was held at the Three Cranes, where shortly afterwards the Marquis arrived, and Earl Howe presented the address, which is quoted in full in Bro. Kelly's history. The Marquis, having cordially thanked the Lodge for its kindness, shortly afterwards took his departure. On the 29th of the same month, in accordance with an invitation previously submitted and accepted, the Lodge went in procession to the site of the new church of St. George, and Earl Howe laid the first stone with Masonic ceremonial, there being a vast concourse of spectators to witness the novel event. The next matter we read of refers to the worthy Sir F. G. Fowke, whose return to the county being announced as imminent, it was resolved at a meeting of the Lodge on 1st February 182 to invite him to a banquet. The invitation was accepted, and on the 3rd March an address was presented, after which Sir Frederick was entertained at a banquet. About this time an attempt was made to erect a Masonic Hall, by shares, and a site was even purchased, but nothing resulted, and the land has ever since remained in the family of Bro. G. Pochin, to whom, with one or two brethren as trustees, it was conveyed, and who, as Bro. Kelly suggests, had no doubt completed the purchase. On 5th July 1825, Bro. John Norbury, of Snareston Hall, on behalf of Earl Howe, laid the foundation stone of the new chapel to be dedicated to St. George. In December 1827, Sir G. Fowke accepted the Mastership of St. John's,, and retained it for two years. Towards the end of his term —on 15th September 1829—a Lodge of Emergency was held for the purpose of paying respect to Earl Howe. Sir F. G. Fowke presided, and having invited his lordship as S.G.W. of England to take the chair, congratulated the brethren on his presidency, and expressed a hope that at some future day the Grand Master would confer on him the dignity of Prov. Grand Master. On the 21st July 1830, an order was read from Grand Lodge, for all Lodges to wear mourning for six months for George IV., Grand Patron of the Order, and an address was prepared for presentation to William IV. On 24th January 1831, Earl Howe presided at a meeting, when a silver cup, value about £50, from Hamlet, the well-known London goldsmith, was presented to Sir F. G. Fowke, Bart. It bore a suitable inscription, and expressed the sentiments which had prompted the brethren to convey this token of their respect and affection to their worthy brother. At the Festival on the 27th December 1831, the Earl Ferrers, Prov. Grand Master of Warwickshire, was present, and strongly advised the Lodge to apply to Lord Rancliffe to elect a D.P.G.M. It was resolved to act on this suggestion, and the Earl was not only thanked, but elected a member of the Lodge; and Bro. Kelly adds that though there is no record of it, he has heard from old members that his lordship presented to the Lodge "the three handsome brass luminaries for the pedestals."

*(To be continued.)*

## GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WE have received copy of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge on the occasion of its Annual Communication on the 12th December, as well as of the Stated Communication on the 27th of the same month, when the Grand Master elect was installed in office. At the former, Bro. Percival L. Everett G. Master presided, and was supported by Bro. Charles A. Welch Deputy G. Master, Bro. Daniel W. Lawrence Senior G. Warden, Bro. Abraham H. Howland jun. as Junior G. Warden, Bro. John McClellan G. Treasurer, Bro. Charles H. Titus Recording G. Secretary, Bro. George P. Sanger Corresponding G. Secretary, other Grand Officers, and Past Grand Officers, together with the representatives of most of the Lodges in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge. The records of the Quarterly Communication of the 12th September, and the Special Communication on the 17th September having been taken

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as read and confirmed, and certain formal business having been disposed of, the Grand Master read his annual address, in which he reviewed at length the events of the year. The Grand Treasurer's accounts were satisfactory, the receipts, including a small balance from the previous year, amounting to 79,983 dollars 18 cents., while the expenditure reached only 63,813 dollars 31 cents., leaving a balance of 16,169 dollars 87 cents. The gross indebtedness of Grand Lodge was stated as 295,550 dollars, but deducting cash in hand and rents uncollected, this sum was reduced to 278,925 dollars 91 cents., being less by 12,055 dollars 80 cents. than it was the corresponding period of 1876. The expenses in respect of District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lecturers, amounted to the modest sum of 274½ dollars. The number of initiates for the year ended 31st August 1877 was returned as 1,035, and the total number of members in the jurisdiction as 26,226, there being 219 Lodges and two under Dispensation. Six special Warrants were issued, two for the installation of the Deputy Grand Masters for districts 7 and 9, three for the formal healing of as many persons, and one for the Constitution of Huelen Lodge at Santiago, Chili, S.A. The returns to these warrants were in all respects satisfactory. Bro. Everett then enumerated the principal features of his administration, namely, his establishment of a new system of trials for Masonic offences, the restoration of the ritual to its original purity, the preparation of a Trestle-board, and the celebration of the centenary of the Grand Lodge in March of last year. The Reports of the Audit Committee, and of the Grand Treasurer, were then submitted, after which the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of a Grand Master, it being announced that the total number of votes that could be cast for any candidate was 540. The election fell on Bro. Charles A. Welch, the only candidate, whereupon a Committee was appointed to wait upon that brother and conduct him to the Grand East, where he gracefully acknowledged the few words of congratulation addressed to him by the Grand Master. Bros. William H. Chessman and Irving B. Saylis were then elected Grand Senior and Junior Wardens respectively, and Bros. John McClellan and Chas. H. Titus were re-elected Grand Treasurer and Recording Grand Secretary, The Directors and Audit Committee were then elected. After which Bro. Marshall P. Wilder presented to Grand Lodge, a printed copy of the eulogy pronounced before Grand Lodge on the 11th Feb. 1850, in the Old South Meeting House, by Hon. Timothy Bigelow, this gift being acknowledged by a vote of thanks to the donor. The various committees then submitted their reports, amongst them being one to propose a memorial of the late Bro. William J. Savin M.D., Past Grand Senior Warden, whose death almost at the moment when he was on the point of being installed as E. Commander of the Springfield Commandery of Knights Templar was noticed some time ago in these columns. Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form, and met again at a Stated Communication on the 27th December, when the Grand Master elect was duly obligated and installed in office, after which Past Grand Master Everett presented the Grand Master with the Golden Urn containing a lock of Washington's hair, the said urn having been presented in 1801 to Grand Master Dunn at his installation, and at the installation of his successors had been religiously confided to the care of each, to be preserved during his term of office, and then handed to the custody of his successor. The Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, and Recording Grand Secretary were then installed in their several offices by Grand Master, who afterwards appointed the other Grand Officers, among whom Bro. Abraham H. Howland as Dep. G. Master and Bro. Geo. P. Sanger as Corresponding G. Secretary must be noted. These having been invested, proclamation was made that Grand Lodge was fully constituted for the transaction of business. Then the Recording Grand Secretary delivered sundry reports as to the condition of the Craft in Massachusetts, and the Committee on Charity submitted theirs. From this last it appears that the receipts and disbursements amounted in each case to 1,697½ dollars. Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, Past G.M., then, on behalf of the Winslow Lewis Lodge, presented Bro. Percival L. Everett P.G.M. with a very elegant Past Grand Master's Jewel, and the gift having been suitably acknowledged, the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, for the purpose of celebrating the feast of St. John the Evangelist, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form shortly after ten p.m. Appended to these Proceedings is the Eulogy on Washington, by Hon. T. Bigelow, already referred to, a short abstract of the Proceedings at the Grand Feast, and an appendix containing the Reports of District Grand Masters, returns of Lodges, arranged in tabular form, showing the number of members affiliated to each, &c., &c., &c., and tables of the several Districts for the current year. In short, the whole condition of Freemasonry in the jurisdiction of Massachusetts is, as far as Returns go, faithfully and completely described, in a manner which reflects the highest credit on the Recording Grand Secretary, and which will doubtless be very gratifying to our Massachusetts brethren in particular, and to Craftsmen everywhere.

## GRAND LODGE OF VIRGINIA.

THIS Grand Lodge held its annual Communication in St. Alban's Hall, Richmond, on 10th, 11th, and 12th December 1877, and the Proceedings, copy of which we beg to acknowledge receipt of, were very satisfactory. Grand Master Richard Parker presided, and was well supported by his Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, and the representatives of most of the subordinate Lodges. On the first day, the Grand Master delivered his annual address, in review of the events of the year. The Grand Treasurer's accounts showed a total of receipts amounting to over 8,441 dollars, of which over 921 dollars formed the balance brought forward from the previous year. The expenses were over 8,044 dollars, so that there remained a balance to the good of close on 397 dollars. The assets of Grand Lodge amounted to close on 74,553 dollars, from which, however, debts to the amount of 2,400 dollars were to be deducted, leaving assets of the net value of close on 72,153 dollars. The rental for the fiscal year to 1st November 1878 was estimated at 5,500 dollars. On the second day of the Communication, the Grand Master and certain of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year were elected, and those present installed in office. The most important are Bros. Beverley R. Wellford jun., Grand Master, Peyton Skipwith Coles D.G. Master, R. Murrel Page G. Senior, and Mayo B. Carrington G. Junior Warden, Oscar M. Marshall Grand Treasurer, and William B. Isaacs Grand Secretary. The Grand Master having then made several appointments, among them being that of Bro. Jas. Evans as Grand Lecturer, a series of resolutions was submitted and adopted, having for object the erection of a suitable monument over the remains of the late revered Grand Secretary Bro. John Dove. Sundry reports were then submitted. On the third and last day Grand Lodge met under the presidency of Bro. Beverley R. Wellford P.G.M., who was well and numerously supported by the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, and the representatives of subordinate Lodges. The Committee reported favourably on the Grand Master's address, and approved of the various recommendations it contained, after which the Committee of Jurisprudence delivered their report. The Committee on Finance and Investment reported that the receipts from the estate of the late Grand Treasurer, together with the balance from previous account, amounted to over 9,230 dollars, of which over 8,264 dollars had been paid out on account of Grand Lodge, leaving a balance due to it of 965½ dollars, against which there are outstanding in respect of Grand Lodge obligations about 900 dollars. It was also announced that the invested funds of Grand Lodge had been increased by a Richmond City six per cent. bond for 2,000 dollars. Various other reports were submitted, and sundry resolutions were passed. The D.D.G.M.'s were then duly appointed, and Grand Lodge was closed. Appended are certain returns of moneys paid to Grand Treasurer, as well as of moneys due, and returns of the various Lodges, showing their position and strength. From the latter, we gather that the number of brethren in 1877 in the jurisdiction of the Virginia Grand Lodge was 9,234, or, allowing for nineteen Lodges which had failed to make any returns, the number was estimated at 10,108. During the year, two Lodges had returned their charters, three were declared extinct, two were located in W. Virginia, and six were chartered at this Communication, while two were continued under Dispensation. During the year, 121 members had died, and 89 been reinstated, 338 had withdrawn, 11 been expelled, and 238 suspended. In an Appendix is the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, so that the proceedings and history of Freemasonry for the year that is past are complete in all respects.

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## GRAND ORIENT AND ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I yield to none in my admiration of Bro. Norton and his courageous advocacy of Masonic interests, but I must confess that I fail to see in what respect he has succeeded in justifying the recent action of the French Grand Orient. In my humble opinion, that body has seriously jeopardised the safety of the Craft Universal; not by reason of its firm and unalterable opposition to sectarianism, for to this Freemasonry has always been a determined opponent, but because it now sanctions the admission of those who have no religious belief whatever. My argument, roughly stated, amounts to this: Freemasonry is essentially unsectarian as regards religion, while in the matter of government it is its bounden duty to respect all forms thereof alike, but there must be some kind of religion and some form of government to start with. In other words, there must be some kind of general basis or groundwork for the superstructure of Freemasonry to rest upon. Clearly it is incapable of resting on nothing, and the negation of God in things divine, like the negation of government in things human, implies the existence of "nothing." I cannot logically arrive at the conclusion that the earth made itself, or to put it plainly, was its own creatrix as well as the creatrix of everything on the face thereof that lives, and moves, and has its being. Rejecting this idea as being utterly untenable, I must go further afield, and look for my Creator in what Bro. Thévenot calls "A Supreme Law, or a Supreme Being." Well, I am no materialist, and for this reason I cannot conceive of any law, supreme or otherwise, which is not the work of some agent. If there is a Supreme Law, then I take it there must be in the background a Supreme Being who framed that Law. I must be inverting what is commonly known as the natural order of things when I deify the *product*, and deny the attribute of divinity to the *producer*, when I honour the *act*, while I dishonour the *agent*. I decline therefore, in common with the bulk of mankind, to accept a Supreme Law, except as the expression of a Supreme will, emanating from a Supreme Being. In other words, I accept what is accepted of all men, save the lowest and most debased savages, on the one hand, and a foolish few among civilised men who claim to possess a more than human intelligence on the other. I believe in the existence of God, and so believing, I fail to see how it is possible for any one to be a true and genuine member of the Masonic brotherhood who has in him no sense of religion.

As regards sectarianism in Freemasonry, I am as strongly opposed to it as Bro. Norton, but the question raised by the act of the Grand Orient of France, in striking out the most important of the Masonic landmarks, is entirely of a different character. What more can English Freemasonry do towards vindicating the purity of its principles than accept reputable candidates, be their religious views what they may? It must first of all be shown that infidels, that is, men without any sense of religion, are a religious sect, before the Grand Lodge of England can be justly opened to the charge of sectarianism. That there are limits to the doctrine of Masonic Universality is proved by the daily practice of every branch of the Masonic community. For instance, immoral people are ineligible; and why, I ask, should irreligious people stand on a better footing than the immoral? In answer, I shall be met by the old stock argument that Freemasonry is a morality, not a religion; to which, of course, I retort, that there can be no morality which is not grounded on religion. I hold with Lord Carnarvon that if the sense of religion is struck out of our Masonic system, then all our rites and ceremonies are meaningless. Moreover, Bro. Norton has himself imposed a limit on his idea of Universality, for he says the design of Masonry "is to bring together good and true men of *all religious* denominations, that each may see that goodness and virtue are not monopolised by his Church." Thus, he excludes men who are of no religious denomination, or else I must fix him on the other horn of the dilemma, and imagine he includes persons of this class as constituting a religious denomination.

As regards "Bro. M. B.'s" letter in your last issue, it is in part a laudation of Bro. Norton, and in part an echo of his opinions. But how shall I reconcile that writer's statement "that, prior to the year 1849, no such dogmatic affirmation as the one amended ever existed in the letter of the Constitutution," with the previously-quoted words of Bro. Thévenot, that "nothing has been changed in the practice of French Masonry?" Possibly Bro. Thévenot means that, whereas from 1849 till 1877 the Constitutions and practice of French Masonry were at variance, the former have now been brought into complete harmony with the latter. That is, the practice remains unchanged, while it is the Constitutions which have been altered. But we in England have nothing to guide us in forming an opinion as to the character of French Masonry, except their Constitutions; and just as we regard our Constitutions as embodying the true principles of English Masonry, so we consider those of our French brethren contain the true official exposition of French Masonic principles. Now, we are told that the retention of the famous Masonic motto is optional, not obligatory; that it may be interpreted quite as much in a "scientific and philosophic" sense, as in a "religious." I may be wrong, but I humbly submit that this involves some change "in the practice of French Masonry," especially when I infer, from a sentence in Bro. Thévenot's letter to Bro. Dr. Loth, that the retention of the formula as a religious motto has led to some very regrettable discussions. I do not suppose the Grand Orient, in amending its Constitutions, was animated by hostility to belief in God; but it cannot be denied that the elision of the essential principle of Freemasonry from its laws places French Masonry on an entirely different footing, and indeed cuts it off from all sympathy with those branches of the Craft which still retain that essential principle. In fact, French Masonry is a kind of learned Benevolent Institution, and nothing more. At all events, it has ceased to have anything in common with the Freemasonry of Anderson, Payne, and Desaguliers in the one important particular which has formed the subject of so much discussion in the columns of the CHRONICLE and elsewhere; and French Masonry has, I repeat, no cause to feel aggrieved if we fail to see in it, in its altered conditions, any resemblance to the Freemasonry of our own land.

To enter into all the arguments for the purpose of showing that Freemasonry rests on a religious basis, and that, consequently, while it freely admits into its temples reputable persons of all creeds, it has no room for the man of no religion, would occupy far more time than I could afford to bestow, and more space than you would be justified in allotting me. Having, therefore, due regard to these two considerations, I am obliged to seem dogmatic when I would far rather appear argumentative. Still I have endeavoured to place my views clearly before you and your readers, and I think those views, in respect of their main features at all events, are accepted by all English brethren, and by an overwhelming majority of brethren in other countries. I say these are the views enunciated by the founders of speculative Freemasonry, who were all Englishmen, either native born or adopted. As regards any inroads into the original system as propounded by them, the removal of our ancient landmarks, or any perversion of Freemasonry from its original scope as defined by them, we are assuredly not the least interested, or the least capable interpreters. If others are pleased to formulate a system of Freemasonry of their own, we cannot reasonably object to their doing so; but we can and do object, and with very good reason, to acknowledge them as "true and genuine members of the fraternity." We should not be true-hearted Masons if we did not express regret when we hear of this or that section of the brotherhood withdrawing itself from our community, or compelling the other sections to withhold further intercourse with it. At the same time, we should fail in our duty if we did not stand by the good old Craft in its hour of danger or difficulty, and do our utmost to vindicate its character to be a purely moral and unsectarian religious body. This is the least we can do in such circumstances, and if we fulfil our duty loyally, I think we need have no fear for the future triumph of Freemasonry over all its enemies.

I must apologise for troubling you once more, and remain, as always,

Your Servant and Brother,

TOLERANCE.

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*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having had the honour and privilege of being a Freemason for many years, I have always regarded the Craft as the most noble, free, and universal of all Institutions; but after reading the account of the Proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on Wednesday the 6th inst., I must confess that Freemasonry appears to be a very different thing from what I have always been taught to believe it is.

The pain which I felt upon a perusal, in your journal, of the resolutions carried by Grand Lodge with respect to our French brethren was quite equalled by my astonishment. The facts are simply as follow: The Grand Orient of France, in order to respect the feelings of every good and true man, has decided that in future a candidate shall not be forced to pledge his word that he believes in certain dogmas about which, possibly, he may have some doubt. That august body has therefore decided to leave out the words relating to the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. As to the first, every one believes in God, in some form or other; we in England believe in one God, our brethren in India, China, and elsewhere, in some other—totally different it may be—nevertheless, I repeat, they all believe in a God, a Supreme Ruler, a Great Architect; but a man who believes in Buddha would doubtless hesitate in an English or a French Lodge to declare his belief in God, and upon this principle the Grand Orient of France has resolved to "eliminate the name of the G.A.O.T.U. from its Ritual." As to the second elimination, it is well known that a large proportion of our Jewish brethren do not believe in the immortality of the soul, but I was never in a Lodge where an Israelite was refused permission to enter it upon this account.

With the greatest respect for the M.W. Pro Grand Master, I must say that I think he put the resolutions to Grand Lodge in a manner not altogether impartial; he treated it as a foregone conclusion that all present would vote with him; he said, "I believe that there can be but one feeling and one voice in this Grand Lodge." Again, "I apprehend that there can be no objection in this Grand Lodge, &c." and again, "I trust that it will be in the power of Grand Lodge to vote unanimously." If these remarks had not been made, I believe much could and would have been said on the other side.

It appears to me that this act of Grand Lodge is calculated to undermine the ancient and noble institution of Freemasonry; it undoubtedly will impair its usefulness, and diminish its popularity and universality; and the enemies of Freemasonry will hail with delight this act of dictatorial harshness, as well as weakness, emanating from a body where charity and freedom ought to be paramount. The Grand Lodge actually objects to "absolute liberty of conscience!" Then, may we not ask, is Masonry any longer *free*? Has his Lordship forgotten how to answer the question, "Who are fit and proper persons to be made Masons?" if so, it would be well to remind the noble Earl that there is not a word in the reply relating either to God or the soul. Can it be possible that the members of Grand Lodge have also forgotten, "What are the three grand principles upon which the Order is founded?"

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The importance of the step taken by Grand Lodge cannot be overrated. Until now, no religious discussion was allowed to take place in any Lodge; but Grand Lodge having broken through that estimable rule, how are we to prevent it being broken in our private Lodges? What bickerings, what ill-feeling, what prejudice, what hatred and contempt may not henceforth mar the harmony which exists amongst us at the present time! For, as no wars are so cruel as religious wars, so no scorn and fierceness can equal that of people whose religions are antagonistic. It is fearful to contemplate that such anarchy might prevail, and that many Lodges, in their despair of securing harmony under such rule, may throw off altogether their allegiance to Grand Lodge, and split up into sections, having various head-centres of their own. And again, suppose some eloquent Grand Officer, after reading the four last verses of the 3rd chapter of Ecclesiastes, were to come to the conclusion that our illustrious founder, King Solomon himself, did not believe in the immortality of the soul, and persuade Grand Lodge of the same; shall we, in that case, repudiate him as our first Master and fix on some one else?

The gravity of this affair is such that it deserves to be carefully considered by every Mason in the land, for it comes to this, let a man be ever so true, so faithful to Freemasonry, charitable and just, yet if he do not believe exactly what I believe he is not to be admitted into my society, he is to be discarded by me, and spurned from the door of my Lodge. But some will reply, "No, he need not believe exactly what you believe, he need not believe in your God, it is sufficient if he believe in *a* God, in his own God." Are we then to assume, as J. S. Mill irreverently says, "Any god will do?" If so, I would just remark, that in the sacred writings we read a description of some persons "whose God is their belly," and surely it is not desirable to admit such people amongst us; but, however strongly I myself feel upon the subject of our holy and sublime religion, I for one, should be very sorry to be guilty of the impertinence of asking a foreign brother, before entering my Lodge, what were his ideas and opinions of the G.A.O.T.U.

I hope, Sir, that you and other brethren who read these lines will give the writer credit for sincerity and good faith; all I wish to do is to have the subject well ventilated. I have the deepest respect for our M.W. Pro Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, but I believe they have fallen, unawares, unconsciously, and without adequate consideration, into a serious error which may, unless speedily rectified or modified, prove a fatal blow to the unity of Freemasons, and I would earnestly entreat all who have a sense of the extreme importance of this act to come forward and endeavour to prevent the reproach and heavy responsibility of weakening the strong ties of brotherly love from falling upon the Grand Lodge of England.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A *Free*.MASON AND P.M.

London, 12th March 1878.

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*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There is not much occasion for surprise at the passing, by the United Grand Lodge of England, of the resolutions upon the question of the Grand Orient of France. Much regret, however, may be felt that the arguments of Grand Lodge Committee were not recounted, and thus made public. They would, no doubt, have thrown much light upon what is termed the "fundamental principle" of our Constitutions, as regards its varied history; and Masons this side the Channel might not think it incorrect to say, in the very words of the first resolution, that the Grand Orient "*has eliminated*" the G.A.O.T.U. from their service.

However, on this point the Masonic world has read the official declaration of the Grand Orient, affirming the contrary. Do not the records of French Masonry testify also to the absence of all dogmatic affirmation whatever in the Constitutions prior to 1849? Is it not clearly established, by the said records, that the declaration of doctrine of that time, though never formally prescribed or acted upon *officially*, was, nevertheless, latterly threatening the fraternity with the danger of leaning to sectarianism—religious or irreligious minds—the power of deciding upon admission or rejection of candidates, according to their majority in the Lodges, and the construction put upon the text of the Constitution?

It must be assumed that the Grand Lodge of England, which displayed a calmness and consideration contrasting most creditably with the Irish Grand Lodge, in passing sentence upon Grand Orient, had, through its Committee, fully investigated all these matters. That before arriving at the four resolutions, carried with "vociferous *cheering*" at the last Grand Lodge meeting, the Committee had examined the French records, and thoroughly inquired into the Masonic history and Constitution of the Grand Orient; they might then have convinced themselves of the somewhat important difference that exists between the principles and practices of French and English Masonry, and have discovered besides evident proofs that in former times, as in the present, French Freemasonry scarcely exhibits any tint of the myth and legends of the Andersonian school; has, nevertheless, always admitted into its ranks "just, upright and moral men," without making their belief or unbelief a test question. Moreover, that that body at all times bore the character of a mere philosophical and benevolent institution, never free, however, from political influences, though they were never to be openly avowed. Thus it was it had as Grand Maitres a Philippe Egalité under the great Revolution, and a Marechal Magnan after Napoleon III.'s *coup d'état*, the former declaring that Masonry should have "no secrets," and that its meetings should be public; the latter, appointed Grand Maitre by imperial decree, started a scheme for connecting the Society with the Government, as "Société d'Utilité Publique."

Having the historical facts and circumstances of the case before their eyes, the Grand Lodge Committee could hardly have called the modifying of the second paragraph a "*radical change*," but must have considered it, if not a "return to the original law of Freemasonry" (as Bro. the Chief Secretary put it), at least a fresh affirmation of the original broad basis both of ideas and principles, contradicted only by the paragraph which, for reasons already stated, was inserted in the Constitution of 1849.

Nevertheless, this being so, it may have occurred, if not to the Grand Lodge Committee, to some Masonic students who are looking for historical information, that if the principles and practices of Grand Orient have so long infringed the "fundamental rules and dogmas," it behoved the Grand Lodge of England, as the acknowledged Alma Mater of Speculative Masonry, to have remonstrated with and censured their erring brethren. For, though still admitting their origin, the latter might, perhaps, think the rights and privileges it might confer to the Mother Lodge are now extinct by prescription.

Upon that question of the Grand Orient's conduct, much discussion has arisen, and numerous criticisms been advanced since September last, but it may be observed that few, if any, have evidenced a knowledge of French Freemasonry. Yet a mere comparison of the old French with the English Ritual, or some visit to a Lodge holding under Warrant of Grand Orient, would have sufficed to show the characteristic differences between the principles, ground of action, or working of a Lodge in England, where Masonry remains in a prismatic form rather than a quasi-religious society, reviving every day some of the old chivalric or religious orders, with which it connects itself more closely than ever; and the principles, ground of action, or working of the Grand Orient in France, where Masonry assumes to be above all "thankfully philosophical," and where no rehearsal of ceremony of any of the degrees would attract a brother; while a lecture by some Bro. Orator upon some historical, scientific, or social question, always causes the largest attendance in Lodge.

Such differences have been observed and marked only since the vote of the modification of the Constitution: they have, however, always existed, and have, therefore, always proved the distinction in principles and actions, wherein now may be traced the ground of controversy as to "*logical* Masonic purity."

It is much to be regretted, and no one deplores the fact more than the Grand Orient itself, that the United Grand Lodge of England found it impossible to assume a judicial attitude in this particular occurrence, and to refrain from denouncing French Masonry to the world, as is specially done by the proviso of the fourth resolution passed. Let us now ask ourselves what good result can possibly follow from this step? Freemasonry, commending itself to the highest intelligences, will be looked upon, on this side, as the representative of freedom of conscience and thought, and on the other side, as the old *orthodox* society, essentially pledged to dogmas, though it be not a religion, but merely a "peculiar system of morality." Why, then, these unfortunate shades, these restrictions, put upon a few independent minds?

The fraternal impartiality of the CHRONICLE will not suffer the repetition of a *démenti*. There is not a single Lodge in France that protests against the so-called change in the Constitution. Not one has expressed even a desire to do so.

The point you raise as to the conduct of English brethren who may henceforth think of visiting French Lodges is no doubt full of pertinency, as it involves the question how the French are to receive their English brethren. The forthcoming International Exhibition will naturally have the effect of bringing to Paris a great number of foreign brethren. Preparations are being made by the Lodges here to give a hearty welcome to their visiting brothers, and many Lodge committees have already been formed for this purpose.

Now, it would be promoting anything but a brotherly spirit if the English visitors, under the present altered circumstances, were submitted to the annoyance of being first strictly *tuilés*, and then made to declare whether they give their approval and adhere or not to the resolutions of the Grand Lodge on the French question before they could get admittance to a Lodge. Thus, the French, in their turn, would be taking out a writ *de excommunicato capiendo* against their English brethren.

Yours fraternally,

M. B.

Paris, 11th March 1878.

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## THE LATE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your report of, and in your Leader upon the proceedings which took place at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, on the 6th inst. an inaccuracy occurs, the importance of which will, no doubt, lead you to make a prompt correction.

The M.W. the Pro Grand Master distinctly said that under no circumstances should a foreign brother from a Lodge under the Constitutions of the Grand Orient of France be admitted as a Visitor to a Lodge under the English Constitutions unless he acknowledged that a belief in the existence of the G.A.O.T.U. was an essential landmark of the Order; and at the same time either produced his certificate, showing that he had been initiated in a Lodge where such a belief was required, or was duly vouched for as having been so instituted.

The profession of belief was to be in *addition to*, and not a substitution for, one of the other requirements.

Yours fraternally,

W. TAYLOR J.W. 1503.

29 Avenue-road, Lowisham S.E.

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**City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.**—At the last meeting an umbrella was taken away, and one left in its stead. If the gentleman who made the mistake will examine the handle of the one taken, he will discover the name of the owner upon it; the address can then easily be ascertained.

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## COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. The brethren present were Colonel Creaton (in the Chair), Samuel Rawson, Hyde Pullen, A. H. Tattershall, J. A. Farnfield, Charles A. Hill, John Newton, James Brett, Benjamin Head, Edgar Bowyer, Charles A. Cottebrune, Capt. Nath. G. Philips, Joseph Smith, W. Hilton, A. J. Duff Filer, Thomas W. White, William Stephens, Thomas Cubitt, W. F. Nettleship, and the Secretary, Bro. James Terry. Respecting the financial position of the Institution and Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., Bro. Terry said that on the 1st January the balance at the bankers was £1,245 1s 7d. Since that time the bankers had received dividends for the Institution amounting to £347 10s 10d; subscriptions £2; from Grand Chapter £37 10s; donations and subscriptions £829 6s 6d, or a total of £2,461 8s 11d. Against this, expended £1,478 0s 4d (less cheques drawn, but now in the office, £78 12s); interest on £3,000 to 28th February £10 10s; or a total indebtedness to the Institution of £1,072 10s 7d. An account had now been opened with the London and Westminster Bank, Bloomsbury Branch, for the confirmation of which the authority of the Committee would be required, and also an authority to draw cheques for £1,010 for the Widows' annuities. Authority was then given for these two objects. The report of Bro. Norris, the Warden of the Asylum at Croydon, and the report of the House Committee, were next read, the former of which informed the Committee of the visit of the Committee to the Institution on the 28th February, and of the presentation by Bro. Pratt of a marble bust of the late Earl of Zetland, and a number of books; and the latter of the payment of the annuities, the pensioning of the late gardener, the efficient state of repair of the Institution, and the greatly improved appearance of the rooms of the residents, which was attributable in a great degree to the increased payments made to the inmates and the visits of the Committee, which inspired the annuitants with a greater amount of pride in their homes. Bro. Terry said he had paid in £3,000 to the London and Westminster Bank, and a further sum of £1,000 would be paid in next day. A suggestion had been made to appeal to the Craft on behalf of the Benevolent Institution and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to make up the loss occasioned by the stoppage of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., and a brother had called at his office and given a cheque for £100 towards the amount. Also, Bro. Gordon Robins, of the University Lodge, fearing that the institution might be inconvenienced, had given his cheque for £100. The chairman thought the appeal might be postponed for three months, and Bro. Farnfield intimated that an appeal at the present moment might prejudicially affect the Festivals of the two other Institutions. Bro. Terry said there was nothing like appealing to the brethren while their feeling was warm on the subject; and, moreover, that in three months the Lodges would not be meeting again till October. The matter was then ordered to stand over for a month, by which time the meeting of Messrs. Willis and Co.'s creditors would probably be held. It was then resolved to invite the Stewards of the late Festival to visit the Institution, and the committee then presented Bro. Terry with £50, for his great exertions at the last two Festivals of the Institution, which had resulted in the raising of £24,000. The committee then adjourned.

## THE INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE KENT LODGE, No. 15.

THE annual festival of this Lodge, upon which occasion the installation of the W.M. and appointment of Officers for the year invariably takes place, was held at Freemasons' Hotel, Great Queen-street, on the 13th inst. Bro. S. Wharman W.M., with the assistance of his Wardens and subordinates, opened the Lodge, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were confirmed. Mr. Wm. Hurst presented himself as a candidate seeking the mysteries of Masonic light, and having been properly vouched for, and the ballot proving in his favour, was introduced in ancient form and instructed in the initiatory step of the Order. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. James Pindor P.M., who, after delivering a prefatory address relative to the duties to be observed in the selection of a chief, and the qualifications which are essential to the acceptance of the office, inquired whether all the requisite regulations had been duly complied with. Upon which Bro. Past Master Dukes presented Bro. John Henry Cambridge S.W., upon whom the unanimous suffrages of the brethren had fallen, as the W.M. elect, to receive from the presiding Master the benefit of installation. Bro. Pinder at once proceeded with the ceremony, which he performed with much sterling ability, considerable talent being manifested in the delivery of the several addresses, which he did in a manner at once unaffected and yet most impressively. That the high quality of his work was thoroughly appreciated was shown by the spontaneous vote of thanks proposed by Bro. Past Master Barlow, and carried with acclamation. The newly installed Master next invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. S. Wharman I.P.M., C. Ginman S.W., C. E. Ball J.W., T. Sleeman P.M. Treas., W. P. Dukes P.M. Sec., W. Levy S.D., S. P. Lipscombe J.D., E. A. Wells I.G., E. P. Barlow P.M. Steward, A. Posener D.C., Beckett Tyler. The W.M. then placed upon the breast of Bro. Wharman a handsome gold P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his services during the past year for which that Brother expressed his sincere thanks. Some minor unimportant business having been disposed of, the brethren repaired to the "Holborn," where a banquet was served in the large room (which might not inaptly be designated as the Hall of Mirrors), for three sides were completely covered with brilliant reflectors in richly gilt frames), during the progress of which there issued sweet strains of music emanating from a band stationed in an adjacent apartment. Dessert followed, after which the proceedings were of the usual character, with the salutary difference that the speakers carefully avoided any attempt at highly-flown eloquence, in which so many miserably fail, and in most cases ignominiously break down, but contented themselves with few words, which were not only brief, but to the point. Bro. Wharman, in proposing the health of the W.M., opined that a more worthy and able man and Mason could not have been selected to occupy the chair; to which Bro. Cambridge responded. He was deeply sensible of the importance of the position of Master of the Kent Lodge. He had always devoted himself to the study of the duties of the various offices he had held, and it would be found that whatever work might come before him, he would perform it to the best of his ability, especially as he was certain to receive the support of the Past Masters and brethren. For the Visitors, who received a sincere and hearty welcome, the Rev. Bro. Berkowitz replied. He was at a loss to conceive why the duty of responding was cast upon him, seeing that there were present so many distinguished brethren who were much further advanced in the Craft than himself. He had visited the Lodge solely for the purpose of instruction and enjoyment, and in that he had succeeded up to the present moment, until the W.M. thought fit to mar his pleasure by calling upon him to speak on behalf of the Visitors. However, it was a well-known maxim in Masonry that the Worshipful Master could not err, and since he had done him the honour to select him as spokesman, he would do so in a very few words. He must first refer to the remarkably able manner in which Bro. Pinder had performed the ceremony of installation. As an old Past Master, he was bound to say that in all his experience he had never witnessed the work done with such completeness. Nor could he omit to mention the satisfaction he experienced in listening to the remarkable manner in which Bro. Wharman performed the ceremony of initiation; it struck him as nearly marvellous that a foreigner, possessing so few educational advantages, should successfully undertake so onerous a task. As for the present W.M. he entered upon his novel duties with self-possession, as if he had been used to such positions all his life. Bro. Berkowitz concluded by expressing thanks on behalf of the Visitors and himself for their fraternal reception. Bros. Reed, Maidwell, Southwood and Gottheil were each loudly called upon to say a few words, a request with with they reluctantly complied. The W.M. then announced that between the last and present meeting application had been made to him to interest himself in carrying out the desire of a number of brethren who wished to testify in some substantial manner to the esteem in which they held the retiring W.M. He readily acceded to the request, and it now became his pleasing duty to present a handsome testimonial to Bro. Wharman; may he live many years, in the enjoyment of every blessing, and when summoned from this sublunary abode to the Grand Lodge above may he hand to posterity this mark of respect, from generation to generation. The testimonial consisted of an elegant silver salver, elaborately chased, weighing nearly eighty ounces, upon which appeared the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Simon Wharman by a majority of the brethren of the Kent Lodge, No. 15, in recognition of the ability and energy displayed during his term of office as W.M., 13th March 1878, J. H. Cambridge W.M." Up to this time the harmony of the meeting flowed evenly and serenely, but the presentation was the signal for a P.M., who had not shown himself in the Lodge for some years, either from eccentricity, jealousy, or perchance through partaking too freely and incautiously of an abundance of delicacies abnormal to his constitution, who thought proper to create a disturbance by incessant and pertinacious interruption, evincing a determination not to allow speech to the W.M. The vehement and vociferous cheering of the brethren, who one and all rallied in support of the W.M., soon determined the matter, and Bro. Wharman proceeded to thank the brethren for this most unexpected mark of their kindness, and in the course of his remarks gave the refractory Past Master a lesson he will not easily forget. The health of the Officers and the Tyler's toast ended the proceedings. Bros. Wells, W. Barlow, Rudderforth, and the newly-initiated Bro. Hurst entertained the company with some excellent songs. The Visitors were—Bros. Groome W.M. Finsbury 861, Nelson Reed W.M. 1671, Maidwell W.M. Egyptian 27, Southwood W.M. Hervey 1260, Gottheil P.M. Tranquillity 185, Rev. Berkowitz P.M. Joppa 188, Lyon S.W. Upton, Preston J.W. Finsbury 861, Rudderforth J.W. 9, Rickwood J.W. Lion and Lamb, J. Pigé J.D. 1228, Kimpton W.S. 1601, Rowley 174, Dorey Royal Alfred, Coleman Industry, W. Barlow 77, Little Guelph.

## THE "*RECORD*" ON FREEMASONRY.

FROM "THE RECORD" OF 8TH MARCH.

IT is not often that the mysteries of Freemasonry are such as to attract public attention. There was a time during the middle ages when the members of the Order claimed for it an antiquity amounting to the marvellous. By some it was alleged to have been introduced into Egypt by Mizraim, grandson of the patriarch Noah; by others its origin was traced to the building of Solomon's Temple; while the secrecy of its proceedings suggested a Pagan connexion with the Eleusinian mysteries; and Hales asserted that these were borrowed from the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles. It is, however, certain that in rather more modern times, Freemasonry was introduced into England towards the end of the seventh century, and that the Grand Lodge of York dated its origin from the year 926. The members of the fraternity are believed to have contributed materially to the creation of the beautiful minsters and cathedrals which adorn the history of the middle ages. In the twelfth century these Masons

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appeared in Kilwinning, in Scotland; and although it was not till 1725 that the first French Lodge was formed, they are reported as having existed in France in the sixteenth century. The Grand Lodge of Ireland dates from 1730, and in 1731 another was formed for Holland at the Hague; in 1735 the German Lodge was established, whilst in 1736 the Grand Lodge of Scotland took a new start after the last Baron of Rosslyn, having no sons, surrendered the hereditary office of Grand Master, which he and his ancestors had held by grant from King James the Second of Scotland, as associated with the beautiful chapel of Rosslyn, which is still an object of attraction to English tourists.

Some of the mediæval Popes seem to have even encouraged Freemasonry for the sake of their æsthetic architecture. But in 1738, when its various Lodges were spreading over Europe, Pope Clement XII. issued a Papal Bull of Excommunication against all Freemasons. More recently Freemasonry has been denounced by various Popes along with Bible societies, as if their secret organisation was perilous to the Church as well as the State. These Papal bulls have not at all tendered to damage Freemasonry in this country, and it has been always regarded as politically a very innocent and even charitable institution, and, at all events, not more objectionable than other clubs as alike holding out temptation to convivial intemperance. The well-known Freemasons' Tavern in Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, was erected in 1786, and about the same time the charity for female children was instituted in connection with it. In the hall of this great and famous tavern, which was rebuilt a few years ago, the Bible and Missionary Societies for many years held their Meetings, until they migrated to the more commodious but not more comfortable edifices erected in the Strand and Piccadilly.

It is but a few years since the Marquis of Ripon had to resign the Grand Mastership of England on his perversion to Rome, and his vacant seat was accepted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. We believe that the change then effected was the last occasion on which the doings of the Freemasons attracted more than a passing notice. But a recent Atheistical movement on the part of the Grand Orient of France has stirred the leaders of the English Grand Lodge, and given rise to a counter protest against holding any communion with Freemasons who eliminate from their ritual "the name of the Great Architect of the Universe." In this counter movement the Earl of Carnarvon, acting as Pro Grand Master, has taken the lead, and in another column there appears a report of the Committee appointed at the last Grand Lodge "to inquire into the circumstances relative to the elimination of the name of the Great Architect of the Universe from its ritual by the Grand Orient of France." Lord Carnarvon, as Pro Grand Master, in the absence of the Prince of Wales, before introducing the Report, requested the Grand Secretary to read the old and the new regulations of the Grand Orient of France. The Grand Secretary read the old regulations, which declared that the "principles of the Order are the existence of God, the immortality of the soul, and human solidarity," and it excluded no person on account of his belief. In the altered regulations the words regarding the existence of God and the immortality of the soul were eliminated, and there were substituted the words "absolute freedom of conscience."

The Pro Grand Master then said the Committee, having regard to the circumstances of the case, proposed four Resolutions, one stating that the Grand Lodge viewed with profound regret the steps taken by the Grand Orient of France in thus removing from the regulations its foundation upon the existence of God and the belief in the immortality of the soul. This removal was declared to be opposed to all the history and traditions of Freemasonry from the earliest times to the present date. This Resolution was received with unanimous cheers. The second Resolution was that the English Grand Lodge, while most anxious, in the most fraternal spirit, to greet brethren from Foreign Lodges initiated in Lodges where the true and genuine principles were adopted, could not admit those initiated in Lodges which denied or ignored the belief in the existence of God. It would therefore be necessary to state, that no brother from a Lodge could be admitted unless his certificate showed that he had been initiated in a Lodge where the landmark of the Order was observed, or was vouched for as one so initiated, and also that he admitted his belief in the Great Architect of the Universe to be an essential landmark of the Order. The fourth Resolution was to give effect to the other three by transmitting them to all Lodges working under the Grand Lodge of England, to the sister Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, and to all Grand Lodges in connection with this Grand Lodge.

The Earl of Carnarvon then formally moved the adoption of these Resolutions, which sever the English Grand Lodge from the Grand Orient of France, so long as it professes Atheism. He did so with expressions of deep regret, but considered that a rejection of the acknowledgment of the Great Creator of the Universe, struck at the root of the Order of Freemasons. The motion was seconded by the Earl of Sherborne, and unanimously adopted in one of the largest gatherings of the Grand Lodge ever held.

We think that this lay demonstration against the rising tide of infidelity in this country, coming as it does from such an unlooked for quarter, ought to encourage our Bishops and other dignitaries of the Church to assert somewhat more boldly the truth of God's Word written, and not allow the crude assertions of "modern criticism" to be accepted as a sufficient call to surrender one by one the citadels of the faith once delivered to the saints, and so overturn, if it were possible, "The Rock of Ages." The Archbishop of Canterbury has in his published letter condemned "the *exaggerated candour* exhibited in admitting the force of the reasoning of sceptical writers;" and his Grace has not hesitated to declare that "ordinary readers may naturally be *startled and unsettled by the apparent readiness*" with which the statements of sceptical writers are accepted "as proved" in the *Argument from Prophecy*. But this is not the only specimen of the mischievous tendencies of the series of tracts entitled "Scepticism and Faith," as the Rev. Charles Bullock has fully demonstrated in his able letter to the *Record*. And we, therefore, do not wonder that the question is often asked, whether something more is not required from the twenty-seven Bishops, under whose presidency these books and tracts appear?

Is not the example of the lay Grand Master of the Freemasons of England in defence of the faith one which might be advantageously followed by the Archbishops and Bishops of the Church of England? Do not the solemn obligations of their high and holy office impose on them the duty of publicly defending from insult and attack the integrity of "Moses and the Prophets," with the rest of "God's Word written?" If the "exaggerated candour" of books written under their nominal patronage, be, according to the Most Reverend Primate's admission, calculated to "startle and unsettle" ordinary readers, are not the people entitled to look for explanation and defence to those who are recognised as their "Right Reverend Fathers in God?"

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

We have much pleasure in informing our readers that the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, has kindly consented to preside at the Ninetieth Anniversary Festival of the above Institution, which will take place on Friday, the 10th May next, the day being altered from the 8th to the 10th to suit the convenience of his Lordship.

The *Freemasons' Manual and Official Directory of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent*, edited by Bro. Thomas S. Warne, Rochester, P.M. No. 20, and Past Prov. Assist. G. Secretary of Kent, &c., &c., contains a rare amount of useful information, or, we should say, of information which must be invaluable to members of the Province. After a nominal list of the Officers of Grand Lodge England, and Provincial Grand Lodge Kent, there follows a roll of Lodges, with dates of Constitution, and localities where held, a list of towns in which they are situated, and a list of days on which they severally meet. Then are given, in numerical order, the several Lodges, with the names of Past and Present Masters, and of the other Officers, with date of installation and other useful details. Then follow similar particulars relating to R.A. Masonry, and then the bye-laws of the Prov. Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Chapter; the whole concluding with a list of the Officers of the Provincial G. Mark Lodge, with roll of Lodges, and Officers of each Lodge, as far as it was possible to obtain them. The work has been carefully compiled, and the Editor has exercised the needful supervision in arranging his information. He merits the thanks of the brethren in his Province, as well as of all outside its limits, who take an interest in the history and distribution of the Craft throughout the different parts of the country. We heartily thank Bro. Warne for the copy he has forwarded to us, and we rejoice to hear that it is in contemplation to publish this useful work annually. Credit is also due to the printer, W. T. Wildish, *Journal* Office, Banks, Rochester, for the manner in which he has fulfilled his part.

During Lent, Special Services will be held at St. Anne's, Westminster. Bach's Passion St. John will be sung every Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, under direction of Mr. Barnby, with full orchestral accompaniment. Admission by Tickets, which can be had (free) of the Churchwardens, Bro. S. Webb 432, Oxford-street, W., and Bro. J. E. Shand, 2 Albert Mansions, Victoria street, S.W.

The installation ceremony will be worked at the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction (No. 55), which meets at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, on Tuesday, 26th March, by Bro. W. H. Marston W.M. 1599. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. precisely.

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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

IT may be, perhaps, that Lord Middleton's recent motion about the earlier meeting of the House of Lords has had some effect, for the Peers have had more than one sitting of moderate duration. Thus, on Thursday last, when, on the motion of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Bill had been formally passed through Committee, there was a long debate, initiated by the Duke of Argyll, on the Treaties of 1856, and the present position of England in respect to them. Lord Stanley of Alderley, Lord Hammond, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Dukes of Somerset and Rutland, the Earl of Feversham, and the Earl of Derby took part in it, and it was past nine o'clock when the House rose. On Friday, after various questions about different phases or branches of the Eastern Question had been disposed of, the Archbishop of York rose and moved that an humble address be presented to Her Majesty on the subject of Church Patronage, with a view to instituting inquiries into the law and existing practice as to the patronage, and resignation of benefices. Lord Houghton, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Lord Chancellor were among the Peers who addressed the House. The motion with the omission of the word "patronage" was agreed to. On Monday, the second reading of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Election of Members) Bill was moved by the Earl of Camperdown, who was defeated by 54 to 36. After this, one or two conversations ensued, one of which had reference to the Conference. Half-an-hour, however, sufficed on Tuesday for the despatch of business.

In the House of Commons on Thursday of last week, on the motion for going into Committee on the County Government Bill, Mr. Rylands moved its rejection, and his motion was seconded by Lord R. Churchill. Several members, including Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Stansfeld, Mr. Sclater Booth, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, took part in the debate that followed, and on a division, Mr. Ryland was defeated by 244 to 44. On Friday, a motion by Mr. Blennerhassett, on the Representation of Minorities had the effect of emptying the House, which was counted out at eight o'clock. On Monday, Mr. W. H. Smith would have introduced the Navy Estimates, but a long debate on the motion for going into Committee of Supply intervened, in which the subject of Naval Construction was treated at great length, and the House rose shortly before one o'clock, the debate being adjourned till Thursday. On Tuesday, Mr. Ashley moved a resolution, expressing the regret of the House at the conduct of Mr. Layard in connection with the Gladstone-Negroponte correspondence. An animated debate ensued, in which Mr. Sullivan and Dr. O'Leary spoke very warmly, but in the end Mr. Ashley was beaten by 206 to 132. On Wednesday, the second reading of the Abolition of Capital Punishment Bill was moved by Mr. Pease, but the proposal did not find favour with the House, and the Bill was thrown out by 263 to 64.

It is announced that the Queen will hold a Levée and a Drawing Room next week at Buckingham Palace, the former on Tuesday, and the latter on Thursday. Notice has also been given that Her Majesty's birthday will be kept on Saturday, the 25th May. We have heard likewise that it is the intention of the Queen to leave Windsor for Osborne about the middle of next month.

The Prince of Wales left Paris on Sunday evening after a pretty lengthened sojourn, during which his Royal Highness took a deep interest in the British Section of the Paris Exhibition. He reached London early on Monday, and in the course of the afternoon held a Levée at St. James's Palace, at which the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian, and Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar attended. By the Queen's command presentations to his Royal Highness were deemed equivalent to presentations to Her Majesty. Nearly three hundred gentlemen, whose names had been previously submitted for Her Majesty's approval, were presented. The Royal Body Guard of the Hon. Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, under the command of Captain the Earl of Coventry, and the Yeomen of the Guard under Captain Lord Skelmersdale, were on duty. On Wednesday afternoon the Prince of Wales presided at a meeting of the Governors of Wellington College, and in the evening he occupied the chair at the Anniversary Dinner, at Willis's Rooms, of the National Orphan Home, the Duke of Cambridge, Lord Harrowby, Lord Suffield, Lord Redesdale, and the Bishop of Winchester being among the guests. A subscription was announced amounting to upwards of £2,000, including £100 from His Royal Highness, and £20 from the Duke.

Mr. Gladstone has announced his intention of not offering himself again as a candidate for the representation of Greenwich on the principal ground that he is unable to give proper attention to the local interests of the borough. The Right Honourable gentleman, it is thought not improbable, may be returned by the Flint boroughs, in which his residence, Hawarden Castle, is situated. The election for Cirencester came off on Tuesday, when Captain Chester Master, Conservative, was returned by a majority of more than two to one over his Liberal opponent, the Hon. Ashley Ponsonby. Mr. P. Miles is the Conservative candidate for the vacancy in East Somerset, and Mr. W. S. Gore-Langton for that in Mid-Somerset. The polling for Hereford took place on Thursday, the candidates being Lieut.-Colonel Arbuthnot, Conservative, and Mr. Joseph Pulley, Liberal.

A terrible explosion occurred, on Tuesday, in the Unity Brook Colliery, Kearsley, near Bolton, by which no less than forty-four lives have been sacrificed. There were two mines, the Trencherbone, some 290 yards below the surface, and the Cannel, 60 yards lower still. Both were regularly inspected twice a day by the fireman, and it was only shortly after the second inspection, which took place during the dinner hour, that the explosion occurred. It was heard for half-a-mile round, and at once caused the greatest anxiety in the neighbourhood. As soon as possible preparations were made to descend, with a view to ascertain the amount of damage done, when it was found the miners in the upper mine were safe, though they had to be assisted to bank. After great exertions the lower mine was descended, and it was found that all the men and boys in it, to the number of forty-four, were dead. The bodies of all but two have been recovered, but

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the others were so jammed in the dib-hole that their recovery was a work of some time.

On Wednesday morning a serious accident occurred in Woolwich Dockyard, the new shed in course of erection by Messrs. Shaw, near the Dockyard gate, for storing forage, having suddenly collapsed like a pack of cards, injuring more or less seriously some thirty-five of the workmen. Measures were promptly taken for the rescue and removal to hospital of the unfortunate men, and in the afternoon Col. Smith, R.E., arrived from the War Office to hold an inquiry into the circumstances. The damage is estimated at £2,000. The removal of the *débris* was at once commenced, and the work of rebuilding will be proceeded with immediately.

Another "peace" demonstration was held in Hyde Park on Sunday afternoon, the promoters being Mr. Auberon Herbert and Mr. Bradlaugh. Each of these gentlemen had a body guard, but the whole thing turned out a complete failure, as the peace party, in spite of the truncheons, were hustled out of the Park, never being able to remain more than a few moment in one place. The principal feature of this gathering was the amount of blackguardism which was perpetrated on respectable people. We think it high time a stop should be put to these gatherings, which can be held elsewhere without destruction to property.

The Executive Committee of the Indian Famine Relief Fund met at the Mansion House, the chair being occupied by Alderman Sir Thomas White. It was announced that the subscriptions amounted to £513,000. £500,000 had already been remitted, and it was resolved to send a further £4,000. It was also stated that the Eastern Telegraph Company had transmitted all the Committee's telegrams without charge, which was equivalent to a subscription of £250. A vote of thanks to the Company for such conduct was passed unanimously, and the Committee adjourned.

A meeting was held at the Mansion House on Wednesday, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, for the purpose of concerting arrangements for holding the Royal Agricultural Society's Exhibition in London in 1879. The Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Duke of Bedford, Lord Skelmersdale, the Earl of Ducie, the Earl of Bective, the Earl of Feversham, and others were present. Resolutions in accordance with the object of the meeting were proposed and agreed to, and it was determined to ask the necessary permission of the Duke of Cambridge, as Ranger of Hyde Park, to hold it there. It was also proposed to invite the Prince of Wales to be President of the Institution.

The Duke of Sutherland had a dinner party at Stafford House on Monday, the principal guest being Baker Pasha, to meet whom his Grace invited the Turkish Ambassador, Field Marshal Lord Strathnairn, General Sir C. Ellice, Sir Samuel Baker, and others. The Pasha's health was proposed by the Duke, and briefly but suitably acknowledged.

Sir Thomas Chambers, recently elected Recorder of the City of London in place of Mr. Russell Gurney, presided this week for the first time at the Central Criminal Court, Old Bailey, when opportunity was taken by the Bar to offer the learned gentleman their congratulations on his appointment. These were gracefully acknowledged, after which the business of the Court was proceeded with. The case of Madame Rachel has been adjourned till next Sessions, an application to that effect being made by the prisoner's counsel in the first instance to the Recorder, and then to Baron Huddleston, by whom it was acceded to. The trial of the Rev. Mr. Dodwell, who stands charged with having attempted to murder or do serious bodily harm to the Master of the Rolls, was fixed for yesterday, in order to meet the convenience of Sir George Jessel; the prisoner, when the day was proposed, raising no objection whatever to the arrangement, though Thursday had in the first instance been suggested.

The Earl of Carnarvon presided on Wednesday at the annual dinner of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society, which was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. The chairman, in proposing the toast of the evening, remarked that this society differed from most other asylums. The latter were intended for the poor or children of the poor, while this was intended for the children of persons who had been in a state of affluence, but by misfortunes had fallen from that estate. The subscriptions were announced as amounting to about £1,600, inclusive of the Queen's annual subscription of ten guineas.

Our military preparations are being rapidly pressed forward, and, in the event of war being necessary, we shall have a very large available force, both naval and military, and what is of still greater moment, our land forces will be well provided with transport. Good horses are being bought for the Government by Lord Henry Somerset, who, accompanied by a veterinary surgeon, is moving about in the provinces wherever there is a likelihood of getting good and serviceable animals. The Monarch and Penelope ironclads, and the Euryalus frigate will be commissioned next week, and the Messrs. Laird are urging forward the repairs to the Iron Duke as fast as possible.

The news from Vienna and the East of Europe generally bodes ill for the maintenance of peace, though there is, of course, always the chance that Russia may not insist, at the last moment, on maintaining her pretensions. From Vienna intelligence is to hand to the effect that Count Andrassy has notified to the Hungarian Delegation that Austria will not permit the establishment of a Bulgarian principality, extending to the shores of the Ægean Sea, and will oppose the occupation of Bulgaria by Russia for a longer period than six months. The Vote of Credit for sixty million florins is being pressed, and will, no doubt, be granted, but it will be held in reserve, and only used in the event of the Empire being imperilled and the mobilisation of the army becoming imperatively necessary. The insurrection in Thessaly is extending, and in most of the conflicts which have taken place between the Turkish and insurgent forces, the latter have proved victorious. Great preparations, however, are being made by the Government of the latter to suppress it, and one, or it may be two, army corps will be despatched to the scene of action, so as to bring the insurgents to book sharply. It is also said that fifty thousand Turkish troops will occupy Bosnia and the Herzegovina. As to the terms of peace, Russia still keeps them concealed, though General Ignatieff and Raouf Pasha have reached St. Petersburg, the plenipotentiaries having left Constantinople for the Russian capital *vid* Odessa, with the treaty bearing the Sultan's signature. Of course, there is a general idea of the nature of the terms exacted, and we have already spoken of a big Bulgaria, Independent Servia, Montenegro, and Roumania, and a large indemnity, as forming the principal items of the peace. But the secrecy observed by Russia gives ground for the belief that there are certain other terms which are being purposely kept dark, and, meanwhile, Russia is taking advantage of the delay to strengthen and improve her position around Constantinople, and in the direction of Gallipoli. Only thus can we explain the continued advance of her troops in these directions and the reinforcements which are being poured into Roumania. On the other hand, the news that the English Government will require the whole terms of the meeting of San Stefano to be submitted to the Congress, and that Austria, Italy, and France evince an inclination to move in the same direction, does not greatly improve the chance of the Congress meeting. Supposing, however, that it should meet, Berlin will be the place of gathering, and not Baden-Baden. Another proposal of our Government, which is generally regarded as a good stroke of policy on their part, is that Greece should be admitted to the Congress, and it is said that Russia will only consent to this if Servia, Montenegro, and Roumania are also admitted. In short, the more we look into the present political situation, the more convinced are we of the enormous difficulties by which it is surrounded. We sincerely hope that matters will end peacefully, but the prospect is not encouraging.

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The Second Report of the Committee of the Leicester Freemasons' Hall Library is, in most respects, satisfactory. The modest cash account for the period from 24th June 1876 to 31st January 1878 shows a balance of £3 0s 8d on the right side, the receipts being £24 12s 1d, and the expenditure for Books, and Periodicals and Binding being, together, £21 11s 5d. During the same period, about thirty volumes of Masonic Pamphlets have been bound, several Masonic Periodicals are regularly supplied, some valuable Masonic Works have been purchased, and a number of donations of books have been presented, by Bro. Kelly, Chairman of the Committee, and Bros. Hughan, Fenn, Ellis, Webb, Toller, Partridge, and others. The one point we note with regret is, that several works have been absent from the library for a long period, some of them being among those described in the former report as having "been absent from the Library for two or three years."

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 16th MARCH.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing. (Emergency.)

## MONDAY, 18th MARCH.

1—Grand Masters, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
190—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, at 5.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
382—Royal Union, Chequer's Hotel, Uxbridge.
424—Borough, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
623—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
725—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
726—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1502—Israel, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
R. A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

## TUESDAY, 19th MARCH.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
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.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John Street-rd. at 8. (Inst.)
1615—Canterbury, 33 Golden-square, W.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.
R. A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
218—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
408—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading.
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Trecrulbow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefin.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
M. M.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York.

## WEDNESDAY, 20th MARCH.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Grand Stewards' Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
149—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. at 7.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
501—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
582—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
663—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
809—Dolphe, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
959—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1090—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1096—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.
R. A. 409—Stortford, Chequer's Inn, Bishop's Stortford.

## THURSDAY, 21st MARCH.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
63—St. Mar , Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
813—New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Bitchin.
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town.
1382—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1412—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.
1512—Hemming, Lion Hotel, Hampton Wick.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

## FRIDAY, 22nd MARCH.

House Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artil'ery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
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.
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

## SATURDAY, 23rd MARCH.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—44—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.
" 405—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 82 Nicolson-street.
THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
" R. A. 152—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Constitution-street.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

### SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

### MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
408—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

### TUESDAY.

448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

### WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1341—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

### THURSDAY.

600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1514—Thornhill, Deara House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
R. A. 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 387—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
K. T. 56—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

### FRIDAY.

1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.

# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.**—At 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday evening last. Present—Bros. Da Silva W.M., Chapman S.W., Gladwell J.W., Ellis S.D., Lipscomb J.D., Maidwell I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor. The second ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Aarons candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Hogg; Bro. Da Silva then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Lipscomb, who rehearsed the first degree. Bro. Jones, an E.A. of No. 27, acting as candidate. The first and second section of the first lecture were worked by Bro. Hogg,

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assisted by the members. Two brethren were elected members, and the Lodge was closed.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—Held at the Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 11th instant. Present—Bros. Sparrow W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., Powell J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Sillis S.D., Stock J.D., Alford I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Halham, Wing, Johnston, Byott, Moseley, Thompson, Woolley, Banks, Trowinuard, Cuthbert, Isaac, Hunter, &c. Lodge opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Wing answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge advanced to the second degree, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing. The W.M. worked the sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed to first degree, when Bro. Jas. Cuthbert, of No. 4, Glasgow Kilwinning, and Bro. J. J. Woolley of the Wanderers Lodge, No. 1604, were elected members. Bro. Lorkin was appointed to the chair for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was awarded the W.M., this being the first time of his occupying the chair in this Lodge.

**Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.**—On Tuesday, the 12th March, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Present—Bros. Cooper W.M., Tranter S.W., Hallam J.W., Dickins Sec., Dwarber Treas., Bramham S.D., Soper J.D., Clennell I.G., P.M. Bingemann Preceptor, Brown, Corns, Dodson, Bond, Johnston, Linscott, &c. The Lodge being opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Johnston, a candidate for passing, answered the questions, and in due course was passed. The first and third sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Brown, the second and fourth by Bro. Bingemann. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Tranter elected W.M. for the ensuing week, Officers in rotation. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned to Tuesday, 19th March.

**Clarence Lodge No. 68.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bristol. Bros. F. Trull W.M., John Gard S.W., H. White J.W., George Perrin Sec., R. Coaffee Treas., J. Courtice S.D., E. J. Grubb J.D., C. Gilbert I.G., Bros. Hazard P.M., and Rice P.M. Tylers. P.M.'s Bros. Compton and Eastabrook jun. Visitors—Bros. Capt. C. Blick 279, G. R. Ireland, and S. M. Davies. The business comprised the reading and confirming the minutes of previous meeting. It was proposed by I.P.M. Eastabrook, and seconded by Bro. Secretary, that W. Bro. Coaffee be appointed as representative of the Clarence Lodge on the Prov. Charity Organisation Committee; carried unanimously. It was proposed by the W.M. and seconded by Worshipful Bro. Compton, that an address of condolence be sent to the widow and family of the late Bro. Knowland, sympathising with them in their bereavement.

**Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101 (K.T.).**—The annual meeting for the installation of Eminent Preceptor took place at York, on Tuesday. The Preceptory was opened at 7 p.m. by the E. Sir Knt. T. B. Whytehead E.P., after which Comp. J. G. Croft, of the Zetland Chapter, was admitted and installed a member of the Order by the E.P. The ceremony of installation of Sir Knt. the Rev. Wm. Valentine was then proceeded with, E. Sir Knt. J. W. Woodall, Prov. G. Constable for N. and E. Yorkshire, acting as Installing Preceptor. The newly enthroned E.P. was afterwards saluted in due form by the members, and thanked them for the honour conferred upon him. He afterwards appointed his Officers as follow:—T. B. Prisick Constable, J. S. Cumberland Marshal, T. Cooper Treasurer, T. B. Whytehead Registrar, G. Simpson Capt. of Lines, J. Ward Equerry. The sum of one guinea was voted to the Masonic Boys' School, and the Preceptory was closed; after which the members met at an excellent supper, provided by Bro. J. Toes, at which the principal toasts were duly honoured. Amongst those present were the following Sir Knights:—Wm. Lawton P.E.P., Bryan Wormald P.E.P., Wm. Beanland P.E.P. (Faith, Bradford), W. Rowley (Fidelity, Leeds), P. H. Rowland, &c., &c.

**Elias Ashmole Chapter, No. 148, Warrington.**—The annual Convocation was held on Monday last. The Chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., assisted by E. Companions Brierley H. M.E.Z. elect, John Howes P.Z., Prov. G.S.N. Cumberland and Westmoreland, as J., and H. elect, H. S. Alpass P.Z., Prov. G.S.E., D. W. Finney P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., and W. S. Hawkins P.Z. When the rest of the Companions were admitted, and the minutes read and confirmed, E. Comp. Finney presented the M.E.Z. elect for the benefit of installation, and he was duly placed in the chair of Z., according to antient custom. E. Comp. Alpass presented E. Comp. Bowes, who was duly installed, and E. Comp. Finney presented Comp. Thomas Tunstall J. elect. After the ceremony, the chiefs were saluted, the Chapter closed, and the Companions adjourned to refreshment, when a very pleasant evening was spent, under the genial guidance of the M.E.Z. The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing.

**Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 187.**—Held its regular meeting on Wednesday, 13th March, at Freemasons' Hall, Bristol. Present—Bros. John Morgan W.M., J. Watkin Baker S.W., H. Pidgeon J.W., C. F. Hare Secretary, J. Abraham S.D., A. Hall J.D., T. H. Prichard P.M. D.C., W. H. Bowden P.M. I.G. *pro tem.*, W. Hazard P.M. Tyler, Rice P.M. second ditto. Visitors—Bros. E. J. Grubb 68, W. H. Bowden P.M. 103, C. H. Angell 425, Westbury, and S. M. Davies. After the minutes of previous meeting had been confirmed, Mr. E. D. Morris was ballotted for, accepted, and initiated, by requisition. It was proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. C. F. Hare, that W. Bro. T. H. Prichard be appointed representative of the Royal Sussex Lodge on the Provincial Charity Organisation Committee. The motion was carried unanimously. W. Bro. Bowden briefly explained the object of the Committee, which was to embrace the united action of the Lodges of the Province for concentrating their voting power, and to ensure the success of their candidates. It is evident this arrangement meets with the approval of the brethren of Bristol, as all the Lodges that have received the circular from the Prov. Grand Secretary bearing on it, have responded by immediately appointing a representative. The advantage of this movement must be apparent to all, as each Lodge, through its delegate, will take an active part in securing as many votes, and collecting as many subscriptions as possible. We must congratulate W. Bro. Bowden (who is acting Secretary to the committee) on procuring the co-operation of all the Lodges in such an important measure, and while that concentrating help will not diminish the ardent zeal he has ever shown in all charity matters, it will make lighter those duties which he has hitherto for so many years most successfully carried out.

**Sussex R.A. Chapter, No. 187.**—The regular convocation was held on Thursday, the 7th of March, at Freemasons' Hall, Bristol. Present—M.E. Comps. E. A. Barrett Z., J. T. Hallam H., B. Gay P.Z. J., J. H. Pritchard P.Z. Treas., G. F. Tuckey S.E., H. Pigeon S.N., W. Munro P.S., R. L. Tuckey and E. Honey Assist. Sojs., A. Brettle Org., Wm. Hazard Janitor. Visitors—Comps. Wm. Benham P.Z. D.C. P.G.C., S.M. Davies, &c. Usual preliminaries being disposed of, Bros. Hooper, Farler and Hare were ballotted for and accepted, and the two latter brethren were duly exalted to the R. Arch degree, M. E. Comp. W. H. Bowden taking the position of First Principal.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction No. 193.**—The regular meeting was held on the 13th inst. Bros. G. L. Walker W.M., Aarons S.W., J. W. C. Bush J.W., E. Staley S.D., Beddle I.G, J. K. Pitt Secretary, J. Constable Treasurer, Christopher Tyler. The routine business having been accomplished, the W.M. rehearsed the second degree, Bro. Pitt acting candidate. The W.M. worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by Bro. Constable and the brethren. Bro. Aarons was elected Master for the ensuing week. Present—Bros. Fells, Hill, Hogarth, Smithers, Andrews and D. Posener.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—On Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. Present—Bros. McMillan W.M., Ross S.W., Slaiter J.W., Killick Sec., Garrod S.D., McDowell J.D., Spencer I.G., Pearcy Preceptor. Visitor—Bros. Elias Parr, St. James's Lodge, 97. The Lodge was duly opened and minutes confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. C. Lorkin candidate. The sections of the second Lecture were worked. Bro. Elias Parr, St. James's Lodge, 97, was elected a member, and Bro. Ross appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Pomfret Lodge, No. 360, Northampton.**—There was a rather larger attendance than usual at this Lodge on Thursday last. Bro. T. Whitehouse W.M., F. Gadsby S.W., H. W. Parker J.W., J. S. Norman S.D., T. R. Wood J.D., G. Ellard I.G., G. Robinson P.M. Sec., J. T. Green P.M. D.C., J. U. Stanton P.M., and J. Bingley Stewards; Bros. B. Wilkins D.P.G.M. North and Hants, M. A. Boeme and R. Winter P.M.'s, with a good muster of brethren, were present at the time fixed for opening the Lodge. Mr. Edward Haynes and Mr. Joseph Sadler were balloted for and duly elected. The ceremony of initiation was performed by the W.M., the various officers doing their part in a very commendable manner. On the adjournment, the brethren did full justice to the fourth degree, and the remainder of the evening passed off agreeably.

**La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on the 13th inst., at the Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., for the ceremony of installation, which according to the bye-laws was to be the business of the evening. Precisely at 8 o'clock the Lodge was opened by the venerable Preceptor, Bro. T. A. Adams P.G.P., &c., and after the minutes had been read and confirmed the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. W. H. Dean W.M. No. 417 P.P.G.S.B. Dorset was presented to receive the benefit of installation, which was then proceeded with. The Lodge having been opened in the third degree, the M.M.'s retired, and Bro. Dean was duly installed into the chair, according to ancient custom. The brethren having been readmitted, the W.M. was saluted in due form and then invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. E. Child No. 538 S.W., T. W. Cooper No. 538 J.W., R. Pierpoint No. 1365 S.D., Iriuth No. 1507 J.D., W. Maxsted No. 180 I.G., C. Davis P.M. No. 382 Treas., J. Hurdell No. 1348 Hon. Sec. The ancient charges were then delivered by Bro. Adams in his most effective manner. This being the night for election of Treasurer and Secretary, Bro. C. Davis P.M. 382 was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Hurdell D.C. 1348 Secretary. After the remaining Lodge business had been done, a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Adams brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

**Lily Lodge of Instruction, No. 820.**—Held its weekly meeting at Mr. Palmer's, The Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 p.m., on Saturday, 9th March. The attendance showed a decided improvement upon previous meetings, many of the older members having responded to the call of the last W.M. to assist in preventing the collapse of this useful institution. Bros. Wade W.M., Digby S.W., Hinton J.W., Fisher S.D., Clear J.D., Hamblin I.G., Phillips Preceptor

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and Secretary; Bros. Kyezor, Coyle, &c. Lodge opened up to the third degree, and Bro. Coyle was raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., carefully and correctly. Lodge was then closed down to the first, when Bro. Digby proposed that Rule 8 of the Bye-laws be expunged, and a new one substituted, which would provide that the W.M. for the night should work the degrees, with some of the sections relating to each, in regular order; the first on the first Saturday, and so on in rotation, with as many of the sections as time would permit. Bro. Hinton remarked that it would be an advantageous course; every Mason who desired a knowledge of the Craft and its true tenets should carefully study the sections. Bro. Digby was appointed to fill the chair at next meeting.

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**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening, the 12th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bro. Slaiter W.M., Brasted S.W., Wardell J.W., Carr S.D., Dignam J.D., McClean I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treasurer, Past Master Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Collins, Allen, Finch, Bonner, C. Lorkin, Marsh and others. The Lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. M. Christian being properly introduced was initiated. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Weige. Bro. C. Lorkin answered the questions and was passed to the second degree. The Lodge was closed to first degree, and Bro. Allen worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for his able conduct of the duties of the chair. Bro. Brasted was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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**Gosport Chapter, No. 903.**—A very interesting ceremony took place at the usual Quarterly Meeting of this Chapter, at the India Arms Hotel, in the present of the Officers, members, and several Principals and Past Principals of neighbouring Chapters, in presenting M.E. Comp. Main P.Z. with a very handsome P.Z. jewel, and an elegantly bound copy of "Mackenzie's Royal Masonic Cyclopædia," the former containing a most suitable inscription, and the latter the names of the donors, each the result of a private subscription, to which nearly the whole of the members contributed. The presentation was made by M.E. Comp. Sleeman Z., on behalf of the subscribers, who in a very able manner eulogised Comp. Main in warm terms for his great ability and eloquence, and the zeal and interest evinced by him at all times in the cause of Royal Arch Freemasonry and the Craft generally, likewise referring to the great esteem in which he is held by the members of that Chapter in particular. M.E. Comp. Main thanked the Companions in eloquent words, saying that his services, always freely given, would be greatly stimulated by the recollection of their kindness and good opinion, as shown by the interesting proceedings of that evening.

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**St. Augustine Lodge of Instruction, No. 972, Canterbury.**—This Lodge meets every Wednesday evening, at the Guildhall Hotel, with the exception of the second Wednesday in the month, and maintains its reputation as one of the best Lodges in the Province, the various ceremonies, as well as the lectures, sections, &c., being frequently worked in a very creditable manner. Since the commencement of the year the initiation has been rehearsed by Bros. Vile and Miskin, the latter of whom also gave the charge. The charges in both first and second degrees have been given by Bro. E. Beer, who likewise rehearsed the ceremony of raising. The fourth and fifth sections of the lecture in second degree were given by Bro. Rossiter, and he also delivered the lecture on the first tracing board. Three sections of lecture in the third degree were worked by Bro. Pringuer.

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**Hartington Lodge, No. 1085.**—A meeting of this Lodge was holden at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday, 6th March. Present—Bros. G. Pipes W.M., W. Heathcote I.P.M., J. Heathcote S.W., W. B. Hextall J.W., M. H. Bobart P.P.S.G.W. Treas., J. O. Manton Sec., S. Steele S.D., J. E. Russell J.D., T. H. Hepworth M. of C., W. Butterfield I.G., W. Naylor P.G. Sec., J. Worsnop P.M., S. Pipes P.P.S.G.D., W. Biggs W.M. "Repose," and a large number of other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form at 7.40 p.m., and the customary business performed, the two gentlemen—Mr. Joseph Albert Hefford and Mr. Robert Baxter—proposed at the last meeting, were ballotted for and duly elected, and Bro. Popplewell was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. The latter being the first work of the new Master attracted particular attention, and the conduct of the ceremony was very gratifying, there being strict accuracy in his delivery, as well as in the parts of the whole of the Officers. Other business affecting the regulation of the Lodge was discussed, and after another name had been submitted for addition to the roll of the Order, the brethren expressed their gratitude to the G.A. for His favours, and adjourned until the first Wednesday in April.

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**Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.**—Held its monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. Bros. A. Welch W.M., Flanagan S.W., Danks J.W., Honey Chaplain, Stransom Treasurer, Newman D.C. acting Secretary, Ferguson S.D., Blackwell J.D., Dowsett I.G., W. Ridley Steward; P.M.'s Bros. Hurley, Margrett, Brown; Bros. Creed, Hunt, Pulley, White, Heathcott, Bailey. Visitors—Bros. Oades S.W. 414, Hawkes 414, Howlett formerly 1101. Minutes read and confirmed, the Chaplain reported he had written a letter to the widow of the late Bro. Chancellor, to which he had received a reply, which he read. Some conversation arose between the Chaplain, the I.P.M., and Bros. Brown and Bailey, upon the question of the late election. It was resolved that no further discussion be held upon the subject. The candidate of last Lodge election was admitted and initiated. A committee was formed to meet a committee of No. 414, to discuss the rent to be paid for the Hall by No. 1101. After other business, the Lodge was closed.

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**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—Held at King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 8th inst. Present—Bros. Posener jun. W.M., Simmonds S.W., Smith J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Secretary, Hine S.D., Crouch J.D., Lane I.G.; also Bros. Bolton, Hunter, Posener sen., Ellis, Pearcy, &c. Lodge opened, minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Hunter answered the questions, was entrusted, and Lodge being opened in the second degree the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M. in a very careful manner. The first section was worked by Bro. Ellis, the second by Bro. Fenner, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree. The fourth section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Fenner, assisted by Bro. Ellis. Bro. Simmonds was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned. Brethren are reminded that the annual supper takes place on the last Thursday in the present month. Tickets, 3s each, can be had of Bros. Bolton or Lane, at the above address.

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**The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.**—The meeting of this Lodge on Saturday, the 9th inst., was the last of the session, and consequently there was a very large attendance of members and visitors. Moreover, between this and its sister Lodge, the City of Westminster, a most cordial spirit of friendship is kept up, and it has been our pleasure on several occasions to chronicle the doings of these Lodges when fraternal visits have taken place. On the present occasion the deputation from the City of Westminster was headed by Bro. Edward White, the Worshipful Master, who was accompanied by Bros. B. H. Swallow, E. J. Scott, B. Phillips, T. W. Eastgate, and E. J. Shand; amongst the other visitors we noticed Bros. John Boyd P.G.P., J. Harrison 73, D. J. Robinson 186, W. W. Morgan 211, T. G. Carpenter 270, G. P. Palmer 359, J. T. Patterson 431, Watts 507, E. J. B. Bumstead 548, M. J. O'Connor 636, S. Poynter 902, D. P. Cama 1159, James Hammond 1169, E. Baup, Vrais Union, Switzerland, G. D. Lant 1201, J. L. Baker W.M. 1305, D. M. Dewar 1415, W. S. Whitaker 1572, W. B. Greening 1572, C. E. Soppet 1627, Thos. Preston Sec. 1669, &c. Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. R. Stanway, who was supported by Bros. Jas. Freeman S.W., Blackie J.W., Edward Moody P.M. Sec., N. B. Headon P.M. Treas., Catchpole S.D., Thomas Hamer J.D., Taylor I.G., W. Steedman Tyler. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. Stanway proceeded with the ceremonial portion of his work. There were two candidates for the third degree—Bros. Oppenheimer and Metchim; and one for the second degree—Bro. D. T. Keene; the customary proofs of efficiency having been given, these brethren were severally advanced a step in their Masonic career. The bye-laws of the Lodge were then read by Brother Moody. The next business was the election of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and this resulted in favour of the S.W., Bro. James Freeman. Bro. Stanway, in a few hearty and cordial remarks, announced the result of the ballot, and offered Bro. Freeman his sincere congratulations on his election to the chair of this important Lodge. Bro. Freeman replied, and assured the members he would do all in his power to uphold the prestige of the Lodge; he should place himself under the wing of their worthy Secretary, Bro. Moody, and he trusted, with the help of the Past Masters and the Officers of the Lodge, that, by the will of the G.A.O.T.U., his year of office would be no less successful than those of the Masters who had preceded him. The choice of Treasurer resulted in the unanimous re-election of Bro. N. B. Headon, and on a show of hands Bro. Steedman was re-appointed Tyler. Bros. Lebissart, Shaw, and Boulton were appointed auditors. A long and exhaustive discussion next ensued in reference to an application for relief that had been made by a distressed brother. Bro. Stuart-Barker, who had been deputed by the Lodge at the last meeting to inquire into the circumstances of the case, delivered his report; Bro. James Stevens P.M. also gave the result of inquiries he had made, and forcibly urged the brethren to carefully consider ere they came to a decision adverse to the applicant. However, after all details had been fully gone into, it was resolved that Bro. Barker's report be received and adopted. Routine business followed, and receipt of several interesting communications was announced. Bro. Moody remarked that he had been requested by Bro. Thomas Ford, P.M. of the Rifle Lodge of Edinburgh, to convey to the members of The Great City Lodge the hearty good wishes of the Edinburgh brethren for their continued prosperity. Bro. Stanway desired Bro. Moody to convey the thanks of the Lodge to Bro. Ford for this act of courtesy. Lodge was then closed. A substantial repast was provided, to which ample justice was done. On the removal of the cloth Bro. Stanway proceeded with the toasts. In giving the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty, he said that Masons were loyal and law-abiding men, and it was always with pleasure that they honoured their Queen. With the toast he would associate, Prosperity to the Craft. After the National Anthem the W.M. called on the brethren to drink to H.R.H. the Grand Master. At all gatherings Englishmen delight to honour the Prince of Wales, who has won the hearts of all with whom he has been associated. This toast, at all times, has an especial charm to we Freemasons, from the Prince's intimate association with us as head of the Order. He was sure all present would cordially drink the toast. In speaking of the Earl of Carnarvon, the W.M. said they were all well aware of the many calls the Pro G.M. had on him. At the same time, they knew how necessary it was that we should have a competent brother to preside in place of the Grand Master at our assemblies. Those who have the privilege of attending the Festivals of Grand Lodge must at all times be struck by the calmness of demeanour displayed by the Earl of Carnarvon, and many would take example and carry to their Lodges the same calm spirit of discrimination they there found so eminently displayed. With the toast of the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers was associated the name of Bro. John Boyd P.G.P., who remarked that the last toast

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offered by the W.M. was the first that required responding to. He had hoped it would have fallen into better hands, but as it had devolved on him they must take the will for the deed. Lord Skelmersdale was better known in his own Province than by the metropolitan Masons. As for the other Grand Officers, all of those who had been appointed had in their time done good suit and service for the Craft. He was here as the guest of Bro. Moody, and he felt himself in a peculiar position. He might liken himself to Temple Bar. He, like that venerable relic, was getting in the downhill of life. Temple Bar had for many years divided the Great City from the City of Westminster. Temple Bar would now very shortly be entirely removed; he was supported left and right by the Great City and the City of Westminster. Our worthy brother then completed his happy illustration by saying that it was only for him to step aside and the two cities were in still closer relation. To propose the health of the W.M. fell to the lot of Bro. Senr. who performed his task in a most graceful manner, and Bro. Stanway briefly acknowledged the compliment. The next toast was the health of the Visitors, to which Bros. White, Swallow, Baker, and others replied. The remaining toasts comprised the W.M. elect of The Great City Lodge, the Past Masters, Prosperity to The Great City Lodge, the Officers, the Masonic Charities, &c. The proceedings were enlivened by an excellent selection of music, which was admirably rendered by Bro. Thornton, Messrs. T. Harper, W. A. Frost, and Prestridge. Mr. T. Harper's performances on the trumpet were received with the warmest enthusiasm, and indeed the whole entertainment reflected the utmost credit on Bros. H. Frost 1426 and H. Bertram 1426, under whose direction it was given.

**Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.**—At the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 11th March. Present—Bros. Aspinall W.M., E. Bishop S.W., Mann J.W., Goddard S.D., McDowell J.D., Garrod I.G., Stephens P.M. Preceptor, Slaiter Secretary; also Bros. Jacob, F. Badkin, Blunt, Greenwood, Grist, Lockett, &c. After the usual preliminary business, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Jacob being candidate. The Lodge was then opened to the third degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, in a very able manner, Bro. Jacob as candidate. The Lodge was then closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Past Master Stephens gave the brethren a report of the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of England with regard to the admission as visitors or otherwise of members of the Grand Orient of France. After which the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Monday, the 18th, at 7.30.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**—At the Havelock Tavern, Dalston, on Wednesday evening, 13th inst. Present—Bros. Bonner W.M., H. Meyer S.W., McMillan J.W., Slaiter S.D., A. Ferrar J.D., Poole I.G., G. Ferrar Treas., E. Dietrich Sec., W. Fieldwick Preceptor, and a good muster of brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. passed Bro. R. Olley. Bro. Fieldwick worked the sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge resumed to the first degree, and the third and fourth sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Meyer, assisted by the brethren. Bro. H. Meyer will preside at the next meeting.

**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday last, at York, the W.M. Bro. T. B. Whytehead presiding, supported by Bros. T. Cooper P.M., G. Balmford P.M., Beanland P.M., and W. H. Wyatt P.M. There were several visiting brethren from Selby and other places, and a large attendance of brethren. After a successful ballot had been taken for two candidates, Bros. Walker and Joyce were respectively passed and raised. Several names were proposed as candidates and joining members, and Bro. G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer announced that all liabilities were discharged, and that the Lodge was in a very flourishing condition. The S.W. Bro. J. S. Cumberland said that Bro. A. T. B. Turner had expressed a desire to attend the forthcoming Boys' Festival with him, as second Steward for the Lodge, and that he had accordingly forwarded his name to Bro. Binckes, an announcement which was received with applause. At subsequent refreshment an excellent collection was made for the Lodge Benevolent Fund.

**The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill. Present—Bros. George Penn W.M., S. H. Parkhouse S.W., Smout sen. as J.W., W. Stephens P.M. Treas., W. J. Murlis Sec., E. M. Lander J.D., Smout jun. as I.G., F. Delevanté Org., C. D. Reade Chaplain. Visitors—Bros. S. Millis 157, W. W. Morgan 211, J. S. Adkins 733, E. Arrowsmith 733, T. Slaiter 804, R. Harvey 1106, H. Manchester 1201, E. Mitton 1489, W. Grist 1489. On the assembling of the brethren the W.M. lost no time in commencing the business of the evening, which was of an exceptionally heavy nature. The minutes were read, and duly received confirmation. The ceremonial portion comprised the raising of Bro. William Oldrey, the passing of Bros. Roberts, Whittlesea, Rowland and Dewynter, while there were three candidates for initiation. The ballot was taken for three aspirants for our mysteries, Messrs. Frederick Ernest Pocock, proposed by Bro. S. H. Parkhouse S.W., seconded by Bro. W. J. Murlis P.M.; Thomas Heath, proposed by Bro. S. Smout I.G., seconded by Bro. G. Penn W.M., and Caleb Manchester. The result was satisfactory, and the two former gentlemen, with Mr. Eliab G. Rogers, who had been successfully balloted for at a previous meeting, being present, received the benefit of Masonic light. The whole of the ceremonies were performed by Bro. Penn, who acquitted himself in an eminently satisfactory manner. All his duties were fulfilled in a way that evinced he had spared no pains to master every detail pertaining to the position he occupies. Bros. C. E. Woodward P.M. 1637, John Empson 140, R. and Reid 45, were elected joining members. After routine business, the names of two gentlemen were handed in as candidates for initiation at the next meeting, and the Lodge was closed. A capital repast was served by Bro. Linscott, to which justice was done. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. introduced the several toasts, with most commendable brevity. After that of Her Majesty, the National Anthem was sung, the solos being entrusted to Bro. Pashman. In speaking to the toast of the M.W. the G.M. Bro Penn referred to the energy displayed by the Prince of Wales in the many duties that devolved on him; and remarked that His Royal Highness seemed never tired if it was made apparent to him that he could advance the cause of charity. This was evidenced by his taking the chair on Wednesday last at a meeting of the Governors of Wellington College, and on the same evening presiding at the anniversary dinner of the National Orphan Home at Willis's Rooms. The toast was then honoured, and Bro. Adkins favoured the company with "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The next toast was one that had an especial interest to the members—it was the health of the Pro Grand Master, whose honoured name the Lodge had received permission to bear. Bro. Penn said he looked forward to an early day when the Pro G.M. would be present, and he took the opportunity of announcing the fact that the Earl had signified his compliance with the request that had been made for him to take the chair at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. This announcement was received with great applause, and the brethren then did full justice to the toast. Bro. Arthur Thomas here gave a most forcible rendering of a new patriotic song,—"Victoria," by Smart, which we venture to predict will be heard again and again at our festive gatherings. After the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers had been given, the Rev. Bro. P.M. Holden gave a recitation, illustrating an incident that lately occurred in reference to the Russo-Turkish war, and then on Bro. Murlis devolved the task of proposing the health of the W. Master. Bro. Penn acknowledged the compliment, and proposed the health of the Initiates, to which each responded. Bro. Rogers had for some considerable time wished to join the Order, and the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge in particular, as he had many esteemed friends who were associated with it. He hoped he might be considered a welcome addition to their ranks. Bro. Rogers hoped the time might come when, as the W.M. had suggested, the members admitted that night would fill the position he so ably occupied. To the toast of the Visitors felicitous replies were made by Bro. Millis and others. Bros. Woodward and Empson acknowledged the compliment paid them in being toasted as joining members. In replying for the Past Masters, Bro. Stephens recounted the glorious success that had attended the exertions of the Ball Committee, and announced the substantial amount they had been able to hand over to Bro. Stephens for his list as Steward for the Girls' School; at the same time Bro. Murlis reminded the W.M. he had a "nest egg" towards his list next year. Bro. Stephens replied for the Charities, and urged the claims of the Institutions; he specially, earnestly, and we trust to himself satisfactorily, pleaded the cause of the Girls' School, and met with a spirited response from the members. The remaining toasts comprised the Officers, the P.M.'s of other Lodges, &c., &c., and when the W.M. summoned the Tyler, the brethren agreed it was time they began to study the exigencies of the train service. The evening's entertainment was well sustained by Bros. Pashman, Arthur Thomas, the musical and humorous Delavanté, Henson, Smout, &c. Bro. Morgan gave the Wreck of the Hesperus, and Rev. Bro. Holden, in addition to the reading we have already announced, gave the Charge of the Light Brigade.

**Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.**—At the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting-hill, on Friday, 8th March. Bros. Penn W.M., Parkhouse S.W., Smout sen. J.W., Smout jun. S.D., Lander J.D., Adkins I.G.; Savage P.M., Murlis P.M.; Woodmason, Webster, Oldrey, Crabb, Hutton, Gabb, Newland, H. Dehane, Spiegel, Buckland, Poulter, and Lyons. This being the so-called "Officers' night," all the Officers from the mother Lodge attended. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremonies—of initiation, Bro. Oldrey being the candidate; of passing, and afterwards raising, Bro. Crabb being candidate. All three degrees were worked in the W.M.'s usual style, and it was a pleasure to see how the Officers discharged their duties. Before closing the Lodge, Bro. Murlis rose to announce the result of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge Ball. He informed the brethren that, after paying all expenses, they had handed over to Bro. Stephens, the Steward for the Girls' Institution, the sum of £21, and there was still a balance in hand, to be carried forward to the next year's ball. This announcement was received with cheers.

**Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656, Middlesex.**—What would have been an installation meeting of this Lodge was held, on the 4th inst., at the White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick. Owing, however, to the illness of Bro. B. Sharp S.W. and W.M. elect, it was impossible to proceed with the ceremony. The regret at the cause of Bro. Sharp's absence was universal, and great sympathy was manifested towards him. Bro. W. Hammond W.M. presided, and was supported by Bro. J. W. Baldwin P.M. and P.A.G.P. who acted as S.W., Bro. J. Bond J.W., Bro. Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny Chaplain, Bro. A. Nuthall Treasurer, Bro. T. W. Ockenden Secretary, Bro. B. R. Aston S.D., Bro. J. Hurst J.D., and Bro. T. C. Walls I.G. There were also present Bros. A. Martin, T. A. E. Scott, C. Richer, J. Featherstone, C. R. Fitt, R. W. Forge, R. Masters, G. Malcolm, J. Piller, J. H. Duffell, A. Elphick, A. T. Aylen, C. Worthington, A. Darling, A Humphris, F. L. Chandler, A. Abbett, A. Jobbins, F. Turner, W. Symons White, members; and Bros. F. Buckland, W. W. Morgan, Tinsley, Tagg, and one or two others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge accounts showed a favourable result, all liabilities having been satisfied, and a balance of £33 11s 6d re-

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maining in hand. The Report of the Audit Committee was adopted. Bro. Robert Charles Eyres, of Loyalty Lodge, No. 358, Bermuda, was balloted for as a joining member and declared elected. On the proposition, duly seconded, of Bro. W. Hammond, the sum of thirteen guineas was voted from the Lodge funds, namely:—Three guineas towards the "Burdett Testimonial Fund," and ten guineas for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of the Steward representing the Lodge at the next Festival. Notice of motion was given by Bro. Walls, that in Bye-law 10 the word "ten" be substituted for "five." This bye-law refers to the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to the retiring W.M. We think this is an unwise proceeding, especially in a young Lodge like this, as it evinces a tendency to cultivate the tinsel rather than the precepts of the Craft. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a very excellent banquet, which had the further advantage of being admirably served. On the removal of the cloth the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, with a few appropriate remarks in each case. In proposing that of Col. Burdett, the G.M. of the Province, the chairman regretted the absence, and expressed his belief that Col. Burdett was in every way worthy of the position he held in the province, and that he was respected by all the brethren, not only for his ability, but for the courtesy he invariably extended towards them, as well as for the deep interest he took in everything connected with Freemasonry. To the toast of Bro. Little D.P.G.M. and the other P.G. Officers, Bro. Rev. de Crespigny P.P.G.C., Bro. Baldwin P.A.G.P., and Bro. T. C. Walls responded, after which the health of the W.M. was proposed by the reverend brother just named, in highly complimentary terms. The W.M., in acknowledging it, referred to the very flourishing condition of the Lodge, as chiefly evidenced by the fact that there had been during his year of office, which was also the first year since the Constitution of the Lodge, as many as twenty-three gentlemen initiated in it. He also offered a little sound advice to young members as to the principles by which as Masons they should be actuated. To the toast of the Visitors, those present in that capacity returned thanks individually. In the course of the evening several brethren contributed to the pleasure of the meeting, among them being Bro. Walls, who sang, very effectively, "God Bless the Prince of Wales," and other songs, and Bro. Morgan, who recited the Fall of Wolsey, from Shakspeare's *Henry VIII.*, this, we presume, being by way of contrast to the rising fortunes of the Wolsey Lodge.

**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—On Tuesday last, there were present, at the Jamaica Coffee House, Change-alley, Cornhill, Comps. J. B. Sorrell Z., Thos. Cull H., P. Wagner J., J. Boyd Treas., Thos. W. White S.E., G. L. Walker S.N., F. Brown P.S., N. Moss, J. Constable, S. H. P. Moore, G. Darcy, R. E. K. Wilkinson, J. Pinder, G. J. Rowe, H. J. Gabb, T. W. Ockenden. Formalities complied with, the ceremony was rehearsed, Comp. Moss candidate. Comps. Wilkinson and Gabb were elected members.

## WHY CANNOT WOMEN BE MASONS.

AT the late anniversary celebration of the Masons at Austin, Nev., the orator of the day thus discussed the question, "Why cannot Women be Masons?" It has the merit of novelty, at least. The speaker said:—

Woman sometimes complains that she is not permitted to enter our Lodges and work with the Craft in their labors, and learn all there is to learn in the institution. We learn that before the G.A.O.T.U. had finished his work, he was in some doubt about creating Eve. The creation of every living and creeping thing had been accomplished, and the G.A.O.T.U. had made Adam (who was the first Mason) and erected for him the finest Lodge in the world, and called it Paradise No. 1. He then called all the beasts of the field and all the fowls of the air to pass before Adam for him to name them, which was a piece of work he had to do alone, so that no confusion might thereafter arise from Eve, who he knew would make trouble if she was allowed to participate if he created her beforehand.

Adam being very much fatigued with the labors of his task, fell asleep, and when he awoke he found Eve in the Lodge with him.

Adam, being Senior Warden, placed Eve as the pillar of beauty in the South, and they received their instructions from the Grand Master in the East, which, when finished, she immediately called the Craft from labour to refreshment. Instead of attending to the duties of her office as she ought, she left her station, violating her obligations, and let in an expelled Mason who had no business there, and went round with him, leaving Adam to look after the jewels. The fellow had been expelled from the Grand Lodge, with several others, some time before; but hearing the footsteps of the Grand Master, he suddenly took his leave, telling Eve to make aprons, as she and Adam were not in proper regalia. She went and told Adam, and when the Grand Master returned to the Lodge he found that his gavel had been stolen.

He called for the Senior and Junior Wardens, who had neglected to guard the door, and found them absent. After searching for some time, he came to where they were hid, and demanded of Adam what he was doing there, instead of occupying his official position. Adam replied that he was waiting for Eve to call the Craft from refreshment to labour again, and that the Craft was not properly clothed, which they were making provision for. Turning to Eve, he asked her what she had to offer in excuse for her unofficial and unmasonic conduct. She replied that a fellow, passing himself off as a Grand Lecturer, had been giving her instructions, and she thought it would be no harm to learn them. The Grand Master then asked what had become of his gavel; she said she didn't know, unless the fellow had taken it away.

Finding that Eve was no longer trustworthy, and that she had caused Adam to neglect his duty, and let in one whom he had expelled, the Grand Master had closed the Lodge, and turning them out, set a faithful Tyler to guard the door with a flaming sword. Adam, repenting his folly, went to work like a man and a good Mason, in order to get reinstated again. Not so with Eve; she got angry about it, and commenced raising Cain. Adam, on account of his reformation, was permitted to establish Lodges, and work in the lower degrees, and while Eve was allowed to join him in the works of charity outside, she was never again to be admitted to assist in the regular work of the Craft. Hence the reason why a woman cannot become a Mason.—*New Zealand Paper.*

## THE THEATRES, &c.

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**OLYMPIC.**—At 7.0, THE LITTLE VIXENS. At 7.45, MONEY.

**STRAND.**—At 7, OVER THE WAY. At 7.30, FAMILY TIES. At 9.30, DORA AND DIPLUNACY.

**GAIETY.**—At 7.30, THE GRASSHOPPER. At 9.15, FAUST.

**GLOBE.**—At 7.0, MY WIFE'S OUT. At 7.45, A FOOL AND HIS MONEY and ICI ON PARLE FRANCAIS.

**VAUDEVILLE.**—At 7.30, A WHIRLIGIG. At 8.0, OUR BOYS, and A FEARFUL FOG.

**PRINCE OF WALES'S.**—At 8.0, DIPLOMACY.

**LYCEUM.**—At 7, TURNING THE TABLES. At 7.45, LOUIS XI.

**OPERA COMIQUE.**—At 8, THE SPECTRE KNIGHT, THE SORCERER, &c.

**COURT.**—NEW MEN AND OLD ACRES, &c.

**CRITERION.**—At 7.30, THE PORTER'S KNOT. At 8.45, PINK DOMINOES.

**ST. JAMES'S.**—At 8, THE SCAR ON THE WRIST.

**DUKE'S.**—At 7.30, FARCE, and MAMMON.

**FOLLY.**—LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE, &c.

**ROYALTY.**—At 7.30, CAT AND DOG and LA BELLE HELENE.

**QUEEN'S.**—At 7.30, COMEDIETTA. At 8.15, THE MERCHANT OF VENICE, &c.

**ALHAMBRA.**—At 7.30, FARCE, and LA FILLE DE MADAME ANGOT.

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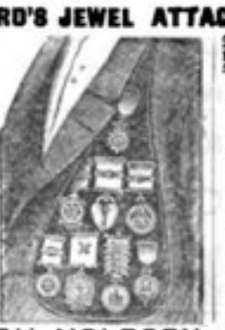

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## HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

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THE next event of any moment reveals to us his lordship, the Prov. G. Master, in a somewhat awkward position. In September 1833, the Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex being on a visit to Colonel Wildman, Prov. G.M. of Notts, graciously visited the Lodges at Nottingham, and to this end a Grand Lodge was convened, which was numerously attended by brethren from the adjoining Provinces, among them being Lord Rancliffe, Sir F. G. Fowke, and several members of St. John's Lodge, Leicester. The Grand Master having intimated a desire that the Officers of the different Prov. G. Lodges in attendance should be presented, Lord Rancliffe found himself in a position of great perplexity. He was G. Master of his Province; but, alas! he had no Prov. G. Lodge, and consequently no Prov. G. Officers to present. The state of things was ludicrous, if not alarming, but the difficulty was overcome. His lordship withdrew to an ante-room, and then and there constituted Sir F. G. Fowke his Deputy, and the other Leicester brethren officers of his Prov. G. Lodge; and as such they were presented to His Royal Highness. It will be difficult to parallel an emergency meeting held under similar circumstances. However, the event served to rouse Lord Rancliffe to a sense of duty. On the 29th October the Prov. G. Lodge met at Leicester, and for the first time, after having held the office of P.G.M. for twenty-one years, did his lordship attend a Masonic Lodge in his Province, being installed in office, as well as Sir F. G. Fowke as D.P.G.M., by Bro. Lawrence Thompson. The Officers, too, were appointed and invested. The same evening his Lordship was present at a meeting of the St. John's Lodge, and was afterwards proposed and elected one of its members. Henceforth there are regular minutes of the proceedings of the Prov. G. Lodge, Bro. William Cooke, County Treasurer, having been appointed to P.G. Secretaryship, an office he continued to fill till 1854. However, the irregularities which had prevailed so long in the Province did not disappear immediately. Lord Rancliffe appears not to have presided as W.M. of a Lodge, yet in 1834 he was, though not without a protest from a minority of the members, elected W.M. of the St. John's Lodge, and without having previously served as a Warden. He was installed in the March following, that being the only occasion on which he attended; but notwithstanding this, at the end of his year of office, he received a vote of thanks "for his condescension in serving the office." At this time there were only two Lodges in the Province, namely—the St. John's Lodge, Leicester, and the Knights of Malta Lodge, Hinckley. But towards the end of 1834 a warrant was granted for the formation of the Rancliffe Lodge, No. 608, at Loughborough. It met for the first time under dispensation on 9th December, and was consecrated on the 13th March 1835, a Prov. G. Lodge, at which Lord Rancliffe presided being convened for the purpose, Bros. Burckhardt and Lawrence Thompson of London taking part in the ceremonies of consecration, and the installation of Bro. James Elverson as first W.M. On the day of installation a number of candidates were initiated. The career of the Rancliffe was not a prosperous one, and in 1848 it passed away. On 30th May 1836 the Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 631, at Ashby de la Zouch, was consecrated, and Bro. Edward Mammatt was installed as first W.M., Bro. Elverson being deputed to fulfil these duties by Lord Rancliffe, and being assisted by Bros. W. M. Thistleton, Treasurer of the Prince of Wales Lodge, and Burke, P.M. No. 37, who attended from London for the purpose. On this occasion, four candidates were balloted for and approved, and regularly initiated under a dispensation granted by Bro. Elverson in the name of the Prov. G. Master. This Lodge, however, enjoyed but a brief career, and expired in 1841. The W.M., of whom it is recorded that "although totally blind from five years of age," he "was an excellent working Mason," was the heart and soul of the Lodge. He, indeed, was W.M. for the first two years, and during the last year of the Lodge's existence, and appears, moreover, to have provided most of the funds towards its establishment. Eighteen gentlemen were initiated in the Ivanhoe, seven brethren joined it, and four were elected honorary members. The fee for initiation was five guineas, as a joining member two guineas, the latter being likewise the amount of the annual subscription, and the fee payable for a visitor introduced with the approbation of the W.M. to the banquet was seven shillings and sixpence. We next note that the P.G.M. gave directions that a Prov. G. Lodge should be held in Leicester on the 12th August 1836, for the purpose of presenting an address of congratulation to His Royal Highness the Grand Master, on the happy circumstance of his being restored to sight. His Lordship, however, being absent through indisposition, and the D.P.G.M. being in Switzerland, no P.G. Lodge was held, to the regret and disappointment of the brethren assembled. On 26th September, 1838 a Prov. G. Lodge was held at Leicester under the presidency of Sir F. G. Fowke Dep. P.G.M., Lord Rancliffe being again absent through indisposition. On this occasion, Bro. Thos. Moxon was installed W.M. of St. John's Lodge, Leicester, and Bro. Thos. Brooke Miller W.M. of the Rancliffe Lodge. At this time we learn from Bro. Kelly that Freemasonry in Leicester was at a very low ebb indeed, owing to disputes and other causes, and the attendance at the Lodge was occasionally so limited that the Tyler had to be in the Lodge in order that it might be opened, while at other times no Lodge could be formed. However, the services of Sir F. G. Fowke were called into requisition, and thenceforward, but by a very gradual process, these difficulties were smoothed away. We may judge of this by the fact, as recorded by the author of this history, that, in the absence of Sir F. G. Fowke, the services of Bro. Lawrence Thompson were engaged by the Lodge to instal a W. Master, there being no resident brother capable of performing the ceremony of installation. At a Prov. G. Lodge held at Leicester on 11th July 1842, at which Sir F. G. Fowke, in the customary absence of the Prov. G. Master, presided, it was unanimously resolved to establish a Charitable Fund for the Province, and the Prov. G. Officers were appointed a Committee to carry out the resolution. On 28th November of the same year Bro. Masson, Governor of the County Gaol, and Prov. G. Treasurer, was buried with Masonic ceremonial at Knighton churchyard, the vicar of Evington, where the deceased had expressed a wish to be interred, having withdrawn his sanction for the ceremony to be performed. Sir F. G. Fowke D.P.G.M. conducted the ceremony, which, by the rarity of its occurrence, attracted a multitude of spectators, including several clergymen. About this time, also, steps were taken to establish a company for the erection of a Masonic Hall in Leicester, but the scheme did not prosper. At a Prov. G. Lodge held on 27th December, a scale of fees of honour for officers in the P.G.L. was for the first time adopted, this

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being in addition to the payments from Lodges previously agreed to be levied, in order to provide collars and jewels, which up to this period the Province had been without. On the 24th July 1844 a Prov. G. Lodge was held at Loughborough, the time and place having been fixed in order to meet the convenience of Lord Rancliffe, but his Lordship did not arrive till the business of the day was over, though he was in ample time to preside at the banquet. Then, in his absence, and as the D.P.G.M. was compelled to leave immediately after the Lodge had been opened, the chair was taken by Bro. W. Kelly, Prov. J.G. Warden, and by him Bro. W. Grimes Palmer, M.R.C.S., who, we are told, is believed to be its only surviving member, was installed as W. Master of the now defunct Rancliffe Lodge, there being no other member thereof present. At this time, indeed, Freemasonry was virtually confined to the St. John's Lodge. At this very meeting of the P.G.L. a letter from Bro. Edward Mammatt was read, to the effect that the members of the Ivanhoe Lodge were all dispersed, and that there was not the slightest chance of the Lodge being revived. Under these circumstances, it was ordered that the Warrant should be returned if the Lodge was not re-opened in six months. As regards the Rancliffe, since the beginning of 1839 there had been no meeting at which seven members were present, the numbers being usually three, four, or five, while at Hinckley there had been no initiation or joining for four years. Matters, however, improved in a short time. On the 16th March 1846, a Warrant was granted to Bro. Kelly, Earl Howe, and other brethren, to form a second Lodge at Leicester, and on the 11th May 1846, a Prov. G. Lodge was held in the Exchange, for the purpose of consecrating it by the style and title of the John of Gaunt Lodge. This ceremony, as well as that of installing Bro. Kelly as the first W.M., was performed by Sir F. G. Fowke, in the absence of Lord Rancliffe, Bro. Lawrence Thompson and the Rev. T. Burnaby giving him the benefit of their assistance. It is noted as probably a circumstance which is unique in the annals of Freemasonry, that the Warrant which was granted to, among other brethren, Earl Howe, bears the signature of that nobleman in his capacity as D.G. Master. The New Lodge prospered amazingly, there being no less than twenty-six initiations during the first year, and two brethren joined it. The completion of the first year was accordingly celebrated on the 4th February 1847, by a grand Masonic Ball, at which some two hundred ladies and gentlemen were present, the expenses being defrayed by the members of the St. John's and John of Gaunt Lodges. On the 30th August of the same year the Prov. Grand Lodge met at the Bell, Leicester, the chair being occupied by Bro. Lawrence Thompson, of London, P.G.D., in the unavoidable absence of the D.P.G.M., Lord Rancliffe arriving in time to preside at the banquet. In fact, Lord Rancliffe's presidency over the Court appears to us to have been a complete farce. From the day in 1835, when the Rancliffe Lodge was consecrated, to the day of his death in 1851, his Lordship was never once present in P.G. Lodge, and not only this, but his liberality must have been on a par with his regularity, if we may judge from the fact that from 1833 to 1848 he never paid his subscriptions to St. John's Lodge, and then his arrears were wiped off the Lodge books on the ground that he was a member by virtue of his office. The wonder is, that, under these circumstances, Freemasonry got on as well as it did. Happily there were a few choice spirits, such as Sir F. G. Fowke, Earl Howe, and Bro. W. Kelly, who worked under great discouragement with a will, and with a success they well deserved; and now we rejoice to say the Province, though by no means a large one, holds an honoured place in the ranks of our English Craft. One other event which deserves notice happened during the Mastership of Lord Rancliffe. Bro. Henry Harding, Master of the John of Gaunt Lodge, having, after a brief illness, died of typhus fever, caught in the discharge of his duty as house surgeon in the Leicester Infirmary, was, on the 1st December 1848, buried with Masonic ceremonies, a Prov. Grand Lodge, under the presidency of Bro. Pettifor P.G.S.W. as Prov. Grand Master. A resolution of condolence was also passed, but no minutes of the Proceedings were entered in Prov. Grand Lodge Books, and the only record of the event is to be found in the books of the John of Gaunt Lodge.

*(To be continued.)*

# THE LANDMARKS OF FREEMASONRY.

An Address delivered to the Members of the Eboracum Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1611, York, 27th February 1878, by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, W.M.

Brethren,—There can be few members of our ancient and venerable Order, however young (in a Masonic sense), who have not heard mention made of the *Landmarks of Freemasonry*. Probably most of us are aware that these so-called "Landmarks" are institutions of some importance, but I shall not be very much in error in supposing that few present this evening could exactly define these same Landmarks, and enumerate them in detail. I hope you will therefore bear with me for a few minutes whilst I endeavour to lay before you in a summarised form the results of the labours of some of our great Masonic Teachers on this point.

It seems scarcely necessary for me to define the meaning of the term "Landmark." In ancient times (as in new or thinly populated countries at the present day) stones or cairns were placed in various prominent positions, and served in lieu of fences to mark the boundaries of lands. In the volume of the Sacred Law mention is repeatedly made of Landmarks of this description, and a curse is invoked on him that removeth his neighbour's landmark. Now, in Freemasonry, one of the first items of instruction that falls upon the ears of the newly enlightened candidate is that the compasses are to keep us within due bounds with all mankind, and especially with our brethren in Freemasonry. But how are we to use the compasses in this metaphorical sense, unless we are in possession of the knowledge of our boundaries and their extent, or, in other words, with our ancient Landmarks?

It is only within the last few years that these Landmarks have been categorically laid down, although they have existed from time immemorial in the Constitutions and practical working of the Order. Several learned Masonic Students set to work a few years since to analyse the Old Charges and Constitutions, and from this process they obtained a very valuable result, which I am now about to place before you. Most investigators seem to be pretty well agreed that the Landmarks of the Order may be all included under the following twenty-five heads:—

1. *The methods of recognition.* You may easily see how important a point is this, for if we were in the least degree to alter these methods what dire confusion must inevitably ensue. Genuine brethren would fail to make themselves known, whilst the uncertainty prevailing would expose the sanctity of our Lodges to the intrusion of the cowan and the profane.

2. *The division of Craft Masonry into Three Degrees, including the Holy Royal Arch.* The Royal Arch, though frequently spoken of as a separate degree, is really no such thing, but is the complement of the Master's or Third Degree. As Lord Zetland said, in my hearing, when he was exalted:—No one could fairly call himself a thorough Mason until he had taken the Royal Arch. Originally it doubtless formed part of the Master's Degree, but was separated from it and its ceremonies extended by brethren who desired to multiply degrees. In 1813, the Grand Lodge of England declared it to be part and parcel of the Third Degree, though separately worked. This Landmark is of the last importance in days when there is a great revival of long-forgotten degrees, and when there is a disposition to import them into Craft Masonry.

3. *The Legend of the Third Degree*—that is to say the death and subsequent restoration of the leader of the Order, represented by the candidate or aspirant. It may be, and is, a matter for dispute, and a most interesting field for investigation it affords, as to the far remote origin of our ceremonies, but wherever we seek them, whether amongst the ancient Egyptians, the Babylonians, the Greeks, the Assyrians, the Romans, the Druids, the Essenes, the Druses, even the early Christians themselves, we still find the germ of the whole thing to be the death and resurrection of the founder. Had I time even to glance at the ceremonies of the various secret societies which existed amongst all nations even in the most remote antiquity, you would be surprised, if you are not already aware of the facts, with the very close resemblance existing between ourselves and all of them; in point of fact, one might almost say that the difference is in little more than nomenclature and detail.

4. *The Government of the Fraternity by a G.M. elected from the Body of the Craft.* This Landmark represents a very important principle, that of self-government. From time immemorial there have been Grand Masters; in fact, long before there was any Grand Lodge, this being quite a modern institution. Although Masons met both in York and London before the revival, no one ever heard of a Grand Lodge until 1717, and until after one was formed in London there is no authentic record of the existence of one at York; of none, at least, that arrogated to itself any jurisdiction over other Lodges.

5. *The G.M.'s prerogative to preside over any assemblage of Masons at any time or place.* In other words, the G.M. represents in himself the entire government of the Order, and just as the W.M. of a private Lodge is absolute and is accountable to none save the Grand Master (who is represented in provinces and districts by the P.G.M. or D.G.M.), so the G.M. is absolute in the Craft, and is only accountable to the G.M.O.T.U.

6. *The prerogative of the G.M. to grant Dispensations* is of the last importance as a Landmark, since it existed long before the Constitutions of the Order in England enacted that a month should elapse between the conferring of the several degrees. The G.M. can, if he chooses, dispense with this law, and allow a candidate to be initiated, passed, and raised, all at the same time if he so pleases.

7. The Seventh Landmark is somewhat of the same nature. It is *the prerogative of the G.M. to give dispensations for opening and holding Lodges*; in other words, he may grant to a sufficient number of Masons, the right of meeting at a certain place and conferring degrees upon certain individuals. This prerogative, like the next one, has very seldom been exercised,—never, probably, save in the case of the introduction into the Order of a Royal candidate.

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8. *The prerogative of the G.M. to make Masons at sight* is, like the last, an undoubted Landmark. The function has scarcely ever been exercised, and never within modern times. The last time was in 1787, when the Prince of Wales was made a Mason by the Duke of Cumberland. By some writers this Landmark has been questioned, but there can be no doubt about its existence, and consequently of its importance.

9. *The necessity for Masons to congregate in Lodges.* The most Ancient Charges laid it down very distinctly that the brethren should meet from time to time in "Lodges." In old days there were no warranted numbered Lodges, as in these times, and a sufficient number of Masons meeting anywhere held a Lodge and then dispersed. The modern system of Warrants is of course a necessity, and, although not an ancient Landmark, is stringently enforced for the welfare of the Order.

10. *The Government of a Lodge by a Master and Wardens* is an ancient Landmark, and is frequently referred to in the Old Charges and Regulations.

11. *The necessity for the proper tiling of every Lodge* is also a very old Landmark. In the old MSS. mention is often made of the necessity for keeping off all "cowans," the punishment for whom when caught listening was to make them stand under the eaves until the droppings from the tiles running down their necks ran into their shoes. We are very careful in guarding the entrances to our modern Lodges, as the first questions at opening and closing clearly prove.

12. *The right of every Mason to be represented in Grand Lodge by the Master and Wardens of his Lodge* is a most important Landmark. In olden times every Mason was entitled to be present at every G.L. Communication. Since the Craft has become so numerous that has become impossible, and now he is represented by his Master and Wardens; but he has the right to instruct his representatives as to any matter in which he is personally interested.

13. *The right of every Mason to appeal to Grand Lodge.* This is a very notable Landmark, since it ensures to every brother strict justice. As I have said before, the W.M. of a Lodge is an absolute sovereign, and his decision is final, in all cases, in his Lodge. No member of a Lodge may resist or object to the Master's decision; but if any Brother considers such decision illegal or unjust, or that he himself is aggrieved by it, he has it in his power to appeal against it to Grand Lodge, or in other words to the Grand Master, to whom, or to his representative, the W.M. is alone accountable.

14. *The right of every Mason to visit and sit in every regular Lodge* is a great Landmark. On this subject you have often heard my expressed opinions. I am quite sure that amongst country Lodges in England there is not half enough visiting, and brethren are apt to get into a selfish groove and forget that they are not a convivial club, but merely a fraction, a tiny segment, of a huge organisation extending itself over the whole world. The working of the ceremonies moreover is apt to deteriorate where brethren have no opportunities of seeing the inside of any Lodge save their own. I have met more than one brother in York who laboured under the delusion that only one visit in the year could legally be paid to a strange Lodge, but this is a great error. So long as a brother is an actual subscribing member of any Lodge of Freemasons he may visit and sit in any other Lodge as often as he pleases and nothing can deprive him of this right save his own misconduct or ceasing to subscribe to any Lodge at all. Lodges are merely convenient divisions of the Fraternity, and only form portions of one great whole, so that if a brother is a member of one Lodge, he is a member of the whole Masonic Body, nor does membership of any particular Lodge really give any brother superiority over a brother of any other Lodge. On this point I feel inclined to enlarge, because I have very frequently noticed a disposition amongst some brethren to assert their superiority as being members of an older or wealthier Lodge. Now this is a complete delusion that could only exist in the mind of a brother who was ignorant of the first principles of Freemasonry. In case of a Masonic procession, &c., the older Lodges have precedence of the younger, but this has no significance, and is merely a convenient arrangement to preserve necessary order.

15. *The examination of unknown Visitors* is a Landmark which should be very strictly maintained, and unless a visitor can be properly vouched for by some known brother present, he should under no circumstances be admitted into a Lodge without strict examination and inspection of his credentials. In these days this is if possible more important than ever, when we hear of spurious Lodges working in several parts of the country. Young brethren, moreover, cannot be too careful amongst strangers in replying to signs. Unless there be manifest necessity it is "bad form," to say the least of it, to throw out Masonic signs, and to do so at random, and for the sake of amusement, is highly reprehensible.

16. *No Lodge can interfere in the business of another Lodge, nor give degrees to brethren belonging to another Lodge.* This is manifestly necessary to preserve that harmony which should always characterise Freemasonry. At the same time it is always competent for a Lodge at the courteous request of another Lodge to confer a degree on a brother not a member. We ourselves are making a trial of this in the case of one of our brethren now in the Colonies, who we expect will receive his Third Degree, if he has not already done so, at the hands of my own mother Lodge in New Zealand.

17. *Every Freemason is amenable to the laws and regulations of the Masonic jurisdiction in which he resides, and this although he may not be a member of any Lodge.* The fact of a Mason not being a member of a Lodge does not free him, because the very circumstance of his *not* being affiliated is contrary to the whole spirit of Masonry, and indeed is really a Masonic offence. If a brother lives up to the spirit of his obligations he *must*, if his circumstances enable him, be a subscribing member of some Lodge.

18. The next Landmark is one of great antiquity, but is not now regarded in the same light as formerly. It is this. *That a candidate for the Order shall be perfect in all his bodily organisation.* In addition to the definition that a man must be free by birth, of mature age, sound judgment, and strict morals, it was provided that he should be unmutilated in any way. No doubt this took its rise from the Levitical Laws, and would seem to point to a Jewish origin. In the days when our brethren were almost all operatives it is easy to see that this was a very necessary provision, but in the case of speculative Masonry it is not at all apparent why such a condition should be imposed, and therefore it is omitted. The crippled man could not, of course, work as an operative Mason, and even now a man might be so mutilated as not to be able to make our signs of recognition. Now, in this last case, I confess to a belief that it would not be right to initiate such a man. If a brother after being made becomes so disabled as to deprive him of the power of standing to order, it is his misfortune; but once a Mason always a Mason; on the other hand, to introduce a candidate who at the outset would be unable to perform the elementary part of our exoteric working would hardly be according to the spirit of our Landmarks.

19. *A belief in the existence of a God* is a most important Landmark, so important that as you are doubtless aware, the removal of this Landmark by the Grand Orient of France has caused a breach between Irish and French Masons, and will go far, if not replaced, to occasion an entire break up of the Craft in France. French Masonry has ever been in a confused condition. In that country Masonic irregularities have been more frequent and objectionable than in any other; but all the weaknesses and follies of the past have been thrown into the shade by this last mad freak. If the fundamental belief in a Supreme Architect be done away with, what guarantee have we left that a man will carry out his obligations? The entire system of Freemasonry may be briefly comprehended in the saying—"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and thy neighbour as thyself." But if we do away with God, we do away with all our responsibilities. Every man will do what he deems right in his own eyes and there will be an end to true charity. For what is charity but the great law of God? And if there be no God there is no charity—no right or wrong—no such thing as morality or the reverse. We revert in short to—chaos.

20. The next Landmark may be said to be nearly linked with the last. It is *the belief in a future state.* If we believe in God we must believe in immortality. The legend of the Order and all its teachings point to this, and, indeed, our inner consciousness assures us of our responsibilities and of the certainty of a future of rewards or punishments.

21. *The Volume of the Sacred Law* is the Twenty-first Landmark of the Order. We care not what book so long as it be the Divine Code recognised by us. With us it is the Law and the Prophets as derived from the Jewish nation. In Turkish Lodges it is the Koran. In India it may be the Vedas; in Persia the Book of Shaster, and so on. But the Divine Law as promulgated must be present as part of the furniture of every Lodge, and without it the Lodge cannot be legally opened or worked.

22. *The Equality of Masons* is one of the most beautiful of our Landmarks. I often think that a well-worked and harmonious Lodge must approach in many respects to the highest ideas of Utopia. Outside we leave our troubles, our trials, our struggles after wealth, our elbowings with the (we may almost say) hostile world, and in our closely tiled Lodge we meet nothing but kind faces, friendly hands, and a mutual desire to aid and assist one another. "We meet on the level and part on the square," is a hackneyed expression, but what a depth of meaning does it convey. And do you not think that these pleasant re-unions, when we meet on the level, do much to smooth away the acerbities of life—that we go forth once more to breast the hill with renewed energy and vigour, revived, if it be only from the knowledge that we each form one of a united band of worthy fellow-labourers, who do indeed prize honour and virtue above the external advantages of rank and fortune.

23. *Our Secrecy* is another of our great Landmarks, and one on which it is scarcely necessary for me to dilate. Did Freemasonry cease to be secret it would necessarily cease to exist at all. As a secret Fraternity we have flourished through many centuries, and as such we shall continue to flourish until time shall be no more.

24. *The Symbolic Teachings of the Order* form another Landmark. The Temple of Solomon having been selected by our ancient brethren as the peg whereon to hang the moral lessons inculcated; being indeed, as it were, the symbolic cradle of the Order, it is now a Landmark, and could not be lost sight of without the loss at the same time of our *raison d'etre*, and consequently of the Order itself.

25. The last and twenty-fifth Landmark is that which teaches that no change can be made in any of them. *That it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make alterations in our Landmarks* is the creed which must be professed by every ruler in the Craft before he can be entrusted with the government of a Lodge. Our laws are as those of the Medes and Persians, and must be kept sacred and intact.

And now, Brethren, I have tried to give you in a brief form, what appears to be the pith of the researches of some of the ablest of Masonic writers, Preston, Oliver, Hughan, Findel, Fort, Mackay, Mackenzie, and others. I hope that what I have read will convey to the younger brethren something new. I am myself, comparatively speaking, but a young Mason, nevertheless I have never forgotten that the Charges tell us that "each day we are called upon to make some progress in Masonic knowledge." I fear that too often little attention is paid to the *intelligent* side of Masonry, but I trust such a charge will never be brought against this Lodge. The realities of Masonry are, I assure you, not to be discovered in the mere ritual of the three degrees. The Lodge workings are only the outer shell or elemental part of Masonic study, and although a thorough acquaintance with them at the outset is indispensable to every brother who hopes to do credit to himself and to Masonry, I hope you will never make the tremendous error of imagining that a clever Masonic ritualist is necessarily a good Mason. An old Masonic writer of the last century, William Hutchinson, of Barnard Castle, says: "You are well convinced that there are some amongst us who take the shadow for the substance, who are acquainted with the ceremonies, but catch

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not the spirit of the profession." Brethren, let us take care that this shall never be said of any of us, but let us, whilst not neglecting our duty as Masons, prove to the world at large and to our brethren that our professed morality and virtue is indeed a reality, and that we are worthy representatives of those of whom King Solomon said, "O! worthy Masons!"

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

### CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATION.

THE results of the last Cambridge Local Examination are now published, and we learn from the class list that the Masonic School sent up 25 candidates (2 Seniors and 23 Juniors), of whom 24 passed the examination.

Out of the 22 Juniors who succeeded, 19 gained honours and 3 satisfied the Examiners. Only 1 failed out of the 25.

SENIORS.

1. Parker, W. R.
2. Green, C. D.

JUNIORS.

Honours First Class.

3. Sage, E. T. } Distinguished
4. Bowler, H. } in Latin.
5. Bryant, A. A.
6. Widdowson, G. S.
7. Booser, W. A.
8. Uwins, C. M. H.

Second Class Honours.

9. Davenport, W.
10. Battye, J. E.
11. Grimes, A. E.
12. Hazeland, J. I.
13. Heaviside, P. K. B.
14. Moon, J. H.
15. Pinson, H. E. K.

Third Class Honours.

16. Sage, C.
17. Sargant, S. H.
18. Sawtell, W. E.
19. Sparkes, W. S.
20. Wellington, J. H.
21. Whyatt, J. G.

Satisfied the Examiners.

22. Ralling, E. L.
23. Dancy, W. B.
24. Tayler, H. N.

## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

*Will be worked as under.*

On Wednesday evening, 27th March, at the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at half-past 6 o'clock precisely. Bro. G. Ward Verry W.M., Bro. J. E. Ives S.W., Bro. W. H. Myers J.W., and Bro. J. J. Berry I.P.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. M. Christian, W. J. Rawley, T. F. Harvey, J. J. Ashburner, C. K. Killick, C. H. Webb, and W. Musto. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. C. Lorkin, W. H. Myers, J. J. Berry, W. Hogg, and S. C. Hewlett. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. W. H. Wallington, T. J. Maidwell, and J. E. Ives. This Lodge of Instruction meets every Wednesday, at half-past eight o'clock.

On Friday evening, 29th March, at the Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933, The Duke's Head Tavern, 79 Whitechapel-road, by the undermentioned brethren of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, at 7 o'clock precisely, when the chair will be taken by Bro. T. J. Barnes .M., Bros. W. H. G. Rudderforth S.W., S. Godden J.W., and S. Cundick I.P.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. J. Murch, S. Nichols, S. Godden, G. West, R. P. Tate, W. Cleghorn, and W. Hill. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. W. J. Hall, H. G. Harris, R. Evans, W. H. G. Rudderforth, and E. Adair. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. A. Braun, J. Passingham, and J. C. Hayes. The William Preston Lodge of Instruction meets every Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Bro. W. H. G. Rudderforth Preceptor.

On Tuesday, 2nd April, at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, held at The Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 7 p.m. precisely. Bros. Collings W.M., Pulsford S.W., Ratcliff J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Fane, Carter, Tosey, Oliver, Alais, Hancock, and Pulsford. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Smith, McKay, Leaper, Cole, and Davis. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Ratcliff, Holloway, and Colegrave. Bro. A. Withers is the Secretary.

On Wednesday, 3rd April, at the Jordan Lodge of Instruction, No. 201, Devonshire Arms, Portland-place.

On Good Friday evening, the 19th proximo, at St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, King's-road, Chelsea. Bro. P.M. Ardin, Zetland 511, will take the chair at 6.30 p.m. Brethren are invited to attend. The names of any one wishing to assist will be thankfully received by the Hon. Sec.

The installation ceremony will be worked by Bro. Joseph Wright, on Tuesday next, the 26th inst., at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, Princes Head, York-road, Battersea, at 8 o'clock p.m.

The ceremony of installation will be worked at the Islington Lodge of Instruction, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., on Tuesday evening next, 26th inst., at 7 o'clock, by Bro. J. L. Mather P.M. 65.

The ceremony of installation will be worked at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, which meets at the Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 29th March, at 7 o'clock in the evening, by Bro. W. N. Marston W.M. 1599.

The First Annual Supper of the La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction will be held on Wednesday, the 27th of March, at the Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, W. The chair will be taken by the veteran Preceptor, Bro. T. A. Adams P.G.P.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

*We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.*

*We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.*

*All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.*

## GRAND ORIENT AND ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am glad to see this subject is being discussed so fully in the columns of your estimable journal, and more especially that one of your correspondents, who signs himself "M. B." hails from Paris, and is, I presume, a French brother. It is very certain there is no Craftsman, who is worthy of the name, but must deeply deplore the possibility of a severance of the mystic tie which has hitherto united the Masons of France and England. The more, therefore, the case is argued in the columns of your and other Masonic journals, the likelier are we to obtain a clear and satisfactory statement of what has happened, and the position in which English and French Masons stand to each other. As "M. B." observes in his last letter, the Paris Lodges are making preparations with a view to giving a hearty welcome to the many brethren who may be expected to visit the French capital during the exhibition, and it is desirable that English brethren should have some idea of the present relations existing between the Grand Orient and our Grand Lodge. This, however, is a matter of detail, and will doubtless receive its proper share of attention. The main point concerns the question, What, if any, change has come over the spirit of French Masonry, and it is to this that, with your permission, I will principally address myself.

I am not at all surprised to find certain differences of opinion on secondary matters among those of your correspondents who justify the recent alteration in the Constitutions of the French Grand Orient, but I confess I am surprised when I find that Bro. Norton writing from Boston U.S.A., Bro. M. B. writing from Paris, and "A *Free*-Mason and P.M," agree in representing, directly or indirectly, English Freemasonry as having about it an odour of sectarianism. I do not say they all affirm this in so many words; but I think I am justified in imagining that some such idea is present in their minds, seeing that with one accord they land the act of the Grand Orient of France in removing what most English Masons regard as a fundamental principle of the Craft, and reprove our Grand Lodge for denouncing officially such removal. In other words, the former, by setting its face directly in favour of absolute liberty of conscience, and formally protesting against any confusion of religion with Freemasonry, is praiseworthy; and as a corollary of this proposition, the latter, by its denunciation of such conduct, has justly earned for itself the character of being a sectarian body, and is blameworthy. I hardly think this represents the facts of the case. Our English Constitutions are, in their main features, the same as they have ever been; while the French Constitutions have admittedly undergone, at more than one period, sundry important changes. We are now what we were in the days of Anderson and Desaguliers, the founders, with Payne and others, of Speculative Freemasonry. In saying this, I must ask your readers to understand that I do not refer to rituals, degrees, and the like, but to the principles of the Fraternity. Before the days of these worthies, Freemasonry was unquestionably sectarian in its character. In proof of this I need do nothing more than refer your readers to Bro. Hughan's "Old Charges of British Freemasons;" but as this valuable work may not be within reach of all, I will quote, at hazard, the invocation which precedes the Charges as described, say, in the "Lansdowne MS.," bearing date, according to Bro. Hughan, about A.D. 1560. It is as follows:—

"HERE BEGINETH THE TRUE ORDER OF MASONRIE.

"*The* might of the *Father* of the *Heavens* the *Wisdome* of the *Glorious Son* and the goodnesse of the *Holy Ghost* three Persons and one *God* be with vs now and ever Amen."

A similar invocation will be found at the head of all the old Masonic Charges which Bro. Hughan has so laboriously collated and annotated in the work I have referred to; and the fact of this being so proves indubitably that in the Pre-Speculative period of its history Freemasonry was essentially Christian in its character. When, however, the founders of Speculative Freemasonry framed the charges and regulations for its governance, they still retained the essential principle of religion, as the most important of its bases, but changed its character from sectarian to purely unsectarian. To put the matter simply; whereas, before the foundation of the modern system it was necessary that a Mason should be a Christian; it became henceforth necessary that he should be a religious man, that is, should believe in the existence of God, but it was left to him to settle with his conscience the manner of his religious faith. And this unsectarian religious character, through all the changes which have befallen it since, it has ever retained, and still retains, in England at all events, if not in other countries. Now, I presume that none of your correspondents will venture to affirm that Britain is not the mother-country of Freemasonry, and that wherever else, in Europe, Asia, Africa, and America, it has since spread itself, all other Grand Orients and Grand Lodges derive their origin, in the first instance, from our Grand Lodge, or from the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, which were established some few years later. Thus our Grand Lodge was established in 1717, and in a few years we find Masonic Lodges in France, Germany, Italy, Russia, the Netherlands, America, Spain, &c. In course of time Deputations were issued for the formation of Provincial Grand Lodges. Then independent Grand Lodges were set up, and took the place of the Prov. Grand Lodges; and so it went on till the system of Speculative Freemasonry, as founded by Desaguliers and his compeers in this country, spread thence over the face of the known world. And whithersoever Freemasonry went, it took with it the principles laid down by its founders. I think there is none who will venture to deny this proposition of mine. That in the

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progress of time innovations into the system, as originally laid down, have been allowed in various countries, is undeniable. We had a schism of our own in this country, and we must not be surprised that differences should have arisen elsewhere, or that in time there should have been more or less notable departures from the original scope of Freemasonry. But while we in England have followed pretty clearly the original lines of the Masonic system, and, in particular, have retained the fundamental bases of religion and loyalty to constituted authority, other countries have materially altered the Constitutions of the Craft. Are we then to blame for protesting against such changes in the letter as well as the spirit of Freemasonry? Have we not rather a prescriptive right to resent such changes, seeing that the Freemasonry of other countries is deduced from ours? Bro. M. B. admits that the Grand Orient "at all times bore the character of a mere philosophical and benevolent institution," and he adds "never free, however, from political influences, though they were never to be openly avowed;" but this is quite another aspect of Freemasonry than that we have viewed with favour in England. We say it is a morality, and our ancient charges sufficiently describe the basis of that morality when they affirm that a Mason, if he rightly understand the art, will never be a stupid atheist, or an irreligious libertine. Surely there is nothing sectarian, illiberal, or narrow-minded in upholding the Masonic faith as it has been handed down to us through successive generations from its founders, or in our Grand Lodge saying in one fashion what Bro. M. B. has said in another fashion—namely, that French and English Freemasonry are differently constituted, and that we cannot recognise certain members holding under the French Grand Orient as true and genuine brethren. How can we be more bigoted than French Masons, when both limit the admission of candidates to just, upright, and moral men, though their definition of morality is of one kind, and ours is of another kind? In an English Lodge, at a very early stage of the proceedings, the candidate for initiation is told that the Masonic obligation he is about to contract contains nothing incompatible with his social, moral, or religious duties, and this seems to me to be a tolerably near approach to universality. We do not intrude on the man's conscience, and ask him to define the nature of those several duties. We quietly assume that he recognises there are such duties for him, as a member of the great human family, to fulfil, and leave the manner of their fulfilment to him and his conscience. Thus the only people whom we in England regard as ineligible to be received into our Lodges are those who do not recognise that there are social, moral, and religious duties for them to fulfil; for it is only these to whom the Masonic vows could prove a stumbling block.

The question is not whether French Freemasonry is what it was twenty, forty, sixty, or a hundred years ago, but whether in its principles it bears any resemblance to the Freemasonry of the founders of the Speculative system, from which it was in the first instance derived, and which is still retained by us. I have no right, nor should I be so silly as to quarrel with Bro. A. B. C. because he and I think differently, but I am fully justified in protesting against his declaration that his system and mine are the same in principle, when they are vitally distinct; or that mine which, in all its essential features, has remained unchanged *ab origine*, is wrong, while his, which was in the first instance derived from mine, but has undergone a variety of changes and modifications, is the right one. By all means let the Grand Orient of France retain its character as "a mere philosophical and benevolent institution," with or without political influence. I am satisfied that no true English Mason will wish it aught but success; but it is expecting too much of us when we are called upon to affirm that Masonry is this, and nothing more.

But let me inquire more closely into the statement "that the French records testify to the absence of all dogmatic affirmation whatever, in the Constitutions prior to 1819." On turning to page 210 of Rebold's "*Histoire des trois Grand Loges de Franc-Maçons en France*, I find that, on the 14th January 1848, the Grand Orient received the Report of the Permanent Commission on the question, '*Comment rendre à la Maçonnerie le caractère religieux qui lui est propre?*" and the Reporter, Bro. Planchet, submitted a certain proposition, the first and second clauses of the Preamble of which are as follow:—

"*Considérant que le caractère de la Maçonnerie est essentiellement religieux, en ce sens que la charité, commandée par toutes les religions, est le but principal de la Maçonnerie;*

"*Considérant, que, si depuis quelque temps ce caractère religieux a paru s'affaiblir, cela tient sans doute à l'invasion des passions profanes et par suite à l'oubli des prescriptions réglementaires.*"

It is important the reader should note how, in the first place, the question which led to the Report is formulated. The words are "*Comment* RENDRE," &c., that is, "How to RESTORE to Freemasonry the religious character which belongs to it." Now the idea of restoring or giving back such character implies that Freemasonry had already been deprived of it. We cannot give back what has not been taken away; we cannot restore a temple to its original condition which has not lost some of its original features. I imply, therefore, that the wording of this question suggests the idea that Freemasonry had at some period of its career in France lost its religious character, and that a Committee had been charged with the duty of seeing how best this could be restored. Or, if I take "*rendre*" to mean simply "render," as in the sentence, "Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's," the clause "*qui lui est propre*," is tantamount to a recognition of the fact that Freemasonry ought to have, if it had not at the time, a religious character. I prefer, however, the former interpretation of *rendre*, and I am strengthened in this preference by the words in the second paragraph of the preamble as quoted above, "*si depuis quelque temps ce caractère religieux a paru s'affaiblir*,—if for some time past this religious character has seemingly been impaired." What was non-existent previously could not have been impaired; and the conclusion I arrive at is, that though as in the case of our Constitutions there was no absolute statement of a belief in God as the essential principle of Freemasonry, there must have been at some period, more or less remotely anterior to the date of the Report in question, some law in the French Constitutions which implied such a belief on the part of those who sought admission into the French Lodges. The first paragraph of the above preamble defines this religious character, and says, "Considering that the character of Masonry is essentially religious, in the sense that Charity, which is commanded by all religions, is the principal aim of Masonry," and the second paragraph, as I have just shown, recognises its existence previous to the report of 1848—from which sprang the Constitutions of 1849—by asserting that "for some time past" it had been seemingly "impaired." When, therefore, Bro. Thévenot declares that there has been no change in the practice of French Masonry in consequence of the alteration, last September, in the first article of the Constitutions, I accept his statement, of course, as I am fraternally bound to do, but I confess I do not understand him. My difficulty is further increased by the slight knowledge I have of the French Ritual. Of course, I can only indicate my meaning by one or two guarded references to it. In the first degree, the interpretation assigned to the M.·.S.·. implies belief in God. In the second degree, the mysterious G.·. has a second signification assigned as "*l'initiale de l'un des noms du G.·. A.·. de l'U.·.*" Again, one of the ornaments of the Lodge in this degree—*l'Etoile Flamboyante*—is thus in part described in a *Dictionnaire Maçonnique*, published in Paris, "Chez. J. Brianchon, Libraire, Rue de la Harpe, No. 30, 5825:" "*Elle est le symbole de ce feu sacré, de cette fraction de lumière divine dont le G.·. A.·. a formé nos âmes, et aux rayons de laquelle nous pouvons distinguer et connaître la vertu, la pratiquer et l'aimer. La lettre G.·. que vous voyez au centre, vous présente deux grandes et sublimes idées: l'une est le monogramme de l'un des noms du Très-Haut source de toute lumière et de toute science.*" Roughly interpreted, this means that the blazing star "is the symbol of that sacred fire, of that fraction of the light divine, of which the G.·. A.·. has fashioned our souls, and by the rays of which we are enabled to distinguish and acquire a knowledge of virtue, to practise and to love it. The letter G. in its centre offers two grand and sublime ideas: one is the monogram of one of the names of the Most High, source of all light and all knowledge." This is part of a passage quoted from some Masonic work, and I judge, therefore, that while prior to 1825 there may have been no mention of God in the Constitutions of the French Grand Orient, He was recognised in the Ritual. Rebold, again, at p. 37 of his history, in contrasting the forms of initiation into Freemasonry with those of initiation into the ancient mysteries, says: "*la franc-Maçonnerie symbolique est le résumé de la sagesse divine et humaine, c'est-à-dire de toutes les perfections qui peuvent le plus rapprocher l'homme de la divinité*," that is "Symbolical Freemasonry is the summary of human and divine wisdom, that is to say, of all the qualities which are able to bring man in closer proximity to God." Of course, I may be wrong, but I imagine these points I have referred to give a different illustration of French Freemasonry from that which Bros. Thévenot and M. B. have presented to us. They also show that it has not always been "Godless" in the sense in which we use the word.

I am at a loss to understand the grounds on which "A *Free*-Mason and P.M." impugns the conduct of the Pro Grand Master at the last Communication of Grand Lodge. I think Lord Carnarvon was quite right in assuming that under the circumstances Grand Lodge would support him unanimously. We in England have always gone to the utmost limit of liberty of conscience, but we have never sanctioned anything like the license of view in which some foreign brethren have thought fit to indulge. We believe there is a point beyond which it is not permitted for us to go. We know what this point is, and I hold that Lord Carnarvon was perfectly justified in assuming that Grand Lodge would support the views of the Committee of which he, by virtue of his office, was the leading member. It was a question of well-defined Masonic principle, accepted of all true and genuine Freemasons, without the slightest demur, since the foundation of the Speculative system of Freemasonry, and not of a moot point to which this or that objection might reasonably be raised. The right of assuming that Freemasonry is what it has been defined to be rests with us who retain the old landmarks. The burden of proving that it is something else rests with the assailants. We have always strenuously held by the original definition; they, on the other hand, have varied in their ideas. Moreover, we, in the main, are a united body; they a divided one. We, too, are the founders of the system; they only the borrowers or appropriators. Can there, under these circumstances, be the slightest doubt as to which of the two Masonic bodies speaks with the greater authority? I am not seeking to establish any comparison between the respective virtues of English and French Freemasonry; both, doubtless, are excellent of their kind. I am not pitting the one against the other. I am not seeking to establish any undue rivalry between the two. I merely say to the Grand Orient, Your ideas of Freemasonry involve a complete departure from its original definition as laid down by the founders of the system, and those founders were Englishmen. We are not mistaken in our ideas, for the simple reason that we have the old charges and regulations as determined by them; and we know, moreover, that what of Freemasonry exists amongst you owes its origin in the first instance to the system as initiated in this country. I cannot take upon myself to suggest—indeed, it would be an act of impertinence on my part if I did so—what "A *Free*-Mason and P.M.'s" original ideas of Freemasonry may have been, but if they have turned out differently from what he anticipated, he has only himself to blame. The outside world, if it cares to trouble itself about the matter, knows perfectly well what manner of thing Freemasonry is, though it may have no knowledge whatever of its mysteries; and I cannot picture to myself a person seeking admission into the fraternity till he has first satisfied himself, in general terms, that it is a body worth joining. However, I will not further trespass upon your space at present; and in the hope that you will kindly accord me room for some further observations on this highly important question,

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours, "Q."

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## CONSECRATIONS.

### TRINITY LODGE, No. 1734.

ON Tuesday last, a new Freemason's Lodge, to be called the Trinity, and numbered 1734 on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England, was consecrated in solemn Masonic form at the Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh. The Consecrating Officer appointed was the V.W. Bro. the Rev. Charles J. Martyn P.G.C. D.P.G.M. Suffolk and Prov. Grand Superintendent Suffolk, who is well known, not only as a popular Mason, but also as one of the most efficient Consecrating Officers in the Craft. It is needless, therefore, to say that the ceremony was most admirably performed, very valuable assistance being given by the V.W. Bro. Rev. S. R. Wigram P.G.C., P.P.G.C. Essex, P.M. No. 1000 and P.Z. No. 1000, who acted as Chaplain; W. Bro. A. Sucking P.M. Nos. 160 and 1000, M.E.Z. No. 1000, Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies; and W. Bro. J. A. Wardell P.G.A.D.C. Lodge was opened at 2.30 p.m., the Consecrating Officer appointing as his Wardens W. Bros. Burton P.G. Treas., and Thos. J. Ralling W.M. 51 P.G. Sec. The ceremony was then proceeded with, an interesting and practical oration on the nature and principles of Freemasonry, particularly as regards "The Five Points," being given by V.W. Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram. The musical portion was ably carried out by W. Bro. E. E. Phillips P.M. 1000, &c. The installation of the first W.M. followed, and the petitioning brethren having unanimously chosen W. Bro. Wm. Pissy P.M. 160 P.P.G.W. Essex, he was placed in the chair of K.S. in ancient Masonic form, and he subsequently invested the following as his officers for the year:—Bros. J. Allen P.M. No. 160 P.P.G.S.B. Essex S.W., E. Judd P.M. No. 160 P.P.G.R. Essex J.W., W. J. Belcham No. 160 Treas., Fred. Wiseman P.M. No. 160 S.D., F. R. Bernard J.W. Altogether the proceedings were of a very interesting and successful character, and the Trinity Lodge may be said to be launched under very favourable auspices. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet provided by host Deadman, of the Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh. After dinner the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, between which excellent harmony was rendered by Bros. Martyn, F. Wiseman, J. Allen, E. E. Phillips, F. Bernard, Harper, Dennis, Syer, &c. The following brethren were present during the day:—V.W. Bro. the Rev. Charles J. Martyn P.G.C., &c.; V.W. Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram P.G.C., &c.; W. Bros. Joseph Burton P.G. Treas., Thos. J. Ralling P.G. Sec., A. Sucking P.M. 160 and 1000, M.E.Z. 1000, Prov. G.D.C., J. A. Wardell P.M. 160 and 1000, T. F. Bishop No. 276, W. Bell W.M. No. 1024, J. C. Johnstone J.W. No. 1000, W. Bishop No. 160, G. Goodman S.D. No. 160, W. V. Willson No. 160, R. A. Francis No. 1024, H. Harper J.D. No. 160, J. Harrington No. 160, B. Johnston No. 1000 P.G.A.D.C., Wm. Allen No. 160 S.W., Rev. A. F. Heaton, J. Syer, Thos. Dennis, J. Allen Tyler No. 160, W. Pissey P.M. No. 160 P.P.J.G.W. Essex, J. Allen P.M. No. 160 P.P.G.S.B. Essex, Edw. Judd P.M. No. 160 P.P.G.R. Essex, W. J. Belcham, Fred. Wiseman P.M. 160, F. R. Bernard, E. E. Phillips P.M. and P.Z. Nos. 379 and 1000, and No. 1734.

## THE LYEGROVE LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 218.

THERE are few Masonic gatherings throughout the year which prove more thoroughly enjoyable to the brethren of our large cities than that of an auspicious occasion at a neighbouring Lodge, which, whilst within an accessible radius of the big centre, may be characterised as unmistakably rural. For this reason the installation of the W.M. of the Tyndall Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1363, has been an event which has, since the consecration of the Lodge at the Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, proved a popular outing to the brethren of Bristol, who have done the intervening ten miles by rail or road, and having well filled the Town Hall with their presence, have expressed their hearty good wishes to the Tyndall Lodge, one of the most prosperous young Lodges of the West of England. It is scarcely to be wondered at then that the establishment of a Lodge of Mark Masters in connection with the Tyndall should be popular, and that the new Mark Lodge has met with an equal amount of kindness and favour from the brethren of the Mark degree of the neighbourhood was evident from the number of M.M.M.'s—most of whom, by the way, had aspired to Provincial, and even to Grand Lodge honours—who were present at the consecration of the Lyegrove Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 218, which took place at the Lodge Room, the Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucestershire. The Somersetshire Province was unmistakably represented by a considerable number of the members of the Carnarvon Lodge, Keynsham. The ceremony of consecration was most ably performed by Bro. the Rev. C. R. Davy, Past Grand Chaplain of England, assisted by Bros. W. Munro P.P.G.S.W. Somerset, G. F. Tuckey P.M. P.P.G.S.W. and P.G.S., and John B. Halford W.M. P.P.G.R. Somerset; and amongst the other brethren present were Bros. James H. Boyt S.W. 132, A. G. Williams P.P.I.G. Somerset, E. Weare, W. Lowick, A. Jones, Herbert J. Gough P.G. St. Br. Bristol, R. L. Tucker P.G.R.M. Somerset, J. M. Hunt S.W. 119, W. H. Pine, Samuel Davis G.S.W. Mon., J. P. Curtis, George Rennie Powell, R. Montagne Worlock P.G.D.C. Bristol, Henry Fletcher P.G.T. Mon., R. T. Hughes, P. J. Vizard, F. K. Godwin, James Iles, Thomas Tinsley, Algernon Sudlow and Charles Isles. Bro. Geo. Rennie Powell, who first occupied the chair of the Tyndall Lodge, was the selected W.M. for the Lyegrove, and he was installed in an admirable and impressive manner by Bro. Wm. Munroe. The installed brother having been proclaimed, and received with due honour by the assembled Lodge, he proceeded to make the following appointment of Officers to serve during his term of office:—Bros. G. F. Tuckey I.P.M., J. P. Curtis S.W., Samuel Davis J.W., W. M. Lowick M.O., F. J. Vizard S.O., Algernon Sudlow J.O., F. K. Godwin S.D., John Halford J.D., Thomas Brooke Registrar of Marks, Thomas Tinsley Secretary, Rev. C. R. Davy Chaplain, W. Munro D.C., and James Iles Organist. The appointment of Officers having been made, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren spent a very pleasant hour in inspecting the most remarkable features of the quaint old town. Some curious gabled houses, dating from the early part of the sixteenth century, especially commanded attention. The brethren afterwards sat down to a dinner, which was prepared by Bro. F. K. Godwin, of the Portcullis Hotel. The W.M. presided, being supported on either hand by Bros. the Rev. C. R. Davy and W. Munro. The S.W. occupied the vice-chair, and there were some twenty-five brethren present. At the conclusion of the repast the toast of the Queen was given from the chair, and drunk with enthusiasm. The W.M. next proposed "The Grand M.M. the Earl of Limerick and the Grand Lodge of England," which toast was responded to by Bro. G. F. Tuckey P.G.S. The W.M., in proposing "The Provincial Grand Lodges of the Sister Provinces," spoke of the kindness exhibited towards the members of the Lyegrove Lodge, as beginners, by the many brethren who had come forward with great cordiality to support them. Bros. J. Gough P.G.S.B. Bristol, and John B. Halford P.P.G.R. Somerset, both expressed the pleasure it gave them to assist in the start of a new Mark Lodge, and wished every prosperity to the W.M. and its members. "The Consecrating and Installing Masters" was the next toast proposed by the W.M., and in the course of his speech he acknowledged the great kindness he had ever met with from those two distinguished brethren, and also referred with great pleasure and pride to the admirable manner in which the whole of the ceremony had been performed that day. He stated that he had witnessed ceremonies throughout the United Kingdom, and the consecration of the Lyegrove Lodge and the ceremony of his installation would compete with all. The toast was received with enthusiasm by the brethren. Bro. G. F. Tuckey next proposed the health of the W.M. He spoke of many years' acquaintance, both Masonic and social, with Bro. Powell, and congratulated the members of the Lyegrove Lodge upon the fact that the first Master of the Tyndall Lodge should also be the first to occupy the chair of the Lodge of Mark Masters. The toast was drunk with honours. Bro. Geo. Rennie Powell responded, and proposed "The health of the Officers and brethren of the Lyegrove Lodge, No. 218." He mentioned how great was the pleasure he felt in presiding over the Lodge, supported as he was mainly by the brethren who had been his Officers and successors in the chair of the Tyndall Lodge. He was also deeply grateful to Bros. the Rev. C. R. Davy, G. F. Tuckey, John B. Halford, and Wm. Munro for accepting collars in his Lodge, for he felt that their great experience and their position in Mark Masonry could not fail to shed a lustre on the Lyegrove Lodge. Bros. J. P. Curtis S.W., Samuel Davies J.W., and Algernon Sudlow J.O. all spoke of the pleasure it gave them to serve under their W.M., and doubted not the prosperity of the Lodge. The W.M. proposed, as the final toast, "The Visiting Brethren," to whom they all extended their most cordial and fraternal thanks. Bro. James H. Boyt S.W. 132 returned thanks in suitable terms, and the proceedings terminated. We should mention that the dinner was enlivened by the efforts of Bros. R. L. Tucker, H. J. Gough, and others, who sang some songs in excellent style.

## NEW ZEALAND.

THE installation of the Worshipful Master of the Union Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 154 E.C., Auckland, New Zealand, took place on Tuesday, 8th January, with more than usual *éclat*. The solemn and impressive ceremony of the Mark Installation was well attended by a large number of Masons of the higher degrees. Bro. Burns P.M. installed his successor, Bro. Brock, ably assisted by Bros. P.M. S. Niccol and Wade. Bro. Brock W.M. invested the following Officers:—Bros. W. J. Rees S.W., Dr. F. W. E. Dawson J.W., Rev. C. M. Nelson M.O., W. P. Mont J.O., H. G. Wade P.M. Treasurer, J. H. Burns P.M. Registrar, H. Chapman S.D., J. Lewis J.D., Hargreaves I.G., C. Porter Tyler. The Lodge was then closed, and the W.M., Bro. Brock, invited the brethren to a banquet, provided by host Hood in his *récherché* style, and the following toasts were drunk with Masonic honours:—The Queen and Craft, the Grand Mark Master Mason of England and Wales, the Right Hon. Earl of Limerick; the W.M., responded to in a very able speech by Bro. Brock; the Installing Master, responded to by Bro. Burns P.M.; the newly-invested Officers, responded to by Bros. Rees S.W. and Dawson J.W.; the Visitors, Host and Hostess, the Press, the Ladies, Poor and Distressed Brethren. Some excellent songs were rendered by the brethren between the speeches, to the satisfaction of all present.

## NELSON, NEW ZEALAND.

THURSDAY, the 27th December, being the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, and the 26th anniversary of the Southern Star Lodge 735 E.C., the installation and investiture of Master and Office-bearers took place, according to custom. At High Noon Lodge was opened, and two gentlemen were initiated. By one o'clock the spacious Hall was filled with brethren, among whom were Visitors from various Lodges. The retiring Master Bro. Dr. Boor officiated as installing Officer, and Bro. Dr. Squires P.M. presented the W.M. elect, Bro. W. M. Stanton, who was duly obligated and installed. The W.M. having been proclaimed and saluted, proceeded to the investiture of his Officers:—Bros. John Cann S.W., Marmaduke Sedgwick J.W., Dr. Sealy P.M. Treas., Henry M. Moor Sec., Georg Naylor S.D., Douglas J. Browne J.D., H. Clinton Baddeley I.G Henry Hargreaves Tyler. The usual charges were effectively give

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by the Immediate P.M., a procession was formed, and the Lodge proceeded to Christ Church for divine service. The service was choral, and the combined choirs of Christ Church, All Saints, Trinity, Presbyterian, and Wesleyan, with their respective Masters, were present, and the singing was highly impressive and effective. Bro. W. G. Sealy presided at the organ; the prayers were read by the incumbent Rev. Mr. Leighton, and the lessons by the Venerable Archdeacon Thorpe. The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Nelson delivered an eloquent and masterly discourse from 2 Kings x. 15, "And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him; and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give me thine hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot." His Lordship being requested by the brethren to permit them to publish this instructive and practical sermon or lecture, ordered it to appear in the Nelson Church Messenger for January. The church was filled from aisle to porch, and numbers who could not obtain admission remained without. After the service, the procession returned in reverse order to the hall, and Lodge was closed. In the evening, the customary banquet took place, a large company of members and visiting brethren being present. After the usual patriotic and Masonic toasts, Bro. Sealy P.M. proposed the health of the newly installed W.M., Bro. W. M. Stanton, conveying some very graceful compliments, and predicting a year of prosperity for the Southern Star Lodge. In responding, Bro. Stanton expressed himself as deeply grateful for the flattering language in which the toast had been given, but hoped that the Lodge would not expect too much at his hands; he felt considerable diffidence in undertaking the responsible position, but would use his best efforts to justify the choice of the brethren, to whom however he looked for that cordial support and unanimity of feeling and action so essential to the welfare of any social institution. The health of the Immediate P.M. was given by the W.M., and responded to in suitable terms by Bro. Boor, who proposed the retiring Officers, responded to by Bro. Cann. Telegrams were exchanged with the Marlborough Lodge of Unanimity then similarly engaged, and precisely at ten o'clock, at which moment it was announced they were toasting the Southern Star Lodge, prosperity to the brethren at Blenheim was drunk with full honours. Prosperity to the Forest Lodge of Wakefield, was then drunk, coupled with the health of Bro. Chattock P.M., who returned thanks. The Bishop and Clergy; the health of Bro. W. G. Sealy, with hearty thanks for his zeal in conducting the music of the day; the newly Initiated Brethren, responded to by Bro. Rawson; and the Visiting Brethren, were all duly given. Bro. Dyson, of Prince of Wales Lodge, Auckland, returned thanks, and Bro. Morton Tavares of Elgin Lodge, Jamaica, gave an interesting account of his thirty years' Masonic experience in various countries. The W.M. proposed prosperity to the newly formed District Grand Lodge of Auckland, and the health of Bro. George Graham the D.G.M. He described the cordial reception and fraternal treatment he received from the Auckland brethren on his visit to the consecration and installation of the Grand Lodge and Grand Master. The proceedings were enlivened from time to time with music, recitation, and song. From high noon to midnight, every incident of the Festival was harmonious and delighting; it was the largest Masonic assemblage ever seen in this city, and will long be agreeably remembered by all who had the pleasure of joining in it.

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Since the above was written the W.M. has suffered, we regret to say, a bereavement in the death of his only son, Albert W. R. Stanton. Returning from the Lodge on St. John's Day, he found his boy in considerable pain, and immediately called in Bro. Dr. Squires, who, assisted by Bros. Drs. Sealy and Boor, did all that skill, indefatigable exertion, and fraternal affection could suggest or devise, but in vain; after a painful struggle of six days, with incessant attention, his constitution could no longer support the trial, and the lad died just as the clergyman had commended his spirit to the God who gave it. The brethren of the Lodge followed at the sad funeral, and the body was borne from the Mortuary Chapel and lowered into the earth by the tender hands of Masons. The coffin of the deceased Lewis was strewn with acacia sprigs, deposited by the brethren over the beloved son of their Worshipful Master, with whom and with whose family the deepest fraternal sympathy was manifested. The principal boys' of the Bishop's School followed the remains of their beloved school fellow. Six of his more immediate companions being pall bearers.

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## A FISH ORDINARY.

OUR readers are, no doubt, aware that Billingsgate Market has recently been rebuilt by the Corporation of London; and though it will never be one of the most savoury localities in the metropolis, still, as we must have a fish market somewhere, and as this market has been located at Billingsgate from time immemorial, we must be content if the building set apart for the sale of fish is commodious and suitable, not troubling ourselves as to whether it smells as sweet, and is as cleanly in its precincts as a fashionable west-end thoroughfare. Those who are afraid of a little dirt and crowding, and whose olfactory powers are unusually sensitive, will do well to stay away from this famous market-place; but those who, like ourselves, take an interest in our food supply, will be amply repaid for their trouble and the momentary inconvenience of visiting it. They will find it a much more commodious building than its predecessor, and more imposing externally. Moreover, as there is no place in London where better and fresher fish can be had, and as the parts of the building which face the river have been selected to serve as taverns, there are several places where the visitor, after studying the architecture of the new market, will find excellent accommodation for satisfying the inner man. We were recently driven hither in, part, by our love of architecture, as becomes true Masons, but chiefly by a wish to test the merits of a new house ope within the last few weeks by our worthy Bro. Smith, who, for f and-twenty years past, has enjoyed the esteem of all Craftsmen the habit of frequenting a certain hotel in Fleet-street, where v many Lodges hold their meetings and refresh themselves when labours of the day are ended. So highly, indeed, were the servi of our worthy brother regarded, that a handsome testimonial v presented to him at the close of his career at Anderton's. knew, therefore, that in visiting the tavern so recently opened him, we should find everything to our satisfaction; and that whet we indulged in the humble chop and glass of bitter, or directed c attentions to the more than ordinary attractions of his Fish Ordin in the Grand Saloon on the second floor of his house, we should ha equal reason to be gratified. Our anticipations were fully realis We tested the merits of his ordinary, and though we do not c much for word-jingling, and especially in connection with so soler a duty as that of dining, we must nevertheless declare that th merits are worthy of extraordinary praise. The bill of fare, or, more polite language, the *menu*, included every description of fi in season—salmon, turbot, cod, trout, red mullet, eels, whiting, whi bait, smelts, &c., &c., several *entrées*, and two or three joints. Ever thing that was brought to table was admirably dressed. The servi was excellent, the waiters being well up to their duties, and mo civil and obliging. The saloon certainly deserves the title of "grand for it is capable of accommodating 250 guests. The tables we well laid out, the linen, glass, plate, and cutlery being all that th most fastidious could desire. There was a good wine carte, and goo wines at moderate prices are to be obtained, or a tankard of our nati beer may be had at the usual price. But this is far from being th limit of the accommodation at Bro. Smith's hostelry, if we ma term it so. There is a handsome and well-fitted smoking saloon c the third floor, over which are placed the kitchens, while the firs floor is set apart for grill rooms, where may be had chop, steak, col meats, a plate of fish, &c., &c. On the first floor is the bar, in whic during the small hours of the morning, when the important busines of the day is being transacted, there is, we are told, hardly standin room, so great is the muster of hungry salesmen and fishermo as customers. Indeed, Bro. Smith contemplates an addition to thi part of his establishment, so that he may be in a better position t meet the requirements of his numerous supporters. On the base ment are the scalleries and other offices, so that the tavern is wel appointed in all things, and with a commander-in-chief of the proves excellence of Bro. Smith, there is little doubt that his tavern wil soon be as popular abroad as it is in the immediate neighbourhood and, we may add, deservedly so. One thing we have forgotten t mention, and that is, that the charge for dining at this fish ordinary is the moderate sum of two shillings; beer, wine, and spirits are additional, and attendance at the option of the guest. We strongly advise our friends to give Bro. Smith an opportunity of proving himself as worthy of their support in his new capacity of "mine host" as he was in his former capacity of "head waiter" at Ander ton's. We guarantee they will come away well satisfied he is up to the mark and a little over.

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INDIAN TEA.—In this country, at the present day, the popularity of tea has increased to an extent which may fairly entitle it to rank as the national beverage, and so thoroughly have the public become imbued with the conviction of its beneficial properties, that they are wont to overlook, or ignore, the fact that, like most other articles of consumption when of bad quality, it is very often adulterated by the subtle arts of the adept in adulteration. The majority of tea drinkers may not unjustly be characterised as utterly incompetent to detect that which is pure from that which is not, so perfect has the art of adulteration become. This is particularly the case with China teas. Our Celestial friend is pre-eminently proficient in this species of imposition, notwithstanding the apparent innocence which we seem to recognise in his very child-like and bland countenance. It is a very common delusion that tea in order to be good should pour out a dark colour, and knowing this, the Chinese resort to the employment of most dangerous and deleterious agencies to ensure this result. In face of these facts, so detrimental to the health of tea drinkers, we are happy to find that it is not impossible to procure a really genuine article, at a cost, too, even below that charged for the inferior article. This much-needed boon has been conferred upon us by Messrs. Wiltshire and Co., who have opened a depot at 255 Regent-street, Oxford-circus, for the sale of teas of guaranteed purity, a specialité with them being those grown by themselves in their large plantation in India. This firm has enjoyed the advantage of more than twenty years practical experience in the cultivation of the tea-plant in India, and the knowledge thus acquired they have resolved to utilize for the benefit of the public. Among many other advantages which they offer, may be mentioned the fact that by enabling the consumer to purchase direct from the grower, the profit which has in the usual way to be provided for the intermediary agents between the purchaser and the retailer is done away with, thereby securing to the former a saving well worthy the consideration of those who know what the expenses of housekeeping are. It is a fact worthy of note that a large consignment of tea belonging to this firm was recently sold by auction at the Mart in Mincing-lane, and realised higher prices than any others of an ostensibly similar character, a circumstance which, of itself, attests the favour in which Messrs. Wiltshire and Co.'s teas are held by those capable of forming an opinion upon their merits. We may take this opportunity of stating that any prejudice that ever existed against Indian teas is now overcome by reason of their established excellence. They reach this country in a purer state than those imported from China, and their more general adoption by us will do much to stimulate and expand an industry of our Eastern Empire hitherto sorely crippled by the combined powers of ignorance and prejudice.

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Son of Bro. WILLIAM SHURY, of Myland, Colchester, who died on the 25th of February last, after two years of great suffering, in his 75th year. Bro. SHURY was formerly engaged in the Circulation Department of the Post Office, but, owing to severe attacks of neuralgia in the head, and defective vision, consequent upon cataract, he was compelled to resign his position when at the age of 54 years. His only permanent income since that time had been a pension of £41 a year, to which he was entitled on account of his service, and he had to encroach continually upon his savings, till they were quite exhausted. Consequently he had been unable to provide for the boy's education, as he did for his children by his first marriage, and his declining days were comforted with the thought that the lad would eventually be elected into the Institution.

When in the full possession of health Bro. SHURY was a most active Mason. He was initiated in the Saint John's Lodge, Hampstead, No. 196 (now 167), in 1848, and, after passing through the intermediate offices, eventually became W.M. When, in 1861, the state of his health compelled him to remove from the District, he tendered his resignation, and the brethren at once elected him an honorary member, in recognition of his valuable services to his Mother Lodge. Bro. SHURY afterwards joined the Wellington, 548, as a country member; and became a member of the Angel Lodge, Colchester, No. 51, in 1868. He was exalted in the Donnatic Chapter, No. 177, in 1852, and was elected to the Third Chair, but the continued unsatisfactory state of his health compelled him to resign. He was also one of the Founders of the Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73. When the present applicant was a child in arms, Bro. SHURY's position enabled him to make himself, wife, and child, Life Subscribers of the Boy's Institution, not thinking at the time that he should ever be compelled to avail himself of its benefits and he has beside this, done all in his power to excite in others an interest in the Masonic Charities. Altogether he had contributed to the funds of Grand Lodge for the long period of TWENTY-NINE YEARS.

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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THERE has been little done in the House of Lords which appears to call for any comment. In answer to a question of Earl Granville's, the Foreign Secretary announced that the preliminary treaty of peace was expected to reach London this day (Saturday), it having been despatched by special courier after its ratification by the Czar. The subject of continuous railway brakes, and enlistment in and desertion from our army, were also referred to, but in a conversational manner. Two bills have likewise been introduced, one for the erection of four new bishoprics—Liverpool, Newcastle, Wakefield, and Southwell—and the other for the amendment of the Medical Acts now in force. The second reading of the former is fixed for the 26th instant, and of the latter for the 15th April.

In the House of Commons, a great deal of business has been got through, especially in Committee of Supply. The Inflexible debate was closed on Thursday, and then Sir Robert Peel rose and drew the attention of the House to the proposed representation of this country at the Berlin Congress. In Sir Robert's opinion, the Earl of Derby, and not Lord Lyons, should act for England, and he urged that the other powers, as far as was yet known, would be represented by their Chancellors, and that the presence of the Earl of Clarendon as our representative at the Paris Congress in 1856, and of Earl Granville at the London Conference in 1871, were precedents which should be followed in this instance likewise. This led to a long debate, in which Lord R. Montagu, Sir H. D. Wolff, Sir W. Vernon Harcourt, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, took a part; so long, indeed, was the discussion, that when it was over, there was no time to think of going into Committee of Supply, and accordingly the House adjourned at two o'clock. On Friday, however, on the appeal of Ministers, the House almost immediately after meeting, resolved itself into Committee of Supply, when Mr. W. H. Smith, who, on rising, was greeted with cheers from all parts of the House, submitted, in a business-like manner, the Navy Estimates for 1878-79. After the usual amount of criticism, certain votes for the number of men, their wages, &c., were agreed to. On Monday and Tuesday, the House was again in Committee of Supply on the Supplementary Civil Service and Army Estimates. A few divisions took place, but the Government carried the day in every case by overwhelming majorities. On the latter of these days the report of Supply was brought up, and agreed to. This happened at the morning sitting. In the evening, Mr. Anderson moved a resolution, condemnatory of the action of the Postmaster General in reverting to the practice of subsidies for the conveyance of mails to America, but on a division he was beaten by 117 to 92. A motion of Mr. Brown's in relation to Endowed Schools at Leeds was defeated by 101 to 55. On Wednesday, the second reading of the Tenants' Improvements (Ireland) Bill was moved by Mr. R. Martin, but only 17 members supported his motion, while 258 opposed it. After this, the Money Laws (Ireland) Bill was talked out, and the House rose.

On Tuesday, the Queen and the Princess Beatrice left Windsor Castle for London *viâ* the Great Western, and on reaching Paddington, drove under escort to Buckingham Palace. In the afternoon, Her Majesty held a *levée*, at which their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, and Prince Christian, with Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, the Prince of Leiningen, and the Duke of Teck attended. In the Diplomatic Circles, the Turkish, Russian, German, and French Ambassadors were present, and the General Circle was numerously represented. A large number of presentations were made, the names having been previously submitted for Her Majesty's approval. On Thursday, there was a Drawing Room, at which were present all the members of the Royal Family

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in London, while the Diplomatic and General Circles were numerously represented. A number of ladies were presented.

On Wednesday evening the Prince of Wales presided at the annual dinner of the Princess Mary's Village Home for Little Girls. His Royal Highness was supported by the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke of Teck, the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, and others. The usual speeches were delivered, and in drinking Prosperity to the Institution, the Prince announced that the sum of £5,000, which was required to complete the School House and other buildings, had been promised by an anonymous friend.

The chief event, however, of the week in the fashionable world has been the marriage of the Earl of Rosebery with Miss Hannah de Rothschild. This event took place on Wednesday, and the church in which the religious ceremony was performed was crowded with the *élite* of fashion. The bride was given away by the Earl of Beaconsfield, and Lord Carington, in the absence through ill health of Captain Tyrwhitt, acted as best man. The Duke of Cambridge was present, and the Prince of Wales arrived just before the completion of the ceremony. Their Royal Highnesses, as well as the Earl of Beaconsfield, Lord Leconsfield, the Duke of Cleveland, and the Hon. E. Primrose signed the register, after which the bridal party returned to the residence of the bride in Piccadilly, where the wedding breakfast was held, the Duke of Cambridge and the Premier being unable, owing to the pressure of official duties, to be present. After the breakfast, the Earl and Countess left for Lord Leconsfield's seat at Petworth, Sussex, where they will spend the honeymoon. The bridal presents were both numerous and valuable.

Several vacancies in the House of Commons have been filled up lately, and others are occurring or have occurred. The contest at Hereford was sharp, resulting in the return of Colonel Arbuthnot, Conservative, by 1,110 votes, the Liberal candidate, Mr. Joseph Pulley, received 1066. Mr. Philip Miles and Mr. W. S. Gore-Langton have been returned unopposed, the former for East, and the latter for Mid Somerset. By the death of the Earl of Ravensworth, and the consequent elevation to the House of Peers of Lord Eslington, a vacancy has occurred in the representation of South Northumberland. There is also to be a contest for the vacant seat at Worcester.

Our naval and military preparations are in no wise slackened by the news that the preliminary peace between Russia and Turkey has been signed. On the contrary, there is an equal, if not a greater, amount of energy shown every day that we get nearer the time for examining the terms which the recent combatant powers have agreed to. At Chatham alone we have a fleet all but ready for sea—consisting of the Monarch, Penelope, Nelson, Northampton, Superb, Belleisle, and Independencia, all ironclads, with the Euryalus and smaller vessels—which is almost as strong as Admiral Hornby's in the sea of Marmara and the Dardanelles; while at our other ports we have as many more ships, which it would not take us long to put in commission. War material still goes on accumulating at the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, and instructions have been issued by the general in command at Aldershot, that during the months of April and May, the troops shall be exercised in the minor operations of active warfare; during April in the simpler work of outpost duty, &c., and in May in combined movements of the three arms—cavalry, infantry, and artillery.

The ill-treatment to which Dr. Armand Leslie, and two other medical men, with Mr. Bell, correspondent of the *Illustrated London News*, were subjected as prisoners by the Russians have formed the subject of a correspondence between the Russian and English Governments. It is not yet closed, but the Russian authorities have expressed the profound regret of Monseigneur the Commander-in-Chief, the Grand Duke Nicholas, who has promised the matter shall be inquired into. As there is very little doubt these gentlemen received many and great indignities, and that they were made prisoners in violation of the Geneva Convention, we trust the matter will not be allowed to rest where it is, and that these British subjects will receive compensation for their troubles. Colonel Coope, too, has published an account of his treatment as a prisoner of war in the hands of the Russians, and his testimony convicts the Grand Duke Nicholas himself of the greatest ferocity. At present, of course, this is an *ex parte* statement, but there seems to be no great reason to doubt that any British subjects who were unfortunate enough to fall into the hands of the Tartars were treated most unceremoniously, if not with actual violence—at all events, in a manner not practised among civilised nations, whatever may be the case in Russia.

St. Patrick's Day happened to fall this year on a Sunday, and, consequently, the usual festivities, in the shape of banquets, processions, and broken heads, which occur on the anniversary of the patron saint of Ireland, were celebrated on Monday. In London, a number of Irish members of Parliament dined together at the Westminster Palace Hotel, the chair being taken by Mr. Sullivan, in the absence of Mr. Isaac Butt, who was too unwell to take part in the rejoicing. In Dublin, the day was marked in the usual military fashion, by the trooping of the colours at the Castle, and there was a procession of Nationalists through the leading thoroughfares of the Irish capital. In Belfast there were rival processions, and here, as well as at Londonderry, there was more or less serious disturbance, resulting, as usual, in not a few broken heads.

The whole of this week the Agricultural Hall has been a scene of great excitement, owing to the grand pedestrian contest for a series of prizes given by Sir John D. Astley. The whole of the arrangements are in the hands of the Amateur Athletic Club, the working committee including such well-known amateurs of athleticism as Sir John D. Astley, Lord Carington, and Messrs. J. G. Chambers and Lawes. The contest was begun on Monday shortly after midnight, and will not be over till twelve o'clock p.m. to-day. Whoever covers the longest distance in the six days, whether running or walking, will win the first prize of £500, and a champion belt of £100 value; the second best will receive £100, and the third £50, while every one of the remaining competitors who covers 460 miles and upwards will receive £10 for his trouble. Up to 11 p.m. on Thursday O'Leary, who beat Weston some time since at the same hall, Vaughan, of Chester, Brown, and Ide were at the head of the list, O'Leary having covered 369 miles, Vaughan 356 miles, Brown 333 miles, G. Ide 293 miles, J. Smith 284 miles, W. Corkey 276 miles, W. Lewis 240 miles, and J. M'Leavy 236 miles.

The Canadians have no great fancy for Fenian sedition. On the contrary, where we at home should leave these fellows to themselves, and not condescend to notice their trumpery manifestations of disloyalty, our good friends of Toronto have fiercely attacked a couple of hotels, where it was supposed that O'Donovan Rossa, whose lectures were the cause of all the excitement, was staying. He fortunately managed to escape the clutches of the mob, but revolvers were freely used, and it is feared that in one or two cases fatal consequences will be the result.

The preliminary peace between Turkey and Russia has been ratified by the Czar, conditions will not be officially known to our Government till to-day. Their terms, however, have leaked out already, and there is very little doubt that Europe will not consent to have the will of Czar Alexander forced upon it. Most of them are highly objectionable, and conflict with the interests of this or that Great Power, in a manner which it is very unlikely they will submit to with indifference. But the anxiety of the moment is directed chiefly to the threatening aspect of affairs between this country and Russia. The Earl of Derby has spoken plainly enough, and has demanded categorically of the Czar's Government that the whole of the treaty shall be submitted to the Congress and that none of the questions shall be accepted by it except unanimously. Russia has not decidedly refused these conditions, but she is moving heaven and earth to evade them; and if she decides in persisting there is little doubt that war will break out sooner or later between the two countries. Of course, it is impossible to depend on the news that is received from hour to hour, but the general purport of the intelligence which reaches us from the different foreign capitals is decidedly gloomy. However, the country has made up its mind that it will not allow Russia to dupe her any longer, and the one chance that remains of a peaceful issue from the present crisis is in the chance that the Czar, at the last moment, may recoil from insisting on his treaty, and so avoid a war, which in all probability would cost him the ascendancy in Eastern affairs which he has succeeded in acquiring after sacrificing so many lives and so many millions of money. This is about the only chance, and it is not a very promising one, of avoiding an appeal to arms.

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## LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The usual March meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. Joshua Nunn, presided, and the Senior and Junior Vice-President's chairs were occupied respectively by Bros. James Brett and James Glaisher. Among the brethren present were Bros. Hervey G. Sec., H. G. Buss Assist. G. Sec., S. Rawson, T. F. Halsey, J. M. P. Montagu, Rev. P. H. E. Brette D.D., H. C. Levander, A. A. Pendlebury, H. M. Levy, H. Massey, John Constable, Griffiths Smith, William Stephens, Charles Atkins, C. F. Hogard, W. T. Howe, Thomas Cubitt, C. P. Cobham, Nelson Reed, H. Bartlett, T. J. Sabine, H. Garrod, D. R. Still, H. Gouldon, C. B. Payne, Edward Terry, W. C. Corner, H. Hammond, H. L. Seager, Percy W. Taylor, J. W. George J. J. Berry, Rev. Dr. J. E. Cox, Charles Denton, E. H. Hewett, R. G. Seaborn, J. C. Mason, H. C. Soper, R. Perkins, Hugh Cotton, W. Bailey, and W. Stuart. The new cases before the Lodge were relieved with grants amounting to £415, the largest grant being £125, and the smallest £10. There were only sixteen cases, and the brethren closed the Lodge shortly after eight o'clock.

**St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction, No. 1306.**—At the Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping, on Monday evening, 18th inst. Present—Bros. Mortlock W.M., Baldwin S.W., Cox J.W., Horsley J.D., Brame Sec., Goldstein I.G., Greely, Danter, McDonald, and several others. The minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Brame, candidate for passing, answered the usual questions. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Bro. Danter, candidate for raising, answered the questions, and the ceremony of raising was worked by the W.M. It was a pleasure to see the Officers discharge their respective duties so perfectly. Bro. Baldwin was elected W.M. for the ensuing Monday. The brethren meet at 8 p.m.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**—At the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, E., on Wednesday, the 20th inst. Bros. H. Meyer W.M., McMillan S.W., Slaiter J.W., Dignam S.D., O. Dietrich J.D., R. Otley I.G., G. Ferrar Treasurer, E. Dietrich Secretary, W. Fieldwick Preceptor; Bros. Lowe, Maples, Martin, Bonner. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, when Bro. G. Ferrar, who had previously been interrogated and entrusted, was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the W.M. performing his work in a most able and correct manner. Bro. Lowe then worked the sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was then closed down to the first degree, and Bro. McMillan was appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.**—At a meeting of the above Lodge, held on the 14th inst, at the Feathers Tavern, Ealing, there was a strong muster of the brethren to receive the W.M., Wardens, Officers and brethren of the mother Lodge, on the occasion of their annual visit. Bros. A. Beasley W.M., H. Kasner S.W., Compton J.W., Green S.D., Tucker J.D., Fisher I.G. Johnson Treas.; there were also present Bros. Fernee, Rands, Owen, Gunner, Kingston, Gomm, Wright, Jones, Campfield, Hughes, Pooley, Stephens, Seward, Porter, Dorey, Allen, Clark, and others. The Lodge having been duly opened, the acting Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, after which the Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and the usual questions were put and satisfactorily replied to by Bro. Porter, a candidate for raising. After Bro. Beasley had closed down to the second degree, Bro. Kingston took the chair, and worked the ceremony of passing, Bro. Gunner candidate. Bro. Beasley resumed the chair and closed the Lodge down to the first degree. A cordial vote of thanks was proposed to Bro. Stephens, the host, for the admirable arrangements made for the brethren, and for the readiness he at all times displays to meet the wishes of the members. This was duly seconded, and carried unanimously, after which Bro. Stephens responded in suitable terms. There being no other business to transact, the Lodge closed in due form and one of the pleasantest meetings of the season was brought to an end.

**Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.**—On Friday evening, the 15th March, at the Mitre Hotel, Goulbourne-road, Notting-hill, Bros. Adkins W.M., Woodmason S.W., Penn J.W., Smout sen. S.D., H. Dehane I.G., Savage P.M., Murlis P.M., Poulter, Hutton, Wood, Newland, Webster, Oldrey, Gabb, Dr. Pocock, Spiegel and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Murlis candidate; Bro. Savage worked the first section, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Dr. Pocock answered the questions for passing. The Lodge was then opened up, and Bro. Webster offered himself as candidate for raising. The usual questions having been answered, the ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed. Bro. Dr. Pocock was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Woodmason will preside at next meeting.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Colds, Coughs, Shortness of Breath.—These corrective remedies are infallible for these pectoral complaints, which, neglected, often end in asthma, bronchitis, or consumption. The Ointment, when rubbed upon the chest and back, penetrating the skin, is carried directly to the lungs, wherein it expels all impurities. All the blood in the body constantly passes through the lungs, and there all noxious particles tending to produce disease, can be quickly, thoroughly, and permanently neutralised, rendered harmless, or ejected from the system. Holloway's Ointment and Pills perfectly accomplish this purification; and through the blood, thus cleansed, the influence of these wonderful medicaments reaches the remotest parts of the human body; and thus cures all diseased action, whether internal or external.

## DEATH OF BENTLEY SHAW, ESQ., J.P., D.L.

YESTERDAY morning, Bentley Shaw, Esq., expired at his residence, Woodfield House, Lockwood, from the effects of an apoplectic fit, which seized him three weeks ago last Tuesday. Under the treatment of Dr. Scott (Waverley House), Mr. Shaw rallied sufficiently at intervals to inspire hope, but on Tuesday the relapse was such as to prepare his family for the worst, and he peacefully breathed his last yesterday morning, about half-past eleven o'clock. His demise follows close upon that of the late rector of Lockwood, whom he followed to the grave on the 5th of January last, and it is singular to relate that the only two lay mourners who followed the Rev. T. B. Bensted's remains, Mr. T. Leigh and Mr. Shaw, have also now passed the bourne whence no traveller returns, a solemn commentary, truly, on the uncertainty of human life.

Deceased was born on the 16th January 1816, and was consequently 62 years of age.* His grandfather, on his mother's side, was Mr. T. Bentley, who founded the Lockwood Brewery in 1795, and his father was Mr. Wm. Shaw, of Lockwood. About the year 1841 he became a partner in the brewery with Mr. Robert John Bentley and Mr. Henry Bentley, and for a great number of years he has been the head and resident manager of the firm of Bentley and Shaw, the prosperity of which is known wherever the Lockwood ales find their way. The deceased gentleman leaves behind him five sons and three daughters, who have to mourn the loss of a thoughtful and affectionate father.

Mr. Shaw's public career marks an epoch in the history of Freemasonry, to which he devoted time, substance, and influence, and from which in return he received many and distinguished honours. A member of the Lodge of Harmony for over thirty years, he was for eleven years Deputy Grand Master of the Province of the West Riding. So highly respected was he in this capacity, that the Masons of the Province, a few years ago, presented him with a grand costly vase, and it remained through the remainder of his life the chief testimonial that he prized. Upon the retirement of the Marquis of Ripon from the post of Provincial Grand Master, and the appointment of Sir Henry Edwards in succession, Mr. Shaw was appointed by the Prince of Wales Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry—the peerage, so to speak, in Masonic orders. It was about this period of life that Mr. Shaw had the honour of being presented at Court, at a *levée* held by the Prince of Wales on behalf of Her Majesty, the presentation being made by the Marquis of Ripon. Among other Masonic distinctions, he was at one time Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England. Deceased was a magistrate and Deputy Lieutenant for the West Riding (being appointed to the former position in 1857), and he won the esteem of his brother magistrates at Huddersfield and Holmfirth for his cautious judgment and judicious temper. It was not on the bench, however, that he found his most congenial sphere. For many consecutive years he was churchwarden of Lockwood, and no one appreciated more than the late rector Mr. Shaw's warm interest and valuable assistance in church work. Cognate with church work he was concerned with several charities (notably the Nottleton and the Bentley), and succeeded the late Mr. George Armitage as chairman of the trustees of the Almondbury Grammar School. For several years he was president of the Lockwood Mechanics' Institution, and took an active part in the erection of the building. In politics, Mr. Shaw was a Liberal of the moderate type. It is certain he was not a peace-at-any-price man, as he supported the candidature of Colonel Akroyd against Mr. Cobden, and was at one time captain in the rifle volunteers. Mr. Leatham's views were too advanced to receive his support, but, on the other hand, he never concealed his liking for a great political pace than that at which Messrs. Stanhope and Starkey travel. Nevertheless, Mr. Shaw had the deep respect of both political parties. In proposing the "Houses of Parliament and the County and Borough Members," at a banquet on Whit Monday, 1874, to celebrate the opening of Somerset Bridge, Mr. Shaw said "he had been wondering several times why he had been selected to propose the toast. He was not a very great political man, as they were all aware. He thought he had been selected because he was a sort of intermediate man. He did not go quite in the rapid pace of the hon. member for Huddersfield, nor, perhaps, did he go at the more gentle and steady pace of his hon. friend who represented the county." This extract from Mr. Shaw's speech will illustrate his political character. At the same time, he was not one of those men who erect their trade into politics, and abandon their Liberal principles because their party deal rather harshly with certain vested interests. His mind was too comprehensive and well informed, and his heart too generous, to take such a narrow view of his electorial responsibilities.

We are sure the family and relatives of the deceased have the sympathy of all classes in their bereavement.—*Huddersfield Daily Chronicle.*

THE PRINCE OF WALES AND THE FREEMASONS.—Lieut. General Probyn has sent a letter on behalf of the Prince of Wales to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset, apologising for the delay in its transmission, and acknowledging the reception the Freemasons gave the Prince on his recent visit to Dorset. The letter says:—"I am commanded by the Prince to assure you that the prosperity of the Masonic craft is ever uppermost in his Royal Highness's thoughts, and the position of Grand Master of the Ancient Order of Freemasons is one in which he feels the greatest pride. I am specially desired to express his Royal Highness's thanks for the sentiments of loyalty and devotion contained in your address towards the Queen, the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family."—*Standard.*

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 23rd MARCH.

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

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

## MONDAY, 25th MARCH.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.
K. T.—Doebury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

46—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York. (Emergency.)
M.M. 146—Moore, Athenæum, Lancaster.

## TUESDAY, 26th MARCH.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
66—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
92—Moira, Criterion, W.
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
185—Industry, The Restaurant, 3 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1478—Hanbar, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1902—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John Street-rd, at 8. (Inst.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
153—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.

## WEDNESDAY, 27th MARCH.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1824—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1119—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1806—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-st., Newcastle.

## THURSDAY, 28th MARCH.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
99—Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1615—Hayward, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

78—Imperial George, Asheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
108—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
111—Restoration, Freemason's Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Hull.
807—Caldwell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
66—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.

## FRIDAY, 29th MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
23—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
807—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)

### FRIDAY—continued.

834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1284—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1345—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goldborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts.

## SATURDAY, 30th MARCH.

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

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

### MONDAY.

827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.

### WEDNESDAY.

304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
1283—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
R. A. 256—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.

### THURSDAY.

904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 1314—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.

### FRIDAY.

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
R. A. 243—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

### SATURDAY.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—349—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, 429 High-street.
" R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—112—St. John Fitzherrow, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.
THURSDAY—393—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.
FRIDAY—223—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**York Mark (Time Immemorial).**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, in the Masonic Hall, York, the W.M., Bro. T. B. Whytehead, presiding, supported by the following brethren:—Bros. Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett S.W., Geo. Balmford P.M. as J.W., Geo. Garbutt Sec., T. Cooper P.M. Treas., J. Hollins M.O., J. Tissiman S.O., C. G. Padel J.O., M. Millington as S.D., Geo. Simpson as J.D., T. S. Camidge Organist, A. T. B. Turner I.G., Dr. Paley, Rev. W. C. Lukis, W. H. Gainforth, W. H. Wyatt, &c. A successful ballot was taken for the following brethren as honorary members: the Earl of Limerick G.M.M.M., Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale G.M.M.M. elect, Rev. G. R. Portal P.G.M.M.M., and Frederick Binckes Grand Secretary. A successful ballot was then taken for several candidates, and Bros. William Harrison P.M. 837, A. Pratt 837, and J. G. Joyce 1611 being in attendance, were advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. The W.M. announced that he had received a dispensation for an appendant Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, but he had been unable to secure the presence of any qualified brethren to open the Lodge, as he had hoped to have done that afternoon, and the matter must, therefore, stand over for the present. It was agreed that the bye-laws, confirmed by the Grand Lodge, should be at once printed and circulated, and a committee was appointed to draw out a design for a lithographed Lodge summons, and submit the same to the next meeting. After the close of the Lodge, a Lodge of the venerable Order of St. Lawrence was opened by Bro. T. B. Whytehead W.M., and the degree conferred upon four approved candidates. The brethren afterwards met at supper and spent a social evening.

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**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, presided over by J. B. Sorrell M.E.Z., Thos. Cull H., P. Wagner J., T. W. White S.E., J. Boyd Treas., G. L. Walker S.N., S. P. Catterson P.S. The ordinary work of exaltation was rehearsed by the principals, Comp. R. Berridge acting candidate. The election of Officers was proceeded with, and the following will serve for the next fortnight:—Comps. J. Constable M.E.Z., P. Wagner H., Thos. Cull J., S. P. Catterson S.N., J. C. Cox P.S. Although we commend members for endeavouring to assist in the proceedings, we would respectfully suggest that those who may not be *au fait* should prefer to listen rather than prolong the ceremony by so much dictation. The following Companions were also present:—W. H. Postans, J. C. Cox, G. Darcy, G. J. Row, J. Scex.

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**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 18th instant. Present—Bros. C. Lorkin W.M., J. A. Powell S.W., Frank Sillis J.W., R. G. Tolmie Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, J. Stock S.D., Wing J.D., W. Balls I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Pearcy, Halham, Halford, Cuthbert, Alford, Sparrow, Leber, Carrey, Woolley, Trewinnard, Hunter, Millward, &c. Minutes read and confirmed, Lodge was opened to the second degree, and Bro. Cuthbert gave proof of his efficiency. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising in a very excellent manner. Bro. Pearcy worked the first, Bro. Sparrow the second, and Bro. Pearcy the third sections, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down to the first degree. Bro. W. Balls of the Mother Lodge was elected a member. Bro. Powell was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was unanimously voted to the W.M. for the able manner he had conducted the business of the evening.

**Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.**—On Tuesday, the 19th March, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Present—Bros. Tranter W.M., Hallam S.W., Bramham J.W., Dwarber Treas., Soper S.D., Linscott J.D., Johnston I.G., Bingemann Preceptor; Bros. Abell, Tate, Brown, Cornu, Rosser, and several others. The Routine business having been accomplished, the W.M. rehearsed the third degree, Bro. Rosser candidate. The first, second, and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. J. S. Brown. The Lodge was resumed to first degree, and Bro. Hallam elected W.M. for ensuing week.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on the 19th inst. Bros. Daniel W.M., Maidwell S.W., Biddle J.W., Aarons S.D., Forrest J.D., Hamilton I.G., Hollands, Campbell, Roberts. After all formalities had been complied with, Bro. Aarons, a zealous worker, answered the questions leading to the third degree and was entrusted and duly raised. The Lodge was closed down to the first degree. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Aarons candidate. Bro. Brown, W.M. elect of the Prosperity Lodge, was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday, when Bro. L. A. Leins, P.M. of the same Lodge, will kindly work the installation ceremony. We hope to see a goodly number of the Craft to support him.

**St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180.**—The brethren of this Lodge met on Tuesday, 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. L. B. Pillin W.M., Farwig S.W., Stollard J.W., H. A. Stacey P.M. Sec., Wade S.D., Baker as J.D., Wood I.G., L. Herf P.M. W.S., Parsons P.M. D.C.; P.M.'s A. L. Annett, Robinson, Stonor, Cameron, and Hamilton; Bros. Staden, J. Huy, Levitt, A. Wertheimer, E. Joseph, Orger, Beer, Papprill, Richards, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Eugene S. Benjamin 104, Chas. Wertheimer 1017, and Max Neustadt 1017, were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. E. Joseph was raised, and Bro. White was passed. Messrs. F. H. Hall, D. J. Chester, and G. Russell were balloted for and duly initiated into the Order. The working of the ceremonies by the W.M. deserves special commendation. The widow of a brother was relieved with the sum of two guineas. Bro. Parsons P.M. informed the brethren of the serious illness of their worthy and esteemed P.M. and Treasurer, who had endeared himself to every brother of the Lodge by his zeal in the cause of charity. He would not like the Lodge to close without some record being made of the affection he was held in, and he was sure every brother would offer a prayer for Bro. Bubb's speedy restoration to health. Bro. Robinson P.M. then proposed, and Bro. Levitt seconded, that it be recorded on the minutes the regret the Lodge felt at the serious illness of Bro. Bubb, and their heartfelt wishes for his speedy recovery. This was carried unanimously. The W.M. Bro. Pillin announced his intention to act as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School; he hoped the brethren would liberally support him. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The W.M. genially presided, and proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. These were interspersed by songs from Bros. Sarti, Stollard, Ropell, &c. Bro. Walter Joyce favoured the company with a capital recitation. The visitors were Bros. R. Baker I.G. 188, M. Benjamin, Durlacher, W. Joyce, Docker J.W. 1687, &c.

**The Francis Burdett Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 181.**—Held their meeting at Mr. Baylis's, Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at 6 p.m. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. Hammond, Bro. Tomlinson I.P.M. took the chair. Bros. Knaggs S.W., Court sen. J.W., W. Taylor M.O., C. Palmer S.O., H. W. Vaughan J.O., J. Tomlinson I.P.M., W. Taylor Treasurer, H. Court jun. Secretary, E. Hopwood S.D., H. Kyezor J.D., J. W. Rogers Registrar, J. N. Sanders D.C., T. W. Walls W.S., H. Taylor I.G., George Harrison Tyler, T. W. Briggs, Wm. R. Ricknell, and other brethren. Lodge was duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed. Bye-laws were read, and an alteration suggested by Bro. Court sen. met the approbation of the brethren. The candidates for advancement not being in attendance, the brethren proceeded to ballot for Bro. J. M. Steven as an honorary member. This was unanimous in his favour. It was then proposed by Bro. Tomlinson, and seconded by Bro. Palmer, that Bro. J. M. Stedwell P.M. of the Crescent, and also of the Hiram, be advanced to the degree of a M.M.M. Bro. Dr. Knaggs then rose and spoke upon matters of interest to the Lodge, the members endorsing all he said. Lodge was then closed, the brethren adjourning to the dining-room to a *récherché* repast. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in the manner observed amongst Masons, and the brethren separated in peace and goodwill.

**Lodge of Tranquillity, No. 185.**—The brethren met on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, Bro. David Posener W.M. in the chair. There were present Bros. Geo. Pare S.W., W. D. Bayley J.W., John Peartree I.P.M. and Treas., P. Levy Sec., F. Croaker S.D., John B. Barber J.D., T. W. C. Bush I.G., Geo. Bilby Org., Potter Tyler. P.M.'s M. Harris, R. Z. Bloomfield, J. Constable, J. H. Ross, J. D. Barnett, N. Gluckstein, E. Gottheil. The visitors were Bros. W. Thompson 72, F. Fowler 72, Dr. G. Mickley P.M. 449, L. Maas 901, C. W. Kent P.M 879, J. L. Lewis 1670, Egbert D. Roquis 907, T. Godwin 1556, Geo. P. Hawkes 101, Cunningham 22. The non-official brethren where comparatively few in number. A candidate for initiation was announced on the agenda, but through unforeseen circumstances the gentleman was unable to attend. This was the first time during the past four years that the Lodge had to adjourn without doing any kind of work. Supper was served, and the members gave themselves up to sober enjoyment, for what are termed the off-nights in this Lodge deserve to be regarded as some of the most truly pleasant of any in the year. The usual routine and etiquette are dispensed with. There are no stiff and uncomfortable observances necessary. The brethren dine, as it were, *en famille*. The food is plain and wholesome, and not calculated to derange the digestive organs. The beverages are of native product, and foreign vintages are not permitted to play their dastardly pranks upon British brains. Hence the assembly is less inclined to be boisterous, and great good humour prevails. The toasts were circumscribed to two, deemed most necessary; which in itself is an advantage, for that fact precludes the infliction of stereotyped phrases which are heard over and over again in every Lodge, almost without exception, and by this abstention boredom is banished for the time. The W.M. deserves to be commended for his considerate conduct in resisting the temptation of airing his eloquence at the expense, as is usually the case, of some amount of good natured patience, and contented himself by giving the loyal toasts in the manner lately introduced and more or less adopted, namely, "Loyalty to Throne, and devotion to the best interests of the Craft." The next and last toast was that of the "Visitors," for which Bro. Mikley was called upon for a reply. That brother, however, respectfully declined to take upon himself the duty of responding for the other visitors, and simply expressed his hearty thanks for the fraternal kindness of his reception, and trusted to have future opportunities of enjoying the hospitality of the Lodge. Bro. Leopold Maas begged to be allowed to say a few words. He was extremely pleased to find his friend and brother occupy the distinguished position of Worshipful Master of so important a Lodge. He had been a Mason many years, but about ten years ago he found it necessary to suspend his Masonic duties, and for the last seven years he had not visited any Lodge. He could not have come to a better place, after so long an interval, calculated to revive his former love of Freemasonry. He would conclude with a sentiment in which he was sure the rest of the visitors would chime in, and that was "Prosperity to the Lodge of Tranquillity, happiness to its Master, and may all the members continue to enjoy the privilege of fraternal love." The proceedings that followed might not unreasonably be termed an amateur concert, in which the following brethren displayed considerable ability:—Child, "Death of Nelson;" W. D. Bayley, "Mother he is going away;" J. D. Barrett, "Jack Brown;" J. Constable, "Let Brotherley love continue;" W. Thompson, "Old Familiar Faces;" J. H. Ross, "Father Molloy;" Child, "The three ages of love;" Mikley, "The Twins;" Bayley, "Tom Bowling;" Thompson, "Lovely Mountain Maid;" B. D. Barnett, "Tom Brown's Schlemasel;" Geo. Pare, "Hurrah for the life of a soldier;" Constable, "The parting glass." The meeting concluded about ten o'clock.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—Met on Wednesday, the 20th instant, at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C. There were present—Bros. Hyam Aarons W.M., T. W. C. Bush S.W., Biddle J.W., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, J. K. Pitt Sec., Staley S.D., W. Lipscombe J.D., Bone I.G., also Bros. Walker, Ellis, Sayer, Maidwell, and Smithers. The visitor, who subsequently became a member, was Bro. J. L. Anderson, of 554. The third ceremony and its sections were rehearsed. A vote of thanks to the W.M. was unanimously agreed to, in recognition of the truly excellent manner in which he for the first time performed so difficult a ceremony. Bro. Aarons is a Masonic infant, aged nine months. It is to be hoped that such rare precocity may not be dwarfed by too close application to study. Bro. Bush was elected W.M. for next Wednesday.

**Royal Union Lodge, No. 382.**—The installation meeting of this, the oldest Lodge in the Province of Middlesex, took place on Monday last, at the Belmont Hall, Uxbridge. Bro. T. C. Swallow, the retiring Master, presided, and he was strongly supported by the Past Masters, Officers, and brethren of the Lodge, and by a large number of Visitors, amongst whom we noticed Bros. J. W. Cooper 538, A. Hendriks 1637, William Iron 1357, Chas. Horsley P.G. Reg. Middlesex, E. Gibson 3, J. B. Lea 1328, G. W. Chapman 1328, G. W. Lay 569, R. Pierpoint 1365, E. Schiemann W.M. 209, F. G. Baker P.M. 753, Millis P.M. 157, John Syer 1017, T. H. Russ 382, William Clarke 141, W. W. Morgan 211, J. Terry Sec. R.M.B.I., D. P. Gillion W.M. elect 1425, Thomas Morrison 141, Watson 834, F. H. Varley 1637. On the assembling of the brethren, the W.M. opened the Lodge, and called on Bro. Coombes, the Secretary, to read the minutes; these were duly confirmed, and Bro. T. C. Swallow then proceeded with the business of the day. Bro. Smith underwent the

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necessary examination, and was passed to the second degree. Bro. S. Holliday, the Junior Warden, was then presented to Bro. Swallow to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. P.M.'s C. Davis and E. C. Woodward were requested to take the Wardens' chair, and Bro. Holliday was obligated. A Board of Installed Masters opened, and the ceremony was completed. On the re-admission of the brethren, and the salutations formally carried out, Bro. Holliday appointed his Officers:—Bros. T. C. Swallow I.P.M., William Webb S.W., G. E. Cook J.W., William Coombes P.M. Sec., J. L. Coulton P.M. Treas., Charles Rues S.D., Lousdale J.D., Rowles D.C., Cooper and Garrod Stewards, Cobley I.G., Longstaff Tyler, Stacey P.M. P.G.O. Organist. A notice of motion, by Bro. J. L. Coulton P.M., "That £5 be paid annually to each of the Funds of the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows until this Lodge becomes Vice-President to each of those Charities" was then brought forward and thoroughly discussed. Our worthy brother Coulton urged the claims of the Charities, and of the R.M.B.I. in particular, on the brethren most forcibly, and pointed out the advantages the Lodge would derive if the members passed his proposition. He was ably supported by several others, and on the motion being put it received unanimous confirmation. Routine work followed, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the Grapes Hotel, where the banquet was held. After they had partaken of the substantial repast provided, which Bro. Drinkwater placed on the table in admirable style, Bro. Holliday proceeded with the toasts. The first four on the list—the Queen and the Craft; H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M.; the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M.; Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers—were speedily dismissed. With the fifth toast—the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, Bro. Colonel Burdett; the Deputy P.G.M. and the rest of the Provincial G. Officers—was coupled the name of Bro. Coombes, but Bro. Chas. Horsley, in his usual irrepressible manner, wished to say a few words, and Bro. Coombes most courteously gave way. Bro. Horsley referred to the kind invitation he had received, and the pleasure he felt at meeting so many old friends. He regretted his duties that day had prevented his being present in the Lodge so soon as he could have desired, but he was much satisfied with the way the work which he had witnessed had been performed. Bro. Coombes thanked the brethren sincerely for the hearty way in which they had received his name in connection with the toast. Col. Burdett most strenuously exerted himself at all times to promote the welfare of the Province. He was sorry that the Colonel's engagements did not permit his being present, as he felt convinced it would have afforded the Prov. G.M. pleasure to take part in the successful meeting they had had. Bro. Coombes concluded his remarks by gracefully acknowledging the kindness and support the brethren always accorded him. The health of the W.M. was proposed in felicitous terms by Bro. Swallow, and Bro. Holliday thanked the brethren. It was a great honour they had conferred on him in electing him to the chair, and he trusted he might be able to give them satisfaction. He was sure he should receive every assistance from the Past Masters and Officers. Before resuming his seat he had a pleasing duty to perform; to present Bro. T. C. Swallow with the P.M.'s jewel which had been subscribed by the Lodge. He trusted he might live long to wear it, and have health and strength to attend the gatherings of the brethren. The remaining toasts comprised the Visitors, the P.M.'s of the Royal Union Lodge, the Officers, &c., and able replies were made by Bros. Lucy, Morgan, Fehrenbach, Coulton, Davis, Coombes, &c. The proceedings were enlivened by songs and recitations, Bros. Lucy, Davis, and others rendering good service. The summons for the Tyler just enabled the brethren who had to return to town to catch the last train.

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**Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487.**—There was a large attendance at this Lodge on Thursday, the 14th inst., when Bro. H. Threadingham who had been elected as W.M. for the ensuing year, was installed by Bro. M. E. Frost P.M. and Prov. Grand Treas. There was an exceptionally good muster of installed Masters, among those present being Bros. G. Rake P.J.G. Warden, T. Batchelor P.P.G. Supt. Works, A. Cudlipp, G. Bond, G. S. Lancaster P.P.G.W., J. Maltby, Ubedell, E. Groves, T. Moore, E. Bunting, P. J. Hyams P.M. 487, Dr. O'Connor W.M. 257, G. H. De Fraine P.M. 257, W. Payne W.M. 342, H. J. Gay P.M. 342, S. S. Pearce P.P.G.D. Southampton, H. Sleeman P.M. 903, G. F. Lancaster P.M. 903, E. G. Holbrook P.P.G. Reg., J. Clay W.M. 804, Dyson P.P.G. Supt. Works, H. Townsend W.M. 1428, C. B. Whitcomb W.M. 1705. The other brethren, in addition to the Officers of the Lodge, included Bros. R. J. Murrell S.W. 1069, J. R. Hayman Sec. 257, J. Read Grant J.W. 1705, Stroud Sec. 1705, Creber 1069, J. Astridge, G. F. Sherman, W. Tuck, R. Beale, W. E. Atkins, C. Groom, T. B. Johns, G. Whitehall, W. L. Smith, Arney, &c. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, which was ably conducted by Bro. Frost, the W.M. appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. G. Bond I.P.M., R. Osborne S.W., Loader J.W., G. S. Lancaster P.M. Treasurer, M. E. Frost P.M. and J. Astridge Secs., Palegrave S.D., H. T. Cecill J.D., Outridge I.G., E. Groves P.M. Dir. Cer., H. Holley and G. F. Bell Stewards, Exell and Smith Tylers. A capital banquet followed, at which the W.M. presided.

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**Polish National Lodge, No. 534.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Present—Bros. J. H. Cumming W.M., J. F. Ebner S.W., W. Paas P.M. Sec., John Boyd P.M. P.G.P. Treas., J. Taylor S.D., Dr. A. V. Jagielski J.D., J. Lancaster D.C., Dr. Corrie Jackson I.G., Beckett Tyler; Past Masters Bros. W. G. Moore, Nowakouski, F. Rath, &c., &c. Visitors—Bros. Snegart, Moore, J. G. Marsh, Morgan jun., &c. The chief business of the evening was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. The choice of the brethren was unanimous in favour of the S.W. Bro. Ebner. Bro. J. Boyd was re-elected Treasurer, and Bros. Croucher, Bieling, and Haselden Auditors. Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet, after which the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. With that of the Grand Officers he coupled the name of Bro. John Boyd, who, in replying, thanked the brethren for the kind sentiments expressed. Bro. Rath next assumed the gavel, and hoped the brethren would forgive him if, in his remarks, he appeared more solemn than usual; they must attribute it to the circumstance of its being the last time that the duty would devolve on him. He considered that to-night he was, so to speak, singing "The Song of the Swan." This song is an allegorical and highly poetical expression of the departure of the soul into higher and purer regions. It is life fading away into eternity after it has worked out its destiny here below. If you happen to walk on the quiet shores of a still lake on a summer's evening, and listen with attention, you may hear, rising among the whispering willow trees, the flapping of the wings, and the waning breath of the spirit in a song, the sweetness of which surpasses all the sensations ever felt on earth. That is the felicity of the soul, conscious of having performed its task whilst in the body, and taking its rapt ascent to that abode where eternal reward is waiting. But to return. Many of the members thought their present Master, when he was approaching the chair, might not feel equal to its burdens, or so much of them as they could wish; therefore, a doubt passed over their minds as to what the year might turn out to be. But, so sure as the laws of nature cannot err, so sure is it that a generous and genuine mind never fails to be elevated to the high duties which it may be called upon to fulfil, and thus it is they were able to look back on the past year with pleasure, when they considered the way in which their Master had performed his duties. Bro. Rath trusted that when their present Master surrendered the government of the Lodge, that they would hear "The Song of the Swan," as a token of the felicity which is the true reward of those who have zealously and conscientiously fulfilled their duties towards their fellow workers. The W.M. suitably acknowledged the toast; if his exertions had proved successful, he should be able to retire with satisfaction. He had used every effort to make them comfortable. Before sitting down, he would propose the health of the I.P.M., which toast having been honoured, Bro. Rath rose to reply. It was but in accordance with the well-known kindness of the W.M. that he should speak favourably. The W.M. had said that he (Bro. Rath) had rendered some service to the Lodge. He could but remember with what slender means he began his duties, and how everything was wanting to enable him to preside with advantage over the Lodge; he was now astonished how he had got through his duties. To begin with, he was a stranger in the land, but that fact is not a serious one in connection with Masonry, particularly in the Polish National Lodge. His very speech had seemed a freezing impediment, but he set to work with a will, first to master the duties of the Lodge, and he thought that no one could say that he, as a Hungarian, had not performed that part of his work. When he had satisfied himself, he felt that he could swim, and counting on the indulgence of the brethren he had struck out boldly, hoping that zeal, honesty of purpose and purity of intention might carry him through, however arduous the task might prove to be. He had ever aimed at the elevation of their work from the humdrum of routine into the real meaning of our Masonic principle. How far he had succeeded he would leave to the members. He could point with pride to the present Officers of the Lodge, whom he felt were individually able to perform their duties creditably. Who could look on such a progeny and not feel proud? Each, he was sure, would be able to give a good account of himself when his day for action came. It was to this he wished to draw their attention; he was sure that if they continued with such workers the glory of the Polish National Lodge would continue to shine to the end of time. The W.M. next called upon the brethren to drink the health of the Past Masters; it was a toast always honoured in their Lodge, and one he felt sure the brethren would never neglect. They were favoured that evening with the presence of several of their Past Masters; he gave them, on his own behalf as well as on that of the members, a most cordial welcome. Bro. Nowakouski responded. The Past Masters were pleased to see so influential an assembly of brethren. Their present Master had proved himself an able leader, and shown himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him. He (Bro. Nowakouski) could look back with pleasure to the time when the Lodge was formed; it was then thought that it would be better to work the ceremonies in the mother language of the Poles, but as the founders were so ably supported by English brethren, they decided to work in the English language. Since that time they had been indebted to English brethren for much of their prosperity. He was pleased to know that many of the Hungarians who lived in London were members of their Lodge, and regretted that, from causes beyond their control, many others were prevented from joining them. Whenever he came to the Lodge he was gratified at its ever increasing prosperity, and he felt this was the feeling of all the Past Masters; in whose name he thanked the Lodge. The toast of the Visitors, proposed from the chair, was acknowledged by each, after which the W.M. gave that of the W.M. elect, Bro. Ebner. This toast he felt might almost be considered the principal one of the evening, and he felt sure that members would join him in wishing their present S.W. a happy and prosperous year in the chair to which he had that night been elected. Bro. Ebner thanked the brethren most heartily. He feared the duties were much more than he had anticipated, but the fact of his having been elected unanimously had shown him that he might reckon on the support of the members, and with their assistance he hoped to be able satisfactorily to perform his duties. The next toast, that of the Officers, was duly honoured. The W.M. thanked each for their assistance during his presidency. Bro. Taylor the S.D. trusted the Officers would continue to merit the eulogiums which had that evening been bestowed on them; he was in ill health, and hoped the brethren would excuse him making further remarks. Bro. Dr. Jagielski regretted to lose their present Master; he had always spoken in a kind manner to the Officers. He then referred to the steps taken by Grand Lodge

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with reference to the action of the Grand Orient, and hoped that the matter would be thoroughly and properly settled. Bros. Corrie Jackson and Lancaster also replied; after which the Tyler was called, and he concluded the proceedings. Some excellent glees and songs were sung during the evening, greatly adding to the enjoyment of the brethren.

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[The following address was delivered at a recent meeting of the Polish National Lodge by Bro. Dr. Jagielski, and in the belief that it will be read with great interest by our constituents, we have determined to reproduce it in full:—"Worshipful Master, Past Masters and Brethren,—We have to-night heard so many beautiful speeches and ideas advanced within this festive circle that it would seem almost right, as some of the preceding speakers have said, to abstain from further remarks because nothing else was really left to be added. However, I cannot hide from you that in this I differ with those who have preceded me, because, on the contrary, I see a vast field for observation before my view. My right hand neighbour, Dr. Thomas, has ventured to compare two of our most distinguished brethren with Cicero and the First Napoleon. The reason assigned for this compliment confirms the correct and able choice of the comparison. Now, could I realise a wish, it would be to have the ability of a Demosthenes, who, I think, would be a fit companion for the geniuses my brother has selected. I might then be able to clearly express in your difficult English tongue, with his resistless eloquence and mastery of utterance, all that just now crosses my mind. First of all, and in contrast with the confession of a *tabula rasa* before us, I feel somewhat surprised that no mention has been made at our banquet of the circumstance that we have unquestionably been impressed by what has occurred within the walls of our Lodge room. In the first place we have been witnesses of the ceremony of raising, which terminated with the able address of our I.P.M., and when he produced the special distinction granted to the members of the Polish National Lodge by warrant of the M.W.G.M. in 1846, which is designated the "Polish White Eagle," and which he placed in the button-hole of our new brother-"in-law," we were gratified at seeing him the recipient of the special emblem which every member of the Polish National Lodge has a right to wear in any Masonic assembly. The next solemn ceremony performed, a ceremony for the first time in our Lodge since its formation in 1846, was the presentation to Bro. Rath, by unanimous vote of the Lodge, of the still more distinctive jewel known as the "Commander's White Eagle;" this was given to our brother by our Worshipful Master to-night in the name, and on behalf of our Lodge, and we are gratified in seeing it now irradiating its brilliant light in all directions from his breast. Well was this eagle won by our dear brother; the inscription on the back shows that it has been conferred on him in acknowledgment of special, indefatigable exertions, within and on behalf of our Lodge, and as a stimulus for the members to emulate his noble example. Brethren, almost all of you have witnessed the deep emotion of our brother, and you have heard him express words of surprise, of thanks, and of joy, on receiving this exceptional favour; ay, you have heard how warmly he has expressed how his own feelings and dignity are identified with those of the Polish National Lodge. Brethren, I think we have held this night a grand Festival, as we shall remember it with pleasure, hoping that we may have repetitions of the presentation of the Commander's White Eagle within our Lodge. Every W.M. of the Polish National Lodge, it is true, wears a similar decoration for the time being; every I.P.M. of our Lodge has a right to wear the same jewel, but the presentation of the Commander's White Eagle, by the unanimous vote of the Lodge, has virtually given to this evening an exceptionally solemn expression of ceremonial festivity. So far we have followed with a gay heart the joyful impressions of the Polish White Eagle; but, brethren, there is to every bright side in this world its shadow, and it would be unbecoming and unmanly for us not to face the sad feelings which depress our hearts, when we remember the very origin of this Eagle, the symbol of virtue, innocence, and brotherly love, worn by each of us nearest to his heart. Brethren, we all love Freemasonry, and we also love our birth-place, our fatherland, and it would appear unnatural to deny the feeling of love for home. Still, although Freemasonry is said to be spread over the whole world, although it represents a Cosmopolic union, it only occupies, considered geographically, a very small expanse of our earthly surface. To weigh the truth of my statement rightly, let us follow our Eagle in his brilliant flight over land and seas; let him cross the Baltic, and he will soon be in those regions where the hearts of men know nothing of Masonic bonds. Beyond the confines of Germany, towards the East, you will realise the same fact; try to travel with your White Polish Eagle in your box into that very country, and you will find, if you are in the birthplace of the White Eagle, that its discovery in your possession may bring you into prison; or, if a Pole, place you perhaps far beyond the confines of Europe into Siberian icefields and mines, so sadly renowned for their horrors and certain miseries, and—death. Ay, brethren, there are no Freemasons to be found now in that enormous geographical expression called "Russia"; all there is cold and strange to the sympathies of our brotherhood, from the Throne which calls itself divine, down to the humblest peasant. The same in the just discovered wilds of Africa, Australia, &c. However, brethren, pardon me, I will not disclose any more sad pictures before you, but will remind you, whenever you hear of "Masonry being spread over all the world," to recollect where the countries and nations are that are shut to our brotherhood, and will remain inaccessible and unapproachable by law of blinded force for many, many years to come. Let us, however, hope that the time may come when all the nations of the world will be brethren in Masonry, and that a universal happiness may be realised by the expression that our Craft is spread over the whole world. I thank you, brethren, for your attention, and may the Almighty give us all long life to look for years to come at the "Commander's White Eagle" on our brethren's breast, and may the ornament they wear reflect honour and glory upon the Polish National Lodge.]

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—A meeting was held on Friday, 15th March, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. Walter Goss W.M., May S.W., Gomm J.W., Gunner Hon. Sec., Blasby S.D., Erwin J.D., Costelow I.G.; Past Masters Bros. J. C. Roe Preceptor, and Gardiner; Bros. Dorey, Acworth, Parker, Pearson, &c. This being the meeting preceding the assembly of the Mother Lodge, on 22nd March, the Officers were in attendance, and took their several positions. Lodge was duly opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremonies of raising, with Bro. Gunner as candidate; passing, with Bro. Acworth as candidate; and initiation, Bro. Parker representing the aspirant for Masonic light. The W.M. was congratulated by the P.M.'s and brethren upon the masterly manner in which he had delivered the ritual connected with the several degrees, and after resolutions—(1) to provide collars for the Officers of the Lodge of Instruction, (2) to invite the officers of the Mother Lodge in their official capacity periodically to visit the Lodge of Instruction, were carried unanimously, Lodge was closed till Friday evening, 29th March, at half-past 7, when Bro. Blasby will officiate as W.M.

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**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held its weekly meeting on the 19th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Brasted W.M., Weige S.W., Williams J.W., Dignam S.D., Young J.D., Slaiter I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treasurer, Past Master Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. C. Lorkin, Collins, Farss, Brown, Cornu, Dodson Dickens, Harding, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Christian answered the questions, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Preceptor gave the traditional history. The Lodge was called from labour, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties, and closed down to the first degree. Bro. Christian worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Bigg, of Lodge 45, and Bros. Dodson and Cornu, of Lodge 860, were elected members. Proposed by Bro. Wallington, seconded by Bro. Christian, that the sum of £5 5s be placed on Bro. Dickens's list for the Boys' Festival; carried unanimously. Bro. Weige was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—At the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 15th inst. Present—Bros. Simmonds W.M., Hine S.W., Crouch J.W., Fenner Precpt., Townsend Sec., Smith S.D., Lane I.G., also Bros. Bolton, Pearcy, Wartski, Stroud and Hunt. Preliminaries observed, Bro. Hunt answered the usual questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Crouch, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising in an excellent manner, Bro. Simmonds being the candidate. Bro. Simmonds resumed the chair, closed the Lodge in the third degree, and resumed to the first degree, when Bro. Fenner worked the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hine was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned. The annual supper in connection with this Lodge takes place on Thursday next. Tickets, 3s each, can be had of Bros. Bolton or Lane.

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**Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.**—Held at Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, N., on Wednesday, the 20th inst. Bros. P. Dickinson Preceptor, T. Goode W.M., L. R. Rogers P.M. S.W., J. Pigot P.M. J.W., Alfred Goode S.D., Press J.D., John Spargin I.G., H. B. D. Dunn Secretary; Bros. John Evans, G. D. Edmunds, John Eldridge P.M. 167, Nettleton, of No. 90, Canada, &c. Lodge opened and minutes were read. Bro. Edmunds, candidate for raising, was examined as a F.C. and entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. P.M. Dickinson worked the first and second sections of the first lecture. Bro. P.M. Rogers was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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**Finsbury Park Master Masons Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.**—At the Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Friday, 15th March, Bro. L. R. Rogers P.M. Preceptor. Bros. Payne W.M., H. B. D. Dunn S.W., Thompson J.W., Press S.D., Edmunds J.D., J. F. O. Wood I.G., Beattie, Parslow, Wilkinson, Cox, Cuthbertson, and several others. Lodge opened and minutes were read. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Parslow candidate. Bro. Beattie, candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened to second degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge closed in second degree. Bros. S. Beattie, of Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, W. Wilkinson, St. John's, 167, and C. F. Parslow, of Hugh Middelton, 1602, were elected members. Bro. H. B. D. Dunn will preside at the next meeting.

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**Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.**—At the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 18th inst. Present—Bros. Cusworth W.M., E. Bishop S.W., Mann J.W., Goddard S.D., McDowell J.D., Grist I.G., Stephens P.M. Preceptor and Treasurer, Slaiter Secretary; also Bros. Hobbs P.M., F. Badkin, Jacob, Blunt, Garrod, Lockett, Paddle P.M., &c. The Lodge was opened in due form. After the confirmation of the minutes, the ceremony of installation was ably and impressively rehearsed by Bro. Cusworth, W.M. of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813. Bro. Slaiter was then placed in the chair, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Goddard candidate. It was unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Cusworth, for the able and efficient manner in which he had worked the ceremony of installation. Bro. E. Bishop was elected W.M. for the ensuing two weeks. Bro. Paddle P.M. of Panmure Lodge, No. 715, was elected a member. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in harmony, and adjourned to Monday, the 25th inst., at 7.30.

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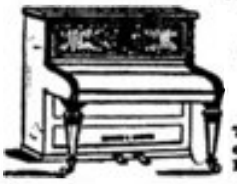

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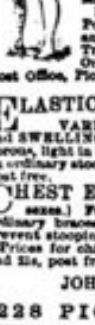

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| | | 144 ... | 2nd Regiment Lancashire Militia ... ... | 1763 | — |
| 113 | Unanimity, Preston ... ... ... | 179 ... | 3rd Royal Lancashire Militia ... ... ... | 1767 | — |
| 115 | St. John's, Gibraltar ... ... ... | 181 ... | 2nd Royal Battalion Royal Artillery ... ... | 1774 | — |
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| 131 | Fortitude, Truro ... ... ... | 213 ... | Royal Regiment of Cornish Miners ... ... | 1772 | — |
| | | 221 ... | 9th Regiment of Foot ... ... ... ... | 1773 | — |
| | | 228 ... | 9th Battalion Royal Artillery ... ... ... | 1774 | — |
| | | 233 ... | 1st Battalion 91st Regiment ... ... ... | 1774 | — |
| | | 262 ... | Royal Regiment Stafford Militia ... ... ... | 1778 | — |
| | | 270 ... | Royal Cumberland Militia ... ... ... | 1782 | — |
| | | 272 ... | East Devon Regiment of Militia ... ... ... | 1782 | — |
| | | 286 ... | North Devon Militia ... ... ... ... | 1785 | — |
| | | 297 ... | Hirsel Lodge, Berwickshire Militia ... ... | 1786 | — |
| | | 313 ... | 76th Regiment ... ... ... ... ... | 1788 | — |
| | | 318 ... | 23rd Regiment ... ... ... ... ... | 1789 | — |
| | | 328 ... | Royal Marine, Chatham ... ... ... ... | 1790 | — |
| | | 331 ... | 7th Regiment Light Dragoons ... ... ... | 1790 | — |
| | | 356 ... | Wiltshire Regiment of Militia ... ... ... | 1794 | — |
| | | 361 ... | 17th Regiment Light Dragoons ... ... ... | 1794 | — |
| | | 369 ... | Parkhurst Barracks, Isle of Wight ... ... | 1795 | — |
| 212 | Euphrates, London ... ... ... | 370 ... | In West London Militia ... ... ... ... | 1795-1812 | — |
| | | 379 ... | 85th Regiment ... ... ... ... ... | 1796 | — |
| | | 396 ... | 6th Regiment Inniskilling Dragoons ... ... | 1798 | — |
| | | 404 ... | Lisbon in Garrison... ... ... ... ... | 1799 | — |
| | | 406 ... | 91st Regiment ... ... ... ... ... | 1799 | — |
| | | 408 ... | 78th Regiment ... ... ... ... ... | 1800 | — |
| | | 415 ... | In Garrison, Cape Breton, North America ... | 1801 | — |
| | | 418 ... | Royal Marine Lodge, Woolwich ... ... ... | 1802 | — |
| | | 419 ... | 6th Battalion Royal Artillery ... ... ... | 1802 | — |
| | | 424 ... | 2nd Battalion 58th Regiment ... ... ... | 1805 | — |
| | | 426 ... | 92nd Regiment ... ... ... ... ... | 1806 | — |
| | | 432 ... | 1st Battalion 14th Regiment ... ... ... | 1807 | — |
| | | 434 ... | 2nd Battalion 34th Regiment ... ... ... | 1807 | — |
| | | 439 ... | 4th Garrison Battalion, Guernsey ... ... | 1809 | — |
| | | 443 ... | 4th Battalion Royal Artillery ... ... ... | 1810 | — |
| | | 445 ... | 2nd Battalion 14th Regiment ... ... ... | 1810 | — |
| | | 446 ... | 68th Regiment ... ... ... ... ... | 1810 | — |
| | | 449 ... | Lodge of Charity, Royal Artificers, Jersey ... | 1810 | — |
| | | 454 ... | 5th Regiment of Foot ... ... ... ... | 1812 | — |
| | | 456 ... | 10th Battalion Royal Artillery ... ... ... | 1812 | — |
| | | 459 ... | 10th Battalion Royal Artillery ... ... ... | 1813 | — |
| | | 460 ... | St. George's, East York Militia ... ... ... | — | 1782 |
| | | 567 ... | Royal Regiment of Cheshire Militia ... ... | — | 1794 |
| | | 590 ... | Lodge of Truth, 1st Regiment Life Guards ... | — | 1798 |
| 330 | One and All, Bodmin ... ... ... | 625 ... | Royal Cornwall Lodge, in Cornwall Regiment Militia | — | 1810 |
| | | 634 ... | Union York, 2nd Regiment W. Yorkshire Militia | — | 1811 |

The dates of constitution in Bro. Hughan's list are only given in the case of the "Moderns," the dates therefore assigned to the "Ancient" Lodges have been kindly approximately fixed by him, in response to our request. It is a curious circumstance that up to the year 1813, though fifty English Military Lodges were in existence, with few exceptions these were working under "Ancient" warrants, the first Military Lodge in the above list constituted by the "Moderns" being St. George, in the East York Militia, A.D. 1782. It will be seen that only six of the above Lodges are now in existence, also that all of these are working under Civil Warrants.* The following are the Military Lodges now on the Roll:—

| No. | | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 316 | 1st Royal (originally a Civil Warrant) | 1798 |
| 352 | 6th Regiment ... ... ... ... | 1817 |
| 497 | 89th Regiment ... ... ... | 1844 |
| 528 | 14th Regiment ... ... ... | 1846 |
| 743 | 31st Regiment ... ... ... | 1858 |
| 824 | 12th Regiment ... ... ... | 1860 |

And of these, No. 316, though dating from 1798, was not attached to the 1st (Royal Regiment) until after 1814, in which year it was located at Madras, working, presumably, under a Civil Warrant.

An analysis of the above list shows the following result:—

* Nos. 117, 131 and 212 Warrants have been published in our columns.

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| | | Regular Forces. | | | |
| Lodges in Royal Artillery | ... | ... | ... | 9 | |
| " Infantry Regiments | | ... | ... | 15 | |
| " Cavalry do | ... | ... | ... | 4 | |
| " Royal Marines | ... | ... | ... | 2 | |
| " In Barracks and Garrisons | | | ... | 4 | |
| " Royal Artificers | ... | ... | ... | 1 | |
| | | | | — | ... 35 |
| | | Militia. | | | |
| Lodges in Lancashire Regiments | | | ... | 2 | |
| " Shropshire do | | | ... | 1 | |
| " Cornwall | ... | ... | ... | 2 | |
| " Staffordshire | ... | ... | ... | 1 | |
| " Cumberland | ... | ... | ... | 1 | |
| " Devon | ... | ... | ... | 2 | |
| " Berwickshire | | ... | ... | 1 | |
| " Wiltshire | ... | ... | ... | 1 | |
| " London | ... | ... | ... | 2 | |
| " York | ... | ... | ... | 1 | |
| " Cheshire | ... | ... | ... | 1 | |
| | | | | — | ... 15 |
| Grand Total | ... | ... | ... | ... | 50 |

At first sight, the decadence of Military Masonry would seem to be due to the operation of very natural causes, the reduction of the army from a war to a peace footing after the Battle of Waterloo in 1815, leading, not only to the disembodiment of the entire force of Militia, which had been employed in garrison duties in Great Britain, during the absence on foreign service of the bulk of our regular army, but also resulting in the disbandment of many regiments of Infantry and Cavalry, and the reduction of all that were retained on the fixed establishment, to a much lower strength than had hitherto prevailed. A closer examination, however, reveals a very different cause for such decay; the prosperity of Military Lodges, as a body, culminated in 1813, when fifty were in existence, which, with only six exceptions, were *all working under "Ancient"* Warrants.

It would therefore appear that the progress of Military Masonry was arrested in 1814, after the Grand Lodge of "Ancients" ceased to exist as an independent institution, as at no time during our history as a nation did our Military establishments swell to larger proportions than between 1782 and 1815.

The decay of Military Masonry in its class aspect, as evidenced by the proportion of Military to Civil Lodges falling off from one in twelve in 1814 to one in three hundred in 1878, has, we think, scarcely been noticed before in any Masonic journal.

Lodge "Fort George," under the Scotch Constitution, referred to by Bro. Gould as having been at work in the 31st Regiment in 1816, was chartered in 1760, and struck off the Roll in 1852.

## HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

(*Continued from page* 194.)

On the death of Lord Rancliffe in 1851, the office of Prov. Grand Master was conferred on Sir F. G. Fowke, who had performed the duties of Deputy for eighteen years; and on the 23rd April of that year, Sir Frederick was duly installed in office, Bro. W. Dobie, Grand Registrar and Prov. G. Master of Surrey, presiding as Prov. G. Master, Bro. W. H. White Grand Secretary as Deputy G.M., and Bros. Pettifor and Kelly as Prov. Grand Wardens, about fifty brethren being present. One of the earliest acts of the new chief was the appointment of a commission, consisting of Bros. Wheeler, Kelly, and the P.G. Secretary, to inquire into the irregular proceedings of the Knights of Malta Lodge at Hinckley, which is now, we rejoice to hear, one of the best ordered Lodges in the country, instead of, as it was then, a small but ill-conducted Lodge, consisting mostly of operatives, who were constantly applying for relief to the Grand Lodge of Benevolence. Indeed, from a list which appears in this sketch, —the names, however, being very properly suppressed, and only initials given—it appears that between 1828 and 1851, the members had obtained relief to the extent of £100, their annual contributions to the funds of Grand Lodge varying from a pound to thirty shillings. Indeed, we are told that but for the services of the late Bro. Needham, an old P.M. of the Lodge, it would have been extinct long before. It must be borne in mind that the Knights of Malta Lodge was originally an Athole Lodge. Its Warrant is dated 1764, but it was originally held at Macclesfield, and it was not till 1803 that the Warrant was transferred to Hinckley. Yet, in spite of the articles of the Union, which declared that Masonry consisted only of the three degrees, including the Royal Arch, the Lodge, acting on the sole authority of its Warrant, had gone on granting the Ark, Mark, Arch, and Templar degrees. Specimens of the Lodge certificates for the Craft, Arch, and Templar degrees are given, that of the last-mentioned being as follows:—

"In the name of the Most Holy, Glorious, and Undivided Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

"We, the Capt. General, &c., &c., &c. of the General Assembley of Knight Templers, held under the Sanction of Lodge 66 of the English Regestry, Do Hereby certify that the Bearer, our faithful true, and well-beloved Brother, Sir William Lee, was by us, Dub'd a Knight of the Most Holy and Magnanimous Order of Knight Templers, the true and faithful Soldier in Jesus Christ, he having with due honour and fortitude, supported the Amaising Tryals attending his admission, and as such we recommend him to all true Knight Templers on the face of the Globe.

"Given under our own hands and seal of our general assembly at Hinckley, this 8th day of May 1822, and of the Order of Malta.

L. S. Henry Granger, Capt. General,
Mical McKenny, Grand Warden,
James Goode, Dept. Grand Warden."

On the 28th April 1852 the statue erected in Leicester to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Lord Lieutenancy of the "Good" Duke of Rutland, was formally inaugurated with Masonic ceremony by the Prov. G. Master and his Grand Officers, the brethren present numbering some eighty, the mallet used on the occasion being afterwards presented to the John of Gaunt Lodge. The Duke conveyed his thanks for the honour thus done by the brethren in a letter to the Prov. G. Master. On this occasion Bro. Kelly was appointed Dep. G.M., though it was not till 1856 that he received his regular patent of appointment. On 15th November 1854, Bro. W. Cooke, who had held the office of Prov. G. Secretary since 1833, and who in 1850 had been presented by the St. John's Lodge with a full dress suit of P.G. Secretary's clothing and P.M.'s jewel, as a mark of their affection, resigned his office, and Bro. Kelly was appointed in his stead. In 1855 the Prov. G. Master's health was such that he was unable to preside in P.G. Lodge, and early in 1856 he issued, as we have said, a regular patent of appointment, by virtue of which Bro. Kelly ruled the Province as Dep. P.G. Master, and on the 19th May of the same year it was announced in P.G. Lodge that two days previously Sir F. G. Fowke had died, being then in the 74th year of his age. A resolution of regret and sympathy with the family of the deceased was adopted unanimously, and it was further determined that the brethren of the Province should wear Masonic mourning for twelve months as a mark of respect for their late chief. On the 18th June of this year Earl Howe was appointed Prov. G. Master, and in October he appointed Bro. Kelly his Deputy. In November his Lordship was installed in office by Bro. Kelly, in the presence of over a hundred brethren, among whom were Bro. Sir A. G. Hazlerigg, Bro. C. R. Colvile M.P. D.P.G.M. for Derbyshire, and other distinguished brethren from the adjoining Provinces. On this occasion the brethren went in procession to church, and here a collection, amounting to £50, was made, for the joint benefit of the St. John's District Schools and the Leicester Infirmary. On leaving church, the P. G. Master, assisted by his Officers, laid the foundation stone of the adjoining schools. On reaching the P.G. Lodge, an illuminated address of congratulation was presented to his Lordship, who gratefully acknowledged it, and then, after the appointment of a Committee to prepare a code of bye laws, the P.G. Lodge was closed, and the brethren met again at banquet, a few non-Masons, including Lord Curzon, now Lord Howe, the Mayor and Town Clerk of Leicester, and the Vicar of St. Margaret's, being present. The year 1857 was marked by two events —Lord Howe's presentation to the P.G. Lodge of four jewels of office, those of the D.P.G.M., the P.G. Secretary, and the two P.G. Stewards, together with his banner as P.G.M., and the adoption of the Provincial bye laws. This year is further distinguished by the revived fortunes of the Knights of Malta Lodge at Hinckley, and in 1858 a Prov. G. Lodge was held in that town, and Lord Howe

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was installed as W.M. of the Lodge. In 1859 the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 1081—now No. 779—was constituted, Earl Ferrers being its first W. Master, who also was appointed Prov. G. Junior Warden, vice Bro. W. Beaumont Smith resigned. His Lordship, however, died during his year, and was succeeded in both his offices by Bro. Edward Mammatt. In this year a third and successful attempt was made to raise funds for the erection of a Masonic Hall in Leicester, the first stone being laid, by the P.G.M., on the 15th February, and the building consecrated and dedicated to Masonry on the 15th September. On the 6th October, the Ferrers and Ivanhoe, which had been opened without consecration, and had continued to work under dispensation, was duly consecrated on the 6th October, and, by a strange coincidence, the death of Earl Ferrers, who had not lived to be installed its first W.M., was followed by that of Bro. Edward Mammatt, when he had only completed six months of his term of office. In 1860, in accordance with a unanimous resolution of Prov. G. Lodge, the portrait of Earl Howe as Prov. G. Master was painted, the artist being Bro. T. James Barker, and on 9th October of that year it was formally presented, and hung in the Masonic Hall, an illuminated address being, at the same, handed to his Lordship. In 1864, two Lodges were added to the roll of the P.G. Lodge, namely: the Howe and Charnwood Lodge, No. 1007, at Loughborough, and the Rutland Lodge, No. 1130, at Melton Mowbray. The former was consecrated, and Lord Howe installed first W.M., on 2nd August; the latter was consecrated by Bro. Kelly, and Bro. George Bowman installed W.M., on 19th October. About this time the P.G.M. expressed a wish to resign his office, but at the unanimously expressed wish of the brethren, he consented to remain at his post, and on 30th August 1867 he presided, though, unfortunately for the last time, over the P.G. Lodge held at the Town Hall, Ashby de la Zouch. On the 30th September 1869, the Province was enlarged, a new Lodge, the "Vale of Catmos Lodge," No. 1265, being consecrated at Oakham, and the County of Rutland was conjoined with that of Leicester as a Masonic Province. At their meeting of P.G. Lodge, a letter from Earl Howe was read, again pressing the brethren to accept his resignation. This was done with great regret, and his lordship having sent in his resignation as Master on the 6th December 1869, Bro. Kelly received his patent of appointment as his successor on the 3rd January following. The installation of the new P.G. Master took place on the 18th February, the event being celebrated by a banquet, followed by a Masonic ball. On the 12th May Earl Howe died, and on the 18th of the month the foundation stones of two new churches were laid with Masonic ceremonies, that of St. Mark being laid by Sir F. G. Fowke, Bart., who officiated for Lord Curzon, absent by reason of his father's death. At this meeting of P.G. Lodge, an address of condolence with Lord Howe's family was unanimously adopted, and it was resolved to wear Masonic mourning for six months, as a tribute of respect to his memory. On the 18th July, a new Lodge, the St. Peter's, No. 133, was consecrated at Market Harborough. In 1872, a third Leicester Lodge, the Commercial, No. 1391, was consecrated. In 1873, Bro. Kelly resigned the P.G. Mastership, and was succeeded by Earl Ferrers, who still holds the appointment, Bro. Sir Henry St. J. Halford, Bart., being his Deputy. Since then, in 1875, a fourth Leicester Lodge, the Albert Edward, No. 1560, has been added to the roll, so that the Province now boasts ten Lodges, while before 1846 it had only three, of which two, the Knights of Malta and the Rancliffe (since defunct) were in a very unsatisfactory condition. If we add that a Prov. G. Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry was constituted in 1858, with Earl Howe as P.G. Superintendent, and that there are now four R.A. Chapters; and that on the 23rd June of the same year Bro. Kelly was appointed, by Lord Leigh, Prov. G. Master of Mark Masons, who are also in a flourishing state, we shall have said enough to show how well the Craft is prospering in the Province which has occupied our attention for some time past.

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In our report of the Francis Burdett Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 181, last week, we announced that "Bro. J. M. Steven" was unanimously elected an honorary member: this should have read "Bro. James Stevens." We are pleased to make this correction, as our worthy brother (of Clapham) well deserves such an honour as this the members of the Burdett Lodge of M.M.M. have conferred upon him.

# A NEW LODGE.

## FROM THE "KEYSTONE."

HOW full of meaning are those three little words—a New Lodge! A volume might be written upon them, without unnecessarily multiplying words. The subject is again and again brought to our notice, by every constitution of a new body of the Craft.

In the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania we have witnessed, during the present week, the consecration and constitution of another member of the great Masonic family—Spring City Lodge No. 553, F. and A.M. We may, therefore, appropriately refer at this time to some thoughts germane to the occasion.

A New Lodge! What a host of possibilities and probabilities it suggests. "To us a child is born, to us a son is given." To-day it may be small and weak, but it possesses within itself, and through its mystic and magnetic force of attraction, a power to double, triple and quadruple its size and strength. It is a giant in embryo. If founded in wisdom, it will surely develop in strength and beauty. It possesses the Solomonic virility, and will unfailingly reproduce its like. Like father, like son, is the law of Masonry as it is of humanity.

A new Lodge! Another beacon light of Faith, Hope and Charity of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. There is the same Altar, the same Great Lights, the same symbolism, and the same impressive ceremonies, that have always characterized the Craft. It is a new Lodge, and yet there is really nothing new about it, except its name. Its members are old, its principles are old, and its ceremonials are old. It affords another demonstration of the truth that there is nothing new under the sun.

A new Lodge! Another quarry, whence shall be taken, and where shall be fashioned, rough stones into perfect ashlars. Masons are first to be "made," and then continuously instructed. The work is a life-work. Living stones are to be built into a spiritual Temple. The cement of Brotherly Love is to be spread, to unite the building into a common mass. The Ancient Abbeys and Cathedrals of Europe, the work of our forefathers in the Craft—that were so honestly built that they have defied the crumbling hands of time, are, in their way, no apt types of the Temple that is to be—"not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

A new Lodge! Another fountain of Charity opened. Another bourne for the weary, unfortunate Brother. Another refuge for the widow and the orphan. Can you estimate its value, measure its usefulness, or determine its expectation of life? it might take an angel's eye to see to the end of its existence. Its life-principle is Freemasonry, which is an *elixir vitæ*.

A new Lodge! Another almost magical power for developing men of every nation, tongue, kindred and religion, into Brethren—a power more valuable than that of the long sought philosopher's stone for turning whatever it touched into gold. A good man and true is invaluable. He cannot be bought or sold.

A new Lodge! Another champion of the Truth—the truth of God—His existence, unity and omnipotence; the truth of man, his possession of an immortal soul. The representatives of these two truths shall one day be brought face to face, and both shall exist somewhere, for ever.

A new Lodge! Another microcosm, a world in miniature, with the starry canopy over head, and the chequered floor under foot. Another oblong square—a figure only known to Masonry. We still perpetuate, in figure, the world as it was supposed to be at the Solomonic era. Then the inhabited portions of the globe were contained within boundary lines that on a chart of Mercator's projection would have come within an oblong square—that is a parallelogram. The Lodge to this day is a symbol of the world as it was, or was generally supposed to be, in the days of King Solomon.

A new Lodge! but *practically* of what character? Shall the members be only *represented* at its meetings, say but one out of ten regularly present? Shall it open and close in the same breath, with no work, no interest, no funds? Is it living or dead at the outset? Stillborn, or alive for evermore? We should like to know, for this is an all-important inquiry.

A new Lodge! How many sides has it—individually we mean? Is there unity or diversity among its members? Do they naturally "take sides" as soon as any new measure is proposed? Do they love to debate, dispute, wrangle? Are they nothing unless they are argumentative? Another important inquiry.

A new Lodge! Are the members sociable or distant in their intercourse with each other? When they meet do they simply nod, or speak, or shake hands? Are they friends or strangers among themselves? Do they *know* each other outside of the Lodge? Do they leave all of their Masonry in the Lodge Room with their aprons, or do they carry it home with them, and charm the domestic circle and the world with its happy influence?

A new Lodge? Shall it go up or down? That depends upon itself, and itself is its members. The officers alone cannot make or mar it—there must be a following, that is, mutual aid and support. Every Brother who has cast his lot within its mystic boundaries must identify himself with its life and prosperity if he would see it reflect honor upon the Craft. There must be identity of interest and unity of plan. Bear and forbear. Labour for it in and out of season. Think of the welfare of your Lodge as you think of your own welfare. Introduce to it no improper or discordant elements. Recommend ignorantly or carelessly no applicant. Be persuaded that a grave responsibility ever rests upon you. You are your Brother's keeper. You are your Lodge's keeper. You are a scion of the royal lineage of Freemasons. You have learned a royal art, and right royally should you think, speak and act whenever Masonic interests are at stake. Be true to your Lodge and yourself, and then your Lodge, if new, will be destined to be old, and if old, will be for ever renewing the vigour of its youth.

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# CORRESPONDENCE.

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## GRAND ORIENT AND ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The controversy upon this subject, intensely interesting as it undoubtedly is, appears to me somewhat out of date to serve any useful or practical purpose. The proper time would have been during the deliberations of the Committee, and before the last meeting of Grand Lodge. Not that I for a moment suppose any amount of correspondence, either *pro* or *con*, would have exercised the slightest influence as regards the result. The most eloquent advocacy in favour of the delinquent would have been of no effect, or had any chance of success in the slightest degree to alter the foregone conclusion. It was from the beginning the intention to proclaim that members of the Grand Orient have forfeited all claim to participate in English Masonic privileges. By the unanimous voice of the representatives of numerous English Lodges that intention has been carried into effect. Right or wrong, prudent or injudicious, in whichever light it is taken, the decree has gone forth, and loyalty demands due, unhesitating, and unqualified submission. The past cannot be recalled, and if this discussion is to have any value it should be directed towards the elucidation of such points as might tend towards re-union, and the re-establishment of what cannot now be justly termed a Universal Brotherhood. The subject has already been dealt with in a variety of ways, and the social, moral and historical bearings thereof, have received ample consideration. But there is a view of which, hitherto, no notice has been taken, meriting, as it appears to me, some amount of attention. I allude to what I must claim permission to call its psychological aspect. The Grand Orient is accused of a crime which, to my humble apprehension, it would be difficult to substantiate. It is charged with the offence of removing the barrier erected to exclude those who are opposed to the popular conception of a deity, and are supposed to cherish **atheistic** opinion. Now, I start with the axiom that atheism is a moral impossibility, and consequently that what is intended to be conveyed by the term atheist does not in reality exist. The mere assertion of disbelief does in no way militate against this proposition, for it may arise from an abnormal peculiarity of mental condition. The religious faculty eminently belongs to men, and is the most powerful and abiding. It is not to be suppressed, however much it might for a time be disregarded, its influence will ever predominate, and there is no process capable of bringing about its annihilation. The negationist no doubt fancies himself the votary of truth, while in reality he prostrates his intellect before vain imaginings and offers incense upon the altar of falsehood and deceit. But that condition of mind is fleeting and unsubstantial. The natural instinct of men is prone to self examination during the progress of which it is speedily made clear, that what seemed conscientious conviction, is but a phantom offspring of a vain conceit, and that in the innermost recesses of our being, there lurks the consciousness of weakness and dependence, and a yearning towards a higher power on whom to rely for strength, support and safety. To simply say men *believe* in God is not a correct expression. It is absolute and perfect *knowledge*, more or less clear to every understanding. If, therefore, all men know God, the term atheist is meaningless in the sense in which it is generally understood. The question therefore narrows itself to this. Ought we, having due regard to that "charity which thinketh no evil," to refuse friendship and fraternal intercourse to one who, while refusing verbal professions, *acts* in conformity with laws of God, or would it not be wiser to judge principle by conduct. One, at the mention of whose name millions bare the head and bend the knee, has taught, ages ago, "*Ye shall know them by their fruits*," and has assured his disciples that "*Not every one that sayeth unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of the Father which is in Heaven.*" High authority this for accepting conduct as the true test. But in our days hypocrisy enjoys immense advantage over conscientiousness. Undoubted integrity, unremitting benevolence, and blameless life, avail nought against ostentatious declarations of faith, and the conscious prattle of canting theological verbiage, the standard by which, now-a-days, man's character is gauged. If a man *doeth* the will of the Father, though he might assert unbelief, and object to pronounce the most sacred of all formulas, I hold him to be truly religious in the very best sense of the word. From this point of view the offence, if so it is to be called, of the Grand Orient will, I think, appear in a somewhat softer light. For if it can be shown that the irreproachable only are accepted, whose virtues indicate harmony with the divine law; then the crime about which such an outcry has been raised, and for which the barbarous penalty of excommunication has been hurled with more or less precipitancy upon that unfortunate body is, after all, reduced to the elimination of a formulated set of words, the spirit of which still guides its labours as of yore.

Yours fraternally,

E. GOTTHEIL.

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*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In my letter of last week, my remarks were directed chiefly to a consideration of the change introduced into French Masonry by the recent alteration in the Constitutions of the Grand Orient. I endeavoured to show that this change was a very real as well as a very important one. I strove to the best of my ability to meet the assertion of Bro. Thévenot, apparently endorsed by Bro. "M. B.," to the effect that nothing whatever is changed in the practices of French Masonry, and to this end I used arguments based on statements contained in a well known history of French Masonry, and on words and illustrations derived from, or explanatory of, the French ritual. I also said a few words in justification of Lord Carnarvon's assumption that Grand Lodge would unanimously accept the Report of the Grand Committee, of which he was the leading member. I will now, with your kind permission, touch on sundry points raised by "A *Free*-Mason and P.M." in his letter of the 12th inst.

Premising, of course, that I willingly accord him that "credit for sincerity and good faith" which I claim for myself, I must in the first place point out that his letter would have had greater weight with me had he employed more argument and less assertion, and if, in the one or two cases in which he has descended into the arena of argument, he had started on just premises. For instance, he justifies the conduct of the Grand Orient in its alteration of the first article of its Constitutions on the ground that "every one believes in God in some form or other." Bro. Thévenot had previously affirmed that the Grand Orient did not believe there were atheists in the *absolute* sense of the word—whatever that may be; while Bro. Norton allows that there are atheists, but considers the number of such persons is very small. I must leave Bro. Thévenot to interpret his own statements. Bro. Norton, I think, is very probably right in his belief, and supposing "A *Free*-Mason and P.M.'s" assumption were correct, there would probably be no great harm in omitting the words which indicate a belief in the existence of God. But while Bro. Norton expresses an opinion on this matter, "A *Free*-Mason and P.M." dogmatically asserts that there is no such person as an atheist, and that, too, in contradiction of Bro. Thévenot's statement "that G.O. formerly counted among its illustrious members the eminent astronomer Lalande, and the great philosopher Helvétius, and others, *who openly professed atheistic principles.*" (N.B.—The italics are mine.) I repeat, I do not pretend to explain the statements of Bro. Thévenot, who apparently draws a distinction between "atheists in the *absolute* sense of the word," and persons "who openly profess atheistic principles." But here, at all events, we have three brethren who justify the recent conduct of the Grand Orient widely differing amongst themselves at the very threshold of the case. Bro. Norton allows that there are atheists; Bro. Thévenot denies there are "atheists in the absolute sense of the word," though he admits there have been persons "who openly professed atheistic principles;" and "A *Free*-Mason and P.M." affirms that "every one believes in God in some form or other." But if Bro. Norton is right, then it seems to me the whole of "A *Free*-Mason and P.M.'s" case falls to the ground, for he starts on the assumption that all men are theists. If, however, the latter is right, then Bro. Thévenot's statement, that there have been members of the Grand Orient "who openly professed atheistic principles," must be erroneous. One thing is very certain, these three brethren, differing as they do so radically, cannot all be in the right.

In the next place, I think Bro. Thévenot is a more trustworthy exponent of the principles which actuated the Grand Orient in its recent change than my English brother. The latter says all men believe in God, "but a man who believes in Buddha would doubtless hesitate in an English or French Lodge to declare such belief," and "upon this principle the Grand Orient has resolved to 'eliminate the name of the G.A.O.T.U. from its Ritual.'" On the other hand, Bro. Thévenot, writing under a due sense of official responsibility, tells us that the Grand Orient has resolved not to require from a candidate any declaration "whether he believes or not in God," since it would have been "necessary to make some sort of definition in reference to the matter (a thing which has always led to some very regrettable discussions)." "A *Free*-Mason and P.M." affirms that all men believe in God, while Bro. Thévenot when he says the G. Orient does not require a candidate to declare "whether he believes or not in God," virtually allows that there are persons who do not so believe. The former says that Grand Orient has adopted the recent change on the principle that a religionist of this or that persuasion might hesitate to express his belief in God in a French or English Lodge; the latter assigns as the reason that if such a declaration were required it would be necessary "to make some sort of definition in reference to the matter." It is impossible to reconcile such statements as these, except it be on the ground that "A *Free*-Mason and P.M.'s" principle and Bro. Thévenot's definition must necessarily be of a sectarian character. In such case, however, our Grand Lodge, which is strongly opposed to sectarianism, would have had no ground of action against the G. Orient. The truth is, there has been a real difficulty in defining God, because there are many men anxious to become, or who have already become members of the Grand Orient, who deny His existence. So this belief or unbelief is left an open question, as is the case with the question of the admission of women to the franchise among our Liberal and Conservative politicians.

Whether "the enemies of Freemasonry will hail with delight" what "A *Free*-Mason and P.M." is pleased to designate as an "act of dictatorial harshness, as well as weakness, emanating from a body whose charity and freedom ought to be paramount," is a question which has yet to be decided. The principal enemy of Freemasonry has always been the Roman Catholic Church, and the reason of its hostility the fancied irreligious tendencies of Freemasonry. I incline to think our friends, the Romish bigots of the Dupanloup school, will be delighted to find their asseverations as to the godless character of French Masonry are proved, while the conduct of our Grand Lodge in affirming there is no Freemasonry which does not include a sense of religion, will command their respect, if not their unqualified approval. This, however, is only the expression of an opinion, and, as I have said already, has yet to be decided. As regards the objection of our Grand Lodge to "absolute liberty of conscience," it is

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justifiable on the ground that this grandisonant phrase means nothing but "absolute license" in the matter of religion. But if this absolute liberty is so very precious in this particular respect, why may we not take exception to the limits imposed on it in respect of morals. Our Grand Lodge is, at all events, consistent. It excludes irreligious as well as immoral men. The Grand Orient admits the former, but excludes the latter, yet both are the disciples of "license" as contradistinguished from "liberty." Let us remember one important particular, in which the Emperor Augustus's conduct as a ruler extorted praise from the poet Horace,—

"Ordinem
Rectum evagnnti frœna Licentiæ
Injecit."

I am almost ashamed to quote so trite a passage, but its appositeness in connection with the distinction I have raised must be my justification.

I demur to the statement that Grand Lodge has "broken through that estimable rule" which forbids religious discussions in our Lodges. What we hold to be a fundamental principle of Freemasonry was broken last autumn by the French Grand Orient. A Committee of Inquiry was appointed in December. That Committee reported, in March, that it was true this fundamental principle had been broken. It reiterated that principle as emphatically as possible, and in order to vindicate the purity of English Freemasonry it recommended that French brethren visiting our Lodges should, among other proofs of their being true and genuine Masons, declare their belief, not in the God of the Christians, or in the God of the Jews, or in the God of the Mahommedans, but in the Great Architect of the Universe. There was no discussion about forms of religious worship. It was simply laid down, and Grand Lodge unanimously endorsed it, that the essential principle of Freemasonry is belief in the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. No attempt was made to express any ideas or opinions respecting the "G.A.O.T.U.," and therefore "A *Free*-Mason and P.M." need be under no alarm about the terrible consequences he has pictured to him as likely to result from the action of our Grand Lodge. It has simply but emphatically re-enunciated a fundamental principle, which is entirely different from discussing a form.

The works of the late John Stuart Mill are the last I should dream of consulting on a question of religion. The phrase "whose God is their belly," is a mere figure of speech. "A *Free*-Mason and P.M.'s" letter would have been better and stronger had he left Mill and the belly-God out.

I am afraid there are none so blind as those who will not see, and though "A *Free*-Mason and P.M.'s" letter is evidently that of an able and experienced Craftsman, I imagine it will be of little use arguing this question with him till he recognises the important distinction that exists between requiring a foreign brother to declare his belief in the G.A.O.T.U., and asking what are "his ideas and opinions of the G.A.O.T.U." In the former case we are acting in obedience to our Grand Lodge, and for the maintenance of the essential principle of Freemasonry. In the latter case, we should be acting in direct opposition to the laws of Grand Lodge, and be guilty of a most un-Masonic act of impertinence.

Having said thus much, which I fear is much too much, having regard to the limited space at your disposal,

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

## A SUGGESTION.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It has occurred to me that as H.R.H. the Prince of Wales our M.W.G.M., is about to open the new wing of the Girls' School, and eighteen girls are to be elected out of twenty-four candidates at the next election in April, it would be well to commemorate the great event in a graceful and appropriate way. This could be done by the Committee of the Girls' School sanctioning the election of all the twenty-four girls, without a poll, and with that view I have taken the liberty to write you, that the matter may be brought before the consideration of the Governors.

If you have room for this in your next issue I shall be obliged, and am, Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

R. THORPE W.M. 588.

Sleaford, 19th March 1878.

## SHREWSBURY FREEMASONS AND A MASONIC CHART SELLER, FROM BRISTOL.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Recently there arrived in this town a "Traveller" from "Bristol," who offered for sale among the members of the Craft a Masonic Chart. The advent of this unfortunate individual in the flourishing town of Salop has caused a lively time among some of the "Salopians," who have not been edified or gratified by his visit. The trouble may be explained briefly thus. The vendor of the Chart, in his rounds, called upon a good-natured brother, who indiscreetly gave him a circular on which was the names of three candidates. Without loss of time the "Bristolian" called upon each of the aspirants for our glorious Order, making sure of effecting a sale of his wares. Not finding them eager to entertain his application, and they declaring they had not received Masonic light, or any signification that they ever would, the circular was produced, backed up by the assertion that all was right, and that they had been balloted for and accepted. It is needless to add each of the candidates purchased a Chart, the price being 10*s* 6*d*. Now the facts are, that only one candidate was balloted for, and he was under a cloud; consequently, the other two candidates were withdrawn. The indignation of the worthy brethren of Shrewsbury has been aroused, and it must be apparent to every Mason that such conduct is very reprehensible, to use a mild term, especially if the party alluded to can claim the honour of being a Mason. This somewhat unpleasant occurrence somewhat affects you, inasmuch as your Mr. S. M. Davies has arrived in this town on a Masonic tour, to give the brethren a complete idea of your able journal, and the name of the Chart vendor being Davies there has been a fixed impression that the two individuals are in some way connected, or that the Bristolian has re-appeared as a Londoner, and your representative. Of course, those who have seen both individuals do not labour under such a mistake, but there may be a "feeling" on your Mr. Davies presenting his card, and there is a conviction that this matter ought to be made public, through the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and by this means give you a chance to protect a member of your staff.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, Yours truly and fraternally,

ONE WHO KNOWS.

Shrewsbury, 28th March 1878.

[We have no knowledge whatever of the Mr. Davies, of Bristol, who sells Masonic Charts, but we know that Bro. S. M. Davies is in Shrewsbury, on business connected with the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and we sincerely trust that our esteemed brethren in that town, and indeed throughout the Province, will extend to him a fraternal greeting, and facilitate his object, as far as in them lies.]—ED. FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

## LODGE VICTORIA IN BURMAH.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You will not fail to recollect that on the 5th December 1877 the Grand Lodge was, on the appeal of Bros. A. L. Vaillant, T. N. Seymour, E. Dover, J. C. Jordan and W. Marsh, against a sentence of exclusion passed by Lodge Victoria in Burmah, No. 832, Rangoon, for having opposed the election of Bro. the Rev. J. E. Marks, and for daring to appeal to the then Deputy District Grand Master of British Burmah, as is known to you to no purpose, pleased to annul the sentence of exclusion.

On the 10th of January last, Bro. A. Vaillant received a copy of the two resolutions of the Grand Lodge, of the 5th December, which decided that Bro. Marks's election was invalid, and that these brethren should be restored; and on the 11th idem. they presented themselves at the Lodge, in a becoming manner, there being the usual monthly regular meeting on that evening, when they were refused admission (though it was admitted that orders had been received from the Grand Secretary to admit them), and all the excluded had to go back very disconsolate at the pronounced hostility with which they were met.

An appeal was made to the D.G.M., and though the result is known to the brethren, their appeal has not been acknowledged, or the decision thereon communicated to them; yet it is fair to state that the District Grand Master has given the Worshipful Master distinct orders to receive these brethren into the Lodge, and restore them to their privileges as members. To evade opening the Lodge, and to frustrate as long as possible the orders of the Grand Lodge, plain and unmistakable as they are, the Worshipful Master, Bro. C. T. Baxendale, now professes to have qualms of conscience as to the validity of his election, and his right to sit in the chair, and has declined to open his Lodge till the validity of his election and installation has been decided, though be it known that not a soul has challenged it (but with this question I have nought to do), and so has closed his Lodge. But this is not all; a Circular, headed "Confidential," has issued from the Lodge, of which the following is a copy: I enclose also one of the printed copies circulated.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Lodge Victoria in Burma, No. 832, E.C.,

Bro. C. T. BAXENDALE W.M.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Several brethren having expressed that they have conscientious scruples, and cannot, in conformity with their obligation, sit in Lodge with Bros. Vaillant, Seymour, Dover, Jordan and Marsh, in the event of their re-admission; the W. Master, in order to ascertain the feelings of the brethren, requests that you will be good enough to inform him, under sealed cover, without delay, your decision on the subject.

I am,

Masonic Temple, Rangoon, 1st February 1878.

Dear Sir and Bro.,
Yours fraternally,
ANDREW BALD,
Secretary No. 832.
Address Loco. Supts. Office.

The circular was not sent to all the members of the Lodge, but to those only who were presumed to belong to the party of aggression against the excluded, and in opposition to the edict of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England. Sir and Brother, I feel too indignant and sad to proceed to dilate upon the treatment these brethren have received, and now seek again the aid of your valuable paper and pen.

Yours fraternally,

A LOOKER-ON.

16th February 1878.

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## CONSECRATION OF THE WANDERERS CHAPTER, No. 1604.

SOME time since an application was made by the members of the Wanderers' Lodge for a warrant for a Chapter. The application was, however, deferred, as the Lodge had not been established long enough to accord with the regulations of Grand Chapter. At the same time it was clearly shown that the majority of the members of the Lodge were anxious for the formation of the Chapter. The members were mostly military men, and non-commissioned officers, who might at any time be required to go on foreign service. Under these exceptional circumstances Grand Chapter reconsidered the matter, and the warrant was granted. The M.E. Comp. Lieut.-Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., G.S. Surrey, was appointed as Consecrating Officer, and he was assisted by Ex. Comp. Rev. R. J. Simpson P.A.S. S.G. Chapter. The Principals designate were Comps. T. H. Meredith M.E.Z., W. J. Parish H., and T. R. Mellwham J. The Comps. assembled on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Comp. Lieut.-Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., occupied the chair of M.E.Z., H. Reed H., and Rev. R. J. Simpson J., while Comp. C. A. Cottebrune P.Z. acted as D.C. The Chapter was then formally consecrated, and Comp. Brownrigg proceeded to instal the Principals. Comps. T. H. Meredith M.E.Z., W. J. Parish H., and T. R. Mellwham J. On the re-admission of the Comps., the appointment of Officers took place:—W. H. Bird S.E., G. Boulton S.N., F. J. Wray P.S., Barton 1st Asst., Leslie 2nd Asst., Fuller Treas., Lachlan Janitor. The M.E.Z. said he was pleased to see Comp. John Hervey G.S.E. They were now a constituted chapter, and he would be pleased to propose that M.E. Comp. Lieut.-General Brownrigg be elected an honorary member, and that the best thanks of the Chapter be accorded to him; the same to be recorded on the minutes. This proposition was seconded by Comp. Parish, who personally thanked Comp. Brownrigg for the assistance given by him at Grand Chapter in procuring the warrant for their Chapter. Comp. Brownrigg warmly thanked the Companions for their kindness; he had had 46 years of soldiering, and his association with this Chapter would be to him a source of gratification. It was then proposed by the M.E.Z. and seconded by Comp. Parish that the Rev. R. J. Simpson be elected an honorary member. The beautiful words uttered by that Rev. Companion had been a source of pleasure to every one present, and would never be effaced from their memories. Rev. R. J. Simpson thanked the Companions for the compliment. Comp. C. A. Cottebrune and John Hervey G.S.E. were also elected honorary members. Ten propositions for exaltation and two for joining were announced, and the Chapter was closed. An excellent banquet was provided by Bro. A. Best, ably superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The M.E.Z. presided, and proposed the customary toasts. Whatever may be our rank or station we owe a debt of gratitude to our Order and to our Queen, and this we should ever be mindful of. In giving the health of the Grand Officers the M.E.Z. said they had a distinguished member of Grand Chapter present, whose name would be prominently and deservedly brought forward as the Consecrating Officer; they had also present, Comp. Hervey G.S.E., who it was always a pleasure to meet. Comp. Hervey thanked the M.E.Z. He regretted not having been present at the ceremony. Two years since he consecrated the Wanderers' Lodge; it had been well conducted, and the work had been efficiently carried out. If the Chapter would follow in the footsteps of the Lodge, he was sure it also would be a success. The health of the Consecrating Officer and his Assistants was next most happily given by the M.E.Z. Lieut.-Gen. Brownrigg held a distinguished position in Her Majesty's Service; he had had the valuable assistance of Comps. Simpson and Cottebrune. Each had rendered help in procuring the Warrant, which he trusted would never be sullied while in the possession of those to whom it had been entrusted. He then referred to the exceptional circumstances under which the Warrant had been granted, and concluded by calling on those present to do full honour to the toast. Comp. Lieut.-Gen. Brownrigg responded; he explained the rule of Grand Chapter, which required that a Lodge should be in existence three years before an application for a Chapter in connection with it could be entertained. He considered this a wise rule, and had not the members shown him substantial reasons he could not have supported their application. As military men, they know the advantages of discipline, and he trusted they would carry out the duties of the Chapter as well as they had done those of the Lodge. Before taking his seat he would propose the health of the M.E.Z., Comp. T. H. Meredith, and Prosperity to the Wanderers' Chapter. Comp. Meredith said the kind remarks of Lieut.-General Brownrigg had been a source of sincere pleasure to him. With the assistance of those who were associated with him in the Chapter, he had endeavoured to make the occasion of their Consecration Meeting a success and personally he was much gratified at the result. The next toast given was that of the H. and J., Comps. Parish and Mellwham; and both acknowledged the compliment. The health of the Visitors was responded to by Comps. Lindus and E. P. Albert. After several other compliments had been paid and acknowledged, the Companions separated. The following is a list of the Visitors:—Comps. Hacker Z. 722, Reed P.Z. 733, L. Beck, H. Massey P.Z. 619, H. Wood H. 538, E. P. Albert P.Z. 188, C. B. Payne P.Z., Carter 771, C. Barmeister Z 538, C. W. Parsons Z. elect 180, Lindus P.Z. 538, Dr. Kempster, J. 706, H. M. Levy P.Z. 188, &c.

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Bro. T. W. Tew J.P. D.P.G.M.:
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THE annual meeting of the Loyal
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P.P.G.V. Chan.; Jos. Matthews P.P.G.
Gover P.P.G. Treas. At the close of
Fraters were invested as Officers f
Fitzgerald I.P. E.P.; the Rev. T.W.
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Curteis Reg.; W. M. St. Aubyn 1st
Coffin 1st St. B.; J. F. Matthews 2n
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Globe Hotel.—*Western Morning News.*

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H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, acc
Princesses, attended divine service at
Sandringham morning last the 6th inst.

## COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. S. Rawson, Col. James Peters, J. M. P. Montagu, S. H. Tattershall, Griffiths Smith, John Boyd, Thos. W. White, Major E. H. Finney, R. B. Webster, H. T. Thompson, H. Massey, and F. R. Hedges, in the absence, through illness, of Bro. Little, the Sec. Bro. T. W. White presided. Four candidates were placed on the list for election, and after Bro. Hedges had read the letter from Lawrance and Co., announcing the stoppage of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., it was resolved that the account of the Institution, which had been temporarily opened at the Holborn Branch of the London and Westminster Bank, should remain there at present. Cheques for salaries, &c., were then authorised to be signed by the chairman, and the chairman announced that through age and infirmity Bro. Henry Browse had resigned his post on the House Committee. Notice of motion was given by Col. Creaton for transferring the funded property of the Institution into the names of the present trustees; for authority for the necessary expenditure in laying out the grounds of the Institution; and that nineteen girls instead of eighteen (making up the number in the Institution to 200) be elected in April. The chairman gave notice of motion to authorise and request Bro. J. Bond Cabbell to execute the necessary documents for vesting the property of the Institution in the present trustees, Lords Carnarvon, Leigh, and Skelmersdale, and Col. Creaton. The Committee then adjourned.

## THE OWL CLUB.

THIS Club, to quote the words of the prospectus now before us, "was established to afford to its members two hours of social and agreeable intercourse on alternate Monday evenings, from seven to nine o'clock, throughout the winter, while listening to the performance, in the best manner, by the following gentlemen, of glees, madrigals, &c., of the highest class:—Messrs. Burgess Perry, Edward Collins, Edwin Moss, Albert James, A. J. Thompson, George Musgrave, Albert Hubbard; Pianists, Messrs. Fountain Meen and W. H. Harper." The meetings hitherto have been held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, and it has been our pleasure during the season to record some very happy and successful gatherings. The last assembly of the season 1877-78 was held on Monday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel, and was what the members are pleased to term a "Ladies' Night," and we need scarcely add that a very inviting programme was put forth. The first part of the entertainment was entirely devoted to the works of the late Sir Henry Bishop, and comprised the Quartette and Chorus, "Hart and Hind;" Sestett, "Give me a Cup;" Recitative and Air, "The Pilgrim of Love;" Round, "When the Wind Blows;" Serenade, "Sleep, gentle Lady;" Song, "Oh, Firm as Oak;" Trio and Chorus, "Push the Red Wine About;" and Chorus, "The Tiger Couches." Each of these pieces was admirably rendered, and it would almost appear invidious for us to select any one for special praise. Mr. Albert James sang the "Pilgrim of Love" so well on the evening that was specially devoted to the works of Sir H. Bishop, that we were not at all surprised to find it here for repetition, and we can justly reiterate the praise we gave him on that occasion. Mr. Albert Hubbard was effective in "Oh, Firm as Oak," while the Chorus, "The Tiger Couches" successfully concluded the First Part.

The Second Part opened with the Madrigal, "All ye who Music Love;" this was followed by "The Horn of Chase," which scored a success to Mr. Edwin Moss; the Part Song, "The Image of the Rose," with humming accompaniment and solo for Tenor—Mr. Albert James—was, to our mind, the gem of the evening. Mr. George Musgrave was forcible in "Sigh no more, Ladies," and then came the Glee, "Oh! the Summer Night." Mr. Fountain Meen next played a Pianoforte Solo, which was re-demanded, as also was the Song, "Thinking of Home," by Mr. Edward Collins. Then came a Part Song, "The Dance," which seemed to take the fancy of the fairer portion of the audience. Mr. Arthur Thompson was very happy in the Serenade, "I arise from Dreams of Thee;" and the Glees, "Lo, on yon long Resounding Shore," and "King Canute," concluded the entertainment; in the latter Mr. Hubbard sang the solo. One special feature we must not forget to mention; that is, the strict attention paid by the large audience—nearly 800 being present. Every word was distinctly heard all over the Hall, and the whole arrangements reflected credit on the Committee. The Club will re-assemble on Monday, 14th October.

We are pleased to announce the inauguration of the Second Tottenham and Enfield Masonic Charitable Association. The first meeting was announced to take place on Thursday last. The efforts of the founders of the first Association have proved eminently successful, and we hope that the second attempt will be the means of adding a still larger sum to the funds of our Charities. Bro. J. H. Thompson P.M. 1237 P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, &c., who so ably performed the duties of Secretary for the previous Association, acts as Treasurer for this. Bros. David Roberts and John Maller, P.M.'s of 754, are President and Vice President respectively, and the Committee consists of twelve brethren whose position in the Craft would ensure their part of the work being well done. Bro. James Garrod, of Holly Cottage, Bruce Grove, Tottenham, is Secretary, and will be pleased to receive the names of any brethren wishing to join.

Bro. Jas. Francis, of the Mohawk Minstrels, announces his annual benefit for Tuesday, the 9th of April. On that occasion special performances will take place at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, at three and eight o'clock.

## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

*Will be worked as under.*

On Tuesday, 2nd April, at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, held at The Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, at 7 p.m. precisely. Bros. Collings W.M., Pulsford S.W., Ratcliff J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Fane, Carter, Tosey, Oliver, Alais, Hancock, and Pulsford. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Smith, McKay, Leaper, Cole, and Davis. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Ratcliff, Holloway, and Colegrave. Bro. A. Withers is the Secretary.

On Wednesday, 3rd April, at the Jordan Lodge of Instruction, No. 201, Devonshire Arms, Portland-place.

On Monday, 8th April, at the London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction (held at the Club), 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6 o'clock p.m. Bro. W. Smallpeice P.M. 1395 (Secretary Emulation Lodge of Instruction) W.M., assisted by the following brethren. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. C. J. Turner, E. Legg, J. E. Shand, E. G. Tattershall, G. Brooke, C. A. Woods, and A. Marvine. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. W. A. Dawson, F. R. Spanll, E. G. Tattershall, J. Muzio, and G. B. Smallpeice. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. T. W. Ockenden, W. Sharrett, and C. P. Cobham. This will be the first time that an attempt has been made in this Lodge of Instruction to work the whole of the sections on the Emulation Lodge of Improvement system.

On Good Friday evening, the 19th proximo, at St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, King's-road, Chelsea. Bro. P.M. Ardin, Zetland 511, will take the chair at 6.30 p.m. Brethren are invited to attend. The names of any one wishing to assist will be thankfully received by the Hon. Sec.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF KENT.—On Tuesday last Bros. the Rev. W. A. Hill, Vicar of Throwley Prov. Grand Chaplain, the Rev. P. J. Syrée P.A.P.G.C., J. Plant W.M. 31, Dr. Longhurst S.D. 31, and J. R. Hall P.M., the Hon. Sec. to the P.G.L. Reception Committee, waited upon the Very Rev. the Dean, as a deputation from the Canterbury Lodges, with the view of obtaining the use of the Chapter House for the purposes of the forthcoming Annual Meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and also for arranging for a special service in the Cathedral. The Dean received the deputation very courteously, and informed them that he would willingly accord the use of the Chapter House and would, moreover, be happy to render them any assistance. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Hort, one of the deputation, was unavoidably absent, in consequence of his suffering from an attack of bronchitis.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall will probably be held either in July or August at Redruth. There will be no lack of business, for, in addition to the ordinary work, there will be the dedication of the Masonic Hall in that town, one of the most handsome and commodious buildings of the kind in the West, and a credit to the members of the Druids' Lodge of "Love and Liberality," No. 589. There are now twenty-seven Lodges in the Province. Under the genial rule of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M. the Craft is in a prosperous state, there being about 1,570 members on the Roll, or fully 100 members in excess of the last returns. There are also ten Royal Arch Chapters, with about 240 members, and a new Chapter to consecrate at Bodmin, No. 330. Nearly all the Lodges and Chapters meet in halls of their own, and, doubtless, ere long the twenty-seven Lodges will assemble only in Masonic rooms dedicated exclusively to the uses of the Craft.—*Western Morning News.*

The Eighth Annual Ball of the City and Metropolitan Police Orphanage, under the patronage of the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs, under-Sheriffs, and an influential body of stewards, will take place at Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday, the 25th of April. Dancing will be under the direction of Bro. T. Butler, and the general arrangements will be carried out by Major H. S. Bowman, Bro. C. Borlase Childs F.R.C.S., and Mr. Supt. Foster.

According to the *Masonic Jewel*, the Grand Lodge of Mississippi held its Annual Communication, at Grenada, on the 6th February, and two following days. The following are the principal Grand Officers for the ensuing year, namely: Bros. Dr. Chas. T. Murphy G. Master, Oliver Clifton Dep. G. Master, Frank Burkitt S.G. Warden, H. Denis J.G. Warden, A. P. Barry G. Treasurer, J. L. Power G. Secretary. At the same time and place the Grand Chapter of R.A. Masonry in the same State met in annual Convocation, and the Grand Officers were appointed for the new year, among them being Comps. John S. Jones G.H.P., R. B. Brennin D.G.H.P., Frederic Speed G.H., Frank Burkitt G.S., A. P. Barry G. Treasurer, and J. L. Power G. Secretary.

We read in the *Keystone* that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held its Quarterly Communication at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., the chair being occupied by D.G. Master Bro. Michael Nisbet, in the absence, through illness, of G. Master Bro. Porter. There was a numerous gathering of brethren, and the reports of the several Committees, on Finance, Appeals, &c., were satisfactory. We are glad to hear that Bro. Nisbet announced that Bro. Porter's health was gradually improving, and that it was hoped and expected he would soon be among them once again.

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## URBAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

THE W.M. and Officers of the Mother Lodge will officially visit this Lodge of Instruction, at the Three Bucks Tavern, Gresham-street, on Wednesday Next, the 3rd April.

SIXTH APPLICATION.

## Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

APRIL ELECTION, 1878.

The favour of the Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers is earnestly solicited on behalf of

## SOLOMON HIRAM SHURY,

AGED TEN YEARS.

Son of Bro. WILLIAM SHURY, of Myland, Colchester, who died on the 28th of February last, after two years of great suffering, in his 75th year. Bro. SHURY was formerly engaged in the Circulation Department of the Post Office, but, owing to severe attacks of neuralgia in the head, and defective vision, consequent upon cataract, he was compelled to resign his position when at the age of 54 years. His only permanent income since that time had been a pension of £41 a year, to which he was entitled on account of his service, and he had to encroach continually upon his savings, till they were quite exhausted. Consequently he had been unable to provide for the boy's education, as he did for his children by his first marriage, and his declining days were comforted with the thought that the lad would eventually be elected into the Institution.

When in the full possession of health Bro. SHURY was a most active Mason. He was initiated in the Saint John's Lodge, Hampstead, No. 186 (now 167), in 1848, and, after passing through the intermediate offices, eventually became W.M. When, in 1861, the state of his health compelled him to remove from the District, he tendered his resignation, and the brethren at once elected him an honorary member, in recognition of his valuable services to his Mother Lodge. Bro. SHURY afterwards joined the Wellington, 548, as a country member; and became a member of the Angel Lodge, Colchester, No. 51, in 1868. He was exalted in the Domatic Chapter, No. 177, in 1852, and was elected to the Third Chair, but the continued unsatisfactory state of his health compelled him to resign. He was also one of the Founders of the Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73. When the present applicant was a child in arms, Bro. SHURY's position enabled him to make himself, wife, and child, Life Subscribers of the Boy's Institution, not thinking at the time that he should ever be compelled to avail himself of its benefits and he has besides this, done all in his power to excite in others an interest in the Masonic Charities. Altogether he had contributed to the funds of Grand Lodge for the long period of TWENTY-NINE YEARS.

*The case is strongly recommended (among others) by*

The Right Worshipful Bro. R. J. BAGSHAWE Prov. Grand Master Essex.
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W. Bro. F. ADLARD V.P. P.M. No. 7.
* W. Bro. JOHN BO WORTH P.M. 170 and 349, P.P.J.G.W. Dorset.
W. Bro. SAMUEL COLE, Life Governor, R.M.I.B., P.M. 184 and 1424, Past P.G.P. Kent.
* W. Bro. HENRY T. R. WARE I.G., R.M.I.B., P.M. Albion Lodge, No. 9.
Bro. M. D. LOEWENSTARK J.W., 1309, S.N. Chapter 73.
* Bro. THOS. J. RALLING W.M. Angel Lodge, No. 51, P.G. Sec. Essex.
* W. Bro. the Rev. C. L. ACLAND P.M. 558, P. Prov. Gd. Chaplain, Oxford. P. Prov. Grand Chaplain, Essex.
W. Bro. the Rev. R. T. WHITTINGTON Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, and Angel Lodge, No. 51.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those Brethren whose names are marked with an asterisk.

Proxies of other Masonic or National Institutions are most valuable for the purposes of Exchange.



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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Conference and the terms of peace formed the subject of a debate in the House of Lords on Thursday, 21st inst. It was initiated by Lord Stratbeden and Campbell, and Earl Granville, Lord Hammond, the Duke of Argyll, and the Earl of Derby, took part in it, and, in consequence, their Lordships did not adjourn till half-past seven o'clock. On Friday, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon presented a bill for the amendment of the Scotch Education Act, and, in doing so, His Grace sketched the character of the measure which the Government had resolved upon submitting. After this, the Earl of Galloway drew attention to the Mutiny Act, and several noble Lords took part in the conversation which followed. On Monday, Lord Elphinstone made a statement respecting the loss of the Eurydice on Sunday, and then Earl Granville asked a question relative to the enlargement of Dover Harbour, and moved for certain papers bearing on the subject. After some remarks from the Duke of Cambridge, which bore on the Naval and Military aspect of the question, the Earl of Beaconsfield consented to the papers, &c. being laid on the table of the House, but declined to commit the country to heavy expenditure in respect of the harbour, though he fully admitted the importance of the question. On Tuesday, after a further statement from Lord Elphinstone respecting the loss of the Eurydice, the second reading of the Bishoprics Bill was agreed to, among those who took part in the debate being Lord Houghton, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Bishop of Durham.

On Thursday, in the House of Commons, after a variety of questions had been disposed of, the House went into Committee on the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Bill. When clause 12 was reached, progress was reported, and the House resumed, and shortly afterwards adjourned. On Friday, there was a long debate on a motion by Sir John Lubbock, on the subject of Maritime Belligerent Rights, which occupied the greater part of the sitting. The motion was negatived. The Mutiny Bill and Marine Mutiny Bill were read a second time, and the Ecclesiastical Buildings (Fire Insurance) Bill, after receiving a second reading, was referred to a Select Committee. On Monday, after sundry questions relating to Turkey, the Dardanelles, and the Congress, and a statement by Mr. Smith as to the loss of the Eurydice, the House went into Committee on the Mutiny Bill, in spite of an attempt to prevent so desirable a consummation. And when this stage had been reached, clause after clause was opposed, so that only a small portion of this important measure was dealt with. In consequence of this, there was a morning sitting on Tuesday, but the same kind of resistance was offered, and the twenty-sixth clause was reached only after the greatest obstruction. On resuming at nine o'clock, there was a count out. Wednesday afternoon was occupied with Irish business relating to municipal elections.

The Queen returned to Windsor Castle on Friday afternoon, after a sojourn of three days at Buckingham Palace, for the purpose of holding a *Levée* and a Drawing Room. Previous to her return, the Earl of Beaconsfield had an audience of Her Majesty. On Monday, the Christ's Hospital Boys on the Royal Foundation of King Charles II. travelled from London to Windsor. After luncheon, at the Castle, the Queen, accompanied by the Princess Christian, and attended by the ladies and gentlemen of the Court, entered the corridor, and there inspected the charts and drawings of the Boys. The Duke of Cambridge, President of the Institution, was in attendance, and presented to Her Majesty Mr. John Derby Allcroft, Treasurer; Messrs. Gassiot and Thompson, Governors; the Rev. E. S. Carlos, Head Mathematical Master; Mr. Mason, Head Drawing Master; and Mr. M. L. S. Dipnall, Clerk of the Hospital. On Tuesday, the Queen held a Council at Windsor, at

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which were present the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, President, the Duke of Northumberland, the Marquis of Hertford, and the Earl of Derby. The Duke of Devonshire and the Lord Advocate were introduced and sworn in members of the Council. Mr. Charles Lennox Peel, Clerk of the Council, was in attendance. The Duke of Richmond and Gordon and the Lord Chamberlain had audiences of Her Majesty. General Camargo, the Columbian Minister, was introduced by the Earl of Derby, and presented his credentials.

On Monday, the Prince and Princess of Wales paid a visit to the Empress Eugenie and the Prince Imperial, at Camden House, Chislehurst. In the afternoon the Prince left London on a visit to Mr. and Lady Florence Chaplin, at Blankney Hall, Sleaford. His Royal Highness was present on Wednesday at the Lincoln meeting, and saw the race for the Lincoln Handicap, won by Kaleidoscope, with Rosy Cross and Cradle second and third respectively The Duchess of Edinburgh, after visiting Palermo on board H.M.'s ironclad Minotaur, has returned to Malta, where she has been joined by His Royal Highness the Duke.

On Sunday, a most terrible disaster occurred to our navy. H.M.S. Eurydice, returning home from a cruise to the West Indies, was overtaken by a fearful squall, and in five minutes sunk with all on board. Out of a crew, numbering all told, over three hundred officers and men, only two have been saved—an able seaman, named Cuddiford, and a first class boy, of the name of Fletcher. These, with First Lieutenant Tabor, Captain Ferrier, R.E., who was a passenger, and one other, were picked up by the coal brig Emma, but the last three were so exhausted that it was found impossible to restore them to animation. The inquest has been held, and the jury have returned a verdict of accidental death, at the same time absolving all the officers and men on board from any blame in respect of the catastrophe. Nothing so calamitous has happened since the loss of the Captain in the summer of 1870, in the Bay of Biscay, when only between forty and fifty were saved out of a crew of five hundred. Indeed, the circumstances under which the Eurydice was lost, are, if possible, more lamentable. The vessel was returning home, after a successful voyage, and in another half hour would have been brought safely to anchor. We may imagine the joy that was present in the breast of every one at the idea of returning home again to their families. But a mighty wind laid the ill-fated ship on her beam ends, and in five minutes all but two of three hundred souls had gone to their last rest. It is needless to say the occurrence has caused the most profound grief throughout the country, and the first to express her sympathy with the parents and relatives of the lost seamen is Her Majesty the Queen, a message from whom was at once despatched to the Admiral Superintendent at Portsmouth, and was subsequently read in the House of Commons by Mr. Smith, at Her Majesty's special request. It should be added that the majority of the crew were young lads, who had been placed on board and sent to the West Indies, in order that they might acquire a practical knowledge of seamanship.

The Walking Match terminated at an earlier hour than was expected on Saturday. The prize of £500 and the Champion Belt fell to O'Leary, of Chicago, who covered 520¼ miles in the six days, Vaughan, of Chester, who did exactly 500 miles being second, and Brown, with over 477 miles, third. Vaughan accordingly received the second prize of £100, and Brown the third, value £50. Only one other of the competitors succeeded in walking over 400 miles in the appointed time. It is said that Weston has challenged O'Leary to walk for £500 aside.

The Cambridge Crew have already arrived at Putney for the inter-University race, and have been practising under the careful supervision of their experienced coach, Mr. Close. The weather, however, has been anything but favourable. The Oxford Crew may be expected to take up their quarters at Putney early next week, and the race will be rowed this day fortnight.

According to the *Standard*, this country has at the present moment, ready or almost ready for immediate commission, no less than eighteen armour-clad vessels, having an aggregate tonnage of 135,800 tons, mounting 229 guns, and carrying 8,600 officers and men, and twelve unarmoured vessels, with a gross tonnage of 30,000 tons, carrying 128 guns, and manned by 3,200 officers and men; or, in other words, a fleet of thirty vessels, of 165,800 gross tonnage, and carrying 357 guns and nearly 12,000 men. Among these are the Inflexible, with its four eighty-one ton guns, which on an emergency might be commissioned in the summer, the Dreadnought, the Thunderer, the Invincible, the Monarch, the Neptune (lately the Independencia), the Belleisle, the Superb, the Nelson, the Northampton, and the Hercules. In addition, there are available for home defence seven heavily armed turret ships, and thirty-two gun-boats.

There is little to be said as to the Eastern Question. The terms of the Treaty of Peace between Russia and Turkey are now known, and the more we read them, the less do we and the other powers appear to like them. The prospect of a Congress being held appears to be further removed than ever, in fact, Russia has categorically refused to meet the demands of our Government, and the project may be regarded as having fallen through. Consequently, we say this, the outlook is far from encouraging. However, there is this satisfaction, that all Continental political organs of repute most vigorously approve the policy which our Government is pursuing, and if there are further difficulties and dangers, the blame will rest with Russia and not with England.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution was held, on Tuesday, 19th inst., at Willis's Rooms, St. James's. In the unavoidable absence of the Duke of Northumberland, President of the Institution, the chair was taken by Mr. Thomas Chapman, who was supported by Admirals Sir E. Phillimore, Sir W. Tarleton, Ryder, Sir R. Collinson, Capt. Hozier, Col. Fitzroy Clayton, Major Iredell, Col. Sir C. Rowley, and many other gentlemen. After a short address from the chair, the Secretary read the Report, from which it appeared there were 268 lifeboats under the Society's management. During the year 1877 these boats had saved the lives of 841 persons, and had helped to rescue 35 vessels from destruction. For these services, and for saving 200 lives, by fishing boats and other means, ten silver medals, seventeen votes of thanks on vellum, and £4,069 in money had been granted. The amount received in the way of subscriptions, donations, &c., during this period amounted to £42,442, of which £10,295 was in the form of special gifts to defray the cost of thirteen lifeboats. The expenditure, including liabilities, had been £47,309. The Report was adopted unanimously. Other resolutions were agreed to, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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According to the latest statement in the *Masonic Record of Western India*, the subscription for the widows and orphans of the late Bro. Bease, editor of that journal at the time of his death, has reached the sum of 2,615 rupees 14 annas.

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We learn from the same contemporary that a meeting of the General Committee of Management of the Greenlaw Masonic Orphan Fund, Burmah, had been held at the Masonic Temple, Rangoon, on the 5th December. The Treasurer's statement of accounts showed receipts, including a balance brought forward from previous meeting of over 1,246 rupees, amounting to over 3,816 rupees. The disbursements, including over 1,007 rupees, amounted to over 2,314 rupees, so there remained a balance in hand of over 1,501 rupees. The capital account shows 15,091 rupees invested in Government paper. Three children of a late brother of the Star of Burmah Lodge, No. 614, were admitted to the benefits of the Fund, and it was recommended they should receive 20 rupees per month from the 1st January 1878. One application from Monlmein was not entertained, on the ground that the orphan in question had no claims on the fund. A proposal to invest the funds in other than Government Securities was negatived, and a new bye law on the subject was formulated, recommending that moneys be invested in the names of the Trustees in Government Securities. This and other alterations in the bye laws were to be submitted at the next meeting of the Committee, for confirmation.

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The *Voice of Masonry* for the current month contains an interesting article by the veteran Bro. Cornelius Moore, entitled "Freemasonry Should and Will Live." The article is worth reading, as is an historical paper by Bro. W. J. Hughan on "Grand Lodges in England and Bro. Hyneman," in which that learned brother refutes a number of errors into which Bro. Hyneman has fallen in regard to Freemasonry in this country.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 30th MARCH.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Binal Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

## MONDAY, 1st APRIL.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1499—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Trelegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road.
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
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, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
623—St. Cuthbergn, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1060—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
1061—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1064—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1575—Carnatic, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
M. M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

## TUESDAY, 2nd APRIL.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
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.
960—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
168—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
246—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
293—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
559—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1489—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch.
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore, Middlesex.

## WEDNESDAY, 3rd APRIL.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Windmill-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Pepper's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, West Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.
1607—Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 6.0. (Instruction.)
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, S
288—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-stree
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-stree
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, W
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall,
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall,
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Che
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-stre
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Ha
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterb
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-stre
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Mallin
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-stre
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devo
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-un
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place,
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, C
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street,
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Le
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbur
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at

## THURSDAY, 4

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-stree
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Waltham
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street,
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Re
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friar
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, S
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealin
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's H
M. M. 107—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golde
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall,
31—United Industrious, Guildhall, Canterbu
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old O
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckle
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Y
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-stree
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverle
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms,
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-stre
360—Pomfret, Masonic Building, Abingdon-str
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Pe
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somerseta
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croy
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durha
550—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (I
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lanc
1074—Underly, Masonic Room, Market-place, Ki
1262—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincoln
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Hornscastle, Lin
1473—Bootle, Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Bootl
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Kingsclere.
1539—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratfor

## FRIDAY, 5th A

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons'
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Cam
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. Ge
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-r
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road,
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 185 Fleet-stre
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.
1298—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of In
1303—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-r
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.3
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies A
1613—Cripplegate, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-stree
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-st

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel,
601—St. John's, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.
690—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
709—Invicta, Corn Exchange, Queen-street, Ashfo
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge,
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
1090—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Du
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Har
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northe
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Mo

## SATURDAY, 6th A

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall,
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-ro
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pi
Binal Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, R
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at
1223—Amherst, [illegible] Hotel, Westerham, Ken
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, New

## WEST YORKSHIR

SATURDAY.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

MONDAY.

154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zion-street, Wak
1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otl
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Le
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1362—Ivy Warren, Masonic Hall, Hotel, Halifax.
R. A. 340—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-

TUESDAY.

265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street,
R. A. 288—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
R. A. 900—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Skipton-street.

WEDNESDAY.

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THURSDAY.

259—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemason's Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY.

242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
857—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1418—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

SATURDAY.

R. A. 308—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—429—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.
TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 86 Constitution-street.
THURSDAY—97—St. James, St. James' Hall, Writer's-court.
FRIDAY—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship, E. Register-street.

# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 25th instant. Present—Bros. Powell W.M., Wing S.W., Kidder J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Woolley S.D., Pearcy J.D., H. Hall I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Stock, Trewinnard, Carrey, Millington, Parkinson, Alford, G. E. Cook, Halham, Dybdahl, &c. The minutes of last Lodge meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Millington candidate. Bro. Alford answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted. Lodge was advanced to the second degree and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, both being capitally rendered by the W.M. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Tolmie worked the fifth, sixth, and seventh sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Millington, of Lodge, No. 867, was elected a member. Bro. Wing will preside at next meeting.

**Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.**—On Tuesday, the 26th of March, at Bro. Bond's, the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Present—Bros. W. H. Marston W.M., J. H. Dodson S.W., Dwarber J.W., W. O. Dickins Sec., J. S. Brown S.D., E. Abell J.D., T. B. Linscott I.G. Past Master Bro. J. Bingemann P.M. Preceptor, and a goodly number of brethren who had met to hear Bro. Marston rehearse the ceremony of installation. After preliminaries had been observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Soper being candidate. The installation ceremony was afterwards worked by the W.M. in a very able manner. Several brethren were elected members, and it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that a vote of thanks be recorded, and honorary membership conferred on Bro. Marston for the very excellent manner in which he had worked the installation ceremony. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned to Tuesday, 2nd April.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—Held at Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, the 26th inst. Present—Bros. Daniel W.M., Brown S.W., Maidwell J.W., Sayer S.D., Lipscomb J.D.; P.M. Leins; Bros. Gabb, Drew, Hollands, West, James, W. H. Rudderforth, A. Posener, Roberts, Jarvis, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened up, and resumed to the second degree, when the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. P.M. Leins, Bro. Brown W.M. elect. The investiture was done by Bro. Brown in a perfect and pleasant manner. The Lodge was closed down, and Bros. James and Jarvis, of the Prosperity Lodge No. 65, Bro. Gabb P.M. of the New Concord Lodge, Bro. Drew P.M. of the Hornsey Lodge, and Bro. West P.M. of the Wellington Lodge, were elected members. Bro. Maidwell was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. A vote of thanks to Bro. Brown, for the efficient manner in which he had performed his duties, was carried unanimously.

**Joppa Chapter, No. 188.**—The regular convocation was held on the 25th inst., at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street. Comps. W. Littaur M.E.Z., L. Jacobs H., P. Dickinson J., S. V. Abrahams P.Z. Treas., H. Gulliford S.E., L. Lazarus S.N., H. P. Isaac as P.S.; P.Z.'s E. P. Albert, S. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, M. J. Emanuel; Comps. J. W. Dewsnap, Grove Ellis, Botibol, Reibold, W. G. Jennings, Haines, J. S. Lyon, Snelling, L. M. Auerhaan, C. Roberts, N. Baum, W. A. Barrett, Bookbinder, &c. Visitors—Comps. J. Constable Z. 141, C. F. Hogard P.Z. 141, W. W. Morgan 141, C. Burmeister Z. 538, H. Fisher 657, L. R. Rogers Z. 1260, A. M. Cohen P.Z. late 188, E. S. Jones P.Z. late 188. The Chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bros. Buck, No. 188, and G. T. Mann, No. 1017, were balloted for and unanimously elected. Comp. H. M. Levy announced his intention to act as Steward for the Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, in June next, on which occasion H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., Grand Senior Warden, will take the chair. A sum of £2 2s was voted from the funds of the Chapter, to be placed on his list. The ceremony of exaltation was conducted by the M.E.Z. in a most impressive and masterly style; indeed, we never heard it more effectively rendered; this opinion of ours was endorsed by all present. After the Chapter was closed, the Companions partook of a sumptuous banquet, provided by Comp. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver. The M.E.Z. proposed the Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. E. P. Albert P.Z. proposed the health of the M.E.Z., and alluded to the able and impressive manner in which he had exalted the two candidates. The M.E.Z. thanked the Companions for the hearty reception the toast had received. He had had every assistance from his Officers; he hoped at the expiration of his year to hear the same acknowledgment of his services. The next toast was the health of the newly exalted Companions, and the M.E.Z. gave them some excellent advice regarding their duties as R.A. Masons. Comps. Buck and Mann returned thanks. In proposing the health of the Visitors the M.E.Z. said the members of the Chapters felt honoured by their visit; many were distinguished in Masonry. He regretted some had been compelled to leave. He was pleased to see Comps. Cohen and Hogard; both were ready and willing to render assistance to advance Freemasonry and held distinguished positions. The same remark applies to others. They were gratified to see Comp. Burmeister; he hoped all might be seen again in the Chapter. Comp. A. M. Cohen replied; and the M.E.Z. proposed the health of the H. and J. Comp. Dickinson replied; he thanked the Companions and the M.E.Z. for the manner the toast had been received; he hoped to pass both chairs with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Chapter. The Janitor's toast was then given. Bros. Rogers and Fisher contributed to the harmony of the evening.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—Met on Wednesday, 27th March, at the Railway Tavern, London-street, Fenchurch-street, E.C., Bro. T. W. C. Bush in the chair, Biddle S.W. Staley J.W., E. Gottheil P.M., J. Constable Treas., J. K. Pitt Sec. W. Lipscombe S.D., J. B. Bone J.D., T. J. Barnes, D. Posener Davis, Pelton, Moss, Gomm, Woodward, Fells, and Harris. The first ceremony and three of the sections were rehearsed. A vote of thanks was unanimously carried in favour of Bro. Bush. This being his maiden attempt to occupy the Master's chair, in which he did the duties thereto appertaining to the entire satisfaction of the brethren, and indeed manifested qualities which promise well for his becoming in due time an efficient Craftsman. Bro. Biddle was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

**La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.**—The annual supper of this Lodge was held on Wednesday last, at the Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W. Bro. T. Adams P.G.P. Preceptor occupied the chair, and at the conclusion of the supper proposed the usual toasts. Being obliged to leave early, he deputed his position to Bro. Davis P.M. Royal Union Lodge, and under his presidency the brethren remained till a late hour. A most enjoyable evening was spent, most of the brethren immediately answering to the calls of the W.M. for songs, in fact a continuous round of harmony was kept up.

**Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.**—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 22nd instant, at the Head Quarters of the Hon. Artillery Company, Finsbury, when the following Officers were present:—Bros. R. G. Webster W.M., J. D. Everingham S.W., J. Sanderson J.W., Ensign F. J. Stohwasser S.D., Quarter Master Brighten J.D., W. Birdseye I.G., Captain J. Eglese P.M., Secretary, W. Jolliffe D.C., and Ensign W. I. Spicer I.P.M. The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and after disposing of the usual formal business, Bro. Dadswell, Parr, Elam and Ratto were severally raised to the sublime degree of M.M.'s. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned. The Visitors were Bros. Rosenblum 1339 and Scholey 1216.

**Buckingham Lodge, No. 591.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 27th of March, at the George Hotel, Aylesbury. Present—Bros. George T. de Fraine W.M., J. Adams S.W., John Lawson P.M. as J.W., John Williams P.M. Secretary, Thomas Horwood P.M. Treas., G. A. Jefferies S.D., Lewis Poulton J.D., T. W. Robinson I.G., T. Cheshire Tyler; P.M. Bro. A. L. Taylor. The Lodge was opened in ancient and solemn form, raised to the third degree, and regularly closed down to the first, when some formal business was discussed; a candidate proposed for initiation, and the communication from Grand Lodge was read respecting the step taken by the Grand Orient of France. The resolutions were ordered to be entered on the minutes. All business ended, the Lodge was closed in ancient and solemn form.

**Buckingham Chapter, No. 591.**—This Chapter held its quarterly meeting on Wednesday, the 27th March, at the George Hotel, Aylesbury. Present—Comps. John Williams P.Z. as Z., John Palmer P.Z. H., A. L. Taylor as J., and other officers. P.Z.'s Rev. O. J. Grace, Thomas Horwood, and John Lawson. The Chapter was opened in due form; two candidates were unanimously elected, and Bro. James D. Coates, of No. 591 being in attendance, was duly exalted by Comp. John Williams P.Z. The historical and symbolical lectures were given by Comp. John Palmer. All business ended, the Chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form and adjourned.

**Camden Lodge of Instruction, No. 704.**—Held at the Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, on Monday, 25th March. Bro. L. R. Rogers P.M. Preceptor. Present—Bros. H. B. D. Dunn W.M., Collier S.W., Carter J.W., Sterne S.D., Kemp J.D., Blank I.G., and Bros. Pringle, Pegson, Robert, Soper, Walton, &c. Lodge opened; minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Robart, candidate for initiation, presented himself, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Kemp, candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened up, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Carter was elected W.M. for ensuing week.

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**Meridian Lodge, No. 743, 31st Huntingdonshire Regiment.**—The brethren of this Lodge met in the Assembly Rooms, at Aldershot, at 6.30 p.m., on the 18th March, to instal Bro. Lieut. Montagu, 31st Regiment, P.G.S.B. Dorset, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren present were Bros. H. Wilkinson W.M., P. Montagu S.W., W. Barron J.W., J. Herbert Treas., W. Vines Sec., C. Newington S.D., W. Franklin J.D., J. Magillagan I.G.; P.M.'s W. Deverell, F. Fisher, W. Woodward; and Bros. H. Rowe and W. Foss. Visitors—Bros. R. Eve P. Prov. S.G.W. Hants, H. N. C. Smith P. Prov. G.W. Oxford, H. Hacken P.P.G.J.D., A. E. Richardson P.P.G.S.D., Robt. F. Gould P.M. 92; Captain H. Burton W.M. 1724 Kaisar-i-Hind, W. Sheldrake P.M. 723 Panmure, F. Adnett 723, J. Wisham 1331 Camp Lodge, W. Hill late 743, J. Pomeroy P.M. 723, T. Benham W.M. 723, G. Godfrey S.W. 723, J. Ingfield St. John 434 Madras, T. Chesterton 1331, G. W. Hyatt 1331, T. Adams 1331, G. Douglas P.M. 395, J. Williams P.M. 215, W. Burns 723, H. Whale P.M. 723, D. Phillips S.D. 723, A. Paterson W.M. 322, R. Featherstone 723, W. Douglas 322, H. Asute W.M. 434 St. John, W. Sellwood 723. The Lodge presented a very animated appearance, the scarlet uniforms of the Military contrasting vividly with the sombre dress of the Civilian brethren, many of whom were the insignia of Provincial Officers. The Lodge having been opened in ancient and solemn form by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Wilkinson, the installation ceremony was impressively performed by Past Master Bro. R. F. Gould, the "Founder of the Lodge," who kindly attended at the express invitation of the members of Meridian Lodge. It has been our happy lot to have witnessed many such ceremonies, but never have we seen such fervour displayed, nor can we sufficiently describe the fire and enthusiasm engendered in the bosoms of the hearers at the eloquence of the skilled Master who indelibly impressed that reverence which should always be felt by the performance of this truly religious ceremony. We venture to predict that many years will elapse ere the solemn thoughts experienced on this occasion will be effaced from the memory of those who listened to the inspired words. The newly installed Master having appointed his officers for the year, the Lodge was closed in ancient and solemn form, with prayer, and the brethren adjourned to the Wellington Hotel, where a *recherché* repast awaited them, to which ample justice was done, the catering of Bro. Sellwood being highly satisfactory. The health of the Installing Master was proposed by Bro. Deverell P.M., and was received in the warmest manner. Bro. Gould, in an able speech, commented on the great falling off in the number of Military Lodges which had occurred since 1814. In that year, as appeared from a list of Lodges at the Union, which had been presented to him by the compiler, Bro. W. J. Hughan, out of a total of about 600 Lodges on the Roll of the Grand Lodge of England, 50, or one in twelve, were Military Lodges; whereas, at the present time, though the aggregate of Lodges had increased to nearly 1,800, instead of 150 of these being worked under Military warrants, as would have been the case had the progress of Military Masonry kept pace with the general prosperity of the Craft, the number of Military Lodges altogether in existence only amounted to six, or one in three hundred, amongst which, moreover, none of the fifty existing in 1814 were now to be found, these being all defunct, except six, each of which was now working under a Civil warrant. No Military Lodges whatever were now in existence under the registry of Scotland, although in 1816 Lodge St. George was at work *in the 31st Regiment*. Under the Irish registry there were now ten Military Lodges, but one very distinguished Lodge under this Constitution, No. 227, in the 46th Regiment, seemed to have died out. It was during the service of this corps in America that the celebrated General Washington was initiated into Masonry, in No. 227. The 46th Regiment twice had the misfortune to lose its Masonic chest. On the first occasion it was captured by the Americans, when General Washington sent it back, escorted by a guard of honour. Secondly, in Dominica, in 1805, it fell into the hands of a French force, and three years afterwards the French Government, at the earnest request of the Officers who had commanded the Expedition, returned the chest, with several complimentary presents. Bro. Gould deeply regretted the gradual decay of Military Masonry, as he thought its continuance went a great way in cementing the good understanding which should exist between the Military and Civil population either in England or the Colonies, and he was quite at a loss to attribute it to any cause except the prohibition of Military Lodges to initiate Civilians. The speech of Bro. Gould was replete with edifying matter regarding Freemasonry, and was intently listened to by the brethren. The Worshipful Brother took occasion to enlarge on the excellent manner in which the duties were conducted by the Officers of the Meridian Lodge, but expressed his regret at being able to recognise only one face amongst those present of the old members with whom he had been associated, and this was Bro. Woodward, concerning whom he related an anecdote of having ridden with him and Bro. Swettenham a distance of 40 miles, in a terrific snowstorm, to attend a meeting of the Meridian Lodge at Tien Tsin, during the campaign in the North of China. Bro. Gould concluded by warmly praising the young members, and wishing prosperity and happiness to all present. Bro. Eve replied to the toast of the Visiting Brethren. He also offered some able remarks on Military Lodges, and surprised all present when he stated that the Bible on which General Washington was obligated in the 46th Regimental Lodge, was now in the possession of the Colonel of that regiment, who recently lent it to the Panmure Lodge to obligate three officers of the 46th, and that duty was performed by Bro. Eve in his capacity of W.M. The brethren having once more thanked Bro. Gould for his kindness in coming so far to attend the meeting, expressed a desire that they might have the pleasure of seeing him at future installations. Several of the brethren enlivened the proceedings by singing some excellent songs. We must not omit to mention the sweet voice of Bro. Barron, in "Kitty of Coleraine;" and the superb voice of Bro. Eve, in the "Miller of the Dee." Altogether, one of the most pleasant evenings we have ever passed in Freemasonry was the result of our visit to the Meridian Lodge.

**William Preston Lodge, No. 766.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 28th inst., at Cannon-street Hotel. Present—Bros. S. D. Ewins W.M., C. R. Cutmore S.W., E. Kidman J.W., W. Worrell P.M. Sec., Capt. G. J. Kain P.M. Treas., W. Drake S.D., W. J. Collens D.C., G. Newman P.M. Steward, W. F. Smart I.G., W. Grant Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Newton, B. Abbott, A. Braun, J. Pringle, and several Visitors. Business—After the formal opening of the Lodge, the W.M. proceed to raise Bros. Charles Pay, Eugene Wood, and William J. Heath, which ceremony he performed in a most impressive manner. The members now proceeded to the election of an Audit Committee. After which the Committee appointed at the last meeting, for the purpose of revising the Bye Laws, handed in their report, which was freely discussed by the brethren. The members of the Lodge appeared in mourning, in token of respect to the memory of Bro. George John Paull. On the motion of Bro. P.M. G. Newman, a vote of condolence with the family was passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge. After other business the W.M. closed the Lodge, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. On its conclusion, the usual toasts were given and responded to. The W.M. specially referred to the Past Masters, complimenting the Lodge on having such good Masons among them. Bro. Capt. Kain responded, on behalf of himself and the other Past Masters, thanking the W.M. and brethren for the cordial way in which they were received. Several songs were sung during the evening, and all present appeared to thoroughly enjoy the meeting.

**Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780.**—The regular meeting was held on Friday, 22nd inst., at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Walter Goss W.M., Charles May S.W., W. Gomm J.W., W. Hilton P.M. Secretary, J. Smith P.M. P.G.P. Treas., Tarling D.C., Costelow I.G., Gilbert Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. J. Chambers Roe, Gardiner, Beasley, Hale, Brown, Potter, &c. Visitors—Bros. H. Stephens 73, J. Whiffin 147, N. W. Hammond 163, G. Phillips 186, W. W. Morgan 211, Rev. T. W. Morris 300, G. W. Lay 569, Thomas Butt 907, R. E. Clarke P.M. 1158, Neville Parker 1428, H. Day, Acworth, and W. Nye 1612, and McC. Butt 1623, &c. It has become proverbial that, at the regular meetings of this prosperous Lodge, those who attend should be prepared for a heavy's day's work, and on this occasion the rule was fully observed. The brethren assembled at Two o'clock, when Bro. Goss proceeded to open his Lodge. The minutes of the last regular meeting, and those of the emergency held in February, were read and confirmed. There were present two candidates for raising, and one for passing. The two former, Bros. Thomas Talbot and Charles Coombes, passed a satisfactory examination, and duly received their third step in Freemasonry. Previous to this ceremony being performed the ballot was taken for Bro. Arnold, of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, who was proposed as a joining member by Bro. Woodward P.M., and who had for a seconder Bro. Tarling. Bro. Arnold was unanimously accepted. Bro. William Eydmann was the candidate for the second degree, and this brother, by the way in which he answered the questions, evidenced that he had lost no time in making himself conversant with the preliminary knowledge required of brethren ere they seek advancement. Bro. Eydmann informed us that he was indebted to Bro. Clarke P.M. for the knowledge he was enabled to display, and we must congratulate the master on having so apt a pupil. The ceremony of the second degree was then carefully and correctly performed by Bro. Goss. The ballot was taken for three candidates for initiation, Messrs. A. T. Secker, Frederick Botley, and E. H. Collett; the result was favourable, and Mr. Botley took his first step in the Order. There were three notices of motion on the paper, and these were now brought on for discussion; the first, by Bro. Tarling, "That no moneys be voted from the funds of the Lodge without notice being previously inserted in the summons calling the meeting," was calmly and fairly argued by the proposer, who stated that he did not wish for a vexatious application of the rule, should it be carried. He knew they had a careful Treasurer, who would not let the moneys of the Lodge be squandered; still, they had members who were more lax in their attendance than he thought desirable, and this would not give such as he referred to an opportunity for complaining about what might be done in their absence. He assured the members he did not bring the motion forward in a spirit of hostility, but solely for the best interests of the Lodge. Bro. Smith addressed the brethren; he suggested that circumstances might arise where immediate relief was necessary, and then the delay that must occur would be most regrettable. He, at the same time, held with the spirit of the proposition, and would ask Bro. Tarling to add to his motion the rider, "Except moneys for charitable purposes, or for providing the customary P.M.'s jewel." After a few words from Bro. Atlee, Bro. Tarling adopted the suggestion of Bro. Smith, and the motion in its amended form was put and carried. The next question for discussion was in reference to the future quarters of the Lodge. Bro. Hale P.M. explained his reasons for having placed his notice on the paper, but as it seemed to be the almost universal wish of the members, he would withdraw it. The third motion referred to the increase of the fees for initiation and joining, and this was fully discussed *pro and con*. It, however, resulted in an advance being made in both cases. Routine business was then proceeded with. Bro. Tarling announced the death of an old and respected member of the Lodge, Bro. Barnes, and on his suggestion the Secretary was requested to send a letter of condolence to the widow. The Lodge was then closed, and after a short interval the brethren sat down to a capital banquet, provided and personally superintended by Host Stanbury. The good things provided were ably discussed, and thoroughly enjoyed. The toast list was fully honoured, but brevity with the several speakers was the rule of the evening. The proceedings were enlivened by some capital songs, &c., and when the hour for parting came, felicitations were expressed as to the success of the meeting.

**Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.**—On Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse. Present—Bros. Scheerboom W.M., Robinson S.W., Maxwell

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J.W., Breden Sec., Ives Treas., Clegg S.D., Pringle I.G., Turquand Preceptor; Marnes, Maxwell sen., Maxwell jun., W. O. Coleman 1306, Andrews, Kent, Lewis, Day, Rowe. Lodge opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Manns was passed, the ceremony was worked by the W.M. in an efficient manner. The 1st and 3rd sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Ould, and the 2nd and 4th by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Maxwell sen. 1604, and W. O. Coleman 1306, were elected members. The excellence of this Lodge of Instruction is now becoming recognised at the East End of London. Several brethren competent to instruct are always in attendance, and the Preceptor is ever ready to impart his Masonic knowledge to any brother who may be anxious to learn.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening, the 26th instant, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. F. Brown W.M., Williams S.W., Young J.W., Slaiter S.D., Wardell J.D., M. Christian I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. G. Brown, C. Lorkin, J. Lorkin, Bigg, Allen, Bedwell, Wyman, and others. The Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting read. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Brasted answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was passed. The Preceptor, in his usual impressive manner, installed Bro. F. Brown. Bro. Williams was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.**—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. Bro. Gulliford W.M., J. Lazarus P.M. S.W., Grunbaum P.M. as J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., L. Jacobs Treas., M. Levy S.D., Syer J.D., Simmonds I.G.; and P.M.'s S. V. Abrahams, V. Myers, and S. Pollitzer. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. P. Feeney, who was duly initiated into the Order; Bro. Pasta was raised. Both ceremonies were carefully performed by the W.M. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet provided by Bro. Nicols. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. That of the Grand Officers was responded to by Bros. Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. and E. P. Albert. Bro. Victor Myers, in felicitous terms, proposed the health of the W.M., and paid him deserved compliments for his working. This having been responded to, the P.M.'s and Officers came next, Bro. M. Levy returning thanks for the latter. The Visitors severally responded; they comprised Bros. W. Webb, R. Stephens, E. Jacobs, H. Oppenheimer, L. H. Leon, E. S. Loewe, and A. J. Parkhouse.

**Urban Lodge, No. 1196.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Tuesday last, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. E. G. Legge. It will be remembered that at the meeting in February, the first, second, and third sections of the first lecture were worked in open Lodge, and in continuation of these the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh sections were now worked by the W.M., who was very ably assisted by Bro. C. H. Webb D.C., Bro. Blatchford S.W., and Bro. Eckstein acting J.W. Amongst other business, Bro. H. Marsh was made honorary member of the Lodge, showing the great regard entertained for him, and it was announced that Wednesday, the 3rd April, was fixed for the visit of the W.M. and Officers to the Urban Lodge of Instruction, held at the Three Bucks Tavern, Gresham-street. The brethren then adjourned to supper, and a very jovial and pleasant evening was spent, several Visitors being present, including Bros. Dr. Barringer, Rev. — Jones, Watts, &c.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—At Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 22nd instant. Present—Bros. Hine W.M., Crouch S.W., Smith J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Secretary, Posener jun. S.D., Simpson J.D., Lane I.G.; also Bros. Simmonds, Bolton, Pearcy, Powell, &c. All formalities being gone through, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in a very able manner, Bro. Simmonds acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Crouch was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Finsbury Park Master Masons Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.**—Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, Friday, 22nd March. Bros. L. R. Rogers P.M. Preceptor, Pottle W.M., Dunn jun. S.W., Press S.W., Edmunds S.D., Bee J.D., Cuthbertson I.G., H. B. Dunn Secretary, Beattie, and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Beattie candidate. Bro. Beattie also offered himself as candidate to be passed, and that ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge closed in the second degree. Bro. Rogers worked the first and second sections of the lecture. Bro. Dunn jun. was elected to preside next week. Bro. Dr. Pottle, of Gresham Lodge No. 869, was elected a member. A vote of thanks was presented to Bro. Dr. Pottle for the able manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair, the same to be recorded on the minutes.

**St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction, No. 1306.**—At the Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping, on Monday evening, 25th instant. Bro. Horsley W.M., Cox S.W., Greely J.W., Braine Sec., Baldwin J.D., Mortlock I.G., Taylor, and several others. After Lodge had been opened, and formalities complied with, Bro. Smith, candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and the ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Taylor 554 was elected a member. Bro. Cox will preside at next meeting.

**Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1365.**—At the White Hart Hotel, on Friday, 22nd inst. Present—Bros. Cogan W.M., McMillan S.W., Slaiter J.W., McDowell S.D., King J.D., Paynter I.G., Cusworth Preceptor; also Bros. Stephens, Giles, Soper, J. Badkin, W. Clennell, and Goddard Hon. Sec. The Lodge was duly opened; the preliminary business over, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gibbs being candidate; after which Bro. W. Stephens answered the questions of the second, and the Lodge being opened in that degree, was duly passed; both the ceremonies being well rendered by the W.M. On the Lodge being resumed in the first degree, Bro. W. C. Clennell, of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60, was elected a member. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

**Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.**—At the Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., on Tuesday, 26th inst. Present—Bros. J. L. Mather W.M., Corner S.W., Cotton J.W., Holness Treasurer, Braine Sec., Sparrow S.D., Le Crew I.G. Bros. Thompson, Seaman, G. Corner, Bansor, Shipley, Miller, Hunt, Petch, Matthews, Modwin, Orme, Mounsey, Hall. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Shipley answered the questions for passing. The Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony was rehearsed by Bro. Preceptor Mather, Bro. Shipley acting as candidate. The Lodge was afterwards opened in the third, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed in its entirety by Bro. Mather, who performed his duties in a very effective style. Bro. W. Corner was installed: he duly invested his Officers. On the Lodge resuming, Bros. Seaman, Thompson, Orme and Mounsey were duly elected members, and Bro. Shipley was chosen W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks to Bro. Mather for the great amount of pleasure and instruction the brethren had derived from his exertions was proposed by Bro. Braine, seconded, and carried unanimously. Bro. Seaman tendered his thanks personally to Bro. Mather for the enjoyable evening he had spent; this had induced him to join the Lodge.

**Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.**—At the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney on Monday, the 25th inst. Present—Bro. E. Bishop W.M., Slaiter S.W., Goddard J.W., McDowall S.D., Garrod J.D., Jacob I.G., Blunt acting Preceptor; also Bros. Lockett, Dietrich, Blunt, F. Badkin, Morgan jun., Mann, &c. Lodge was opened in ancient form with prayer, and after the usual preliminary business Bro. Lockett offered himself as candidate for initiation. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. F. Badkin was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. F. Badkin then answered the questions leading from the second to the third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed, Bro. F. Badkin being candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history and lecture in a careful and impressive manner. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. E. Dietrich, J.D. Duke of Connaught Lodge 1527, was balloted for as a member. Lodge was closed in harmony, and adourned till Monday, 1st April, at 7.30.

**Hemming Lodge, No. 1512.** The election meeting of this Lodge took place at the Lodge-room, Hampton, on Thursday, the 21st inst. The W.M. Bro. John Hammond called for the assistance of the brethren for the opening soon after 5 p.m., in the presence of the R.W. Brother Colonel Burdett Prov. Grand Master. The W.M. was also supported by Past Masters E. Hopwood Treas., D. B. Raw late Treas., W. Hammond Sec., and J. Wilson of the Etonian 209. Other Officers were—C. W. Fox W.M. 1326 S.W., J. C. Jessett J.W., T. W. Ockenden S.D., T. C. Walls J.D., F. W. Kent I.G., J. W. Hiscox and T. Moody Senior and Junior Stewards. The W.M. first initiated Mr. Wm. Beauchamp, in his usual effective style, then passed Bro. Papworth, and lastly raised Bro. W. C. Davey to the sublime degree. During the recess, for the preparation and preliminaries of the initiation, the W.M. called upon the Secretary to read the Communication from Grand Lodge having reference to the assailed fundamental principles of the Craft by the Grand Orient of France. The report of the Committee appointed by Grand Lodge having claimed the entire sympathy of the assembled brethren, and the express support of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master and W.M. and Past Masters present, was ordered to be entered on the minutes of the Lodge, and its spirit fully acted upon as far as the Hemming Lodge is concerned. Among other features of the meeting should be mentioned the vote of ten guineas to the Masonic Institution for Girls; a Past Master's jewel to the W.M. for the excellent manner in which he had conducted the duties of his office during his year's service; the announcement of the election of the Prov. Grand Master as an Hon. Member of the Lodge; a vote of condolence with Bro. P.M. Sharp in his severe illness; and several propositions for the ensuing meeting. The S.W. Bro. Fox received the unanimous suffrages of the brethren as W.M. elect, and acknowledged the high honour and mark of esteem in neat and suitable terms. Among the other brethren present were J. A. Scott of the Wolsey Lodge No. 1656, A. D. Tozer, C. Hole, J. Chilcott, W. Knowles, H. Murphy, H. J. Jones, E. Andrews, Harry Tagg, and J. Gilbert. At the modest, but excellently served banquet which followed, provided by the host, Bro. Murphy, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, with great spirit, and responded to with excellent *fire*. In the course of his remarks as Past Grand Warden, Prov. Grand Master, and an Hon. Member of the Lodge, Col. Burdett passed a high encomium upon the able manner in which the W.M. performed all three of the ceremonies of the Craft, congratulating the Lodge upon its happy possession of a Master whose energy and ability augured continued success for the Lodge, presenting a model for the aspirations of the "coming men" as occupants of the chair. After a most enjoyable evening the brethren separated, at ten o'clock. Bros. T. C. Walls Prov. G. Org. and others interspersed the proceedings at the banquet table with some excellent songs.

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**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1526.**—At the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday evening, 27th inst., at 8 p.m. Present—Bro. McMillan W.M., Slaiter S.W., Dignam J.W., J. Lorkin S.D., Maples I.G., E. Dietrich J.D. and Sec., Fieldwick Preceptor, G. Ferrar Treas., and Bros. J. B. Shackleton, F. Beensen, R. Olly, &c. After formalities had been observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. F. Boensen candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Rolly, who had previously been interrogated and entrusted, was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Shackleton worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Slaiter was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting.

**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.**—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, at the Queen's Hotel, York. Present—Bros. T. B. Whytehead W.M., T. Cooper I.P.M., Rev. J. Metcalfe Chaplain, J. S. Cumberland S.W., C. G. Padel J.W., G. Balmford P.M. Treas., J. Kay Sec., M. Cooper S.D., J. T. Seller J.D., M. Millington I.G., T. D. Smith Steward, A. T. B. Turner as Organist, P. Pearson Tyler. There were also a number of Visitors, including Bros. S. Maltby P.M. 236, Haffner P.M., W. H. Wyatt P.M., T. Camidge P.P.G.O., and several brethren from Hull and other places. A special invitation had been forwarded to the brethren of the York Lodge 236, to be present, and the W.M. read a note from the W.M. of that Lodge, stating that severe illness prevented his attendance. Other letters were read from brethren, including Bros. S. B. Ellis P.M., Sheffield, Bro. Varey (Lord Mayor of York), and others, regretting inability to attend. Soon after the opening of the Lodge, the W.D.P.G. Master for North and East Yorkshire (Bro. J. P. Bell) was announced, and on his admission to the Lodge, he was saluted by the brethren with the honours due to his rank. The business of the meeting was the initiation of the Rev. R. P. T. Tennent, which was worked by the W.M., ably assisted by his Officers. The Communication from Grand Lodge respecting the decision arrived at about the French Orient was read, and it was resolved that the substance of the same should be printed in the next Lodge circular. The D.P.G.M. then gave a most interesting address on the subject of the explorations in Palestine under the superintendence of Bro. Lieut. Warren, and their bearing on the History of Masonry, and illustrated his remarks by a collection of photographs. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by the I.P.M., a vote of thanks to the P.G.M., was carried by acclamation. After the close of the Lodge, the brethren entertained their Visitors at an excellent supper, provided in Bro. Churchill's well-known and reliable style. After which a short toast list was gone through. In proposing the Earl of Zetland and the Prov. Grand Lodge, the W.M. expressed the pleasure it gave the Lodge to see amongst them their excellent and worthy Bro. Dr. Bell, to whose interesting and lucid remarks they had listened with such pleasure that evening, and he could only express a wish that they could see him oftener in York. In reply, the D.P.G.M. said it had given him great pleasure to be present that evening, and to see the excellent manner in which the Lodge was conducted and worked. He knew of no Lodge in his Province which was better managed, and which showed more plainly the discretion and high aims of its rulers. In proposing the health of the W.M., the D.P.G.M. spoke in the highest terms of Bro. T. B. Whytehead, who he was sure would be an honour to the Lodge and to Masonry at large. He was glad to see that he was making such efforts to extend an intelligent study of Masonry, and from what he had seen that evening he felt certain that great good was resulting from those efforts. The Dep. Prov. G.M. also expressed a hope that the time was not far distant when arrangements might be made for the Lodge to meet at the Masonic Hall, York, though as far as accommodation and convenience were concerned, nothing could be more comfortable than the rooms in which they were then assembled; at the same time, it was universally admitted that it was preferable for Lodges to meet on premises specially set apart for the purpose. Replying to the toast of the Visitors, Bro. S. Maltby P.M. 236 endorsed the remarks of the D.P.G.M. regarding the place of meeting, and hoped that it might be possible to come to some arrangement by which the two Lodges in York might occupy the same premises. The evening was enlivened by songs and recitations, given by Bros. J. S. Cumberland, T. Humphries, W. H. Wyatt, and others, Bro. C. G. Padel acting as accompanyist on the piano. During the evening, a set of very curious old Masonic plates, published in 1812, and portraying various ceremonies in Lodges, and which had lately been discovered in an old house in York, and rescued from destruction, were exhibited, and excited much admiration and curiosity. The meeting was of a most pleasant and social character, and will long be remembered as such by the brethren.

**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.**—The weekly meeting was held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday evening, the 21st inst. Bros. A. Jones W.M., Porter S.W., Seward J.W., A. J. Barr Sec., Johnson S.D., Pooley J.D., Owen I.G., Wright Steward; also Bros. Clark, Stephens, Tucker, Tink, Brown, Edmeston, and others. Lodge having been regularly opened and the minutes confirmed, it was advanced to the second degree, when the W.M. placed the gavel in the hands of Bro. Tucker, who rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Edmeston candidate. Bro. Tucker then delivered, in an able manner, the lecture on the Tracing Board, and opened in the 3rd degree. Bro. Clark was then raised to the sublime degree. The Lodge closed down, and formal business was transacted. Lodge was adjourned until the 28th inst., at 7.30 p.m.

**Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.**—On Friday, the 22nd March, at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne Road, Notting Hill. Bros. Spiegel W.M., B. Penn S.W., Smout sen. J.W., Smout jun. S.D., Adkins J.D., Webster I.G., Savage P.M. Preceptor, Murlis P.M., Estell, Oldrey, Wood, Pocock, Hattou, Robarts, Williams, Wise, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dr. Pocock being the candidate; after which the W.M. worked the first, second, third and fourth sections of the lecture, ably assisted by Bro. Savage P.M. Next meeting Bro. Penn will take the chair, and, according to bye laws, the installation ceremony will be worked. A large meeting is expected. Bro. Williams, of Phœnix Lodge, and Wise, of New Cross Lodge No. 1559, were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction.

## THE THEATRES, &c.

**ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA, COVENT GARDEN.**—Opening night, Tuesday next.

**HAYMARKET.**—At 7.30, FARCE. At 8.15, THE LADY OF LYONS.

**ADELPHI.**—CARL ROSA OPERA COMPANY.

**PRINCESS'S.**—At 7.0, OUT TO NURSE. At 7.45, JANE SHORE.

**OLYMPIC.**—At 7.30, THE LITTLE VIXENS. At 8.15, THE VAGABOND.

**STRAND.**—At 7, OVER THE WAY. At 7.30, FAMILY TIES. At 9.30, DORA AND DIPLUNACY.

**GAIETY.**—At 7.15, A MERE BLIND. At 7.45, OLD SOLDIERS. At 9.30, FAUST.

**GLOBE.**—At 7.0, MY WIFE'S OUT. At 7.15, A FOOL AND HIS MONEY and A NATIONAL QUESTION.

**VAUDEVILLE.**—At 7.30, A WHIRLIGIG. At 8.0, OUR BOYS, and A FEARFUL FOG.

**PRINCE OF WALES'S.**—At 8.0, DIPLOMACY.

**LYCEUM.**—At 7, TURNING THE TABLES. At 8, LOUIS XI.

**OPERA COMIQUE.**—At 8, THE SPECTRE KNIGHT, THE SORCERER, &c.

**COURT.**—OLIVIA, &c.

**OPERA COMIQUE.**—At 8.0, THE SORCERER. At 10.0, TRIAL BY JURY.

**CRITERION.**—At 7.30, THE PORTER'S KNOT. At 8.45, PINK DOMINOES.

**ST. JAMES'S.**—At 8, LADY CLANCARTY.

**DUKE'S.**—At 7.30, FARCE, and MAMMON.

**FOLLY.**—LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE, &c.

**ROYALTY.**—At 7.30, CAT AND DOG and LA BELLE HELENE, &c.

**QUEEN'S.**—At 7.30, COMEDIETTA. At 8.15, OTHELLO (last night).

**ALHAMBRA.**—At 7.30, FARCE, and LA FILLE DE MADAME ANGOT.

**CRYSTAL PALACE.**—This day, CONCERT, &c. On Wednesday, CARL ROSA OPERA COMPANY. Open daily, Aquarium, &c.

**ALEXANDRA PALACE.**—This day, LADY OF LYONS, SCOTCH CONCERT, &c. On Monday, TROTTING MEETING. Open daily.

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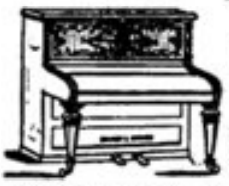

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## LODGE VICTORIA IN BURMAH.

THE letter we published last week from "A Looker-on," indicates a state of things in Lodge "Victoria in Burmah" which is the reverse of creditable. We are aware our correspondent's statement is an *ex parte* one, and it is our duty, therefore, to wait and hear what the other side can urge in its behalf before passing judgment on the whole of the merits. Unfortunately, there is enough to show that the Lodge in question has been guilty of a flagrant dereliction of duty in not yielding unqualified obedience to the edict of Grand Lodge. We need not go over the circumstances again; they must be fresh in the memory of our readers. It is enough that at the December Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, the appeal of Bro. Vaillant and others against the sentence of exclusion from Lodge "Victoria in Burmah," passed upon them some time previously, was sustained, and, in consequence, directions were sent to the W.M. of the Lodge to the effect that the excluded brethren should be re-instated in all their Masonic privileges. The regular meeting of the Lodge, as luck would have it, fell on the day immediately following that on which the instructions were received. Bro. Vaillant and his fellows in misfortune accordingly attended, in high glee at the prospect of being again in the enjoyment of their rights; but, alas! for the vanity of human wishes. They were doomed to sore disappointment. The directions of our Grand Lodge were set at nought, and the five brethren returned to their several homes in a disconsolate state, the Lodge authorities having declined to re-admit them. Since then we are given to understand that the District Grand Master has given orders that they should be received, but these orders have not yet been complied with. The Worshipful Master is reported to have been seized with certain conscientious scruples about the validity of his election, and has closed his Lodge. No one, it seems, has challenged his election, but so the case stands. Lodge Victoria in Burmah is in abeyance by reason of its Master's conduct, and the brethren who should have been restored to their Masonic privileges nearly four months ago are, we presume, still out in the cold. We imagine it will be the duty of the Board of General Purposes to take cognisance of these proceedings, unless, in the meantime, the District Grand Master has insisted on his orders, as well as the edict of our Grand Lodge, being obeyed, and has succeeded in vindicating the dignity of his office, as well as that of the Grand Master, whose representative he is in Burmah. Obedience to the Masonic laws is one of the first duties of a Freemason. Bro. Baxendale, who is the present W.M. of this Lodge, cannot thus early in his career have forgotten that among the "Antient Charges and Regulations" which, prior to his installation, he agreed to submit to and support, is the following, "You promise to pay homage to the grand Master for the time being, and to his officers when duly installed, and strictly to conform to every Edict of Grand Lodge." It strikes us as more than passing strange that a brother of so conscientious a mind as Bro. Baxendale appears to possess, should, as it were, strain at the gnat of perplexity as to the validity of his election, while he swallows the camel of authority by exercising the functions of Master, and in doing so declines to obey an edict of Grand Lodge, and orders the issue of a circular letter with the title of W.M. appended to his name. Bro. Baxendale will have no one but himself to blame if, sooner or later, he should find he is in a somewhat serious difficulty. Bro. Baxendale must bear in mind that he cannot be Master and not Master at one and the same time. It is a flagrantly inconsistent act for him, on the one hand, as Master, to exercise on this occasion the functions of that office, as he has unquestionably done by refusing to obey the orders of Grand Lodge to reinstate certain brethren, by closing his Lodge, and by directing the issue of a circular letter; and, on the other, to pretend that his election is invalid, and therefore that he is not in a position to exercise those functions. If Lodge "Victoria in Burmah" is at the present time, by reason of previous irregularities, without a head, then, in our opinion, its case is provided for at page 78 of the Constitutions, the first part of clause six on which is as follows:—"If the master shall die, be removed, or be incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the senior warden, and in the absence of the senior warden, the junior warden, and in the absence of both wardens then the immediate past master, or in his absence the senior past master, shall act as master in summoning the lodge, until the next election of officers." If, then, Bro. Baxendale is not legitimately the Master of his Lodge, then it becomes the duty of the Senior Warden to call it together, or in his absence that of the Junior Warden, and so forth. Then, as to working the Lodge in the Master's absence, or, as it would be in this case, in the absence of any Master, the second part of this same clause 6 reads thus:—"In the master's absence, the immediate past master, or, if he be absent, the senior past master of the lodge present shall take the chair. And if no past master of the lodge be present, then the senior warden, or in his absence the junior warden shall rule the Lodge." Here, then, is ample provision for carrying on the duties of the Lodge without a Master, and it will be the duty of Lodge Victoria in Burmah to see that these regulations are observed. There is another point to be considered. In clause 5, p 63, of the Constitutions, it is laid down that "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." Now, we presume the by-laws of Victoria in Burmah, like the by-laws of other Lodges, fix the days for the regular meetings to be held. How can so scrupulous a Mason as Bro. Baxendale have the hardihood to set at nought the laws of his Lodge, when "he has solemnly pledged himself to observe and enforce them?" He is, indeed, in this predicament. If he is W.M., he is violating the by-laws he has sworn to uphold. If he is not W.M., he has no *locus standi*, and his order suspending the meetings of the Lodge is void and of no effect. In the latter case, therefore, we revert to the position as indicated in the aforementioned clause 6, p 78, of the Constitutions, and the Senior Warden must summon the Lodge. We know that a W. Master has great power, and if he is disposed to behave arbitrarily can do much mischief, but we do not think he is in a position above the laws, which he has pledged himself to "observe and enforce." Perhaps Bro. Baxendale will enlighten us, and show us the way out of some of these difficulties. Our columns will be open to him for any explanation he may desire to offer, and if we find we have stated anything which is not warranted by the circumstances, we shall willingly retract it, and make him and any others it may concern the *amende honorable*.

We conclude these remarks by a reference to the invalidity of Rev. Bro. Marks's election and installation as W.M. of this Lodge, and what, in our opinion, are the simple consequences of that invalidity. His position is affected to this extent. He cannot be deprived of his status of a Past

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Master, but he cannot exercise any of the privileges of that position. Just as a person who has been irregularly initiated is called upon to undergo the ceremony again, in order that he may be freed from the taint of irregular initiation, so in the case of Bro. Marks it seems to us that in order to enjoy the privileges as well as the rank of Past Master he must first qualify for the chair of his Lodge by serving the office of Warden for a full year, and then, having occupied the chair for the prescribed term, he will, to employ the distinction mentioned in Oliver's Jurisprudence, be an *actual*, instead of as now only a *virtual* P.M. But the work that he did in the chair of his Lodge cannot be undone any more than he can be deprived of the further knowledge and experience he has acquired of Freemasonry. As regards Bro. Baxendale, supposing him to have qualified, and to have been duly elected, we do not see what impeachment there could be of his position as Master. At all events, the very worst that could happen to him would be that he might, perhaps, be called upon to undergo the ceremony of installation a second time. This, indeed, is a point we should like to see discussed. Supposing Bro. Baxendale to have been installed by his predecessor in the chair, Rev. Bro. Marks, whose election and installation have since been declared invalid, the question arises, Ought a Master to be installed a second time in order to free his first installation from the taint of irregularity? There should be some close argument over a matter of such delicacy.

## A JOKE AT OUR EXPENSE.

IN commenting on a former article of ours, in which we pointed out the real nature of the objections which English Freemasons raise to the alteration in the first paragraph of the Constitutions of the French Grand Orient, *Le Monde Maçonnique* is pleased to be funny. We said that English Masons admit men of *all* religions, but exclude those which have *no* religion whatever; that is to say, remarks our worthy French contemporary, English Masons excommunicate and treat as pariahs those who worship not a god of some kind or other—*ce dieu fût-il un éléphant blanc ou un manitou quelconque*—be it a white elephant or ——. Well, we frankly admit that "*un manitou quelconque*" is beyond our powers of translation, and we can only suggest that it means "A Manitto," which, as readers of Fennimore Cooper's novels—"The Last of the Mohicans," for example—will remember, is the name given to the god of the North American Indians. We dismiss the elephantine worship at once, as being far too unwieldy for a plain unsophisticated English Deist to appreciate; but if our suggestion as to "*un Manitou quelconque*" is right, then say we, there is no objection whatever to recognising the worship of Manitto as a legitimate form of Deism. The North-American Indian, in his rude, uncultured fashion, believes in a Great Being, to whom he is indebted for the blessings of life. He also has some idea of a future state, if we are to trust Cooper and other writers, who represent him as looking forward to the enjoyment of the pleasures of the chase in the happy hunting grounds he will visit after death. We are inclined to think this is a very respectable kind of religion for what we are wont to call an "untutored savage." There is something of the spiritual in it, something far different from the fetish worship of the negro, or the adoration of a white elephant, or a block of wood. We infinitely prefer it to the belief which regards man as a superior kind of monkey, whose instinct has developed into an intelligence; or that which imagines we are grown much in the same way as cabbages, and for no higher purpose; or which places the creation of the Universe and the erection of a block of houses on about the same level. We have, we repeat, no objection to the Manitto religion if our idea of "*Manitou*" is right, but we dismiss the elephant and the other materialist notions of a God.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN VIRGINIA.

THE Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Virginia was held at St. Albans Hall, Richmond, on the 13th and 14th December 1877. M.E. Comp. Wm. H. Lambert G.H.P. presided, and among the G. Officers present were Comps. A. S. Lee G.K., Sam H. Bowman G.S., O. M. Marshall G. Treasurer, and W. B. Isaacs G. Secretary. The G.H.P. delivered his annual address, in the course of which reference was made to the loss R.A. Masonry in the State had sustained by the death of Comp. John Dove, Grand Secretary. He also referred to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and explained the grounds on which the G. Chapter of Virginia had held aloof from that body, and why it did not see fit at this time to depart from the policy of abstention. Allusion was then made to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, which had forwarded to the G. Chapter a complete but concise history of its formation, and asked for recognition on the part of the Grand Chapter. Comp. Lambert, without entering into the causes which had led to the erection of our Mark Grand Lodge, expressed his belief that, as it has been recognised by the Grand Chapters of Ireland, Canada, Pennsylvania and Iowa, and likewise by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, there was no reason why the Grand Chapter Virginia should not in like manner extend the right hand of fellowship towards our Mark Grand Lodge, and he recommended it should be done accordingly. He further announced that official notification of the establishment of a Grand Chapter, Quebec, had been made, and he recommended that it should be recognised. The address was referred to a Committee, and other business having been transacted, the Convocation was closed, and met again on the following day, under the same presidency. The Grand Officers for the ensuing year were elected. The Reports of the several Committees were submitted, the only noteworthy matter in these being the recommendation of the Committee on the G. H. P.'s address, that the recognition of the Mark Grand Lodge of England and Wales should be postponed till the next Grand Annual Convocation. The following are the principal Officers for the ensuing year, namely, Comps. A. Stith Lee G.H.P., S. M. Bowman G.K., P. S. Coles G.S., O. M. Marshall G. Treasurer, and W. D. Isaacs G. Secretary.

## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH BURMAH.

AT a Quarterly Communication, holden at the Masonic Temple, Rangoon, on Thursday, the 27th of December 1877, being the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. Present—R.W. Bros. H. Krauss D.G.M., J. Dawson D.D.G.M., A. M. Buchanan P.D.G.S.W. as D.G.S.W., C. J. Brown P.D.D.G.M. as D.G.J.W., B. Samuel D.G. Treas., Capt. G. O. Smith as D.G. Reg., W. H. Porter D.G. Sec., E. H. Stone as D.G.S.D., Capt. F. E. Barrow as D.G.J.D., W. Stenhouse as D.G.S. of W., P. Benemy as D.G.D. of C., Capt. J. Cuthbert as D.G.S.B., W. H. Wootton as D.G.O., W. G. Jackson as D.G. Purs., S. J. Seth D.G. Steward, J. H. Clarkson D.G. Tyler; together with representatives of Lodges: Social Friendship, No. 497; Star of Burmah, No. 614, Rangoon; Victoria in Burmah, No. 832, Rangoon; Greenlaw, No. 1095, Toungoo; Rangoon, No. 1268, Rangoon; and Bros. P. Benemy, T. T. Thompson, E. Moore, C. Preston, of No. 614, visitors.

The District Grand Lodge having been opened in *ample* form at 6.15 p.m., the summons convening the Communication was read. W. Bro. J. Dawson then proposed, and W. Bro. A. M. Buchanan seconded, "That the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 11th September 1877, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read." Carried unanimously. R.W. Bro. H. Krauss proposed, and W. Bro. C. J. Brown seconded, "That the minutes of the proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of the 11th September 1877 be confirmed." Carried unanimously. The D.G. Sec. reported receipt of apologies for their unavoidable absence from several brethren, and read the report of the proceedings of a meeting of the District Grand Lodge Committee, which comprised, among other matters, the D.G. Treasurer's accounts, since the date of last audit; these had been examined and found correct, and showed a balance in favour of the District Grand Lodge Fund of Rs. 88 12 8, and District Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence of Rs. 66 10 0. Announcement that Quarterly Returns and dues had been received from Lodges:—Greenlaw, No. 1095, Victoria in Burmah, No. 832, Star of Burmah, No. 614, Astræa, No. 1376, Philanthropy, No. 542. Report from D.G. Sec. that the Worshipful Master of Lodge Greenlaw, No. 1095, Toungoo, had returned the Provisional Warrant which had been issued to that Lodge on the 21st March last, in lieu of the Grand Lodge Warrant which had been burnt, the said Lodge having since applied for and obtained a Warrant of Confirmation from the Grand Lodge of England. The Provisional Warrant was therefore cancelled. Also that Lodge Greenlaw, No. 1095, Toungoo, had submitted a case where a Tyler of that Lodge, who had been admitted a serving brother in the said Lodge, but had not, in consequence of removal from the station, served the period of four years as required by the Book of Constitutions, page 87, though he had paid his dues to the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, and enquiring whether he could be relieved in case

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of distress, and be eligible to become a subscribing member of his mother Lodge, on payment of Lodge fees for initiation, passing, and raising. The District Grand Master ruled in the affirmative, but had submitted the question to the Grand Lodge of England. Decision of D.G. Lodge Committee that the D.G. Lodge attend Divine Service in Holy Trinity Church, Town of Rangoon, on the morning of St. John's Day, that the Rev. J. H. Taylor, Chaplain, be requested to allow the use of the Church for the Festival, that W. Bro. Rev. J. E. Marks, D.G. Chaplain, be requested to perform Divine Service, and invite the co-operation of the Rev. J. H. Taylor, and other clergymen if he thought it necessary, that the brethren of the Rangoon Lodges be invited to attend, and that the usual collection be made in aid of the Greenlaw Masonic Orphan Fund. Report of the receipt of the Proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of the 21st June last, of the District Grand Lodge North Island of New Zealand, and that of Bengal of the 25th June 1877, and of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry, Bombay. The D.G. Lodge of Madras had not extended its courtesy to this D.G. Lodge for some time past.

W. Bro. B. Samuel, No. 832, was unanimously re-elected D.G. Treas. Bro. J. H. Clarkson, No. 832, was unanimously re-elected D.G. Tyler. The D.G. Sec. reported that since the meeting of the D.G. Lodge Committee on the 3rd December, the Worshipful Master of Lodge Greenlaw, No. 1095, Toongoo, had applied for a dispensation to instal the Master elect on the 10th December, in advance of the usual period, on the ground that on the usual date a Board of Installed Masters would not be available. A dispensation was granted, and a report of the same was ordered to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, London. The R.W. the D.G.M. then briefly addressed the D.G. Lodge, with a commentary on the report of the D.G.L. Committee, and the other business submitted to the District Grand Lodge, and then proceeded to make the following appointments for the year 1878:—W. Bros. Jos. Dawson 832 D.D.G.M., E. G. Man 1268 D.G.S.W., J. Petley 1095 D.G.J.W., the Rev. J. E. Marks 832 D.G. Chaplain, B. Samuel 832 D.G. Treas., W. A. Nicol 832 D.G. Reg., W. H. Porter 614 D.G. Sec., W. Ford 614 D.G.S.D., Major M. Furlong 542 D.G.J.D., E. H. Stone 1268 D.G.S. of W., F. W. Harper 1376 D.G.D.C., Captain G. O. Smith 497 D.G.S.B., W. H. Wootton W.M. elect 614 D.G.O., C. T. Baxendale W.M. elect 832 Pursuivant. Bros. F. A. Binet 542, Charles Preston 614, J. H. White 832, R. H. Pilcher 1268, W. G. Jackson 1268, and M. I. Vyapoory Moodeliar 1376, D.G. Stewards. The following brethren were elected to serve on the D.G. Lodge Committee, exclusive of the *ex-officio* members:—W. Bros. J. Dawson 832 D.D.G.M. President *ex-officio*, C. J. Brown 1268 P.D.D.G.M., A. M. Buchanan 832 P.D.G.S.W., G. E. L. Dawson 1268, C. Egerton Allen 1268, Capt. G. O. Smith 497 D.G.S.B., A. F. Lingham S.W. 1268, W. H. Wootton W.M. elect 614, B. Samuel 832 D.G. Treasurer *ex-officio*, W. H. Porter 614 D.G. Secretary *ex-officio*. Business being ended, the D.G. Lodge was closed in *ample* form, at 8 p.m.

## COMPLIMENTARY DINNER AND PRESENTATION TO J. D. MOORE, ESQ., M.D., F.L.S.

ON Tuesday, 26th March, nearly thirty members of the Rowley Lodge of Freemasons assembled at the Kings Arms Hotel, in response to an invitation from the W.M., to attend a complimentary dinner given to Bro. J. D. Moore, M.D., P.M. 1051, P.G.S.B. of E. &c., who for the last eleven years has filled the office of Hon. Sec. of the Rowley Lodge, but which he resigned at Christmas last. The dinner was served in capital style, under the personal supervision of the manager, Mr. Piper. Another pleasing feature in the evening's programe was the presentation of a handsome epergne, value £40, to Bro. Moore, which had been subscribed for by the members of the Lodge, as a slight acknowledgment of the many and varied services he has rendered to the Lodge. The epergne, which is of frosted silver, stands about sixteen inches high, and has a very elegant and chaste appearance, the stem being formed of vine branches, the foliage and fruit of fruit of which is so arranged at the top as to form a receptacle for holding a cut-glass dish in which fruit, flowers, &c., may be placed. On the base are three medallions, on one of which is the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. J. Daniel Moore, M.D., P.M. 1051, P.G.S.B. of E., &c., by the members of the Rowley Lodge, in appreciation of his long and valued Masonic services to them as Masons. 26th March 1878." In the two remaining medallions Dr. Moore's coat of arms and the jewel of a Past Master are respectively engraved. Bro. A. Sheriff, the W.M. of the Lodge, presided. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and responded to,

The Chairman rose to propose the toast of the evening—the health of Bro. Dr. Moore—which was received with great cordiality. The honourable position which he occupied as Worshipful Master of the Rowley Lodge had imposed on him the performance of a most pleasing duty, which was to convey to their guest that evening—Bro. Moore—the thanks of the members of that Lodge, and to express to him their esteem and admiration for the invaluable assistance he had rendered, not only to the Lodge, but the members individually. There might be a few members of the Lodge who were acquainted with the services rendered by Bro. Moore, but there were many who had no conception of them. He (the Chairman) would, therefore, claim their indulgence for a short time and also that of their guest, which he was sure he would require, whilst he gave expression to the feelings entertained by the members of the Lodge towards Bro. Moore. Fortunately for himself, the members had wisely determined that those feelings should be recorded in an address, to be hereafter presented to Bro. Moore. They had, however, given a more tangible expression to their feelings by providing the handsome epergne before him, and which it would be his pleasing duty to present. Before doing so, he might not be deemed irregular if he related a few of the many services Bro. Moore had rendered to the Lodge during his connection with it. If he mistook not, the Lodge was formed in 1865—the consecration taking place on the 3rd March in that year, since which time his relations with it had been of a most intimate character. Although Bro. Moore was not a member of the Lodge when it was founded; yet, at the Lodge of emergency held on the same day, he was initiated into Masonry. A very short time elapsed before he distinguished himself, and that fact was recorded in the minute book. Five or six meetings afterwards they found Bro. Moore occupying the seat of Senior Warden in the Lodge. In December 1866, he was elected to the office of Worshipful Master of the Lodge, a most unparalleled advancement in Masonry. About this time, also, Bro. Moore, not finding sufficient to engage his zeal and energy in the Master's chair, took upon himself also the duties of Secretary of the Lodge, and from that time down to the end of last year the minutes would be found recorded in his well-known characteristic handwriting, and to which office he was formally appointed at the end of 1868, having filled the duties two years previous to that date. From the time that Bro. Moore took charge of the Secretaryship, they would find a marked increase in the attendance of members at the Lodge meetings. In 1867 he was re-elected W.M. of the Lodge, and on his attendance at Grand Lodge shortly afterwards, he formed one of a deputation who waited on the R.W.G.M., the late Earl of Zetland, to ask him to lay the foundation stone of the Royal Albert Asylum. They all, doubtless, knew that the Grand Master did attend, and knew also in what an efficient manner the ceremony was performed, and how everything passed off satisfactorily, but he (the chairman believed they did not know that the success of that meeting depended greatly on the skill, energy, zeal, and tact of Bro. Moore. (Hear, hear.) They found also that when there was no business of special interest before the Lodge, Bro. Moore was always ready to turn it into one of Instruction, and himself occupying the chair, was willing to impart the light of Masonry to those not so well up in matters as himself, and with an ability which few were so well able to impart. At one of the meetings of the Grand Lodge, the year following Bro. Moore's re-election to the office of Worshipful Master, the Grand Master was pleased to bestow on him the office of Grand Sword Bearer of England which was not only an honour to the brother on whom it was conferred, but to the advantage of the Craft in the town generally. (Hear, hear). How many times he had represented the various Charities, he (the chairman) was at a loss to say, but he thought he was within the mark if he put them down at sixteen or seventeen, but the amount of time devoted by Bro. Moore to those and kindred matters connected with the Craft, was more than they could have any idea of. During the existence of the Lodge Bro. Moore had given them lectures on many occasions, and on various subjects connected with Masonry. Those were a few of the services rendered by Bro. Moore to the Lodge, and which could not be done except at the sacrifice of much personal comfort, of which no one but their worthy brother himself knew, and for which he had only the approbation of his own conscience. The chairman, in addressing Bro. Moore, said: I have great pleasure in giving to you the sincere thanks of the brethren of the Rowley Lodge, for the many valuable services which from time to time you have rendered them, and at their wish, and in their behalf, to present you with this epergne, which I hope you and yours may long enjoy, and I hope also that you may have a long, prosperous and happy life.

Bro. Moore, who was received on rising with great cordiality, said he really knew so little what to say in reply to the kind speech and the handsome present which had been made to him that he thought the wisest course would be to simply say, "thank you," and sit down. He felt, however, that that would not convey the degree of thanks he was desirous of doing. Such a present was entirely unexpected on his part, and although Bro. Garnett had once surprised him in the same manner in another Lodge—and he must confess it was a very pleasant surprise indeed—yet he had not the slightest idea in the world that he was coming here that evening to do more than take his place and partake of the capital dinner which they had provided, and which he considered amply recompensed him for any humble services he might have rendered to the Lodge (Applause). Bro. Moore then detailed the circumstances under which he joined the Craft, remarking that when he undertook the duties of Secretary during the time he was W.M. it was on account of the illness of the late Bro. Hunsbrow. He next went on to say that with regard to his career in Masonry, with regard to his duty to the Craft, and to the Lodge, he was amply repaid. He was indeed proud, and he hoped pardonably so, of the position in which he had been placed both in the Grand Lodge and also in the Rowley Lodge, but he was much more proud to receive at their hands that gratifying acknowledgement of any humble services which he might have rendered to them. (Hear, hear.) During his Masonic career it had been his earnest endeavour, as far as possible, not only to improve the Lodge as a body, but to give instruction to those who were junior members of the Craft. It had been said with regard to many Masons, that they wished to get all the knowledge they could, and keep it to themselves. That, however, was not in the true spirit of Masonry, as Masons should always be ready both to give and receive instruction from their brethren in the craft. (Hear, hear). In conclusion, Bro. Moore begged to thank the chairman for the very complimentary terms in which he had addressed him, and also the brethren for the kindness he had always met with at their hands. (Applause).

Other toasts followed, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.

Our readers will learn with great regret of the death of Bro. George Bubb, P.M. and Treasurer 180, J.W. of the Londesborough Lodge, and W.M. of St. John's Lodge, Maidenhead. Bro. Bubb's death will be lamented by his sorrowing family and a numerous circle of Masonic and private friends.

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## GRAND ORIENT AND ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—"Q." is quite right in objecting to "A Free-Mason and P.M.'s" assertion that "a man who believes in Buddha would doubtless hesitate in an English or French Lodge to declare such belief," namely, in a "God." A true Buddhist would tell you that Buddha was the saviour of the world, the exact counterpart of our Jesus Christ, honoured in their triune worship under the name of "San Pao Fuh." He was but a priest of the rites of Vishnu, and it is pretended that, for his zeal, he received Parinibanan honours, or final emancipation after death. The belief in Buddha does not destroy the belief in "Kal and Parrati," the "God of Gods;" for Vishnu, to whom Buddha was the priest, is said to bow, with Brahma and all the gods, to "Kal and Parrati." Buddha never pretended to be the "Supreme God," he merely obeyed the divine command. It is said that he received a "divine command" to shave his head, and then formed a number of disciples with shaved heads like himself. There seems but little doubt that Buddha had in his day come in contact with some Chaldean priests; and he wished it to be understood that he was the "seed" of the great divinity. In the same way, our own god Thor was represented with a blazing circle on his breast, denoting he was the "seed" of Odin. Jesus Christ is represented with a circle round his head, typifying the "seed" of God; yet we are none the less called on to swear by that Christian name in our Lodges. We swear by the G.A.O.T.U., the "Father" of Christ, of which he was the representative; the same as Buddha was the "seed" or representative of a Greater God.

Yours fraternally,

T. B. R., No. 972.

Canterbury, 2nd April.

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## MILITARY LODGES.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The following extract, from "History of Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of Scotland," by W. A. Laurie, 1859, p. 407, will appropriately fit in with the list of *English* Military Lodges published in your last impression.

### MILITARY LODGES NOT STATIONARY.

| No. | Name of Lodge. | Year of Institution and Date of Charter. |
|---|---|---|
| 328 | George William, 94th Regiment (dormant) ... ... | 1830 |
| 373 | Star-in-the-East Turkish Contingent, Kertch (dormant) | 1856 |

### LODGES FORMERLY EXISTING.

| Original No. | | Original No. | |
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| 53 | Duke of Norfolk's | 158-2 | St. Andrew, Royal Arch, Scotch Greys |
| 63 | Welsh Fusiliers | 168 | Unity, 17th Regiment |
| 73 | White's, 32nd Regiment | 188 | Queen's, 7th Dragoons |
| 97 | Hooker St. John, 17th Reg. | 211-60 | Union Royal Arch, 3rd Regiment Dragoons |
| 100 | Fort George, 31st Regiment | 258 | St. John Military, Argyle |
| 101 | King George III., 56th Reg. | 278 | Aboyne, North British Militia |
| 106 | Duke of York | 289 | Royal Thistle, 1st Regiment |
| 108 | St. George, 31st Regiment | 310 | St. Andrew, 42nd Regiment |
| 121 | Union, Genl. Majoribank's Regiment | 311 | Fifeshire Militia |
| 132 | Moriah, 22nd Regiment | 320 | St. Cuthbert, Durham Militia |
| 137 | Royal Welsh Fusiliers | | |
| 147 | United, 4th Regiment | | |
| 156 | St. Patrick Royal Arch, 42rd Regiment | | |

It thus appears that *two* Warrants of Constitution were granted to the 31st Regiment, empowering the brethren of that corps to meet as Lodge "Fort George" and "St. George" respectively, plainly evidencing that a separate and distinct Lodge, under the Scotch Constitution, was existent in each of the two battalions, which, until the termination of the Peninsula war, constituted the fixed establishment of the 31st Regiment.

Two Military Warrants were also granted to the (23rd) Royal Welsh Fusiliers, though from their respective numbers (63 and 137) they were separated by a greater interval of time than occurred in the parallel case of the 31st Regiment.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

3rd April 1878.

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*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR AND BROTHER,—Adverting to the contrast drawn in your article on the above in your last issue between the Masonic element in the British army in the year 1814 and that existing at the present time, you will permit me to call the attention of your readers to the fact that, in addition to the six regimental Lodges working under warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, there are nine of a similar character hailing from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, viz.:—

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| No. 26 | ... | 25th Cameronians | No. 322 | ... | 29th Regiment |
| „ 128 | ... | 39th Regiment | „ 354 | ... | 49th Regiment |
| „ 179 | ... | 12th Lancers | „ 441 | ... | 38th Regiment |
| „ 218 | ... | 17th Lancers | „ 570 | ... | 5th Dragoon Guards. |
| „ 263 | ... | 20th Regt. (2nd Bat.) | | | |

And in addition to these, No. 730, Dublin Garrison, which though essentially a Military Lodge is not of a peripatetic nature like the others.

Thus the number of Military Lodges in the British Army becomes sixteen instead of six, and reviewing the number of Lodges working at Victoria, New Zealand, Tasmania, Malta, Constantinople, Ceylon, Canada, the West Indies, and other places, frequented largely by our troops, I think the "decadence of Military Masonry" is more manifest on paper than in reality, and that the defenders of British interests fail not to commingle their loyalty to their Queen and country with a reverence for the ancient landmarks of the square and compasses.

I have the honour to be, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

FRANCIS E. CLARKE LL.D. P.M. P.K. &c., 411.

Drogheda, 1st April 1878.

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## HELP FOR THE FORLORN.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Right or wrong, Freemasonry, it is said, is not to be regarded in its entirety, but in its *results*.

It is charity that adorns it.

We have Schools for Boys and Girls, an Asylum also for the Aged of both sexes. From these institutions we would not subtract ought, but would, if possible, increase their revenues, and secure more magnificent results.

The pecuniary resources of such institutions must be indemnified from the possible contingency of any failure of Treasurers for the future, and there is no reason why the same precaution should not be taken as is adopted by the Charity and Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

The education of our Masonic children must take a higher standard, if we look, as we ought to do, for results.

But there is a class to be looked after, which has been overlooked—the unfortunate rejected candidates. It is not always that brethren can be found to get a candidate into one of our institutions after being doomed to the cold shade of the unfortunate. We, in Lincolnshire, think that something must be done in our Province even for those who cannot help themselves; for those who merit, but who cannot command, the adventitious help of patronage.

Out of seventy-eight candidates for the Boys' School on the 15th of April 1878, only thirty can be admitted. We cannot, as our Great Master did, multiply the *five* barley loaves and the *two* small fishes.

We are aware that something is being attempted to be done in Lincolnshire for some of the unfortunate forty-eight, whose characteristic is to be *forsaken and forlorn*. The *two f's* are to be exchanged, we hope, for fathers and friends. Let the project be set on foot in Lincolnshire under the form of a Sutcliffe Memorial, and the county will act liberally.

The late and ever lamented Brother Sutcliffe ran to the rescue of the forlorn and helpless, to the deserving and the forsaken. He had nothing of the insiduous selfishness of the age. With him, the only inquiry was, Is the case deserving? and at once he ran to the rescue. So the blessing of Him that was ready to perish embalms and ennobles his memory. We enjoin each and every Lincolnshire Mason to imitate his noble example. We say to each, go thou and do likewise. Bro. W. H. Radley, M.D., of Boston, will gladly receive your donations and subscriptions.

Believe me, yours very truly,

DANIEL ACE, D.D.

Langhton Vicarage, Gainsborough, 3rd April 1878.

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## A FISH ORDINARY.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having read your article under the above heading I was anxious to prove the truth of the several statements therein made, and consequently repaired to Billingsgate and partook of the two shilling ordinary supplied by Bro. Smith, and I think the following bill of fare, as put before before my friends and self, should satisfy the greatest epicure:—

Salmon, cod boiled and fried, scallops, eels stewed and fried, mackarel, whitebait plain and devilled, mutton cutlets, haunch of mutton, roast beef, with salad, cheese, &c. How such a fare can remunerate at two shillings is best known to the caterer. I suppose the tale of the old woman and her apples will apply here, *i.e.* "quantity pays."

The attendance was all that could be desired, and the cleanliness of the establishment in every feature was perfect. I can only add that Billingsgate will often claim my visit when in want of a dinner.

I am, yours fraternally,

A DINER OUT.

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## GRAND LODGE OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA.

WE have been requested to publish the following circular, addressed by the Grand Lodge of Cuba to those Lodges of the United States who have not yet accorded their recognition. We have pleasure in complying with this request:—

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. A. M. of.....

WISDOM. VIRTUE. FRATERNITY.

Havana, 15th March 1878.

Dear Brethren,—The *Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba*, established at Havana the 1st August 1876, according to the general principles of Masonic Jurisprudence ruling all the regular Grand Lodges, has already had the honour to request recognition, through her Grand Foreign Representative, R.W. Bro. Ramon Illa; the history and precedents of this Grand Lodge being at large set forth in the documents which the same worthy brother made known to you in due time.

The legitimate petition of the *Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba* has hereto been successful before the following high Bodies:—

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| Grand Orient of Spain (*Sagasta*). | Grand Lodge of Kansas. |
| Grand Lodge of Delaware. | Grand Lodge of Wyoming. |
| Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. | Grand Lodge of Utah. |
| Grand Lodge of Maryland. | Grand Lodge of Scotland. |
| Grand Lodge of New York. | Grand Lodge of South Carolina. |
| Grand Lodge of Rhode Island. | Gd. L. of District of Columbia. |
| Grand Lodge of Colorado. | Gd. L. of Washington Territory. |
| Grand Lodge of Manitoba. | Grand Lodge of Oregon. |
| Grand Lodge of Arkansas. | Grand Lodge of New Jersey. |
| Grand Lodge of Idaho. | Grand Lodge of Tennessee. |

Now, dear brethren, when the good right of this Grand Lodge has been acknowledged by so many respectable Masonic Authorities, we dare expect that your Grand Lodge will not withdraw the friendly hand of welcome and love to a sister, young, yet full of life and Masonic zeal; and confident in the future welfare of the Craft in Cuba, through their common efforts and the brotherly support of the Grand Lodges on the world.

With profound respect and fraternal affection, we are,

Dear brethren, truly yours.

For the Grand Master:
the S.G.W.

GREGORIO GONZALEZ AMADOR.

Attest:

AURELIO ALMEIDA, G.S.

## BOMBAY.

A FUNERAL Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Nesbitt-lane, Byculla, Bombay, on the 20th February 1878, in memory of the late Right Worshipful Bros. Rustomjee Cowasjee Bhadherjee, and Rustomjee Jamsetjee Nadershaw, by Lodge Rising Star of Western India, S.C. This mournful tribute to the deceased brethren, who were eminent and highly respected members of the Masonic fraternity, was a deserved, although sorrowful recognition of their genuine worth. Each of them had laboured zealously and successfully to promote the interests of the Lodge over which they had presided with distinguished ability and untiring perseverance and assiduity. They were held in the highest esteem, not only by the members of their own Lodge, but had won the respect of all the brethren of the Craft throughout the Bombay Presidency. They were both members of the medical profession, and had risen to high eminence, whilst each enjoyed a most extensive practice, and was recognised by the professors of the Grant Medical College, as also by *confrères*, as gentlemen thoroughly qualified in all branches of their profession. Consequently their services were eagerly sought, and, in cases of poverty and distress, were at all times freely and gratuitously extended to sufferers in humble life. The poor of their own community, more especially, had cause to bless them, for the disinterested and skilful manner in which they tended them was highly appreciated; and in many a sick chamber their loss will be as deeply deplored as it is amongst the brethren of the Craft in Bombay.

The brethren present included representatives from the Grand Lodge of all Asia, and the sister Lodges of the Presidency. After the Lodge had been duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the members and visitors adjourned to the ground floor of the hall, where a procession was formed, and the brethren marched to the Lodge room, a funeral dirge being played by the Grand Organist. The Lodge was then passed to the second, and raised to the third degrees. The Right Worshipful Master said that at the last meeting of the Lodge two of their Past Masters were unavoidably absent, and they little knew at the time that they were both lying on their death-beds. The hand of death had since then snatched them from our midst. The late R.W. Bro. Nadershaw, the W.M. observed, was closely connected with him by ties of friendship, and he was, therefore, in a position to state that all who knew him loved and admired his qualities of head and heart. Similar remarks were applicable to R.W. Bro. Rustomjee Bhadherjee, who was equally respected and revered by his large circle of friends. He (the R.W.M.) had one consolation, namely, to see before him so large and influential a gathering to do honour to the memory of their departed friends and deeply-loved brethren. R.W. Bro. K. R. Kama opened the proceedings with prayer. The R.W. Master, assisted by his Wardens, then read the funeral service most impressively, after which the Lodge was lowered to the first degree, and the following propositions were unanimously carried and ordered to be recorded.

That, by the untimely death of our Rt. Worshipful Bro. Rustomjee Jamshedjee Nadershaw, Lodge Rising Star of Western India is deprived of one of its warmest friends, his associates of a cheerful and open-hearted companion, his family of a kind supporter, and the community of an exemplary citizen.

That while this melancholy event saddens our hearts, we have still the pleasing reflection that the conscientious and upright life of our brother, his devotedness as a friend, his honesty and integrity in all his dealings, his faithfulness to the principles of our Order, have won for him a good name, which is above all price, and the highest respect and esteem of all who knew him.

That he died at the untimely age of thirty-five years, too young for one to die, so gifted with talents, and so capable of serving the community as a rational and intelligent medical practitioner of rare attainments, and a student of science, that his memory will be long endeared to us. He was mild, affable, and generous.

That the brethren respectfully tender to the afflicted widow their deep and cordial sympathy for her irreparable loss.

That as a token of our heartfelt sorrow for the sad event, and as a mark of our esteem and high appreciation of the worth of our deceased brother, who was greatly endeared to us by the strong fraternalties of our Order, as well as by those rich shining social qualities by which he was eminently distinguished as a man, that the Lodge of which he was a member meet in mourning on the next regular meeting in March.

That a copy of the above resolutions be sent to the widow of the deceased.

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That while this Lodge bows with humble submission to the will of the Supreme Grand Master in calling away our esteemed Right Worshipful Bro. Rustomjee Cowasjee Bhaderjee, we cannot withhold the expression of our profound sorrow for the heavy loss sustained by the bereaved family by his untimely death.

The Lodge loses in him one of its most distinguished members, ever ready in promoting its welfare and prosperity, and Bombay one of its highly esteemed citizens, his name being associated with many charitable institutions as a donor and a supporter.

That while we cherish the memory of our departed brother, we will strive to imitate those virtues which he assiduously practised, and which shone so conspicuously in his brief but memorable life as a medical practitioner, and cultivate those Masonic virtues and amiable disposition which adorned his public and private career, and gladdened the hearts of those with whom he came in contact.

That to the afflicted widow and children of the deceased this Lodge tenders the assurance of their sincere and heartfelt condolence.

That the Lodge meet in mourning on the next regular meeting in March in testimony of his worth.

That a copy of the above resolutions be sent to the widow of the deceased.

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A telegram received in Bombay on the 4th March, from Madras, announces the death there, on the 2nd instant, of R.W. Bro. John Miller, Administrator General, from typhoid fever. He was a leading member of the Bar there, and District Grand Master of Freemasons in that Presidency.

## JAMAICA.

Bro. G. Sargeant, son of the Rev. G. Sargeant, Superintendent of the Wesleyan Methodists in the Island of Jamaica, has been elected Master of the Royal Lodge.

The Right Wor. Altamont De Cordova has been appointed Grand Senior Warden. The Right Wor. J. J. G. Innis has been appointed Grand Junior Warden. The Right Wor. G. C. H. Innis has been appointed Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of East Jamaica.

At the ordinary meeting of the Phœnix Lodge, Port Royal, Jamaica, held on 7th March, Wor. L. C. Hollar, Master, presided. The Right Worshipful Hon. Dr. Hamilton, Provincial Grand Master of East Jamaica, accompanied by his Grand Senior and Junior Wardens and Grand Secretary, paid an official visit, and inspected the books. A candidate was raised. The Grand Master praised the Wor. Master for his working, and the manner in which the books had been kept.

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We have great pleasure in announcing that Bro. Falkner Lee, of the Watford Lodge, No. 404, Herts, will give a Grand Concert at St. James's Hall, on the 23rd May, the proceeds of which will be equally apportioned between the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, with a view to recouping them a portion of the losses they have respectively sustained by the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co. Bro. Falkner Lee is making strenuous efforts to ensure a brilliant success. He has already obtained the patronage of Lord Skelmersdale our Deputy Grand Master, and other influential Craftsmen, and he will have a grand array of musical talent, both vocal and instrumental, on this occasion. It is needless to say that Bro. Lee has our heartiest good wishes, and we trust the result may be worthy of so spirited and so laudable an effort.

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## REVIEWS.

**All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.**

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*Practical Guide to English Versification.* With a Compendious Dictionary of Rhymes, an Examination of Classical Measures, and Comments upon Burlesque and Comic Verse, Vers de Société, and Song Writing. By Tom Hood. A New and Enlarged Edition. To which are added Byashe's "Rules for Making English Verse," &c. London: John Hogg, Paternoster-row. 1877.

The English student who may have any taste for versification, or who is in the habit of cultivating the Muses, will find this Guide of much assistance. As the late lamented author remarks in his preface, it is not intended as "a handbook for poets or a guide to poetry;" its aim is "to teach the art of versification." It is written with the object of enumerating, explaining, and defining the laws of this art, and this it does very clearly, concisely, and correctly. After a chapter devoted to "Verse Generally," the work passes on to treat of "Classic Versification," its character, its measures, its structure, and the points worthy of observation in the composition of such measures. The Hexameter, Pentameter, Alcaic, and Sapphic measures necessarily claim the first and principal share of attention, but none are overlooked. We are then treated to an account of the various Guides and Handbooks which had been published previously, and then in Chapters IV. to VII., both inclusive, "The Rules of Rhyme" are laid down for us, under the separate and distinct heads of "Feet and Cæsura," "Metre and Rhythm," and "Rhyme." These chapters contain the pith of the work, and are greatly to be commended for the careful manner in which they have been written. After a few remarks on Burlesque and Comic Verse and Song-Writing, which may be followed unhesitatingly, knowing, as we do, the author's practical experience in these branches of versification, there comes a very useful Dictionary of Rhymes, which may be described as invaluable to those who are much given to poetic effusions. There is an Appendix, containing a reprint of part of the introductory portion of "The Young Poet's Guide," and Byashe's "Rules for Making English Verse," both of which will be found to greatly enhance the value of this little Guide. Bro. Hogg, we think, has done well in publishing this new edition, and it will be found of particular service in those of our public and private schools where any attention is paid to the art of writing English verse. Speaking with a full recollection of the carelessness with which our own schoolfellows treated the occasional exercises in English verse which were set them, we should say that this Guide would be of great assistance, and would probably create an interest in this class of work. It would also help, as the author suggests, to improve the pronunciation of English among our youth, if it did not contribute to swell materially the ranks of English versifiers. It will do even more than this, for a knowledge of rhythm will enable people to read correctly the works of our poets, and our readers will admit there is ample room for improvement in this respect. In fine, the book is deserving of great praise, and we thank Bro. Hogg for his courtesy in enabling us to give expression to this opinion.

## NORTHUMBERLAND AND BERWICK LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

THE regular meeting of this time immemorial Lodge was held on the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on Tyne. Bro. W. E. Franklin P.P. Sup. of Works W.M. in the chair, supported by the following Officers and Past Masters:—Bros. W. Cockburn S.W., Dr. Luke Armstrong J.W., J. E. Robson J.O., R. Lock Treasurer, R. G. Salmon Secretary, J. Blinkensop S.D., J. Wood J.D., S. M. Harris I.G., J. T. B. Bell and J. Usher Stewards, G. Simms Tyler, W. S. Hughes P.M. P.S.G.W., J. Ridsdale P.M., Janson P.M., &c. The Lodge being opened, and the usual formalities gone through, two brethren were advanced to the honourable degree in a most impressive manner by the W.M., assisted by Bro. W. S. Hughes the I.P.M. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, where the usual Loyal and M.M. toasts, as well as several complimentary ones, were duly honoured. The Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening.

The annual Meeting of the provincial Grand Chapter of Northumberland is fixed for Monday, the 15th April, and will be held at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, under the banner of the St. Peters Chapter, No. 481. M.E. Comp. L. M. Cockcroft Prov. Grand Superintendent will preside. The banquet will be held at the Queen's Head Hotel, Pilgrim-street.

## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

*Will be worked as under:*

On Monday, 8th April, at the London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction (held at the Club), 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6 o'clock p.m.

[We gave the names of those who will assist here in our last issue.]

At the Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst-Hill, Essex, on Friday, the 12th April, at 6.30.

On Good Friday evening, the 19th proximo, at St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, King's-road, Chelsea. Pro. P.M. Ardin, Zetland 511, will take the chair at 6.30 p.m.

At the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, by the members of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, by invitation of the members, on Saturday, 27th April 1878. Bros. T. Cull S.D. 1446 W.M., S. J. Byng W.M. 902 S.W., P. Dickinson P.M. 1298 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. S. Boaz 185, J. M. Lockwood S.D. 198, H. B. D. Dunn S.D. 1698, C. G. Sparrow 192, J. W. Wright P.M. 1298, W. J. Hall I.G. 193, J. A. Powell J.W. 186. Second Lecture—Bros. J. Eldridge P.M. 167, P. Dickinson P.M. 1298, G. W. Saul S.W. 1201, S. J. Byng W.M. 992, F. G. Chant 193. Third Lecture—Bros. J. Shackell P.M. 193, G. H. Hunter J.W. 1298, J. Yeomans S.W. 167.

**Doric Lodge of Instuction, No. 933.**—The Lodge meeting was held as usual at the Duke's Head Whitechapel-road, on Friday, the 29th March, when the Fifteen Sections were worked by Bro. Barnes P.M. 933 and 554, assisted by the brethren of William Preston Lodge of Instruction; Bro. Rudderforth S.W., Goddin J.W., Job S.D., Harris J.D., Mac Donald I.G., Turquand P.M. 1556 I.P.M. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the sections worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. March 27, Nicholl 1287, Goddin S.D. 862, West S.W. 1287, Harris 1586, Clegborn 1287, Hill 862. Second Lecture—Bros. Hall I.G. 193, Harris 1586, Evans 862, Rudderforth J.D. 12, Adair 19. Third Lecture—Bros. Braun P.M. 766, Passingham 193, Hayes 619. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bros. Turquand 1556, Kidman 766, Francis 1085, Nash 79, Kinnard 145, Matthias 1586, and Tribble 1287, were unanimously elected members. Bro. Musto then addressed the Lodge; he said that he was not an eloquent man, and therefore would not detain the brethren by making a long speech, but he was quite sure the members of the Doric Lodge would agree with him when he said that the Sections had been rendered as perfectly as he had ever heard them. He understood that nearly all of the members of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction were young Masons, some never having worked a section before; this reflected great credit upon the worthy Preceptor (Bro. Rudderforth) of William Preston Lodge, for the care, time, and attention he must have given to enable them to perform their task in the efficient manner they had. Where the work was done so well it would be invidious to single out a single Bro., but the palm must be awarded to Bro. Harris, whose working of the fifth was most eloquent. He then said he was not surprised at the perfect rendering of the Sections, seeing the advantage they possessed in having such an excellent teacher, knowing as he did that Bro. Rudderforth is one of the most energetic and hardest workers in the Craft. He would not detain the members any longer, but would propose that the brethren of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction who have assisted the W.M. in the Sections be elected honorary members of this Lodge. Bro. Webb seconded the proposition, and it was carried unanimously. The W.M. then addressed the workers. He said that though Bro. Musto was not an eloquent man, he had completely taken the wind out of his (the W.M.'s) sails, by saying all that he could have said; however, he had great pleasure in informing them that they had been elected honorary members of the Doric Lodge of Instruction, and he hoped that the ball he had set rolling they would keep going. Bro. Rudderforth, in reply, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the honour conferred upon those under his tuition, and for the kind expressions in regard to himself, but he said the task had not been such a difficult one as many would imagine, for he had been blessed with good material to work upon, and that each of the brethren had taken as much interest in trying to perfect himself as he had to teach them. Again thanking the W.M., he would conclude his remarks by expressing a hope that the brethren of the Doric would accept an invitation to work the Sections at the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, where he was sure they would meet with a hearty reception. Bro. Musto then rose to propose a vote of thanks to the W.M. for having presided. He was already an honorary member, and would have been over and over again, if such a thing were possible; this was seconded and carried. The Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until the 5th April.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—A meeting was held on Friday evening, 29th March, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge. Present—Bros. Blasby W.M., Gunner S.W. and Sec., Acworth J.W., Goss (W.M. of 780) S.D., Erwin J.D., Talbot I.G., Roe P.M. and Preceptor, Parker, &c. Business—Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. ably and carefully rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. Lodge was then opened up, and Bro. Parker was duly passed to second degree, after having first answered the questions. Lodge was opened up to the third degree, closed down, and called off for refreshment. After a short interval, labour was resumed, and a vote of thanks unanimously accorded to Bro. Acworth for the very handsome square and compasses presented by him. It may here be remarked, that upon this evening the officers were provided with the remainder of their regalia, at the expense of the Lodge Fund. A high compliment was paid to the worthy Preceptor for his exertions, which had resulted so successfully. The Lodge of Instruction is now provided with working tools, furniture and officers' regalia complete. The W.M. for ensuing meeting having been elected, and his officers appointed, Lodge was closed in brotherly love and harmony, and adjourned until Friday evening, 5th April, at half-past 7.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Williams W.M., Young S.W., Slaiter J.W., Wardell S.D., Christian J.D., Carr I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M.

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Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Bonner, McClean, Brasted, G. Brown, J. Lorkin, Fares, Brand, Weige, Finch, Allen, Perrin, &c. All prescribed formalities duly observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. C. Lorkin candidate. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties. Bro. Allen worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Holsworth of Lodge 193, Sinclair of 813, Polak and Moon of 1524, and Williams of 1056, were elected members. Bro. Young was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—The second annual supper of this thriving young Lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate. Bro. Brown, W.M. of the Mother Lodge, occupied the post of honour. Bro. A. W. Fenner, the Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction, as S.W., Bro. Townsend filling the J.W. chair; there was a goodly muster of brethren, some twenty-eight being present, amongst them being Bro. Reuter P.M. P.G.D.C. Kent, and several other eminent brethren, as also several visitors. After the supper, which was done ample justice to, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts. The W.M., in a short but happy speech, gave the Visitors, to which they severally replied. The toast of the evening was then proposed, —Success to the Upton Lodge of Instruction—which was drunk with great cordiality, and Bro. Fenner briefly replied; he referred to the continued progress of the Lodge of Instruction, which he hoped would in time become one of the best attended in London. The health of the Officers was proposed, and fully honoured. Bro. Fenner proposed the health of the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, remarking he was glad to have his services as Chairman for the evening. He felt that Lodges of Instruction ought to receive the co-operation of their Mother Lodges to ensure their success; to this the W.M. replied. The following brethren sang some excellent songs:—Bros. R.W. Pearcy, Watton, Townsend, Cleverly, Smith, and Isaacs. Bro. Campbell gave a recitation. The brethren separated about 11.30, well pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

**Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1368.**—On 29th March, at the White Hart, Lower Clapton. Present—Bros. McMillan Worshipful Master, Slaiter Sen. W., McDowell Jun. W., Badkin S.D., Soper J.D., Clennell I.G., also Bro. Cusworth P.M. Preceptor, Paul, Goddard, and other brethren. The preliminary business being concluded, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Goddard being candidate. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree. Bro. Paul gave proof of his proficiency; and was duly passed. The Lodge being closed down to the first degree, the thanks of the Lodge were accorded to Bro. McMillan for the efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair for the first time. Bro. Slaiter will preside next week.

**Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.**—At the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday, the 1st inst. Present—Bros. E. Bishop W.M., Slaiter S.W., Maun J.W., McDowall S.D., Garrod J.D., Lockett I.G., P.M. Stephens Preceptor and Treasurer; also Bros. P.M. Soper, Glaskin, Blunt, Greenwood, Jacob, &c. After confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jacob candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Glaskin answered the questions leading to the degree of M.M., and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the W.M. ably worked the ceremony of raising; also giving the traditional history and lecture on the Tracing Board. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Slaiter was elected W.M. for the ensuing two weeks. Lodge was then adjourned to Monday, the 8th inst., at 7.30. Bro. P.M. Stephens gave an ancient charge on closing, to the great pleasure and instruction of the brethren present.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**—Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday. Bros. Th. Slaiter W.M., Dignam S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., Woolley S.D., E. Dietrich J.D. and Sec., R. Olley I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, G. Ferrar Treas., and Bros. J. B. Shackleton, Hy. Meyer, O. Dietrich, McMillan, Carver, C. Olley, Bonner, &c. After the usual preliminaries had been gone through, the ceremony of initiation was most ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. O. Dietrich candidate. The sections of the lecture were then worked by Bros. Shackleton and Hy. Meyer, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Dignam was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting.

**Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693.**—Held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, under the able presidency of Bro. C. K. Killick, assisted by Bros. A. Trewinnard S.W., H. P. Isaac J.W., C. K. Killick sen. Sec., J. H. Hawkins S.D., A. W. Fenner J.D., H. Hall I.G., A. E. Western W.S., W. Bartle D.C., W. J. Hornblower A.D.C., Steedman Tyler. There were also present Bros. H. Opperman, J. Thompson, W. Gurson, W. White, W. Fysh, A. W. Smith, S. J. C. Wolton, C. A. Hall, G. F. Böhme. The Visitors were—Bros. H. Topley S.D. Capper Lodge 1076, C. D. Hill Drury Faithful 85, J. Garrod High Cross 754, and R. Roxby Confidence 193. The Lodge being opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. S. J. Wolton having proved his efficiency, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by the W.M., in a very excellent manner. Lodge being resumed, Bro. C. A. Hall was passed. On the resumption of the Lodge to the first degree, Bro. A. W. Smith, of the City of London Lodge, No. 901, was unanimously elected a joining member. The next business on the rota was the election of W.M. for the ensuing twelvemonths. This proved unanimous in favour of Bro. A. Trewinnard, and we congratulate the Lodge in selecting so able an exponent of the tenets of the Craft for its Master. The election of Treasurer proved in favour of Bro. Crosbie. Bro. Steedman P.M. 754 was re-elected Tyler. The proposition that a P.M.'s jewel should be voted to the retiring W.M. met with universal approval. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, which was served by Bro. Fysh in a very excellent manner. The viands were done ample justice to. Grace having been said, the cloth was removed, and the usual loyal toasts were proposed and responded to. The W.M. gave the health of the joining member, Bro. A. W. Smith, who he complimented on the excellent recommendation he had brought with him. Bro. Smith returned thanks in a neat speech. Bro. P.M. Killick senior proposed the health of the W.M., observing that no brother present had known him so long as he, yet he believed they had known him long enough to appreciate the services he had rendered; the toast was drunk with all the honours. The W.M. in returning thanks observed he would ever bear in mind the good feeling he had experienced at the hands of the Officers and brethren of the Lodge, and thanked them very heartily for their expressions of kindly feeling towards him. The health of the Visitors being drunk, Bro. C. Hill Drury replied; he thanked the brethren for the welcome all had received, and paid a high compliment to the W.M. in having such an efficient staff of Officers. The W.M. next proposed the health of the W.M. elect; by his assiduity he had fully qualified himself to fulfil the duties of the high office which had been conferred upon him. The toast was drunk with all Masonic honours. Bro. Trewinnard said he hoped his conduct in the chair would meet with the approbation of the brethren; nothing, he trusted, would be found wanting on his part to perform the duties which he would so shortly be called on to fulfil. The Officers' health was proposed and duly responded to, as also was Bro. Fysh's; this was his natal day, and the toast was drunk with cordiality. The Tyler brought a very pleasant evening's proceedings to an end. The following brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening,' Bros. Opperman, Fysh, and H. Hall; an excellent recitation was given by Bro. Hawkins.

# Old Warrants.

## No. 117.

**No. 46, "Ancients;" No. 65, A.D. 1814 (at the Union), No. 57, A.D. 1832, and No. 49 from A.D. 1863.**

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS HARPER D.G.M.

M. GILLIES S.G.W. THOMAS MABON J.G.W.

*To all whom it may concern.*

WE, the GRAND LODGE of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful the Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c. &c. &c. GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq^r., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Malcolm Gillies Esq^r., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Thomas Mabon, Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the
No. 46 Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Bro. George Eyre, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Bro. John Templeman, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Bro. Robert Robinson, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the house known by name or sign, The George, at George Stairs, Southwark, or elsewhere, upon the Second and Fourth Tuesday in every Month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions: And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, George Eyre, John Templeman and Robert Robinson (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this twenty-sixth day of November, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Ten, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Eight hundred and Ten.

ROBERT LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 2, Letter B, folio 188. 11th February 1756.

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THE GRAND FESTIVAL will be held on Wednesday, 24th April 1878, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF CARNARVON IN THE CHAIR.

Tickets may be obtained of the Grand Stewards, but no Ticket will be issued after Four o'clock on the day preceding the Festival.

Dinner at half-past Six o'clock precisely.

The Musical Arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. C. E. WILLING, Grand Organist.

Brethren must appear in full Masonic Craft Clothing.

T. A. MASEY,
Hon. Sec. Board of Grand Stewards.

North Cheam, Surrey.

SIXTH APPLICATION.

## Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

APRIL ELECTION, 1878.

The favour of the Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers is earnestly solicited on behalf of

SOLOMON HIRAM SHURY,

AGED TEN YEARS.

Son of Bro. WILLIAM SHURY, of Myland, Colchester, who died on the 25th of February last, after two years of great suffering, in his 75th year. Bro. SHURY was formerly engaged in the Circulation Department of the Post Office, but, owing to severe attacks of neuralgia in the head, and defective vision, consequent upon cataract, he was compelled to resign his position when at the age of 54 years. His only permanent income since that time had been a pension of £61 a year, to which he was entitled on account of his service, and he had to encroach continually upon his savings, till they were quite exhausted. Consequently he had been unable to provide for the boy's education, as he did for his children by his first marriage, and his declining days were comforted with the thought that the lad would eventually be elected into the Institution.

When in the full possession of health Bro. SHURY was a most active Mason. He was initiated in the Saint John's Lodge, Hampstead, No. 196 (now 167), in 1848, and, after passing through the intermediate offices, eventually became W.M. When, in 1861, the state of his health compelled him to remove from the District, he tendered his resignation, and the brethren at once elected him an honorary member, in recognition of his valuable services to his Mother Lodge. Bro. SHURY afterwards joined the Wellington, 548, as a country member; and became a member of the Angel Lodge, Colchester, No. 51, in 1868. He was exalted in the Donnatic Chapter, No. 177, in 1852, and was elected to the Third Chair, but the continued unsatisfactory state of his health compelled him to resign. He was also one of the Founders of the Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73. When the present applicant was a child in arms, Bro. SHURY's position enabled him to make himself, wife, and child, Life Subscribers of the Boy's Institution, not thinking at the time that he should ever be compelled to avail himself of its benefits and he has, besides this, done all in his power to excite in others an interest in the Masonic Charities. Altogether he had contributed to the funds of Grand Lodge for the long period of TWENTY-NINE YEARS.

*The case is strongly recommended (among others) by*

The Right Worshipful Bro. R. J. RAGSHAWE Prov. Grand Master Essex.
R.W. Bro. RICHARD BURTON BURTON LL.D. P.P.J.W. for Western India.
R.W. Bro. MATTHEW E. CLARK Dep. P.G.M. Essex.
V.W. Bro. Rev. C. J. MARTIN V.P. D.P.G.M. Suffolk, &c.
V.W. Bro. FRED. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., [illegible]
* W. Bro. A. D. LOEWENSTARK P.M. [illegible]
W. Bro. FREDERICK WALTERS V.P. P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. and P.Z. 73.
W. Bro. WILLIAM PRATTENT Steward R.M.I.G. P.M. 1326 and 1351.
W. Bro. GRIFFITHS SMITH Past Grand Steward, P.M. No. 21.
W. Bro. F. ADLARD V.P. P.M. No. 7.
* W. Bro. JOHN BE WORTH P.M. 170 and 749, P.P.J.G.W. Dorset.
W. Bro. SAMUEL COLE, Life Governor, R.M.I.B., P.M. 188 and 1426, Past P.G.P. Kent.
* W. Bro. HENRY T. R. WARE L.G. R.M.I.B., P.M. Albion Lodge, No. 9.
Bro. M. D. LOEWENSTARK J.W., 1360, S.N. [illegible]
* Bro. THOS. J. BALLING W.M. Angel Lodge, No. 51, [illegible]
* W. Bro. the Rev. C. L. ADLARD P.M. 538, P. Prov. Gd. Chaplain, Oxford P. Prov. Grand Chaplain, Essex.
W. Bro. the Rev. R. T. WHITTINGTON Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, and Angel Lodge, No. 51.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those Brethren whose names are marked with an asterisk.

Proxies of other Masonic or National Institutions are most valuable for the purposes of Exchange.

## Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

St. John's Hill, S.W.

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Patrons:

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M., President.
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Saturday, the 13th day of April 1878, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to consider Notices of Motion as follow, and to elect Eighteen Girls into the School by ballot, from a list of 24 approved Candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock (or after the usual business is over), and close at Three o'clock precisely.

By Colonel Creaton, J.P., Trustee and Vice-Patron:

"That Nineteen Girls be elected instead of Eighteen as previously arranged, by which the number of Girls in the School will be then increased to 200."

Also,

"That the funded property of the Institution be transferred into the names of the present Trustees."

Upon recommendation of the Building Committee, by Colonel Creaton, Chairman:

"That authority be given for the necessary expenditure in laying out the grounds of the Institution."

By Bro. Thomas W. White, P.G. Std., Vice-Pres.

"That John Bond Cabbell, Esq., the Devisee of Trust Estates under the will of the late Bro. Benjamin Bond Cabbell, the survivor of the Trustees in whom the property of the Institution is vested, be requested and authorised to execute the necessary Documents to vest the said Property in the present Trustees, viz.:—

The Right Hon. the Lord Leigh, Lieut.-Colonel J. Creaton, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Right Hon. the Lord Skelmersdale.

R. WENTWORTH LITTLE,
(D.Prov. G.M. Middx.) Secretary.

## THE NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

Will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, 10th May 1878,

on which occasion

The Rt. Hon. The EARL OF CARNARVON, M.W. Pro G.M., R.W. Prov. Grand Master Somersetshire,

Has most kindly consented to preside.

Names of Stewards will be thankfully received by the Secretary.

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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE last few days have been among the most eventful of the Session. Indeed, one or two of the sittings will be of historical interest, while the proposals brought forward may be fraught with the most tremendous consequences, not only to the British Empire, but likewise to Europe and, indeed, the whole world. On Thursday, on the Peers meeting for the despatch of business, the House was taken by surprise on finding that the Earl of Derby did not take his seat on the ministerial bench, but below the gangway. The matter was soon explained, for the noble Earl rose almost immediately, and announced that, owing to the differences that existed between himself and his colleagues he had ceased to be Foreign Minister, or rather that he only continued to hold the seals of office till his successor had been appointed. Lord Derby, though full liberty of explanation had been given him, did not avail himself of the opportunity of doing so, but merely stated that while he was in accord with the other ministers of the Crown as to the end to be obtained, he differed with them as to the means. The Earl of Beaconsfield, however, who rose immediately for the purpose of expressing his sorrow that his political connection with the noble Earl, which had extended over a quarter of a century, was thus abruptly

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determined, thought it would serve to allay apprehensions if he explained the reason for his late colleague's retirement from office, and he then stated that it had been resolved in the present critical state of the Eastern Question to call out the Reserve forces, and that it was this step to which Lord Derby took exception. A few remarks from Lord Cardwell, and then this memorable meeting was brought to a close. On Friday, the Premier, in reply to Earl Granville, stated the nature of the correspondence that would be laid on the table of the House, and likewise that the Queen's message, announcing her intention of calling out the Reserves would be delivered on Monday, on which day he should be in a position to fix a date for the discussion of the Message. Accordingly, the Message was read on Monday. A discussion followed, in which Earl Grey, the Earl of Redesdale, and Earl Granville took part. A second reading was then accorded to the Education (Scotland) Bill, and to the Mutiny Bill, and the other business having been despatched, the House adjourned. On Tuesday, there was a short debate on the propriety of opening Museums and Picture Galleries on Sundays; among the speakers were Lord Thurlow, the Lord Chancellor, the Bishop of London, and the Dukes of Westminster and Somerset. The Mutiny Bill was passed through Committee, and the Marine Mutiny Bill was read a first time.

The sittings of the House of Commons have been equally exciting. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in reply to Lord Hartington, described the character of the latter portion of the correspondence among the Powers relative to the Berlin Congress, after which the House went into Committee on the Mutiny Bill, and after a long and wearisome debate over sundry of the clauses, with some half dozen divisions, in which, with one exception, the minority consisted of less than twenty, the Bill was ordered to be reported without amendment. It was also announced that the Queen had resolved on calling out the Reserve Forces, and subsequently the House adjourned at an advanced hour of the night. On Friday there were further questions as to the Eastern crisis, and sums on account of the Civil Service Estimates and Revenue Departments were voted. On Monday, Mr. Hardy presented the Queen's Message at the bar of the House, and it was at once read by the Speaker, all members present being uncovered. A discussion as to the day on which the policy advocated by the Message should be debated, resulted in Monday, the 8th instant, being named, as Thursday had already been fixed by Sir Stafford Northcote for the delivery of his Budget speech. Mr. J. Derby Allcroft, the newly-elected member for Worcester, having taken the oaths and his seat, the House went into Committee on the Intoxicating Liquors' Sunday (Ireland) Bill, but though the House sat till twenty minutes past six on Tuesday morning, the result was *nil*, the whole of the sitting being occupied in debating the alternate motions that the Chairman leave the chair, and that progress be reported. Tuesday evening was principally taken up with the discussion of a series of three resolutions, proposed by Mr. Fawcett, on Indian Finance. He was defeated, however, on the first by 163 to 87, and on the second by 159 to 96. The third resolution was withdrawn. The House was counted out just before half-past twelve o'clock. On Wednesday afternoon the motion for the second reading of the Vaccination Law (Penalties) Bill was defeated by 271 to 82. The vacancies for Worcester and Belfast have been filled by the election of Messrs. Allcroft and Ewart, both Conservatives, vice Sherriff (Liberal) and Johnston (Conservative). There are also vacant seats in North Lancashire and South Northumberland, the former by the acceptance by Colonel Stanley of the Secretaryship of State for War, and the latter by the elevation of Lord Eslington to the peerage.

The Queen held a Council at Windsor, on Tuesday, at which there were present the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Marquis of Salisbury, and the Right Hon. Gathorne Hardy. The Earl of Derby, the Marquis of Salisbury, and Mr. Hardy previously had audiences, and delivered up their respective seals of office. Colonel Stanley was then introduced and sworn in a member of the Privy Council, after which he was sworn in as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State. The Marquis of Salisbury then received the seals of office as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Hardy those as Secretary for India, and Col. Stanley those as War Secretary. Mr. C. Lennox Peel was in attendance as Clerk of the Council. On Wednesday, the Prince and Princess of Wales visited Her Majesty at Windsor Castle, and remained to lunch. It is announced that Her Majesty will hold Drawing Rooms at Buckingham Palace on the 7th and 9th May, and that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will, by the Queen's command, hold a *Levée* at St. James's Palace on the 17th May. It is Her Majesty's pleasure that presentations to the Prince shall be deemed equivalent to presentations to Her Majesty.

A numerous deputation of Liberals had an interview with Earl Granville and the Marquis of Hartington, at the Westminster Palace Hotel, on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Bright introduced it, and having stated its object in waiting on the Liberal leaders, and various members of it having expressed their views, the Earl and the Marquis severally addressed the meeting at great length, but very guardedly, and without committing themselves to any particular policy at the present juncture. This is exactly what might have been expected from two statesmen of such experience and bearing such serious responsibilities.

There has been a terrible outrage in the North West of Ireland, surpassing in atrocity any previous outrage of a similar character. On Tuesday evening, the Earl of Leitrim, with his clerk and car-driver, was driving from his residence, Manor Vaughan, Milford, Co. Donegal, to keep an appointment with his solicitor, when the whole party were shot at and killed. The car-driver's death was instantaneous; the clerk's wound was mortal, and he died almost immediately afterwards; but the Earl was not injured at first, and was only beaten to death after a brief but terrible resistance, his arms being broken and his head battered in. The late Earl was born in 1806, and though kind and charitable to the poor, was a strict and even exacting landlord, so that the general belief appears to be that the outrage was of an agrarian nature. The valet was following in another cart, and, according to the evidence he has given at the inquest, he saw his master resisting the onslaught of two men. Some evidences were left behind by the murderers, and two persons have been arrested on suspicion. The deceased nobleman had formerly been in the army, but retired in 1855, on succeeding to the title and estate. His life had been attempted on a previous occasion, when he himself arrested the would-be murderer, and since then he has been threatened, so that he invariably went about armed.

The preparations for war continue on a large scale, and the Queen's Proclamation calling out the Reserves was issued on Tuesday. In accordance with this important instrument, the Reserves of the first Army Corps are to join their several depôts by the 19th instant, so that shortly after that date there will be ready for service in the field a force of some 30,000 men and 90 guns, a second corps of equal strength being likewise in course of organisation. We have, too, an enormous fleet ready for any emergency, and every preparation is being made for the transport of troops by sea. Measures also are being taken for enabling our merchant navy to carry guns and protect themselves in the event of war breaking out. It is satisfactory to note further that militia officers in the dominion of Canada are coming forward in great numbers, and offering their services to the British Government. Indeed, there is little doubt if we should be forced into war that a strong Canadian contingent of from 10,000 to 20,000 men could be added to our regular army.

Lord Salisbury inaugurated his rule at the Foreign Office by the issue of one of the most important manifestoes ever despatched to our representatives at foreign courts. In this document his lordship gives first of all a concise summary of the correspondence with other governments as to the proposed Congress, and then he shows how the treaty of San Stefano, taken in its entirety, must necessarily be a danger to the interests of Europe. It is not for us to enter into the merits of our new Foreign Secretary's arguments; it is enough that we note them, with the mere additional remark that the leading journals in Paris, Berlin, Vienna, and Pesth, recognise as well the clearness and force of this manifesto as its importance. Many even regard it as more likely than anything else that has lately been issued to secure a peaceful issue out of the present difficulties.

This day week the great amateur aquatic event of the year will take place, and we shall then know whether what is called the Blue Riband of the Thames has fallen for 1878 to Oxford or Cambridge, to Dark Blue or Light Blue. Both crews are now in full practice over the London course, and, as usual their doings are eagerly watched and keenly criticised both by those who do not know how to row as

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We content ourselves, therefore, with the simple "tip" that, if Dark Blue is successful there will be rejoicings among the Oxonians, while if Light Blue wins the race, there will be rejoicing on the banks of the Cam.

As regards the political world, the state of things could hardly be more serious than it is just now, and yet, as the darkest cloud has a silver lining, so there is just a slight chance that the present gloom may after all be dispelled. In the first place, Russia's losses of men by sickness are on the increase, and it is said that as many as ten per cent. are being incapacitated daily in Bulgaria alone. Not much more than a third of the artillery are properly horsed, and the cavalry have great difficulty in getting fodder. Then it must be remembered that Russia is weak financially, though strong as a military power, if we look only at the numerical strength of her army. Turkey, too, though reduced to the agonies of despair, has still a respectable force at Constantinople, and she might prefer to fight against, rather than on the side of, her hereditary foe. Austria-Hungary likewise takes pretty nearly the same view as England respecting the treaty of San Stefano, and she has an army almost as numerous as Russia. Roumania and Servia are dissatisfied with the terms of peace, and the former is resolved not to part with her portion of Bessarabia, if she can help it, and only on compulsion. Altogether the perils which seem to await Russia, if she insists on the treaty of San Stefano being forced down the throats of the other European powers, are such, that now General Ignatieff has gained nothing by his visit to Vienna the Czar may well pause before setting England at defiance, and not England only, but the moral force of the whole of Europe as well. Even Prince Bismarck seems to think there is something in Lord Salisbury's despatch, and the present attitude of this country. So there is a chance, albeit only a slight one, that peace may be preserved.

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## THE LOSS OF THE EURYDICE.

By Rev. Dr. Stevens.

(*Raphael Asa.*)

'Tis service morn, that peaceful time
When hearts are tuned and thoughts are raised
To Him the Lord of every clime;
The *Crew* unite in "God be praised!"

But as the day proceeds, so fair,
And all seems tranquil and serene,
A sudden darkness fills the air—
A sudden fall of snow is seen.

At that dread moment, within sight
Of Shanklin's pleasant beach, and hail!
A *Frigate* hove, grand in her might
Of seamen brave, and full in sail.

But, lo! a moment, and she reels;
The wind in fury turns her o'er,
And down she goes. Oh! heart that feels,
Present a prayer; thou 'rt on the shore.

She's gone, and only two remain
Of those *Three Hundred* seamen, bold;
Their lives are o'er; they're free from pain;
They never more will tread the hold!

But why this dreadful work? we ask;
Was care, precaution, and the like
Bestowed? if so, to whom the task
Of ballasting? Were men on strike?

Alas! too late 'twill be found out;
The sorrowing hearts, the left and lorn,
Can ne'er again lift hand and shout,—
Brave Jack's returned! *We with them* mourn.

This loss of life, may 't move the hearts
Of those whose duty it may be
To fit with weight, and sound the parts
Of stately vessels, *conscience free.*

Oh, God! oh, God! in mercy hear
Our prayer for all who brave the sea.
May they, and we, have help to bear
The lot, the part, whate'er it be!

The Poplars, Walthamstow.

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On Sunday, 24th March 1878, this magnificent vessel, the Eurydice, one of the finest sailing frigates in the British Navy, after rounding Dunnose headland, near Shanklin, in the Isle of Wight, on her return from the West Indies, was turned over by the force of the elements, after which she sank. She had 300 seamen on board, of whom only two survived.

## DIARY FOR

**We shall be obliged if the Se throughout the Kingdom will Days of Meeting, &c., as we ha that are verified by the Officers**

### SATURDAY,

General Committee Boys' School, Freem
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, So
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, A
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Ric
1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, West
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservativ

### MONDAY, 8

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, I
90—St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersg
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern,
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-stre
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, a
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, I
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Crave
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern
1506—White Horse of Kent, Masonic Hall,
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel,
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-ro
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instructio
on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each m
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falm
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-stre
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler
262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-s
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln,
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Not
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Reading.
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birm
589—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic
865—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
893—Meridian, National School Room, Mill
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom
Barrow-in-Furness.
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southse
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbu
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmun
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate,
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by
R. C. 12—Athenæum, Lancaster.

### TUESDAY, 9th

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southam
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhal
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victori
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camber
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-stre
211—St. Michael, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gre
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel,
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-ro
902—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street,
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (In
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpa
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaic
R. A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assem
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Bo
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street
402—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, M
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippe
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup.
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street,
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge.
1259—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sank
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sus
1509—Mascoe, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.
1903—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenw
Wynstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8

### WEDNESDAY, 10t

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institu
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-st
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, L
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-stre
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsle
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burlet
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court,
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green,
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-stree
1260—Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethn
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. J
1395—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-s
1534—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-r
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. Jo
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street,
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clap

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147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
190—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
235—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
281—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
483—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
829—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1209—Lewisca, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1216—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1343—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.
1393—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1434—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1530—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannoc, Staffs.
1562—Llanidloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.

## THURSDAY, 11th APRIL.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
657—Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, the Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
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.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1093—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1204—Royd's, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church Schoolrooms, Sittingbourne.
1343—St. John's, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1502—Lay Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
1613—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

## FRIDAY, 12th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 154 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1296—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1543—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.

## SATURDAY, 13th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 12.
193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1301—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.
1637—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

R. A. 308—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY.

296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
R. A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
R. A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.

TUESDAY.

495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
R. A. 265—Jubilee, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
298—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
387—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.

FRIDAY.

459—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.

SATURDAY.

303—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.
TUESDAY—1—Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.
WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.
R.A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.
THURSDAY—8—Journeymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.
FRIDAY—36—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, on the 28th ult. Present—Bros. B. Meyer W.M., N. Green S.W., H. Meyer J.W., J. B. Shackleton P.M., E. Dignam S.D., E. Dietrich J.D., J. Payne I.G., J. Varney, C. Lorkin, F. Brastol, G. Ferrar, O. Dietrich, R. Polak, G. Davies, H. G. Moon, A. Leoffler, S. Blow, C. T. Brame, E. George, G. M. Stevenson, C. J. Olley, A. R. Olley, W. Beasley, J. Bonner, T. Bigg, W. J. Ford, and J. Hill. Lodge was opened in due form; minutes of installation meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bros. Leoffler and Ford were interrogated, entrusted, and withdrew. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bros. Leoffler and Ford were raised to the degree of M.M. Bro. Brand proposed Bro. Smyth as Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Shackleton, and on the ballot being taken Bro. Smyth was unanimously elected to the office. There being no further business, Lodge was closed and adjourned. Refreshment followed labour. The Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, were ably proposed and heartily responded to. The I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., congratulating him on the very excellent manner he had worked the ceremony, and the pleasure the Lodge felt in having at the head of affairs a brother so well qualified to govern and rule. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the hearty way they had responded to the toast. During his year of office he would endeavour to discharge his duties to their satisfaction. He had come two hundred miles to be present at the Lodge meeting. Their cordial reception was very gratifying to him, and he would always, either at labour or refreshment, try to promote the best interests of the Lodge and its members. In proposing the Officers, the W.M. complimented each one on his excellence of working. He had no doubt when they were called on to assist in the other degrees, they would do so to the satisfaction of the members. The W.M. next proposed the Masonic Charities, adding that Bro. E. Dietrich was Steward for the Boys' School. He would call on Bros. Shackleton and Dietrich to respond. Bro. Shackleton explained the objects of the Institutions, especially the Boys' School, reminding the brethren the Lodge had sent Stewards to the Benevolent and Girls' Institutions, Bro. P.M. Lee having served one and he (Bro. Shackleton) the other. The W.M. had also served the Boys' School, and was a Life Governor. He concluded by urging the brethren to support Bro. Dietrich in his endeavour to take up as large an amount as possible. Bro. Dietrich hoped to have three figures on his list; but if he could not reach three, he hoped they would help him to come very near it. He was very glad Bro. Shackleton had been called on to reply; he would submit his list at once. The result was that though there was only a small attendance of members, the sum of £35 was promised. The W.M. regretted he was unable to propose anything from the Lodge funds, but as they would have another meeting before the Festival, he hoped the Lodge would be able to add £10 10s. Some capital songs and recitations were given by several members of the Lodge. At near midnight the Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening.

**Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360.**—At the Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, on Tuesday last, there was a very large attendance. It had been arranged that the Fifteen Sections should be worked, and accordingly Bro. Collings 511 took the chair, and was supported by Bro. Pulsford 1158 as S.W., while the Junior Warden's chair was filled by Bro. Ratcliffe J.W. 211. The Lodge was opened up to the third, and resumed, when the first lecture was worked by Bros. Fane, Carter, Josey, Oliver, Alais, Davy, and Pulsford; the second lecture by Bros. Smith, Wise, Leaper, Davis, and Collings; and the third lecture by Bro. Ratcliffe, Holloway, and Colegrave. On the conclusion, the customary vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for presiding, and was duly acknowledged by Bro. Collings, who referred to the great assistance rendered by the brethren who had so ably filled the Wardens' chairs. The following brethren were elected members:—Bros. Alais, Lawrence, Webb, Boulton, Holland, Lane, Bird, and W. W. Morgan, and after those who had worked the sections had been thanked for the service rendered, the members dispersed, after having spent a most agreeable evening.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction. No. 1227.**—At Bros. Bolton and Lane's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 29th March. Present—Bros. Smith W.M., Cleverly S.W., Lane J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Secretary, Hine J.D., Bolton I.G.; also Bro. Geruschein visitor. Lodge opened, minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in a manner that reflected great credit on him, Bro. Geruschein acting as candidate. Lodge was advanced to the second degree. Bro. Geruschein answered the usual questions leading to the third degree. On the resumption of the Lodge to the first degree, Bro. Fenner worked the second and fourth sections of the lecture. Bro. Cleverly was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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**Egyptian Lodge, No. 27.**—The members of this Lodge met on Thursday, the 4th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. The W.M. Bro. T. J. Maidwell was assisted by his Officers:—Wm. Richards S.W., H. G. Buss P.M. G.A.S. Treas., J. B. Poole Sec., J. H. Conlson S.D., J. H. Kemp J.D., C. Cuthbertson I.G., Grammer D.C.; P.M.'s Bros. J. Walker, C. Atkins, Heare, Green, Sillis, C. B. Payne; also Visitors Bros. W. H. G. Rudderforth J.D. 12, Wharman P.M. 15. W. W. Morgan 211, H. F. Browne 731, Ginder 1499, J. Smeaton 1598. On the assembly of the brethren, Bro. Maidwell opened his Lodge, and minutes of last meeting were read and received due confirmation. The W.M. then opened up his Lodge, and proceeded with the ceremonial part of his duties. This consisted of the passing of Bro. James Jones, and the raising of Bro. J. Ulmann. The ballot box was then passed round, and the W.M. announced that Mr. Comyns William Lateward Berkeley had successfully passed the ordeal. This gentleman was then introduced, and the ceremony of initiation was performed; Bro. Maidwell doing his work, as he had also done in the two previous instances, in a manner eminently satisfactory, and creating a deep impression on the candidate. The election for Brother Henry Frederick Browne, of Arboretum Lodge, No. 731, resulted in his being admitted a joining member. The W.M. announced that Bro. Walker P.M. had signified his intention to serve as a Steward for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. It was proposed that the sum of ten guineas be placed on his list from the funds of the Lodge. This was ably discussed, many of the members expressing a desire that the amount should be increased to twenty guineas. Eventually, however, a compromise was effected, and fifteen guineas was ordered to be placed on the list of Bro. Walker. The Committee of the Benevolent Fund then presented their Report. This showed most satisfactory results, and a substantial balance on the credit side. Some proposed alterations in the by-laws governing this Fund were considered and adopted. The Lodge was then closed. At the banquet which followed, and which was capitally served, under the personal superintendence of Bros. Robert and Frank Clemow, the W.M. presided. On the removal of the cloth, the toasts were briefly introduced and full honour was paid. In responding for the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Bro. Buss Grand Assistant Secretary, after acknowledging the compliment, remarked that we never yet had, at the head of affairs, more energetic brethren than those who held office as the rulers of the Order. No labour was too arduous for Lord Carnarvon, and he spared neither time nor influence to advance the interests of Freemasonry. He was ably seconded by Lord Skelmersdale, who was perhaps better known in his own province; at the same time, no one could be more appreciated wherever he was known. He thanked the brethren for having associated his name with the toast. The W.M. next gave the health of the Visitors, and called on Bros. W. W. Morgan and W. H. G. Rudderforth to respond. After these brethren had acknowledged the compliment paid them, Bro. Maidwell proposed the health of the Initiate, and Bro. Berkeley rose to reply. He sincerely thanked the members for having admitted him into their ranks. He had been induced to join Freemasonry from an intimate knowledge of men who were distinguished in the Order, whom he respected and esteemed for their sterling qualities. He would exert himself to be a good Mason, and trusted he might never have cause to regret the step he had that night taken. On Bro. Walker devolved the task of proposing the health of the W.M.; this he did in most felicitous terms, paying a just tribute to the capabilities displayed by Bro. Maidwell. After a very humourous song, Bro. Maidwell rose. He could not agree with all Bro. Walker had said; he certainly could not endorse the remark that that brother as I.P.M. had not been missed; individually, he knew better; he had felt the absence of Bro. Walker. He was gratified by the many kind words expressed. Before resuming his seat, however, he would propose the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge. They were a numerous body—fifteen he thought they could muster—and there were very few Lodges who could boast more. He called attention to the satisfactory condition of their Benevolent Fund, which would stand as an evidence of what the P.M.'s of the Egyptian Lodge had achieved. Bro. Walker replied to the toast. He regretted the W.M. had not associated other names with his. However, he could say this, the P.M.'s of the Egyptian Lodge were full of loyalty to their Lodge. Each and every one was ready and willing at all times to help the W.M. Bro. Walker then referred to his Stewardship. The members of his Lodge had subscribed liberally, but he should not be content with what he had already been promised. They would have another meeting previous to the Festival, and then he intended to tax them further. The other toasts comprised the health of the Treasurer and the Secretary; the Joining Member; the Officers; and the several replies were concise and well to the point. The W.M. then called the Tyler, who brought the proceedings to a close. Some capital songs and recitations were given during the evening, and all strove to make the meeting a pleasant one.

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**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 1st instant. Present—Bros. Pearcy W.M., Hallam S.W., Dyblahl J.W., Talmie Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Hunter S.D., W. Rawley J.D., Elleston I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Cuthbert, Millington, Millward, &c. Lodge was opened, minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was performed by the W.M. in his usual unexceptionable manner, Bro. Cuthbert being the candidate. The W.M. worked the first and second, Bro. Fenner the third, and the W.M. the fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Walter Rawley, of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 917, was elected a member. Bro. Hallam was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed, and adjourned until Monday next, at 8 o'clock.

**Prosperity Lodge, No. 65.**—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th March, at the Guildhall Tavern. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Charles Daniel occupied the chair. Bros. H. Burge S.W., G. T. Brown J.W. and W.M. elect, Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, C. E. Ferry Secretary, E. W. Braine S.D., Matthews J.D., Sim I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. A. L. Leins, Cornwall, J. Carruthers, Chivers, Forbes, Arnold, Davey, R. Hetterly. The Lodge was opened at 3 o'clock. Bros. Jarvis, Bright, Mitchell, and Chivers were raised to the third degree, and Mr. Wiseman was initiated into the Order. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. G. T. Brown was presented to the Lodge as W.M. elect, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. A. L. Leins, who well deserved the encomiums passed on him at the conclusion of the ceremony. There were thirty W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. The newly installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers, who each received a cordial recognition. Bros. C. Daniel I.P.M., Burge S.W., E. W. Braine J.W., Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, Ferry Secretary, Matthews S.D., Sim J.D., Wright I.G., L. A. Leins P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Roberts Wine Steward, Speight P.M. Tyler. The Secretary read the report and resolution of the Grand Lodge with reference to the proceedings of the Grand Orient of France, and Bro. Daniel proposed, and Bro. Leins seconded a motion, that it be entered on the minutes. The death of Bro. Lynch, a member of the Lodge, only 32 years of age, was announced, and it was agreed that a letter of condolence be sent to his sorrowing family. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the summer banquet. The Lodge was then closed until the fourth Tuesday in June, and the brethren, 101 in number, sat down to banquet and dessert provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford. Grace having been said, the W.M. briefly and in appropriate terms proposed the routine toasts. After the health of Her Majesty, the National Anthem was sung. Bro. C. Daniel I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., which was received with loud and prolonged cheering, evidently showing the brethren had made an excellent selection. The manner in which Bro. Brown had conducted the duties of the chair testified they had the right man in the right place. He (Bro. Daniel) had placed him in office, and felt proud of him. The W.M. thanked the brethren for their kind expressions. He hoped at the expiration of his year of office the same words would be as kindly spoken, and that he should realise the anticipations formed of him. The W.M. next gave the toast of the initiate. The members were pleased to have him among them, and trusted he would never regret his entrance into Freemasonry. Bro. Matthews responded; he spoke of the impressive ceremony, which he hoped would never be effaced from his memory. He trusted in future to be a good Mason, and to deserve the kind words spoken of him by the W.M. The health of the Visitors came next. They were so distinguished in the Craft and so numerous that he could not particularise their several qualifications. Bro. West and Bro. H. M. Levy, Past Master 188, responded, each referred to the excellent presidency of the Worshipful Master, and the admirable manner in which the ceremony had been rendered by Bro. Daniel, and the perfect working of the installation ceremony by Bro. Leins. In proposing the health of the Immediate P.M., Bro. Daniel, who had so well performed the duties of the chair during the past year, the W.M. said the brethren did not only thank him in words, but showed their appreciation and respect by presenting him with a jewel; also a special illuminated address on vellum, a clock, two tazzas, and a gold watch, which they asked him to accept for Mrs. Daniel, in token of his eminent services—in which she had shown so lively an interest—during his year of office. This was a just tribute, and he trusted the worthy lady might look with pride on this recognition that her husband's services were so appreciated, not only by his Lodge, but by his private friends. Bro. Daniel rose, and was loudly cheered; when silence was restored, he said he felt unequal adequately to return his thanks; he owed them a debt of gratitude for their kindness, and he felt at a loss for words. He trusted he had gained their esteem. He would be pleased to wear the jewel as a mark of their regard. The address would be appreciated by his family, who would look on it with pride. The presentation to his wife, of a watch, was most gratifying to him. She had been present at several of their Festivals, and was with him, heart and soul to advance the cause of Freemasonry, and aid its Charities. Bro. Daniel then referred to the several gifts with which he had been presented, and expressed his gratification at receiving such tangible marks of their regard. Before resuming his seat he would call on them to drink to the health and prosperity of the Installing Master, Bro. Leins, whose services were always at their request, and were at all times thoroughly appreciated and valued by the brethren. Bro. Leins had performed the Installation ceremony in an admirable manner, and to the satisfaction of all present, and he trusted he might be spared, and have health to be with them for many years to come. Bro. Leins returned thanks; the I.P.M. was in every way competent to perform the ceremony; at the same time he was gratified that the task had devolved on him; his heart and sympathies are, and always were, with the Lodge of Prosperity. The toast of the Past Masters was next given, and Bro. Arnold responded. This was followed by prosperity to the Masonic Charities. The W.M. felt great pleasure in seeing Bro. James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., also Bro. C. Daniel, who is a Steward for the Girls' School. Bro. Daniel said he had great pleasure in serving as Steward; up to the present time he had £72 on his list, which he hoped would be increased. He fully realised the claims of the R.M.B.I.; as we grow older, we see many of the aged who require assistance. He had supported the various Charities, and would do so again. Bro. Terry followed; he could not refrain from thanking the Lodge for all they had done for the Masonic Charities. Sixteen years ago things were very different from what they now were; to-night they had had a sumptuous banquet; as the Lodge had progressed, so had the members given to the Charities. The Girls' School had at times been in debt; the Boys' School had always been in debt; while the Benevolent Institution had just sustained a heavy loss. If he might be allowed to make a suggestion, it would be that every brother

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throughout the Craft should subscribe a sum of 2s 6d. The Charities would then sustain no loss. Bro. Barber served as Steward for the R.M.B.I., and he handed in £82; Bro. Barber is now a Steward for the Girls' School, and at that meeting had given a donation that was acknowledged with thankfulness. The Lodge had a good balance. He hoped that no member would ever be compelled to apply for the benefits of the Institutions. The W.M. was, by virtue of his office, a Vice-President of the Institution; of this he might be justly proud; he hoped he would be among them frequently. The health of the Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers was given, and the Tyler concluded a very agreeable and harmonious evening. Bros. Miller, James, Drew, Hawkins, and Knightsbridge contributed to the harmony. Among the Visitors were Bros. C. M. Major 63, S. Baker P.M. 1632, A. Drew P.M. 890, A. McDowell 94, G. Clements P.M. 1297, Smith 217, Rush 1201, Garrett P.M. 869, W. H. Main P.M. 813, J. Chinnery 145, Goodall P.M. 784, Strutt 831, A. W. Comrie 795, J. Marfleet P.M. 217, Magnus 63, W. Payne Treas. 1602, Lancaster P.M. 1287, Berenberg 188, J. Grocott P.P.G.S.W. Herts, Poulton 1602, W. H. G. Rudderforth 12, C. Burrell P.M. 1446, S. Watkins P.M. 212, Hollands P.M. 1321, D. McLeod P.M. 1624, J. J. West P.M. 548, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c.

**Kendal Castle Chapter, No. 129.**—The regular Quarterly Convocation of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Stramongate, on Thursday, 28th March, at 2.30 prompt time. The M.E.Z., E. Comp. Joseph Bintley, was supported by E. Comps. John Talbot H., G. J. McKay Prov. G.S.E. J., John Bowes P.Z. Prov. G.S.N., and Titus Wilson P.Z. The Chapter having been opened in ample form, the rest of the Companions were admitted, and the minutes of the Annual Convocation read and declared to be correctly recorded. The ballot was then taken for the following candidates for exaltation, viz., Bros. J. Sisson S.D. 129, G. Taylor J.W. 1051, and F. W. Watson J.W. 129; in each case the ballot proved unanimously in favour, and the brethren being present were exalted in ample form by E. Comp. Bowes, the historic lecture being given by E. Comp. McKay from the third chair. The duties of P.S. were well performed by that Officer, Comp. Banks. Comp. R. Godfrey S.E. presented a draft copy of bye laws for the government of the Chapter, which, after due consideration, were adopted, and ordered to be sent to the Prov. G. Superintendent, Lord Bective, for his approval. The annual banquet was fixed for 4th July, at the Hotel, Grange-over-Sands, and a Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. After the consideration of some routine business, the Chapter was closed, with the usual solemnities, and the Companions separated in perfect harmony, to meet again on the last Thursday in June, when the report of the Banquet Committee will be made.

**Holmesdale Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 129.**—The installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, on Thursday, the 28th ult., and was well attended by members and Provincial Grand Officers. The Lodge was honoured on this occasion by the presence of the R.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master the Rev. G. W. Sicklemore, the W. Bro. W. Snowden Deputy Prov. G.M.M., the W. Bro. Jas. S. Eastes, Deputy Prov. G.M. (Craft) for Kent, the V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.G.J.O., and by several other important Prov. Grand Officers members of the Lodge. Previous meetings having cleared the agenda paper, the business of installation of the W.M. elect was, immediately after the opening of the Lodge by Bro. T. C. Harrison, and the confirmation of the minutes, proceeded with. The V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.G.J.O. having taken the chair of A., the outgoing Master presented Bro. R. J. Emmerson the W.M. elect, and that worthy and distinguished brother was duly installed as W.M., with full ceremonial, musical service and addresses. The Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested in the following order, viz.:—The Rev. —Robinson S.W., W. Searles J.W., Jas. S. Eastes M.O., F. W. Hallett S.O., C. J. Ayton J.O., H. Friend Reg. of M. and Sec., Lewis Finch Treas., A. W. Conquest S.D., G. W. Greenhill J.D., A. Aubrey Org., I. J. Tulman I.G., James S. Harris and Chancellor Stewards, and Rolfe Tyler. Bro. George Page P.M. officiated as D.C. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Finch Past Master and Bro. Elleron Past Master seconded a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens for his services as Installing Master; services which he had annually rendered since the formation of the Lodge, and which the members hoped might be continued for many years to come. The vote was unanimously carried, and cordially acknowledged. Bro. Stevens expressed his great gratification as to the progress of the Lodge, and the support afforded by its several Past Masters, all of whom, except Bro. J. W. Smith, now in India, and with whom he had frequent correspondence, never failed to be present on these occasions. Having had the honour to instal all previous W.M.'s in this Lodge, he looked forward to fulfil the like duty on future occasions. Propositions having been taken, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a liberal banquet provided in the well-known satisfactory style associated with Bro. Hiscock's management of the "Royal." The usual toasts were admirably proposed by the W.M., and each received able response. The entire proceedings were greatly appreciated by all present, and universal regret at parting was expressed when the hour for separation arrived.

**Industry Lodge of Instruction, No. 186.**—This old Lodge of Instruction, which has ceased to meet for many years, has been resuscitated, and will in future assemble every Monday evening, between 1st September and the 31st May, at half-past six o'clock p.m., at the Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's Commons, E.C. Our readers will remember, we stated, in our report of the January meeting of the Industry Lodge, that permission was granted to Bro. John G. Horsey, one of its members, to renew the Lodge of Instruction as above mentioned, of which he has been appointed Secretary. Bro. John Noke, P.M. Vitruvian No. 87, is Preceptor, and Bro. Chas. Sawyer, S.W. Sackville No. 1619, is Treasurer. It has been arranged to formally re-open this Instruction Lodge at 6 p.m. on Monday, the 15th instant, when Bro. C. W. Nochmer, P.M. of the Mother Lodge, will rehearse the ceremony of installation.

**Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.**—The regular meeting was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Bros. Miller W.M., M. Spiegel S.W., Hymans J.W., L. M. Auerhaan Treas. S.D., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec. J.D., J. Benjamin I.G., Blanks Steward. P.M.'s L. Lazarus, L. Alexander, J. Abrahams, S. Hickman, A. Dodson, M. Alexander, and H. M. Levy; Bros. J. E. Walters, J. Wynman, Dowsang, Van Boden, Martin, Rosier, I. Botibol, Pearce, C. W. Botibol, J. Langley. The Lodge was formally opened and the minutes confirmed. There was a notice of motion on the agenda paper; also several candidates for the 3rd degree, but they were not present. After the Lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to slight refreshment. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. These were duly responded to, and the proceedings were enlivened by harmony.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—Met on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., Bro. Biddle in the chair. There were also present Bros. Staley S.W., W. Lipscombe J.W., E. Gottheil P.M., J. Constable Treas., J. K. Pitt Sec., Bone S.D., James J.D., Sawyer I.G.; Bros. Bush, Harris, Millhouse, A. Posener, Wharman, Walker, &c. Bro. Arthur W. Masters, of Leinster Lodge, No. 18, St. John's, New Brunswick, was a visitor. The first ceremony and four of the sections were rehearsed. Bro. Biddle's working of the ceremony was distinguished by a quiet fluency which promises to develop—as soon as greater confidence is acquired—into a gentle eloquence, usually so strikingly impressive upon the candidate. Bro. Constable was re-elected Hon. Treas., and Bro. J. K. Pitt Hon. Sec. for the ensuing year. Bro. Staley was elected W.M. for next Wednesday.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—Held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday, the 30th March, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Present—Bros. Garrod W.M., Hallam S.W., Hallam jun. J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Bemrd S.D., Stock J.D., H. Hall I.G., Pearey Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. J. Millington 861, C. Hall 1623. The Lodge was opened in regular order and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed Bro. Slaiter candidate. Several sections of the first lecture wer worked. Bros. Millington and Hall were elected members. A wo deserved vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the W.M., it being his first appearance in the chair. Bro. Hallam will preside next week.

**Old Globe Lodge, No. 200.**—The members held their monthly meeting on Wednesday night, in their Lodge room, Old Globe Hotel. After the transaction of ordinary business a very pleasing ceremony took place, viz., the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. G. H. Walshaw P.M., P.P.G.D.C., subscribed for and given by the members of the Lodge on the occasion of that gentleman's marriage. The testimonial consisted of a very handsome bronze and marble timepiece, with a pair of vases to match, and was presented on behalf of the subscribers by the W.M., Bro. A. W. Tomlinson. After a few appropriate remarks from Bro. J. Woodall P.M. P.P.G.J.W., the Senior Past Master present, Bro. Walshaw feelingly acknowledged the compliment, of which he may well feel proud, evincing as it does the high estimation in which he is held by his Masonic brethren, and the fraternal goodwill they bear towards him.

**Salopian Chapter, No. 262.**—The regular convocation was held at the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury, on Monday, the 1st inst. In the unavoidable absence of M.E.Z. Comp. R. Cresswell Peele, Comp. E. Andrew P.Z. acted as first Principal, assisted by Comps. J. H. Boucher H., E. M. Wakeman J., H. Charles Clarke E., W. L. C. Crump Treas., H. O. Wakeman (pro tem) P.S., J. S. Davies 1st A.S., W. E. Stuart 2nd A.S., J. Bodenham (pro tem) D.C., J. B. Hide Janitor. After the usual routine business had been disposed of, it was resolved to take advantage of the occasion to convert the Chapter into one of Instruction, and Comp. P. H. Evans volunteered as a candidate for exaltation. Comps. J. B. Boucher H. and E. M. Wakeman J. acquitted themselves very well, and Comp. J. L. Warren gave the charges, &c. in his usual eloquent and impressive style. Bro. J. O. Smith, surgeon, was then balloted for, and unanimously elected. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to banquet. The M.E.Z. (pro tem) gave the customary loyal and R.A. toasts, which were duly honoured. Comp. J. L. Warren referred to the pleasure he should feel in proposing the next toast,—the Prov. Grand Chapter, but, unfortunately, there was no Prov. Grand Chapter; he thought, and the idea appeared feasible to a M.E. Companion present, that we ought and could succeed in procuring this desirable result. After some remarks from Comps. Boucher and Wakeman, it was proposed by Comp. Warren, and seconded by Comp. Wakeman, that there be an Enquiry Committee formed to ascertain the opinions of Companions of Sister Chapters on the subject, and that Comps. Wight, Spaull, Redman, and the M.E.Z. (pro tem) compose that Committee, with power to add to their number. The proposition was unanimously approved. Comp. Wakeman then gave the health of the Principals, when he expressed the thanks of the Companions present for the kindness shown by Comp. Andrew in coming to preside at so short a notice, and at great inconvenience; to Comp. Boucher for his energy and zeal in coming from London expressly to be at his post that evening, and to Comp. Warren for the able manner in which he did the difficult part entrusted to him. The toast was

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cordially received, and responded to by each in appropriate terms. Comp. J. L. Warren then gave the Visitors, in his usual happy, genial manner, and Companion Gumbleton responded, followed by Comp. S.M. Davies (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). After the toast of the Officers had been proposed and warmly received, Comp. Wakeman replied, and after spending a very pleasant evening, which was enhanced by the vocal powers of several of the members, the Companions dispersed at a seasonable hour. Past 1st Principals present—E. Comps. J. L. Warren, T. Onions, and W. H. Spaull. Visiting Companions G. Gumbleton 357 Oxford, S. M. Davies G.R.C.

**Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687.**—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields. Bro. Louis Beck W.M., F. Kirk S.W., Hancock J.W., B. Swallow I.P.M. Treas., W. C. Parsons P.M. 180 Sec., Docker S.D., Crosland J.D., Outhwaite I.G., Forscutt D.C., F. C. Jones A.D.C. All formalities observed, Bros. Valeriani, Nathan and Lintott were raised to the third degree. Bros. Dunton, Green, and Newell were passed to the second degree, and Mr. John Carter was balloted for and duly initiated into the Order. The W.M. acquitted himself in an excellent manner for so young a Mason. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. F. Kirk was unanimously chosen. Bro. L. Beck W.M. was elected Treas., and Bro. Potter P.M. Tyler. Bros. Lucas, Livermore, and McGillivray, were elected auditors. The Secretary read the report of the Committee of Grand Lodge in reference to the Grand Orient of France. Bro. B. Swallow proposed, and Bro. Forscutt seconded, that the letter be entered on the minutes. The Lodge was then closed until October, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert, *a la Russe*, provided by Bro. Walter Greden. The W.M. proposed the usual toasts; when giving the health of the M.W. the Grand M., Bro. Beck alluded to the fact of His Royal Highness allowing them to use his arms and also his name as Duke of Rothesay. The health of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers was given, and with the toast was associated the name of Bro. E. P. Albert, who acknowledged the compliment. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the newly made brethren, there were three present, two had been previously initiated; Bro. Carter was the youngest member among them; he had just attained the age of 21. Each of those enumerated severally responded. Bro. B. Swallow I.P.M. and Treasurer congratulated the brethren on their selection for W.M. The working of Bro. Beck was known and appreciated; he regretted that in the hurry of leaving the Lodge a jewel had not been proposed for him. However, at the audit meeting that could be remedied; he was sure that Bro. Beck's services were appreciated in the Lodge, and he believed they would give him his just reward. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the kind manner he had been received. As he was now the newly-elected Treasurer, he hoped to do all he could for their interests. He had felt it a great honour to be the first W.M., and he trusted he might be among them many years. Before resuming his seat, he would remark there were fourteen visitors present; the members were pleased to see them. Perhaps it was rather out of place, but he would take this opportunity to say he was a Steward for the Girls' School; the Lodge had voted the sum of £10 10s on his list, and he felt gratified at having that amount from so young a Lodge; he hoped the brethren would assist him. But to return; he would now call on the brethren to drink the health of the Visitors. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 and H. Gulliford responded. Each complimented the W.M. on the success that had attended his year of office. The W.M. then had great pleasure, in this new Lodge, to propose the toast of the W.M. elect. Those who had seen that brother's working, must appreciate with what pleasurable feelings he offered the toast for their acceptance. As Bro. Kirk had performed the duties of S.W., so would he fulfil those of W.M., and all wished him success. Bro. F. Kirk thanked the W.M. and the brethren for his election; he was pleased to say it had been unanimous. He could not say much in words, but hoped in the future his deeds would merit their approval. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary followed; no Lodge could get on without the services rendered by these Officers. The W.M. could not have deserved the praise given him had he not had their assistance. Both Bros. Swallow and Parsons were well-known and respected. Bro. Hancock in due course will be the next S.W., and would be a credit to the Lodge. Bros. Swallow, Parsons, Hancock, and the Junior Officers severally responded, and then the Tyler's toast was given. The Visitors were:—Bros. E. P. Albert P.G.P., H. Gulliford W.M. 1017, S. Rowley 1602, Lakin 180, Hornsea 890, Milford, F. H. Atkins W.M. 890, H. Hughes 869, A. Martin 1539, A. Mount 1328, E. Crickney 1426, Deaton 25, Anshuson, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

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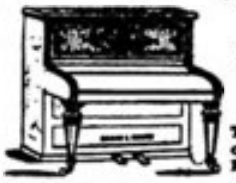

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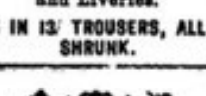
By Appointment  To The Queen.

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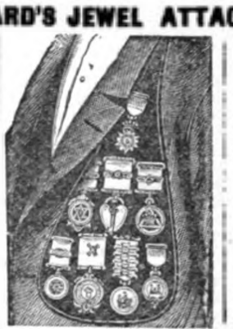

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## THE SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

TO-DAY and Monday next will be held the Quarterly General Courts of our two Schools, and at the conclusion of the ordinary business there will take place the regular half-yearly elections by ballot to fill up the vacancies which have occurred in the ranks of the pupils during the past six months, and likewise those additional appointments which have received the sanction of the two governing bodies. It is the election to the Girls' School which comes off first, and, therefore, we give priority of attention to those points in connection with the candidates and their claims which we customarily take note of. In respect of numbers there are twenty-four candidates and eighteen vacancies, which latter, in the not improbable event of Lieut.-Col. Creaton's motion being carried, will be increased to nineteen. The smallness of the number of candidates, which is remarkable if we can compare it with the number of applicants for admission into the Boys' School, is easily accounted for. It will be in the recollection of our readers that last year it was determined to enlarge the premises so as to provide accommodation for an addition of fifty pupils or thereabouts to those already authorised. At the last October election there were fifty candidates and thirty-five of these were admitted. Consequently only fifteen of the applicants were left out to carry the votes they had received and the claims they might possess for further support to future elections. These fifteen have been since reduced to fourteen by the operation of the law which requires all applicants to be under eleven years of age at the time of the election. Ten fresh candidates have been added to the list, and the candidates, therefore, muster, as we said, twenty-four. Of these, 21 has both parents living, while No. 18 has lost both, and No. 9 has a stepmother. In all the other cases the fathers of the girls are dead. No. 1 on the list has been a candidate at four previous elections, has two sisters in the Institution, and has standing to her credit 215 votes. The three next have tried three times already, and in the case of Nos. 2 and 4 we remark that the present is their last chance of success, as both will have attained the maximum limit of age before another election can be held. No. 2, moreover, has a sister in the Institution already. There stand to the credit of these girls 141, 396, and 283 respectively. The eight following have made two previous attempts to obtain admission into the School. No. 6 has one sister, and No. 8. two sisters at present on the roll of pupils, and No. 7 has a brother in the Boys' School. Two of these, Nos. 9 and 12, have 419 votes to their credit; No. 7 has 418; No. 5, 317; No. 11, 217; No. 6, 187; No. 8, 116; and No. 10, only 11 votes; Nos. 13 and 14 were candidates for the first time last October, and the former obtained 187, the latter 405, which are to the good at this, and in the event of non-success, at future trials. No. 14, it should be noted, has a brother in the Boys' School. Of the ten new candidates, Nos. 15, 20, and 22 have each a sister in the School and in the case of Nos. 18 and 22 this will be their last, as it is their first chance of success. The parents of three of the children have been contributors to, or acted as Stewards in raising funds for, the Institution. Eight, or exactly one-third of the candidates, belong to London; two hail from Lincolnshire East, and two from the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight; the remaining twelve are from Lancashire West, Bristol, Devonshire, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Essex, Warwickshire, Notts, Somerset, Yorkshire W., Durham, and Singapore (District of Eastern Archipelago). We wish it were possible that the whole of the children could be elected, but it is a satisfaction to know that there is room for at least three-fourths of the number.

Passing now to the Boys' School election, which will be held on Monday, the appearance of things is not satisfactory, to this extent at least, that, though there is the large number of vacancies and additional appointments amounting together to thirty, there is the still more formidable array of seventy-eight candidates. Thus, while only six or it may be five of the little girls will be left out, forty-eight boys must be unsuccessful; in other words, three out of every four girl candidates must succeed, and eight out of every thirteen boy candidates must fail. This is partly to be accounted for by the fact we have already noticed, namely, that last October thirty-five girls were taken into the School, so that only three out of every ten failed. On the other hand, there were only ten boys elected out of sixty-six, so that fifty-six were disappointed, and of these fifty-six, no less than ten have been removed from the list for this ballot, owing to their being over eleven years of age. Thus of the seventy-eight candidates now about to compete for admission, forty-six remain from last October, while the remaining thirty-two have been placed on the list in the course of the last six months. Eight of the Boys—Numbers 3, 13, 15, 18, 22, 43, 51, 53—have both parents living, but in the case of No. 15 the father is paralysed, and in the case of No. 18 the mother has been deserted since 1871. Seven, namely, Nos. 9, 28, 37, 44, 55, 60, and 75, have lost both parents, and No. 73, seeing that his father is a lunatic, may be looked upon as in the same unfortunate position. Of the rest, three—Nos. 11, 26, and 64—are motherless, and the other sixty are fatherless. In the case of No. 22 there are no less than ten children dependent for support on their parents, both of whom are living; No. 36 is one of nine dependent on their mother, and there are many belonging to families of eight, seven, six, and five children all dependent on their parent or parents. In thirteen cases the fathers have contributed to the funds of, or acted as Stewards for, one or more of our Institutions, and one of the thirteen is also a Life Governor of a local Masonic Educational Institution. No. 26 has had a brother in the School, and Nos. 31, 33, 34, and 56 have each a brother there now, while Nos. 32, 59, and 67 have each a sister in the Girls' School. Ten, as enumerated at the head of the list of candidates, have this one chance only of getting into the Institution, and one of these is a new candidate. Twenty-four of the boys hail from London, and one owes allegiance to London and the Province of Essex. The other fifty-three are thus distributed among Provinces at home and Districts abroad. Lincolnshire sends up five, and East Lancashire four candidates. Devonshire, North and East Yorkshire, North Wales and Salop, Kent, and Somersetshire have three candidates each, while Hants and Isle of Wight, Essex, Bengal, Warwickshire, Bristol, Suffolk, South Wales East Division, and West Yorkshire, acknowledge each two. The remaining thirteen hail from the thirteen Provinces or Districts of South Africa, East Cumberland, and Westmoreland, West Indies, Northampton, Norfolk, Malta, Staffordshire, Dorsetshire, Monmouthshire, South Wales West Division, New Zealand, Durham, and Cheshire. One candidate, No. 1, has been an applicant on six previous occasions; but he has only 35 votes to his credit. Nos. 2, 3, and 4 have made five previous attempts, and No. 3 has 1655 votes to his credit. The two that follow have already

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stood four contests, and No. 5 has 1448 votes, No. 6 only 27 votes brought forward. Nos. 7 to 15, both inclusive, have each had three trials, and the votes already recorded for them range from 850 in the case of No. 8 to 3 in that of No. 9. Nos. 16 to 24, both inclusive, are competing for the third time, and No. 16 has 1687 votes to his credit, No. 17 1207 votes, No. 20 1,301 votes, while Nos. 18, 21, and 23 have 10, 4, and 11 votes respectively. From No. 25 to No. 46, both inclusive, the boys were candidates for the first time last October, and No. 25 has 994 votes, No. 32 1023 votes, and No. 35 677 votes to the good. Nos. 27, 28, 29, 30, and 44 polled 2, 7, 5, 3, and 5 votes respectively, and Nos. 41 and 42 polled none. It is worthy of note that the father of No. 3 has been a subscribing member 27 years, the father of No. 22, 22¼ years, and the father of No. 41 for twenty years. In the case of Nos. 29 and 77, the fathers died when they had been subscribing members only about fourteen months. This point, by the way, has passed unnoticed in the case of the first candidates. We add, therefore, that the term of subscribing membership ranges in the case of the Girls' fathers, from 18 years in the case of No. 19, 15½ in that of No. 23, and 15 in that of No. 15, down to ¾ year in the case of No. 3, who lost her father within less than a year from the date of his intitiation. We can only say, in conclusion, that we trust the most deserving cases will be successful. All are worthy, for all have been approved; but as all cannot be taken on on this occasion, we can but express the hope that, wherever there may be specially painful or emergent circumstances, those who have votes unpromised will give them to these. This is the extent of our partiality for any over their fellow competitors.

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A Paper Read before the Members of the College, at their Meeting, in York, on the 26th January 1878, by W. Frater T. B. Whytehead, V., Celebrant.

R. W. Cr. Adept and Fratres,—

It has always appeared to me that the study of Freemasonry is so intimately connected with that of Archæology that the two may be fairly regarded as kindred or sister sciences. Not that every Archæologist must necessarily be a Freemason, although I quite think that such a condition of enlightenment would materially aid the student of the beautiful and the antique in architecture; but the converse certainly holds good; I mean, that every intelligent Freemason, and more especially a Rosicrucian, must be to a great extent an Archæologist. I do not, of course, suggest that he must be possessed of a vast quantity of technical knowledge, and have at his tongue's end all the *patois* of the arcitect or the builder. He need not qualify himself to talk learnedly of crockets and corbels, of foils and finials, of mullions and transoms, of spandrils and soffits, but he should certainly possess a general, what I may call a *dilettanti*, sort of knowledge of the general principles of that great science, and its history, which we are bound to regard as synonymous throughout all past time, with the science and practise of that Royal Art, with which we pride ourselves on being connected.

We are often reminded, Fratres, that we are "the heirs of all the ages," but so far from a consciousness of this fact adding to our self complacency, I, for one, think that our responsibilities are thereby so enormously increased that, in common self respect, we can do no less than qualify ourselves to be no unworthy possessors of the glorious inheritance which has been handed down to us by our ancient brethren, some of whose marvellous handiwork we have glanced at this afternoon.

The old capital city of the north of England within whose ancient ramparts we are gathered to-day is so associated with both the legendary and the recorded history of Freemasonry that over the whole globe, wherever that wondrous organisation flourishes, the name of York is sufficient to warm into activity in the breast of every brother thoughts of our great unwritten history of the past. I say advisedly, "unwritten," for although many able writers, prominent amongst whom are Bro. Hughan, Bro. Findel, and Bro. Fort, have recorded everything that their researches have enabled them to authenticate regarding the history of Freemasonry in this city, and in this country, the whole of their facts amount to very little as compared with the lapse of centuries since York first became a city of note, since the Sixth Legion of the conquering army of Rome was stationed within its walls, and the Emperors Severus and Constantius held imperial state on the banks of the Ouse, or since the Danish fleet, under Tosta, anchored almost under the shadow of the ancient Saxon earthworks.

The story of the Athelstane Charter will, of course, occur to your minds as one of the oldest of Masonic legends connected with York. Perhaps I ought not to use the term "legend" in reference to this document, since our worthy Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Dr. J. P. Bell, who, you know, is not only an earnest Masonic student, but an author of mark, is firmly convinced that the "charter" in question is still in existence, or at any rate that it did exist up to within a very recent period. I must admit that in the course of a number of inquiries made by me into this subject, I have been more than once startled by coming upon what seemed to be a real clue to the whereabouts of some very ancient Masonic document, formerly in the possession of the old Grand Lodge of All England at York, and which, at the dissolution of that body at the close of last century, fell into the hands of a legal firm representing the last Grand Master (Bro. E. Woolley), by whom several of the ancient properties of the Grand Lodge were presented to the Union Lodge (now the York Lodge, No. 236). This document has been described to me by a brother who once had it in his hands, but who was not able to decypher it, as being in shape about four inches square, of parchment, closely covered over with elaborate characters. Those acquainted with the common aspect of very ancient Charters will at once recognise the possibility of this parchment having been, as it undoubtedly was, of great antiquity, and not improbably a copy of a still more ancient document. It almost would seem strange that such uncertainty should exist on any point so important, but you must remember that it has only been within the last fifteen or twenty years that anything like close attention has been given to the subject of Masonic investigation. The mania (I can call it nothing else), for the indiscriminate destruction of old papers, which existed unhappily some forty or fifty years ago, and more especially the holocaust of Masonic documents, which took place just prior to the publication of the first book of Constitutions, have, no doubt, deprived the world of many priceless treasures, and it may be that the old relic in question has ere this been consigned to the dust bin.

But even before the days of Athelstane it seems likely that Freemasonry in some form found a rallying point in York, for in the days when the *Collegium Artificum* at Rome sent out its little bands of highly skilled and educated graduates to the various chief Colonies of the mighty Roman Empire, we may be sure that the important military station of Eburacum or Eboracum, the key of the North of England, would not be forgotten. And, indeed, in the remains of the ancient structures of that era, in the elegant designs of the tesselated pavements of their baths, in the sarcophagi and votive altars and tablets, specimens of which are preserved in the Museum of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society, we have evidence in abundance of the existence of a class of workmen far removed above uneducated and unskilled ignorance.

We may be very sure too that such a point as the site of the present city, a spot which always seems to have possessed a name ever since the first occupation of the country by the earliest inhabitants, one of whose evidences of antiquity is to be found in the fact that no certain root of that name has been discovered, I say, we may be quite sure that at Urewic or Eburwic, in the centre of the vast Forest of Galtres, the ancient Fraternity of the Druids, many of whose rites so closely resembled ours, often gathered in solemn conclave, and here, on this very ground where we are now met, an oasis in the midst of a wild expanse of tangled thicket, rank swamp vegetation, and forest undergrowth, formed their M.C. and initiated, beneath the shade of stately oaks, trembling aspirants into their awful mysteries.

Those who are members of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine well know the connection between the history of this City and that of their founder, who is said to have been crowned here, and that of the pious St. Helena, whose memory is still preserved as the patron saint of the little church of St. Helen's, in Stonegate, one of the gems of our many specimens of Church architecture, the last remaining one of four churches dedicated to the memory of the mother of Constantine the Great.

Passing onward we come to the Middle or Dark Ages, the days of mediæval church building, when the glorious Abbey of St. Mary, the remains of which you have seen to-day, rose in stately grandeur under the hands of those wondrous builders, the relics of whose art are still amongst the marvels of Europe, and stand as monuments of the grandeur of the past. Now, during this long period, Fratres, I do not find anything surprising in the circumstance of the absence of documentary evidence of the existence of any esoteric teachings under the garb of Freemasonry. Indeed to my mind the marvel would have been seen in an exactly opposite condition of things. If for one moment we reflect upon the very meagre condition of our national history, how many of its long received narrations have been proved by modern historians to have been apocryphal, and what large and unaccountably unbridged gulphs are to be found in its records during that long series of years, when so crude and sparse was education, that the worst criminal found refuge behind the "Benefit of Clergy"—in such days and under such circumstances was it probable, or even possible, that any records could be preserved of the proceedings of a branch of a Society whose very organisation and existence depended largely upon its secrecy? Oral tradition was the only possible channel by means of which any account of esoteric Freemasonry could have reached us. Of the operative section we have certain relics, notably the fabric rolls of that glorious old Cathedral we have visited to-day, and in whose crypt the Masons are said to have held their secret assemblies. To Frater Hughan we are largely indebted for reproductions of some of these relics of bygone ages in a form accessible to every Masonic student.

Contemporaneously with the existence of the Lodges of travelling Masons, the Abbey and Cathedral building Brotherhood, we have the rise, progress, and fall of the Templar Order, an organisation for many reasons possessing great interest for us, particularly in view of so many of their teachings and practices closely resembling our own. What the connection really was, if, indeed, there was any connecting link, between the Templars and the Masons, which is denied by many of our best men, is a mere matter for conjecture, but is well worth the close investigation of every Masonic student. Of course a knightly and monastic order must very frequently have been brought into close and intimate relation with the builders of their

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religious houses, and it requires no very great stretch of the imagination to suppose that, at the time of the destruction, or rather suppression, of the Order of the Temple and the distribution of the penitents amongst the monasteries, they may have mingled with the Masons in their esoteric assemblies, and that the ceremonies may have become intermingled and the orders linked together by mutual sympathies.

Still descending the ladder of time we arrive at what I will call the Elizabethian legend, relating to Sir Thomas Sackville, having been sent down to York by Her Majesty to suppress the Masonic meetings in the city, and to his having been himself initiated here and reported so favourably to his liege of the loyalty of the brethren as to produce a revulsion of feeling in their favour. A York brother has, I know, been at very considerable pains to wade through the old minute books of the Corporation of York, in order to discover if any entry relating to this alleged visit of Sir Thomas Sackville to York is in existence, but he has discovered no allusion to anything of the kind, and I fear that we must admit that, so far, there is not a scrap of evidence as to any visit having been paid by the knight in question.

Perhaps I may be pardoned for a moment if I here diverge in order to urge upon every Rosicrucian the great importance in these days of the careful investigation of all ancient available records, letters, minute books, &c., not only in the interests of Masonry, but of history generally. We all know what literary treasures have, of late years, from time to time been unearthed, and we must all lament the carelessness and ignorance which have consigned, and even yet consign, to the flames or the waste paper basket, manuscripts and records of the deepest interest. We know that in many an old chest and cupboard must lie hid curious papers which would throw light upon the history of the past, and I would urge upon you the importance of always assuring yourselves of the contents of all old papers before despatching them to the dust cart, on those occasions which occur at intervals in all our lives when removals or deaths bring to light the accumulations of the lumber room.

It was not until the commencement of the eighteenth century that we have any actually existing records of the existence of Speculative Freemasonry in York, and it is in 1705 that Dr. Bell's list of Grand Masters, of whom there are data, begins with Sir George Tempest. Amongst the archives of the York Lodge, are preserved most of the minute books of the Grand Lodge of All England, and they are, of course, of immense value and interest. When the Grand Lodge of England was formed in London, the Grand Lodge of All England, which appears at that time to have been nearly dormant, appears to have put on a kind of spurt, and to have issued a few warrants for Lodges, but of course the Metropolitan body soon overshadowed everything, and in York itself Lodges were soon working with London warrants under the very nose of the Grand Lodge at York.

The present York Lodge, No. 236, was warranted in 1777, the year of the Union, from London, under the name of the Union Lodge, No. 287. When the Grand Lodge of York became defunct, just before the close of the century, its properties seem to have been divided among the few remaining members. Some of the furniture you have seen to-day in the handsome hall belonging to the York Lodge. The Eboracum Lodge, in whose room we are met, possesses the Bible, which very curiously turned up in the possession of a gentleman who is not a Mason, but who presented it to that Lodge, then just warranted. The old silver loving cup is, I believe, now in the possession of a lady residing in York, whose father was a member of the Grand Lodge of York.

Thenceforward the progress of the Order in York seems to have been slow and wavering. The Union Lodge survived its contemporaries, and after some sharp vicissitudes, and a change of name in 1870, is now in a very flourishing condition. It seems strange, however, that in a city which has such a great legendary Masonic history, and in which remnants of the past and historical institutions are so esteemed and cherished, there should for so many years have existed only one Lodge, but it was not until the autumn of 1876 that our R.W. Bro. the Earl of Zetland consecrated in this room the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, of which I have the honour to be the present Worshipful Master. At this moment I consider Freemasonry to be in a remarkably flourishing condition in our ancient northern capital. Much new blood has been infused into the old stock, and many good and worthy men are constantly ranging themselves under our banners.

I feel that I owe you an apology for inflicting upon you so discursive and aimless a paper, but it is next to impossible to discuss so complicated a subject as the progress of Freemasonry in York in a worthy or even intelligent manner, in such a brief space of time as has been necessarily allotted to me. To treat the question duly it would be necessary to go closely into comparisons of old records and minute books, and to investigate *minutiæ* in a manner that would on such an occasion as the present be both impossible and out of place.

You have seen and heard sufficient to-day to prove to you how large and interesting a field we have in York for all kinds of archæological study. I speak cautiously and subject to correction, as a very young member of our Rosicrucian Order; but if I do not greatly err, I imagine that these matters peculiarly come within the scope of our investigations, and I venture to think that our meeting here to-day has been in every respect as consonant with the teachings of the Order, as it has been, to me at least, one of very great pleasure.

Fratres, I thank you for your courteous attention.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Counsel for the delicate.—Those to whom the winter is a protracted period of trial, should seek the earliest opportunity of removing all obstacles to good health on the return of spring. This cooling Ointment, perseveringly rubbed upon the skin, is the most reliable remedy for overcoming all diseases of the throat and chest, swollen glands, ordinary catarrh, and bronchitis usually prevailing at this season, may be arrested as soon as discovered, and every symptom banished by Holloway's simple and effective treatment. The Ointment and Pills are highly commended for the facility with which they treat successfully with influenza; they allay in an incredibly short time the distressing fever and teasing cough.

## COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. The brethren present were—Bros. S. Rawson, G. J. Row, the Rev. Richard Morris, John Boyd, D. M. Dewar, W. Paas, W. Mann, Raynham W. Stewart, C. F. Matier, L. Ruf, J. G. Chancellor, Collard Montrie, A. Durrant, Joyce Murray, J. Winter, Benjamin Head, S. Rosenthal, C. J. Rushworth, Clarence Harcourt, H. Massey, W. Hyde Pullen, R. B. Webster, and F. Binckes. After reading the minutes, Bro. Binckes read the letter announcing the stoppage of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., and stated that the indebtedness of the firm to this Institution amounted to £1,720 6s 10d. Bro. Binckes also read the list of 24 boys belonging to this Institution, who came out successful from the Cambridge Local Examination. For the information of the Committee, he stated that, out of a list of 230 candidates from different establishments who went in, in the course of the year at the London main centre for first class honours, 18 only were successful, and of these 18, no less than 6 were from the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Four candidates for election were then put on the October list. With regard to Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co.'s failure, Bro. Binckes said that, although Bro. Terry had received official notice that 9s in the pound would be paid by the Hants and North Wilts Banking Co., no such notice had come to him. A letter from Miss Hall, Matron, was read, thanking the Committee for the increase they made in her salary at last meeting. Four outfits were granted to boys who have left the School. On the application of the mother of one of the boys, who has not been able to return to the School on account of ill-health, the Committee made the grant for educating him near his home. A grant of £20 was also made to another lad, who is studying for the medical profession. Bro. Binckes informed the Committee that a proposition had been made that the Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School should appeal to the Craft to make up the sum expected to be lost by them in the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., and read a draft letter suggested to be sent round. Bro. Raynham Stewart thought it was premature. It was not yet known what the loss would be, or whether there would be a loss. He did not think it right until the the result was known to profit by, or trade upon, the failure of Bro. S. Tomkins. He moved that all action on the matter be at present deferred. Bro. Clarence Harcourt seconded the motion. He had heard that it was the intention of Bro. S. Tomkins that the Institutions should not suffer. The motion was carried. Bro. Raynham Stewart gave notice that he would move at the Quarterly Court of next Monday that Lord Leigh be elected a Trustee of the Institution in place of the late Bro. Bentley Shaw. The Committee then adjourned.

## COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

ON Wednesday afternoon the usual meeting of the brethren who form the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton in the chair. There were present also Bros. S. Rawson, Hyde Pullen, Joseph Smith, Griffiths Smith, Henry Smith, A. H. Tattershall, Edward Cox, John Bellerby, James Case, L. Stean, Raynham W. Stewart, W. Hilton, S. G. Gordon Robbins, and James Terry. Bro. Terry read a letter from the Duke of Manchester, acknowledging Bro. Terry's letter to his Grace conveying the vote of thanks which was passed to him for presiding at the Festival of last February. His Grace expressed his pleasure at being of any service to the Institution. Bro. Terry afterwards read the Finance Committee's report, which showed a balance of £2,386 16s 10d in favour of the Male Fund, £3,299 5s 6d in favour of the Female Fund, and £46 15s 6d in favour of the Sustentation Fund, or a total in favour of the Institution of £5,732 17s 10d. After the report had been ordered to be entered on the minutes, £2,000 was ordered to be placed on deposit with the London and Westminster Bank at a month's notice. Bros. Colonel Creaton, Farnfield and Griffiths Smith were appointed the Committee for drawing up the annual report. In regard to the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., Bro. Terry said he had received the usual notices from the Bankruptcy Court to prove debts, and a letter from the Hants, &c., Bank, informing him of the arrangement to pay the creditors of Willis, Percival and Co. 9s in the £. Bro. Terry said the debts due to this Institution was £990 19s 10d, and Bro. Barron, whom he had consulted, thought that proof should be given against the private estate of Bro. S. Tomkins, as he was the Treasurer. At all events, there was no necessity to prove against the estate of the firm on the 11th. The Committee then heard with great satisfaction from the Chairman, that Bro. Tomkins had told him his impression was that the Institutions would be paid in full out of his private estate. Bro. Raynham Stewart gave notice of motion for presenting Dr. Strong, the honorary Surgeon of the Institution, with one hundred guineas as a mark of the appreciation of the brethren of his great attention and services to the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon. The Committee then adjourned. The election of annuitants will be held in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern on the 17th of May.

ILLUSTRATED EDITION OF THE "FERN PARADISE."—Mr. Francis George Heath has in the press an illustrated, revised, and greatly enlarged (fourth) edition of his "Fern Paradise." The illustrations will include several copyright photographic views taken in one of the most charming of the "green lanes" of Devon, a number of full page engravings of scenery, from drawings by Birket Foster, and plates of ferns, giving complete figures of all the British species, grouped according to Genera. The new edition will be published by Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston and Co.

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## ANNUAL MEETING OF P.G. PRIORY OF DEVON.

THE Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Priory of the United Religious and Military Order of the Temple was held on Wednesday afternoon, 3rd April, at the commodious Lodge Room in Gandy-street, Exeter. The P.G.P. was opened in ancient form, under the banner of the Rougemont Encampment, by the Very High and Eminent Sir Knight Rev. J. Huyshe M.A., G.C.T. Past Grand Master, P.P.G. Com. Amongst those present were:—V.H. and Eminent Sir Knight L. P. Metham, and Eminent Sir Knights Vincent Bird P.E.C. P.P.B.B., E. A. Davies P.E.C. P.P.G.V. Chancellor, Samuel Jew E.C.P.G. Treasurer L.D., Westcott P.E.C. P.P.G. Reg., J. P. Gover P.E.C. P.P.G.T., Colonel Fitzgerald P.E.C. Past Second Grand Captain of England, Josiah Austin P.P.C. P.P.G.E., Samuel Jones Past Standard Bearer of England, H. W. Townsend E.C. elect Royal Sussex, T. W. Lemon P.G. Chaplain, H. Woodgate Vice-Chancellor, T. Dand P.E.P. First Equerry Devon, H. B. Stark P.P.G.O., Sidney Templar P.P.B.B., Sir Knights J. Stroud Short, R. T. Thornton, Elphington Stone, J. J. Daw, Lillywhite, Hants, H. Bartlett, W. Vicary, W. Bennett Maye, and G. Evans.

The proceedings commenced by the reading of the patent from the Grand Master of England appointing the Very High and Eminent Sir Knight L. P. Metham as the Grand Prior of Devon. The V.H. and E. Sir Knight Rev. J. Huyshe then installed G.P. elect in due form. The ceremony was performed by the venerable and venerated Sir Knight in his usual impressive and dignified manner. He accompanied the installation with a masterly and feeling exhortation on the duties of the distinguished office his esteemed brother was about to assume, and expressed the pleasure, pride, and gratification he felt to see one for whom he had so high a regard exalted to a position for which he was so eminently qualified.

The Eminent Prior Sir Knight Metham, having taken the chair, delivered with characteristic eloquence the following oration:—

Sir Knights,—I am sure you will all sympathise with my first expression in taking this chair, which is one of gratitude to our esteemed chief, Bro. Huyshe, for having volunteered to instal me, and for the manner in which he has performed that duty, spite of all the drawbacks caused by his failing health. For the third of a century I have enjoyed his steadfast friendship, and during that long time not a cloud even so small as a man's hand has obscured its serenity, and he has never wearied in showering on me personal kindness and Masonic distinction. For all these I am bankrupt in thanks, and can only trust, dear Bro. Huyshe, to repay you in the manner in which you would most wish to be repaid, by trying to live a life approaching nearer and nearer every day to your ideal of what a good Knight Templar ought to be. You know better than any one that I more than once declined this most honourable post, not from fear of the additional labour it might entail upon me, but from a conscientious scruple as to my fitness to undertake its onerous responsibilities. But, having accepted it, I will strive to perform its duties to the best of my ability. There was one prominent feeling which more than any other decided my acceptance, which was that there never was a time when it was more necessary for every true Mason, and especially every true Knight Templar, to come to the front and contend for the sacred truths which are embodied in Masonry. Freemasonry has shown, and will, I trust—continue to show a wise toleration to her sons' varied worship of the Great Jehovah so long as under every sky that sacred name, the symbol of the eternal, unknown, truth, is represented, and acknowledged. Ages ago Masonry may have existed without religion, simply as a bond uniting the weak to resist the aggression of the strong, and, as time went on, as a means of preserving the secrets of science and art from the attack of the cowan and barbarian. But for hundreds of years religious belief has entered largely into our ceremonies, and has been the basis of our ritual, and therefore, if we, in the present day, voluntarily extinguish that tried hereditary lamp of religious belief, which has so long illuminated our Lodges, to run after the delusive wills-of-the-wisp and restless phantoms of fancied progress and discursive philosophy, we shall be aiding not in a forward, but in a retrograde movement, by which Masonry will be lowered, and humanity will, of necessity, suffer. We have lately witnessed with astonishment and sorrow that the seething volcano of revolution and infidelity has poured forth burning lava that will, if not checked, destroy, and ashes that will bury in one lamentable ruin the fundamental and most vital principle of our Order—a recognition of the Supreme Being, and a belief in the immortality of the soul. On that belief we take our stand; let French Masons, if they will, discuss the date at which religion was introduced into our ritual, let them persist in excluding it if they can, and will, from their own Lodges. Be it enough for us that we found it in ours at our initiation, and that we are resolved to preserve it there in its fullest integrity. Of this most precious jewel in the crown which our devout and older brethren have placed on the brow of Masonry, and which they have bequeathed to us, let us with one voice exclaim, as our noble English Prince exclaimed, in relation to his father's earthly crown:—

> They won it, wore it, kept it, gave it me,
> Then plain and right must our possession be,
> Which we, with more than with a common pain,
> 'Gainst all the world will righteously maintain!

At our initiation, which was symbolical of our helpless infancy, the volume of the Sacred Law was placed open before us, and we were taught to look to it for comfort and support to our tottering steps. As we advanced in the science into that stage which represented the vigour of manhood, we learned to implore the aid of God on all our lawful undertakings, and to dedicate the intellectual and physical powers with which He has endowed us to His glory, our own advancement, and the benefit of our fellow creatures. And, then, when our day is ended, and, with wearied brain and feeble limbs, we prepare for rest, like labourers who, at the close of their toil, seek their couch and its calm and grateful slumber, the same Sacred Volume whispers to us that, if we have been true and faithful stewards of the talents committed to us, we shall awake to a brighter morrow, in which there shall be no more toil, nor pain, nor night. That glimmering light in the East, so often indicated to us in our Masonic journey as the beacon to direct our steps, and which so often varied, now brighter, now fainter, now nearly extinguished, as faith, reason or doubt has ruled the hour, will expand into that bright morning star, also indicated to us in our Masonic progress, whose rising shall bring peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race. That symbolical star will guide us until it is itself

> Lost, dissolved in Thy superior rays,
> One tide of glory, one unclouded blaze
> Shall flood Thy courts! The light Himself shall shine
> Revealed, and God's eternal day be thine!

That star, that light, is Christ our Priest, Christ our Prophet, Christ our King! We in the present day are not required to emulate the noble example and self-denying zeal of our older brethren, the Military Knights of the Temple, who patiently endured hunger, thirst, and privation, who voluntarily encounter hardship, danger, and death, who sacrificed wordly ambition, and renounced the endearing ties of family love and friendship, to do unceasing battle with the enemies of the Cross who sought to defile the Holy Sanctuary. But not the less have we self-imposed, self-denying duties to perform. In becoming Knight Templars we have voluntarily adopted a special and sectarian belief in the Blessed Trinity, in addition to that general recognition in the Supreme Ruler of the Universe which is common to the fraternity throughout the world. If, therefore, we are Knight Templars in spirit and reality, as well as in name and ritual, we are bound by the most solemn ties and obligations to imitate ourselves, and to teach others to do the same, at however long a distance, the example of Him on whose Sacred Name this solemn degree is founded. We, too, like our antient brethren, must wage incessant warfare, but it must be against more insidious foes than they had to contend with. Our foes lurk within as well as without the Citadel; we must wage hourly conflict with ignorance, bigotry, and superstition, with intolerance on one side, and infidelity on the other, with arrogance and self-assertion, with tyranny, inhumanity, and selfishness. We must strive to imitate Him who, while He dwelt on earth, was Charity itself in thought, word, and deed; who bid him, who is without sin, cast the first stone at the sinner; who on earth went about doing good; who visited the widow and orphan in their affliction; who clothed the naked, fed the hungry, and cured the blind, the dumb, the sick, the leper, and the lame; and who, on quitting the earth, bid his disciples "Feed My Sheep." When we have done this as well as our imperfect nature and limited opportunities will permit, then shall we be indeed Knight Templars; then, with a safe conscience and trusting confidence, may we lay our armour at the foot of the Cross, and look to enjoy

> The peace that follows battle,
> The night that ends in day.

Then shall we be privileged to enter that Living Temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens, of which He who is the embodiment of pure, universal, Catholic charity—that emblem of our Order—is the sure foundation, the tried corner stone, the solid buttress, and the topmost pinnacle. Then shall we come face to face with those Christian graces, shining in full meridian splendour, of which, on earth, we have had but glimpses, dull and intermittent at the best. Until that day let us, as Masons, and especially as Knight Templars, find in them our motto and our watchword:—

> Remember Faith, Hope, Charity, these three,
> But the greatest of these is Charity.
> These were the words our Great Redeemer taught,
> These were the deeds our Heavenly Master wrought.
> Peace upon earth, joy, goodwill to man,
> Form the bright columns of His Godlike plan!
> 'Tis mercy, bounteous mercy, warm and wide,
> That brings the creature to his Maker's side!

The minutes of the last Preceptory having been read and confirmed, a committee, consisting of Sir Knights Jones, Bird and Dand, was appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, which were received and adopted.

The V.H. and E. Prior then invested the following Sir Knights as his officers:—Admiral Glasse C.B. Sub-Prior, K. T. Thornton Prelate, Capt. E. Stone Chancellor, Colonel Fitzgerald Constable, the Hon. W. H. Joliffe Marshall, V. Bird Treasurer, K. Worth Reg., Major C. W. Troyte Vice-Chancellor, Templar Sub-Marshal, Rev. Thornton Almoner and Chaplain, H. W. Townsend Warden of Regalia, J. R. Keats Herald, J. Horswell Second Standard Bearer, J. Evens M.D. Banner Bearer, J. J. Short 1st D.C., T. L. Heath 2nd D.C., W. Vicary Chamberlain, W. B. Maye Captain of Guard, W. Browning Sword Bearer, H. B. Stork Organist, and P. Blanchard Guard.

A Committee of the following Sir Knights were chosen as a Board of General Purposes:—F. B. Gover, S. Jew, L. D. Westcott, E. A. Davies, J. Austin.

This brought to a close the business for which the Priory had been summoned, and it was closed in ancient form.

## GRAND CHAPTER OF PRINCE MASONS OF IRELAND.

THE Triennial Convocation of the Prince's Grand Rose Croix of Ireland, will be held at the Chapter Rooms, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on Thursday, the 25th April 1878, at six o'clock p.m., when the Honourable Judge Townsend, LL.D., President of the Order, will present to Grand Chapter his report as to the progress and present position of the Rose Croix Order in Ireland. The triennial banquet will take place at seven o'clock.

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# INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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**Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781.**—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday last, at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. Bro. W. Hallett the W.M. duly opened the Lodge, with Bros. J. J. Gavin S.W., C. Breden J.W., J. Wright P.M. P.G.P. Treas., E. T. Read P.M. Sec., A. Scheerboom S.D., B. Rawe J.D., Jas. Everett D.C., R. F. Ould I.G., G. Palmer Org., W. Steedman Tyler. P.M.'s C. K. Killick, J. Kinnard, T. B. Daniel, W. J. Helps, J. Armstrong, E. L. Branbridge, W. Medland, T. Neville, J. W. Reeves, &c. Bro. James Terry Sec. R.M.B.I. acted as Installing Officer, and was assisted by Bro. Wright the Treasurer, who acted as Director of Ceremonies. The choice of the members having fallen on Bro. C. Breden to fill the chair for the ensuing year, that brother was formally presented and received the benefit of installation. After the usual ceremony he proceeded with the investment of officers, conferring the collars on the following brethren:—J. Gavin S.W., Scheerboom J.W., J. Wright P.M. P.G.P. Treas., E. T. Read P.M. Sec., B. Rawe S.D., Ould J.D., Everett I.G., G. Palmer Org., J. Ives D.C., J. Lax W.S., Steedman Tyler. No other business offering, the Worshipful Master, after receiving the good wishes of his numerous visitors, closed the Lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. At its conclusion the W.M. briefly introduced the toasts. After those of the Queen and the Grand Master, the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" were respectively sung. With that of the Grand Officers, the W.M. coupled the name of Bro. Wright P.G.P., who in reply acknowledged the compliment paid him. The Pro G.M. well and worthily filled his position in Grand Lodge, where he usually had to preside in the absence of the Grand Master. The Deputy G.M. was one of those kind, genial gentlemen, whose main object is to please; his aim ever had been to be present at any meeting where his attendance might be of service. Bro. Hallett, the I.P.M., next proposed the health of the W.M., to whom he and the other Past Masters, as well as the members, tendered their best wishes. If the Past Masters could in any way assist Bro. Breden during his year of presidency, he felt it was only necessary it should be mentioned, and their services would be secured. The W.M. tendered his hearty thanks for the way in which he had been received. His efforts would ever be directed towards making the brethren under his rule comfortable and happy. If at the end of his term he could look back with satisfaction at the result, he should be content; he was sure if he satisfied himself, he should satisfy the members. The next toast, that of the Past Masters, the W.M. considered was one of the most important he had to propose; it was to them the prosperous condition of the Lodge was due, and he hoped that he should have the benefit of their experience should any emergency arise. Before asking the brethren to drink the toast, he had the pleasure to present to their I.P.M. a jewel, which had been voted by the Lodge, and which all considered was fully deserved. Bro. Hallett acknowledged the gift. He assured the brethren that the meetings of the Merchant Navy Lodge were among the most enjoyable he ever attended; he should be very sorry to forego any of them. He tendered his personal thanks to the P.M.'s of the Lodge, to whom he was greatly indebted for their assistance during his year of office. The health of the Visitors was next given, the W.M. assuring them that the members of the Merchant Navy Lodge were always pleased to see them. Bro. Hilliard responded. He felt sure his fellow visitors would agree with him that a more hearty reception was seldom accorded visiting brethren than they had received that evening. He hoped the Lodge would continue its prosperous career, and that its present Master would have a happy and successful year. The Secretary and Treasurer was next proposed, by the Worshipful Master. He was pleased to be Master of a Lodge which could boast such good Officers. He felt sure the duties of their respective positions would always be properly performed while they filled the posts they now occupied. Each responded, after which the W.M. proposed the Masonic Charities, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Terry, who he personally thanked for having performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Terry made his acknowledgments to the W.M. for having so kindly referred to his services in the Lodge, and wished both the W.M. and the Lodge success. The Merchant Navy was ever to the front in the cause of Masonic Charity, and he had to thank the members for so handsomely supporting the Steward who represented them at the recent Festival. The Charities had done a great deal of good in days gone by, and he hoped, with the assistance of the Craft, that they would be able to do still more in the future. The fact of the Craft having contributed over £42,000 last year was most creditable. He looked upon the Craft as in reality only a small body; the number of active Lodges really being only about 1,100. Taking this number, and comparing it with the amounts contributed to the London Charities, no one could say but that the Masons of this country acted up to the true principles of the Order. He had asked in various Lodges he had visited that the contents of the Charity Box might on one night be devoted towards making good the loss which might arise through the failure of the bankers of the Institutions; he hoped the W.M. of the Merchant Navy Lodge would grant him this request; and when he told the brethren that a donation at the rate of 2s or 2s 6d from each brother would more than cover the deficiency, he felt sure the Merchant Navy Lodge would be ready to assist them. The toast of the Officers was acknowledged by the Senior Warden, after which the Tyler was summoned, and concluded the proceedings. The Visitors were Bros. W. B. Salisbury 9, P. Muller 73, G. J. Hilliard P.M., R. Deering, and J. Keable 178, E. Jones P.M., and C. Arbell 192, W. O. Gilland 212, J. J. Aubin P.M. 281, G. Lewis 879, R. C. Gording 898, G. Brooke P.M. 902, L. Potts 907, C. S. Dixon 1003, J. Staley 1216, J. Orme and E. H. Rolfe 1259, E. Deacon 1382, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, S. J. Turquand P.M. 1556, A. C. Gibby 1658, &c.

**Hervey Lodge, No. 1260.**—The installation meeting was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn-fields. Bros. J. H. Southwood W.M., J. Sandilands Ward S.W., Goodacre J.W., Foot as Sec., Dr. Jabez Hogg P.M. P.G.D. Treas., Spalding S.D., H. J. Dean Organist, T. C. Speight Tyler. Visitors—Bros. John Hervey Grand Secretary, H. G. Buss Assist. G. Secretary, Libbis, J. Green, Lamble, P. Harrison, Walker, W. Richards, Rev. T. W. Morris, H. Massey, Col. Peters, Defricz, Davis, R. B. Singer, T. Bolton, James Barth, J. J. Wortwick, H. J. Turner, A. S. Waters, E. A. Baber, Treemeer, Nicholson, H. Hollis, S. Crawford, J. B. Green, L. G. Langdon, Fred. Binckes, E. Stimson, G. Singer, F. G. Longley, D. Nicholson, F. Ough, L. R. Rogers, H. Miller, C. Body, Col. Peters, E. A. Wells, E. Collins, J. W. Legge, H. Upstone, T. J. Maidwell, W. W. Morgan, &c. On the assembling of the brethren, Bro. Southwood opened his Lodge, and called on Bro. Foot, who acted as Secretary, to read the minutes of last regular meeting, also those of an emergency meeting held on the 14th March. These were of exceptional interest to the Lodge, and were very voluminous, partaking more of the character of a report than is usually the case; but this, as explained by the W.M., was necessitated by the unpleasant events which had transpired. In due course, the minutes of both meetings were confirmed. The ballot was then taken for the admission, as joining member, of Bro. Charles Atkins, P.M. of the Egyptian Lodge. This resulted in his unanimous election, and that worthy brother took his seat as a member of the Hervey Lodge. Mr. Max Wunderlich was balloted for as a candidate for initiation; this also proved satisfactory, and Bro. Southwood performed the ceremony of the First Degree in his accustomed masterly way. The arrival of Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was accompanied by Bros. Col. Peters and H. G. Buss, Assistant G. Sec., was then announced, and the worthy brother whose name the Lodge bears proceeded with the installation ceremony. It will be in the recollection of our readers that at the meeting on 13th February Bro. Southwood was almost unanimously re-elected to fill the chair of the Lodge. On the completion of the ceremony by Bro. Hervey, the following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Bros. Goodacre S.W., Spalding J.W., Jabez Hogg P.M. Treas., Chas. Atkins P.M. Sec., C. W. Robins S.D., Foot J.D., Latreille I.G., A. Rosenthall D.C., J. R. Cox W.S., Henry Evans A.W.S., T. C. Speight P.M. Tyler. Bro. Hervey then gave the addresses to the Wardens and Brethren, and on resuming his seat, the thanks of the members were tendered to him and to Bro. Buss for their kindness in officiating. After routine business, the Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was served in the Crown Room, and the good things provided were done ample justice to. Bro. Southwood presided in his most genial fashion, and gave the several toasts. Her Most Gracious Majesty, throughout her reign, had endeared herself to all her subjects, whether Englishmen, Irishmen, or Scotchmen, and Masons never assembled together without drinking to her honour. Her sons also, in their Masonic capacity were ever greeted with enthusiasm. No further remarks were required from him to induce them to do justice to the toast. After the National Anthem had been sung, the W.M. gave the health of the M.W. the Grand Master, and Bro. Upstone favoured the company with "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The next toast comprised the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present. Bro. Southwood remarked that the Grand Officers did not wear their collars without previously acquiring a vast experience. He then referred to the eminent qualifications of the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale, and called on Bro. Hervey to respond. The Grand Secretary, on rising, was received with cheers; he said that had Lord Skelmersdale or Lord Carnarvon been here this evening, the brethren would have had a speech worthy of the occasion. However, as the duty of returning thanks for those distinguished noblemen devolved upon him, he would endeavour to comply. If he had rendered any service to the Lodge he had been amply repaid by the cordial manner they had received him that evening. It had frequently been remarked that a prophet did not get much honour in his own country; the rule did not apply to him, as he had received great honour at the hands of the members of this Lodge. He trusted, however, that he might always be received there as John Hervey, not as Grand Secretary. He felt proud of the compliment paid him by having the Lodge named after him, and he hoped that in years to come, when the question arose as to how the Lodge obtained its name, the reply might be made that it was from the Grand Secretary of 1869, the year the Lodge was constituted. Bro. Hervey then paid Bro. Buss a graceful compliment, he designated him as his "right hand man;" at all times and in all seasons Bro. Buss was a great help to him, and his countenance alone had a tendency to cheer and enliven. In short, Bro. Buss was one on whom he personally, and the brethren generally, could rely. Bro. Hervey next addressed a few words to Bro. Dr. Hogg, who he complimented on being surrounded by so many friends, and on having a Master in the chair in whom he could place the most implicit reliance. Moreover, the Lodge had a staff of Officers capable of performing their duties, and with all these advantages he sincerely trusted the Hervey Lodge would be looked up to as a pattern for the Craft, and as a standard for the emulation of other Lodges. Bro. Hervey concluded by thanking the brethren for the way they had received the toast. Bro. Dr. Hogg, in giving the health of the W.M., eulogised Bro. Southwood for the energy displayed under the exceptionally trying circumstances of the past two months. Bro. Southwood acknowledged the kindness he had received at the hands of the brethren since his introduction to the Lodge, and thanked them for the reception they had given him. He then proposed the health of the initiate, and Bro. Wunderlich (after the E.A. Song had been given) replied. Bro. Fiddew also addressed a few words to the members. The other toasts comprised "The Visitors," replied to by Bros. D. Nicholson, Singer, Maidwell, Waters, &c.; "The Masonic Charities," whose claims found an able exponent in Bro. Binckes, whose appeal resulted in securing the services of Bro. Charles Atkins as a Steward for the Festival of the Boys' School. "The Treasurer and Secre-

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tary," "The Masonic Press," and then "The Officers." During the evening Bro. H. J. Dean, with the "British Quartett," rendered goodly service; their programme comprised the Part Songs, "The Happiest Land," and "Soldier's Life;" Glee, "Haste, ye Soft Gales;" Duet, "The Fisher's Even Song." Bro. Tremeer sang "Firm as Oak," while Bros. W. Wells and Edward Collins gave severally, "Saved from the Storm," and "Thinking of Home." It was very late ere the W.M. summoned the Tyler, who speedily dismissed the brethren.

**Hyde Park Lodge, No. 1425.**—The installation meeting was held on Thursday last, at the Westbourne Restaurant, Craven-road, Bayswater. Bro. S. Sones opened the Lodge, assisted by Bro. D. F. Gellion S.W., H. J. Alexander J.W., W. Langridge Treasurer, George Read Secretary, John Headon S.D., W. Craig J.D., J. M. Bard D.C., H. F. Lewis I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. A. H. Longhurst, John Cruttenden, &c. The first business of the evening was the passing of Bro. Kent, this ceremony concluded, Bro. D. F. Gellion was presented and duly installed as Master for the ensuing year. That part of the ceremony completed, he proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Bros. H. J. Alexander S.W., John Headon J.W., W. Langridge Treas., G. Read Sec., W. Craig S.D., H. F. Lewis J.D., J. F. Mickelburgh I.G., W. Mason D.C. The W.M. had the pleasure of presenting, on behalf of the Lodge, a Past Master's jewel to the retiring Master, which gift he hoped Bro. Sones would wear for many years. Bro. Sones briefly replied, thanking the members for the kind way in which he had always been received. The report of the auditors was presented, adopted, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, after which the newly-installed W.M. closed his Lodge. The banquet which followed was well served, and thoroughly enjoyed. After grace, the W.M. gave "Loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the best interests of the Craft," which combined toast met with a hearty reception. Bro. Sones the I.P.M. now assumed the gavel. The present was the first time he had had the pleasure of addressing them as a Past Master; he felt it somewhat a novel position, but one which he fully appreciated. He called upon the brethren to drink the health of their new Master, who was the first one of the Hyde Park Lodge who had received the benefit of Masonic light in their own Lodge; he was thereby entitled to special honour. The toast having met a most enthusiastic reception, was acknowledged by the W.M., who thanked the brethren for the confidence they had reposed in him; he hoped to pass through his year of office in a creditable manner. To the toast of the Visitors Bros. Unite, Penn, Murlis, Flood, Bryett, &c. responded. The toasts of the Past Masters, the Treas. and Sec., and the Officers were each given and acknowledged. The lateness of the hour prevented the W.M. devoting as much time as he wished to the various toasts, but the way in which they were proposed, and the reception which was accorded to each, showed that the members were sincere so far as they did go. Among the Visitors were Bros. T. Grammer 172, W. Harris 177, W. H. Bracher 179, J. Flood 201, L. Bryett P.M. 209 834 P.G.S. of W. Berks and Bucks, G. D. P. Thomas 329, J. Campfield 364, John Cruttenden P.M. 503 P.P.G.R. Kent, T. Fisher 733, W. Gilbert 834, W. Butlin 942, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, W. Hughes 1612, W. J. Murlis P.M. 1642, Geo. Penn W.M. 1642, N. L. Rustam 1670.

**Confidence Lodge, No. 193.**—The members met on Monday, the 8th inst. at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. Henry Leah W.M., Biddell S.W., Footett J.W., Warne P.M. Treas., J. Shackell P.M. Sec., James S.D., Lemaire J.D., Hale I.G.; P.M.'s Reed, L. Webb, H. Webb, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. W. Ground and A. Stearn being in attendance, and having shown their proficiency, were raised to the third degree. Bro. E. Symons was balloted for, and duly initiated into the Order. The initiation fee now stands at £8 8s, joining fee £4 4s, and annual subscription £2 12s. The Lodge was closed and the brethren partook of a very excellent banquet provided by Bro. Clemow. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. returned thanks for the Grand Officers. Bro. Reed I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. in a very happy and felicitious manner. The W.M. having replied, the toasts of the P.M.'s, Candidates, Wardens, Officers, and Visitors were given, and each toast was responded to. The brethren separated, after passing a very enjoyable evening. The Visitors were Bros. E.P. Albert P.G.P., Staton 1267, Dyer P.M. 45, Widen 1673, Buff 907, Squirell 206, McPherson 141, Halle 45, Thompson 1693, and Western 1693.

## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

*Will be worked as under:*

On Good Friday evening, the 19th instant, at St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, King's-road Chelsea. Bro. P.M. Ardin, Zetland 511, will take the chair at 6.30 p.m.

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, at the Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 26th of April, at 6 o'clock in the evening precisely, by the members of the Lodge. Bros. Larchin J.D. 1541 W.M., Gush 1541 S.W., Dickens J.D. 860 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Kearsey 1541, Hallam J.D. 1319, Langton S.W. 145, Acott 65, Snelling 180, Gush 1541, Stacey P.M. 180. Second Lecture—Bros. Creak W.M. 157, Squirrell S.W. 206, Tate J.D. 862, Dickens J.D. 860, Hall 1549. Third Lecture—Bros. Vincent W.M. 1549, Fox 201, Rowland D.C. 1541. Bro. W. W. Snelling 180 Hon. Sec.

At the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, by the members of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, by invitation of the members, on Saturday, 27th inst.

[We gave the names of those who will assist here in our last issue.]

At the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, on Tuesday, 30th April. Bro. J. S. Brown 862 will preside on that occasion. Lodge opens at 6 o'clock.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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### MILITARY LODGES.

*To the Editor of* The Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—If I rightly understand the subject of Military Lodges, their *raison d'être* appears to be this. In time of peace, a body of troops is often quartered where, from local circumstances, it is next to impossible for those among them who may be members of our Fraternity to meet together as Masons. There is no reason why they should be deprived of the enjoyment of the privilege of meeting in Lodge because they are fulfilling their military duties in a place, it may be, many hundred miles away from the nearest Lodge. If then the authorities have no objection, it is in the course of things that a Grand Master should issue his Warrant to those members of the regiment, or other body of troops, who are brethren, under which they may lawfully meet together as a Lodge, and fulfil the duties as well as exercise the privileges of Masons. Again, in war time, when large bodies of troops are sent on foreign service, there is no reason why Military brethren should be deprived of the consolations of Freemasonry, the beneficent nature of which must tend to alleviate in some slight measure the troubles and anxieties of campaigning, to say nothing of the dangers and even horrors of warfare. Thus, and always assuming that the Military authorities give their sanction, there is excellent reason for the issue of Military Warrants. Even in peace time, the frequent removal of the Military from one station to another is a justification for the issue of the warrants. But in England our troops are mostly quartered in large cities and towns, where there are very certain to be Masonic Lodges already established, so that Military Craftsmen would have every facility for attending or joining a Lodge. As a consequence, the issue of Military Warrants would be restricted, and this will probably explain the paucity of Military Lodges now as compared with the early part of this century.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

A Civilian.

### GRAND ORIENT AND ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

*To the Editor of the* Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I am glad to find that "T.B.R., No. 972," approves of my objection "to 'A *Free*-Mason and P.M.'s' assertion that 'a man who believes in Buddha would doubtless hesitate in an English or French Lodge to declare such belief, namely, in a 'God.'" But if I understand his letter aright, we differ on different grounds, and what is more to the purpose, our difference is of great importance. My point is this—that I see no objection to a Buddhist proclaiming his belief in God in an English, French, or other Lodge, any more than I do to a Jew or Christian doing precisely the same thing, and for this reason, that under no circumstances is any one ever likely to be called upon to define the nature or attributes of the God he believes in. It is enough for it to be known that he is a Deist—that is, that he recognises the existence of a Supreme Being. In other words, he assents to the doctrine of belief in God generally—or, if I may be permitted to say so without running the risk of being misunderstood, in God in the abstract; but by so doing he does not recognise the God of this or that, or, indeed, of any particular form of religion. Thus my objection is based on the principle of Deism, pure and simple, which I believe to be the essential principle of pure and ancient Freemasonry. If I am to gather from the earlier remarks in his letter that "T. B. R., No. 972," means simply that a Buddhist is no more likely to withhold his assent to this principle than a Brahmin or a Christian, and has no greater reason for withholding it, then I agree with him. But, towards the end of his letter he says, "We swear by the G.A.O.T.U., the 'Father' of Christ, of which he was the representative, the same as Buddha was the 'seed' or 'representative' of a greater God." If by "we" he refers to the Masonic body, I must demur to the first clause of his sentence. Our "G.A.O.T.U." is not "the 'Father' of Christ." He would only be so if all Masons were Christians, which is not the case. A Jew would not define him in this sense, neither would a Mahommedan. This, indeed, is of the very essence of the objection which French Masons raise against Deistic Masons, that so many of them will insist that Deism is the same thing as Christianity. I as strenuously object to any definition of the G.A.O.T.U. as Bro. Thévenot or any other French Mason, but I do not on that account see why the principle of a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being should be eliminated from the Masonic system.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

Messrs. Feltoe and Sons, of Albemarle-street, W., have been appointed Purveyors of their "Spécialité" Sherry at the Paris Universal Exhibition 1878.

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# Old Warrants.

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## No. 118.

No. 130 "Ancients;" No. 154 A.D. 1813, at "Union;" No. 115 A.D. 1832, and No. 98 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOL, GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS HARPER D.G.M.

C. HUMPHREYS S.G.W. BENJN. PLUMMER J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful the Most Noble and Puissant Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Athol, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Charles Humphreys, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Benjamin Plummer, Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorize and impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Joseph Brindley, one of our Master Masons, the Worshipful Master, the Worshipful Taylor Stevenson the Senior Warden, and Thos. Collison the Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons No. 130 aforesaid, in and by virtue of our Warrant No. 130, heretofore granted by us under the date 6th October 1764, and held at the Swan Inn, Wolverhampton, and now to be transferred to the Masons Arms, Burslem, in the County of Stafford, upon the Second Tuesday after the full moon in every month, being first duly registered pursuant to the statute in that case made and provided, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorize and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Joseph Brindley, Taylor Stevenson, and Thomas Collison (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Thirtieth day of July, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Five, and in the year of Masonry Five thousand Eight hundred and Five.

ROBERT LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 7, Letter G. July 30, 1805.

From Vol. 3, Letters C & E. 6th October 1764.

[SEAL.]

The present title, No., &c. are, "The St. Martin's Lodge," No. 98, Burslem.

## No. 119.

No. 192, "Ancients;" No. 235 (at the Union), A.D. 1813, No. 165, A.D. 1832, and No. 141 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

LAC. DERMOTT D.G.M.

JOHN CHRISTIAN S.G.W. PETER SHATWELL J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the GRAND LODGE of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince John, Duke, and Marquis Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay, and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveney and Gask, Heritable Captain and Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, One of the sixteen Peers of Scotland, Knight of the most noble and most ancient order of the Thistle and in that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS,

The Right Worshipful Lau^ce Dermott Esquire, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful John Christian Esquire, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Peter Shatwell Esquire, Junior Grand Warden with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs No. 192 of London and Westminster, Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Mr. William Gillman, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Mr. Mark Orton, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Mr. George Ayres, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Royal Mortar (or elsewhere), in the town of Woolwich, in the County of Kent, upon the Second and Fourth Friday of each Kalendar Month and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions: And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, William Gillman, Mark Orton and George Ayres, (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Eighth day of November, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred Seventy and Four, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred Seventy and Four.

WILLIAM DICKEY,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 7, Letter G.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Faith Lodge, No. 141, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

## RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

THE Annual Meeting for the enthronement of M.P.S. and consecration of Viceroy of the Eboracum Conclave, No. 137, took place at the Queen's Hotel, York, on Thursday. The conclave was opened at 3 p.m. by the M.P.S. E. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead, who was supported by E. Sir Knight T. Cooper V.E., J. Morgan S.G., J. S. Cumberland J.G., Wm. Valentine H.P., G. Simpson Treasurer, C. G. Padel Prefect, A. T. B. Turner Herald, M. Millington, John Ward, H. Jackson, &c. Soon after the opening of the conclave, the Intendent Gen. for N. and E. Yorkshire, Ill. Sir Knight the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, entered, accompanied by Sir Knight Woodall, Intendent Gen. unattached, and was received by the Sir Knights with the usual ceremonies. Bro. Thos. Clough P.M. Camalodunum Lodge 660, Malton, having passed a successful ballot, was then admitted, obligated, entrusted, installed and proclaimed in due form, the ceremonies being worked by the M.P.S., ably assisted by his Officers. The throne was taken by Ill. Sir Knight Orde-Powlett, and Sir Knight T. Cooper M.P.S. elect was presented, entrusted, enthroned and saluted. Sir Knight J. Morgan V.E. elect was afterwards presented, entrusted and consecrated, the ceremony being worked by Ill. Sir Knight Woodall. The Conclave was afterwards closed, and the St. Peter Sanctuary K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John were successively opened by E. Com. T. B. Whytehead, and the grades conferred on Sir Knights John Ward and T. Clough, and the Commandery was closed with solemn ceremonial. The members afterwards met at refreshment and entertained their guests. At seven o'clock a Lodge of the Venerable Order of St. Lawrence was opened by the R.W.M. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, and the degree conferred upon several candidates.

The following circular announces the proposed establishment of another of the excellent Masonic Associations which are at the present time doing so much to increase the funds of our Institutions. We wish them every success:—

7 Upton Place, Upton, Essex,
8th April 1878.

Dear Sir and Brother,—The success which has attended the efforts of the several Masonic Associations, having for their object the Balloting for Life Governorships to the three Masonic Institutions, have induced several members of the Yarborough and Doric Lodges to organise one of those Associations in connection with those two Lodges. A preliminary meeting for this purpose will be held at the Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney, on Wednesday evening, the 17th April instant, at 7.30 o'clock, at which your presence and co-operation is respectfully desired,

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

JNO. G. STEVENS,

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THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF CARNARVON IN THE CHAIR.

Tickets may be obtained of the Grand Stewards, but no Ticket will be issued after Four o'clock on the day preceding the Festival.

Dinner at half-past Six o'clock precisely.

The Musical Arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. C. E. WILLING, Grand Organist.

Brethren must appear in full Masonic Craft Clothing.

T. A. MASEY,
Hon. Sec. Board of Grand Stewards.

North Cheam, Surrey.

SIXTH APPLICATION.

## Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

**APRIL ELECTION, 1878.**

The favour of the Votes and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers is earnestly solicited on behalf of

### SOLOMON HIRAM SHURY,

AGED TEN YEARS.

Son of Bro. WILLIAM SHURY, of Myland, Colchester, who died on the 25th of February last, after two years of great suffering, in his 75th year. Bro. SHURY was formerly engaged in the Circulation Department of the Post Office, but, owing to severe attacks of neuralgia in the head, and defective vision, consequent upon cataract, he was compelled to resign his position when at the age of 54 years. His only permanent income since that time had been a pension of £41 a year, to which he was entitled on account of his service, and he had to encroach continually upon his savings, till they were quite exhausted. Consequently he had been unable to provide for the boy's education, as he did for his children by his first marriage, and his declining days were comforted with the thought that the lad would eventually be elected into the Institution.

When in the full possession of health Bro. SHURY was a most active Mason. He was initiated in the Saint John's Lodge, Hampstead, No. 186 (now 167), in 1848, and, after passing through the intermediate offices, eventually became W.M. When, in 1861, the state of his health compelled him to remove from the District, he tendered his resignation, and the brethren at once elected him an honorary member, in recognition of his valuable services to his Mother Lodge. Bro. SHURY afterwards joined the Wellington, 548, as a country member; and became a member of the Angel Lodge, Colchester, No. 51, in 1868. He was exalted in the Domatic Chapter, No. 177, in 1852, and was elected to the Third Chair, but the continued unsatisfactory state of his health compelled him to resign. He was also one of the Founders of the Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73. When the present applicant was a child in arms, Bro. SHURY's position enabled him to make himself, wife, and child, Life Subscribers of the Boys Institution, not thinking at the time that he should ever be compelled to avail himself of its benefits and he has besides this, done all in his power to excite in others an interest in the Masonic Charities. Altogether he had contributed to the funds of Grand Lodge for the long period of TWENTY-NINE YEARS.

*The case is strongly recommended (among others) by*

The Right Worshipful Bro. R. J. RAGSHAWE Prov. Grand Master Essex.
R.W. Bro. RICHARD BOLTON BARTON LL.D. P.P.G.M. for Western India.
R.W. Bro. MATTHEW E. CLARK Dep. P.G.M. Essex.
V.W. Bro. Rev. C. J. MARTIN V.P. D.P.G.M. Suffolk, &c.
V.W. Bro. FRED. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Recdr. of Colchester, P.G.J.W., &c.
* W. Bro. A. D. LOEWENSTARK P.M. 548, 720, 197, and P.Z. 73, 185.
W. Bro. FREDERICK WALTERS V.P. P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. and P.Z. 73.
W. Bro. WILLIAM PRATTENTT Steward R.M.I.G. P.M. 1826 and 1851.
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W. Bro. F. ADLARD V.P. P.M. No. 7.
* W. Bro. JOHN BO WORTH P.M. 170 and 349, P.P.J.G.W. Dorset.
W. Bro. SAMUEL COLE, Life Governor, R.M.I.B., P.M. 188 and 1524, Past P.G.P. Kent.
* W. Bro. HENRY T. R. WARE L.G. R.M.I.B., P.M. Albion Lodge, No. 9.
Bro. M. D. LOEWENSTARK J.W., 1360, S.N. Chapter 73.
* Bro. THOS. J. RALLING W.M. Angel Lodge, No. 51, P.G. Sec. Essex.
* W. Bro. the Rev. C. L. ADLARD P.M. 558, P. Prov. Gd. Chaplain, Oxford. P. Prov. Grand Chaplain, Essex.
W. Bro. the Rev. R. T. WHITTINGTON Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, and Angel Lodge, No. 51.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those Brethren whose names are marked with an asterisk.

Proxies of other Masonic or National Institutions are most valuable for the purposes of Exchange.

## Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

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President:—HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 15th day of April, for the transaction of the Ordinary Business of the Institution.

To Elect a Trustee of the "General Fund" in the room of Bentley Shaw, Esq., deceased.

To Elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing.

To Elect Twelve Brethren as members of the General Committee to represent the Life and Annual Subscribers.

To Elect Thirty-one Boys, instead of Thirty, as by the voting papers, from an approved list of Seventy-eight candidates, reduced to Seventy-seven by the withdrawal of Francis Augustus Wain, No. 56 on the List, should the Court, on notice of motion from the General Committee of Saturday, 6th inst., so determine.

The Chair will be taken at 12 o'clock at noon precisely.

The Ballot for the Election of Boys will open at One o'clock, or earlier, should the general business of the Court be concluded before that time, and will close at Three o'clock.

By order,
FREDERICK BINCKES (V.P.), P.G. Std., Secretary.

6th April 1878.

*** The Eightieth Anniversary Festival will be held in June or July next under the distinguished Presidency of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., G.S.W. The names of Brethren willing to serve as Stewards will be most gratefully received.


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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THIS week, like its predecessor, has been a very eventful one, and the doings in Parliament have proved a great centre of attraction. In the House of Lords, on Thursday and Friday last, the sittings were not very protracted on either occasion. The Bishoprics Bill passed through Committee, and stands for third reading on Monday. The Mutiny Bill was read and passed, and the Marine Mutiny Bill has since then reached its final stage. On Friday, too, the Endowed Schools and Hospitals (Scotland) Bill was read a second time. But it was the debate of Monday which aroused so much interest among the public, for it was on that occasion the Premier had arranged to move an address of thanks to Her Majesty for Her gracious Message in relation to the Reserve Forces. The House, therefore, was crowded. The galleries were filled with ladies, the Princess of Wales, and the Princess Mary Duchess of Teck, with her husband, being seated near the throne, and there was a strong muster in the gallery set apart for ambassadors, Count Schouvaloff being present. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Cambridge were likewise in the House, and occupied seats on the cross benches. The Premier's speech was a great success. It was firm, but moderate in tone, and while the greater portion was argumentative, the latter part was dignified and resolute, and indicated that the speaker was fully alive to the serious responsibilities with which he was charged, and that without bluster, and with every desire to avoid offence to other powers, he was resolved to fulfil those responsibilities. Earl Granville followed, and did his best in performing the thankless task of criticising the conduct of a Government whose position is unassailable. He was also very moderate in his criticisms, and disclaimed any idea of hampering Ministers in the discharge of their onerous duties. The Earl of Derby was the next speaker, but his

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remarks chiefly had reference to himself, and the causes which had led to his retirement from the Cabinet. Then followed the Lord Chancellor, Lord Selborne, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Houghton, who, though a Liberal, gave his support to the Government, and the Duke of Argyll, who made a ferocious attack on the Turks. The Marquis of Salisbury's speech virtually closed the debate, for though a few other noble Lords addressed the House, when he had spoken the interest ceased, and, in due course, the address of thanks was unanimously agreed to. On Tuesday evening, the House rose shortly after seven o'clock, after giving the Factories and Workshops Bill a second reading, and there was a debate on the Bishopries Bill, on the order for the consideration of the Report, but nothing resulted, and the third reading was fixed, as we have stated, for Monday.

The House of Commons has been equally busy. On Thursday the Chancellor of the Exchequer brought forward his Budget, and if we state that the income tax is to be fivepence instead of threepence, and that the duty on tobacco is fourpence more than it was in the last financial year, we have said all our readers are likely to concern themselves about. On Friday a motion by Sir A. Kay-Shuttleworth, for placing the whole of London under one central administrative authority, occupied a considerable portion of the sitting, among those who took part in the debate being Sir J. B. Hogg, Lord Elcho, Mr. Cross, Mr. Lowe, and Lord John Manners. On a division, the motion was negatived by 116 to 73. After this, Mr. Gladstone catechised the Chancellor of the Exchequer as to the Congress, and the latter replied in due course. After agreeing to the Budget resolutions and transacting other business, the House adjourned. The debate on the Message extended over Monday and Tuesday, but though it was twice the length of the debate in the House of Lords, it was certainly not so interesting. The only speakers of note were the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Hardy, and the Marquis of Hartington, and the speeches of these four were worthy of the occasion. The Chancellor of the Exchequer was very moderate in tone; Mr. Gladstone was vehement in his denunciation of the Ministerial policy; but though, as a specimen of oratory his speech must be looked upon as one of his finest efforts, it was a failure as regards the attempt to damage the Government. Mr. Hardy was more under control than usual, and therefore his speech, which is invariably telling, was on this occasion more than usually so. The Marquis of Hartington was calm and dignified, as became his position as leader of the Opposition. Unlike the companion debate in the Lords, this one terminated with a division, Sir W. Lawson having insisted on dividing the House on his amendment. He might, however, have saved himself the trouble, for the numbers were—for Government 319, for Sir W. Lawson 64, or majority for the former 255. Wednesday afternoon was occupied in discussing the second reading of the Employers' Liability for Injuries Bill, which was moved by Mr. Macdonald, but the debate was suspended in accordance with the rules of the House.

The Queen left Windsor Castle for Osborne on Friday last, and here her stay is expected to extend over three or four weeks. On Tuesday Her Majesty, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, made a point of witnessing the passage of the funeral *cortège* of Mr. Land, who had filled the office of head gamekeeper to Her Majesty for a period of seven years. The Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark are on a visit to London, and are the guests of the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House. On Monday there was a dinner party to celebrate the King of Denmark's birthday. There were present to meet the Danish Prince and Princess, the Duke of Cambridge, the Princess Mary Duchess, and the Duke of Teck, the Danish Minister and Madame de Bülow, the Swedish Minister, the Greek Chargé d'affaires, and several of the nobility and gentry. After dinner there was an addition to the guests, the Princess Louise and the Prince Imperial among the number.

There have been several political meetings during the week, the two of Wednesday, held at the Memorial Hall and the Freemasons' Tavern respectively, being the most important. The former was composed of some 400 or 500 delegates, admitted specially by ticket, and presumably representing certain towns in the kingdom. Mr. Burt, M.P., occupied the chair, and the principal speaker was Mr. Gladstone. The object was to make a demonstration against war, and in favour of arbitration. At the other meeting, the Lord Mayor presided, and there were present to support his Lordship, Lord Ellenborough, Captain Pim, M.P., Colonel Coope, and other gentlemen. This was intended as a demonstration in support of the sacredness of treaties, and the principal speakers were Lord Stratheden and Campbell and Mr. Gibson Bowles. All the resolutions were carried unanimously.

There have been two considerable fires, one in London on the evening of Tuesday, and the other in Edinburgh on Wednesday morning. The former broke out at a floor-cloth store in Aldersgate-street, and the roof and part of the platform of the Aldgersgate-street Station of the Metropolitan Railway were burnt, as well as the building in which the fire originated. The firemen, however, were able to keep the flames from extending to nearly all the other buildings in the neighbourhood.

There has been the usual amount of excitement in connection with the boat race, which takes place to-day, and it certainly is not the fault of the morning and evening, as well as of the sporting papers, if the public are not well informed as to the respective merits in sliding, gripping the water, feathering, &c., of the rival crews. Everywhere, likewise, are to be seen the light and dark blue favours, and a great many people are already wearing the colours of the crew whose chances they are backing. As regards the race, to judge from the work which each crew has done, the contest should be a close one. The crews are as nearly as possible level in the matter of weight, and though we believe that Oxford has gone the whole course in a shorter time than Cambridge, there are always differences in tide and wind, as the crews do not practise at the same time. The weather has been anything but satisfactory, but we trust that to-day, at all events, the Clerk in charge will be considerate, and allow us the benefit of some genial spring weather. The necessary arrangements have been made for keeping the course clear, and we trust all will go well.

The action brought by Mr. Levy, one of the proprietors of the *Daily Telegraph*, against the proprietor, printer, and publisher of the *Sporting Times* came off on Tuesday. The defendants pleaded guilty, and as they had since their committal written the plaintiff a letter in which they amply apologised for what they had done, and promised not to repeat the offence, Mr. Levy's counsel did not press the case further as regards the infliction of any punishment, and the learned Recorder who was thus influenced to take a lenient view of the case, released the prisoners on their own recognizances to be of good behaviour for the future. The trial of Madame Rachel for extorting money by fraudulent means from Mrs. Pearse was commenced on Wednesday. The examination of Mrs. Pearse was the chief feature of the proceedings. Her husband, too, was examined, and thus the trial was adjourned; it was, however, concluded on Thursday, when Madame Rachel was convicted, and sentenced to five years penal servitude.

It is greatly to be regretted that Mr. J. B. Buckstone, after so long and honourable a career as comedian, should find himself in the evening of his days compelled to seek the protection of the Bankruptcy Court. Every one must feel sympathy for a gentleman of such distinguished ability, who has devoted the greater part of his long life to amuse the public, and we sincerely trust that Mr. Buckstone will find a way out of his difficulties which will be beneficial to his creditors as well as honourable to himself.

The Judge of the Admiralty Court was recently called upon to appraise the value of the Cleopatra, and the obelisk known as Cleopatra's Needle, which had been abandoned in the Bay of Biscay, and was rescued by the Fitzmaurice, and he fixed the value at £25,000. He has since declared the amount which, in his judgment, should be awarded to the salvors, and this amount is £2,000. So Mr. Dixon now knows the extent of his liability, and no doubt in a short time we shall see this well-known obelisk erect on the Thames Embankment.

Perhaps the chief event of the week is the publication in a late edition of the *Times* of Tuesday of what is described as an Annex to a reply by Prince Gortschakoff to the despatch of the Marquis of Salisbury. The general feeling which this important document has inspired is that Russia is by no means unwilling to re-open the negociations for a Congress, and that she would possibly yield at the last moment, and accept the terms laid down by Government. In such case, a step toward the settlement of the crisis

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would have been taken, though there must still remain the possibility of a rupture between her and our Government, if she insists on the principal terms of the treaty of San Stefano being retained. On the other hand, it is argued that the Russian Chancellor makes no sign of his desire to abate the terms. He argues in their favour, and justifies some of the most important. He in particular regards the cession of Armenia as a necessary consequence of the war, and holds that Russia, in spite of the Czar's declaration made before the war had begun, is acting within her right in taking this territory in order to secure her interests for the future. After combating to the best of his ability the objections raised by the Foreign Secretary, the Prince closes his case by calling upon Lord Salisbury to declare his views of the arrangements that should be made to settle the Eastern Question. One matter in connection with the terms has brought upon Russia a rare storm of abuse from all quarters, and that is the brutal determination evinced by the Chancellor to have Moldavian Bessarabia, whether Roumania will consent or not, and by force if necessary. This conduct towards an ally which last summer did much valuable service for the Czar's army has opened the eyes of the whole world as to the fate in store for Bulgaria if its policy should ever clash with the will of his Russian Majesty, and has done more than anything else to rouse Europe to a determined resistance to the imperious will of the Russian Emperor.

Meanwhile we hear of a vast amount of intrigue at Constantinople. The poor unfortunate Sultan must have a hard time of it, between the Grand Duke Nicholas, who is urging him to an alliance with Russia, and Mr. Layard, who is moving heaven and earth to maintain British influence in the ascendant. The Turks have refused to allow their late enemy to embark his troops at Buyukdere, and have arrayed a very respectable force in the rear of the forts of the Bosphorus. They are doing their best likewise to put down the insurrection in Thessaly and have gained one or more successes in that province. Unfortunately, there seems to be a great deal of cruelty practised, and a Mr. Ogle, a correspondent of the *Times*, has been brutally murdered, or as another account gives it, was killed in the fight at Makrinitza, and afterwards decapitated. The other news from the East is equally unsatisfactory, and we do not see that the gloom which has prevailed so long is lessened. There is great enthusiasm in Hungary for England, and a great desire is manifested for an alliance between the two countries. In such case, probably, Russia would hesitate about holding out against our demands. Let us hope it may be so.

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The Installation Meeting of the Polish National Lodge was held on Thursday evening. Bro. J. F. Ebner was installed Master for the year by Bro. P.M. Moore. There was a large attendance of members and Visitors, and the proceedings were of a most agreeable and interesting character. Pressure on our space prevents us giving a further account this week, but full report shall appear in our next.

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Our readers have, doubtless, noticed, on the list of candidates at the forthcoming election to the Boys' School, the name and particulars of the candidature of one Richard Howell Nicholls, the son of the late Bro. Richard Nicholls, hay and corn merchant, of Grays, Essex, who died on 25th May last year, leaving behind him a widow and six children. We have been favoured with a copy of the circular letter bringing the case under the notice of brethren, and though it is very far from being our duty to make any appeal in respect of a particular candidate, there is no objection to our stating the circumstances where they are more than usually distressing. The late Bro. Nicholls had been an active member of the Craft from the date of his initiation in the Vitruvian Lodge No. 87, on 14th February 1866, to the day of his death. He was one of the founders of the St. John's Lodge, Grays, No. 1343, and was its W. Master in 1874. He had endeared himself to all the brethren by his uniform courtesy and kindness, and his memory is held in the greatest respect by all who knew him. His death was exceptionally sudden. He was attacked with inflammation of the lungs, and in a few days passed away, leaving a widow and six children unprovided for. The boy Richard Howell Nicholls is now a candidate for the first time. His case is influentially supported by local, Provincial, and other brethren, and where brethren have any votes not already promised we feel sure they will be doing a kind service to the widow and orphan son of a worthy and respected brother by placing them at her disposal. Bro. Alfred Sturgeon W.M. St. John's 1343, Grays Hall, Essex; Bro. Rea Corbett S.W. St. John's 1343, Orsett, Essex; Bro. James Godwin J.W. St. John's 1343, Halfmoon-passage, Gracechurch-street, E.C.; and Bro. Edwin Sturgeon Treasurer, St. John's, Grays, Essex, will thankfully receive and acknowledge all proxies sent.

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On the 5th inst., Bro. Murlis P.M. 1642 was appointed by the magistrates one of the overseers of the parish of Kensington. At the election for guardians of the same parish, which took place on Thursday last, Bro. Murlis was again elected; he polled on this occasion close on 6,000 votes.

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## In Memoriam.

IT is with feelings of deep regret that we announce to our readers the death of the able and well known Preceptor Bro. Thomas Austin, a Past Master of the Doric Lodge No. 933, and M.E.Z. of the Doric Chapter. The sad event occurred on Monday, and the funeral of the deceased will take place this day at the Tower Hamlets Cemetery, Bow-road, at the hour of noon precisely, when there will, no doubt, be gathered together a considerable number of his Masonic friends and admirers, all anxious to testify by their presence to the respect and affection with which our deceased brother was regarded. The late Bro. Austin was initiated in the Crystal Palace Lodge No. 742, in October 1865. He joined the Doric in January 1867, and was elected to fill the chair of Master in 1873. He was likewise, as we have stated above, M.E.Z. of the Doric Chapter. But his chief claims to the regard of Craftsmen rested on his tried ability as a Preceptor, and his labours in the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27, and elsewhere, will long be remembered to his honour. Our readers cannot, of course, have forgotten the occasion on which, not quite two years since, Bro. Austin was presented with a gold watch and chain and vellum testimonial in token of the esteem and appreciation in which, both by reason of his private qualities and Masonic services, he was held. On that occasion he was associated with his friend and co-worker, Bro. T. J. Barnes, to whom likewise a testimonial was presented. It was on the 10th May 1876 that the interesting ceremony of presentation took place, and there were present representatives from no less than thirty-three Lodges. Such an episode as this in the career of any Craftsman is the best testimony to his worth that could be offered. To the relatives who are now mourning his loss, to his brethren who will no longer enjoy the benefit of his instruction, and to his numerous circle of friends and acquaintances we offer our sincere and respectful sympathy.

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It is also our melancholy duty to record the death, which occurred on Tuesday last, of Mrs. Reed, wife of Bro. Nelson Reed, W.M. of the Mizpah Lodge. We tender Bro. Reed our sincere condolence.

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The interment of the late Bro. Bubb, P.M. and Treasurer of the St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180, the well-known librarian of New Bond Street, took place at Finchley Cemetery, on Monday last, in presence of a number of friends and members of the Craft. Amongst the latter we noticed Bros. Stoner P.M., Cameron P.M., W. C. Parsons P.M., Pillin W.M., Farwig S.W., Lakin, Field, Beer, Organ, Unwin, Rossiter, Harrow, Levitt, and Shelley, of Lodge 180. The Londesborough Lodge, of which Bro. Bubb was the J.W., was represented by Bros. Barfield Treasurer, Honeyball D.C., Wetherill W.S., Dawson, Elwin, Nelson, and Williams. Bro. Bubb was also W.M. of the St. John's, at Maidenhead, and this Lodge was represented by Bro. Hodges Sec. P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, and Bro. Deacon. Bro. Bubb will be greatly missed in the circle in which he moved; both in Lodge and at the festive board there was not a better Mason or more genial companion. We trust that his memory may remain green with us for many a year to come.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 13th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 12.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1007—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.
1637—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton.

## MONDAY, 15th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
1—Grand Masters, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, at 5.
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6. (Instruction.)
544—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1381—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, 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.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.
K. T.—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
230—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
339—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
623—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1256—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Dover.
1258—Gooch, Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1502—Israel, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, 16th APRIL.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.
60—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bridge., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1159—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Bridge, S.W.
1196—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.
51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
303—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon.
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham.
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading.
909—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1008—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1009—Du Sherland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1096—Lord Warden, St. George's Hall, Deal, at 6. (Installation.)
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni.
1127—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.

## WEDNESDAY, 17th APRIL.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Grand Stewards' Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
534—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Wardour-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1145—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
[illegible], Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 7.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. C.—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
28—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
121—Mount Sinai, Public Buildings, Penzance.
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart, Hythe, Kent.
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Gloucester-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
892—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
983—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
974—Hobbes, Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.
989—Sandhurst, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1043—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1066—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1254—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1347—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes.

## THURSDAY, 18th APRIL.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
24—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
813—New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1247—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 8.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)
86—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
341—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
661—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon.
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

## SATURDAY, 20th APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.
308—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY.
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
408—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
1542—Legholme, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

TUESDAY.
256—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.
919—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonian-road, Batley.

WEDNESDAY.
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
1029—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1381—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
1645—Colne Valley, Lowisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

THURSDAY.
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
K. T. 58—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

FRIDAY.
491—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
632—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
1162—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Exettorpe, Mirfield.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds.
R. A. 321—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

SATURDAY.
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—44—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.
" 405—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 82 Nicolson-street.
THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
" R. A. 152—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Constitution-street.
FRIDAY—R. A. 53—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—Held at the Old Rodney's Head, on Monday last. Present—Bros. Hallam sen. W.M., Wing S.W., Hallam jun. J.W., Tolmie Preceptor. Fenner Sec., Pearcy S.D., Stock J.D., W. Cook I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Robison, J. Millington, Byott, Currey, Powell, Alford, Millward, Simmonds, Hunter, &c. The Lodge opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Robison gave proof of his proficiency, and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Pearcy worked the first, Bro. Stock the second, Bro. Tolmie the third, fourth and fifth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. H. Hallam jun., of True Friendship Lodge, Calcutta, 218, was elected a member. Bro. Wing was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was adjourned until Monday, the 15th inst., at 8 p.m.

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**Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.**—On Tuesday, the 9th of April, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings. Present—Bros. Bramham W.M., J. Soper S.W., Dwarber J.W., Dickins Sec., Clennell S.D., Abell J.D., Hallam I.G.; Past Master Bro. Bingemann Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. Tate, Brown, J. H. Dodson, J. B. Dodson, Cornu, Sanders, H. C. Soper, and several others. Lodge opened in due form, minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Baker, a candidate for passing, proved his efficiency, and was passed. The first, second, third, and fourth sections were worked by Bro. J. S. Brown. Bro. J. Soper was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Bramham for his able working.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—Met on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C. There were present Bros. Staley W.M., Bone S.W., W. Lipscombe J.W., E. Gottheil P.M., J. Constable Treas., J. K. Pitt Sec., James S.D., Biddle J.D., Tollis I.G.; also Bros. Bush, Walker, Sayer, Holloway, &c. The ceremony of the second degree, and three of the sections were rehearsed. Bro. Staley's efforts in the Master's chair were characterised by want of deliberation, arising from insufficient practice. His own intelligence and good sense will, no doubt, make it clear to him that before his work can become effective, it will have to be done less mechanically, and with greater attention to the spirit of the lessons it might hereafter become his duty to convey to aspirants for Masonic instruction. We must, however, commend the evident earnestness with which Bro. Staley strives to obtain proficiency, and there is little doubt of his ultimate success. Bro. Bone was elected Master for next Wednesday.

**Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 342.**—At the meeting of this Chapter on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. George's-square, Portsea, there was a numerous attendance of R.A. Masons, the occasion being the installation of Principals for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by P.Z. Main, the officers being Comps. A. Riddell Z., G. A. Green H., R. Turney J., W. Payne E., Arnold N., Willmott P.S., J. T. Craven P.Z. Treas., Parkhouse, and C. G. Adames A.S., and Copus Janitor. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to E. Comp. Main P.Z., for the able and efficient manner in which he had performed the duty of installing the Principals; and also a vote of thanks to P.Z. Craven, for the manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office during the past year. A vote of thanks was also accorded to P.Z. Ellis, who had acted as Treasurer. An excellent banquet was supplied by Comp. Sherman (of the Hard, Portsea), in his usual efficient manner. Twenty-five Companions sat down, among those present being Comps. Riddell Z., Green H., Turney J., P.Z.'s Redward, Cawte, Friedeberg, Wilkins, Main, Craven, G. S. Lancaster 487, H. Sleeman Z. 903, G. Felton Lancaster, H. 903, most of the Officers of 342, H. J. Guy, G. F. Sherman 487, T. Page, R. Barnes, Buck, &c. The usual toasts were given, interspersed with songs.

**Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 3rd April, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Bro. T. Halliday Prov. G.P. W.M. in the chair. Bros. T. Armstrong W.M. 1626 S.W., R. L. Armstrong J.W., J. Page Sec., R. G. Salmon S.D., G. W. Lax J.D., S. M. Harris I.G., G. Dumford and J. S. B. Bell Stewards, G. S. Simms Tyler; Past Masters Bros. J. Cook P.P.S.G.W., H. S. Huges P.P.G.S.D., Rev. S. H. Harris P.P.G.S.D., and G. S. Dean; also a very large attendance of brethren. The Lodge being opened, and all formalities gone through, the Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and one brother was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the Worshipful Master. The Lodge was then closed down to the first degree, when the resolutions of Grand Lodge were read. The election of W.M. was then proceeded with, which proved unanimous in favour of Bro. R. L. Armstrong J.W., the S.W. being Master of another Lodge in the town. Bro. Ryedale P.M. was elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. S. Simms Tyler. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts met with a cordial response. The visitors were Bros. J. Cook P.M. 481, G. S. Dean W.M. 541, Grist 481, &c. The installation festival is fixed for 29th April.

**East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463.**—A large gathering of members of this, one of the oldest and most important Lodges in the province of Surrey, celebrated the annual meeting for Installation of the W.M., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Thursday, the 4th inst. In the absence of the W.M. Bro. W. Sharp, which to the great regret of the brethren was occasioned by illness, the Lodge was opened, at four o'clock, by Bro. T. P. Dickin P.M. P. Prov. G.R. Amongst those present during the evening were the following Past Masters, viz.:—Bros. C. H. Woodward P.P.G.J.W., H. J. Close P.P.G.S.B., W. West P.P.G.R., H. R. B. Polmore P.P.G. Supt. Works, R. Price P.P.G. Supt. Works, A. C. Ebbutt P.P.G. Purst., and — Dosell. The Officers were Bros. John Close P.P.G.D.C. S.W. and Master Elect, George Yaxley J.W., G. Price Treas., C. H. Woodward Sec., H. A. Pocock S.D., J. S. Streeter J.D., and J. Hooke I.G. Members—Bros. Ridge, Harland, Silverton, Price, West, Margetson, Hall, Lamb, J. K. Pitt, Bonner Rogers, Burton, Gillingham, Frost, Watkinson, Nicholls, A. Pocock, Wagner, Ainsworth, Goodwin, Witheram, W. H. Smith, Baddin, and several others. Visitors—Bros. James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, &c., E. Peacock 1360, G. Woodbridge, B. W. Sewell, W. R. Sheadd 720, Barlow, Jolliffe 559, and L. A. Hart P.P.G.J.D. Kent. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been confirmed, and a ballot taken in favour of Bro. H. F. Margetts 212, as joining member, Bro. C. H. Woodward took the chair, and proceeded to instal Bro. John Close. Bro. Woodward who rendered the ceremony most perfectly, elicited hearty applause from the many Past Masters and able Masons present, and the remarks which fell from the newly installed W.M., in praise of and thanks for the services rendered, were unanimously endorsed by the brethren. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. George Yaxley S.W., H. A. Pocock J.W., G. Price P.M. Treas., C. H. Woodward P.M. Secretary, J. S. Streeter S.D., J. Hooke J.D. The addresses to Master, Wardens, and Brethren were delivered in admirable style, and the entire ceremony gave practical evidence of the efficient working which characterises this Lodge. The W.M. having announced his intention to serve as Steward at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, a vote from the Lodge funds was carried in support of his list of donations. Propositions for initiation were then taken, and there being no further business, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large Assembly Room for banquet. On the cloth being cleared, Bro. Close gave evidence of his ability by proposing, in brief but effective terms, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. To such as required no personal response he gave great effect, by a departure from the ordinary stereotyped form of introduction. A careful allusion to current outdoor events was made in each of the toasts of "the Queen," "the M.W.G.M.," "the Pro G.M.," and "the Deputy G.M.," and "Officers of Grand Lodge," and the necessity for increased loyalty to both Crown and Craft, under present circumstances, was admirably enforced. For "Provincial Grand Lodge" Bro. Woodward ably responded, and then proposed the health of the W.M., expressing the great pleasure he had experienced in installing that W. Brother who he had assisted to initiate, and whose progress in Freemasonry had been such as to reflect credit equally upon those with whom he had been associated and upon himself. He called the attention of the brethren to the fact that the Father of the Lodge, and parent of the W.M., was that evening amongst them, naturally induced to break the long spell of absence enforced by his great age that he might see his son placed in the proud position he had so many years ago occupied, and to celebrate the transactions of the auspicious solemnity with joy and rejoicing; he (Bro. Woodward) trusted that an equally long and happy life might be vouchsafed to the present W.M., in which he might be enabled to maintain the great respect and Masonic regard in which both father and son were held by the members of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord. Bro. Woodward's remarks were received with considerable enthusiasm, which increased on the W.M.'s rising to respond, which he did in brief but earnest terms of thanks, and concluded by proposing the health of the Past Masters, naming each in order of precedence, and calling upon his father for response. The venerable Father of the Lodge at once complied with the request, expressing his great pleasure that he had been spared to witness his son's advancement in the Craft his regret that his age had precluded his frequent attendance, and his fears that this might be his last opportunity for association with the members in Lodge. The greatest attention was paid to the veteran speaker, and if the wishes of those present could prolong a valuable and highly respected life, there would yet be many years in store for Bro. H. J. Close. The P.M. jewel of the Lodge was to have been presented to the I.P.M. Bro. Sharp, and his absence and its cause were much regretted. The health of the Installing Master having been duly honoured, the Visitors had their share of recognition. Bro. James Stevens P.M. The Great City 1426, and Bro L. A. Hart P.P.G.J.D. for Kent, were called upon, and acknowledged on behalf of themselves and others their gratification with both labour and refreshment. The Officers' and Tyler's toasts brought to its conclusion a most agreeable evening, which had been enlivened by the admirable singing of Bros. Barlow, Ridge, and others; recitations were given by Bro. Harland.

**Independence Lodge, No. 721.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Eastgate-street, Row, Chester. Present—Bros. R. C. Edwards W.M., H. P. Swindells S.W., Evan Jones J.W., Geo. Halliday S.D., H. J. Lloyd J.D., J. Dennis P.M. Treas., J. H. Lyon P.M. Secretary, J. Humphreys Organist, T. Nabb I.G., E. Jones Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Cunnah, Dennis and Johnson. There was a strong muster of brethren present, including Bros. A. J. Brereton, F. Thomas, R. T. Morcom, E. J. Davies, W. Wildig, T. Coxhead, W. M. Richmond, J. Humphreys, T. Kirk, J. Brandrith, W. Jones, D. Williams, J. Hughes, T. M. Jones, H. Ellis, Wm. Hughes, J. Williams, E. Ladmore, M. Johnson, T. J. Mason, H. Williams, J. Edwards, E. Seller, Chas. Seal, R. B. Ferguson, E. Smith, &c. Visitors—A. Potts P.M. 1477, R. J. Morris 425, S. M. Davies (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). After the usual routine business had been disposed of, Mr. Alfred Orrett was initiated, and Bros. Brandrith and Morcom were raised to the third degree. The W.M., taking upon himself the whole of this heavy business, discharged his duties remarkably well. The Secretary read the Circular forwarded by the Grand Secretary, which contained the report of the Grand Lodge Committee and the action of Grand Lodge with regard to the Grand Orient of France. It was moved and seconded that the same be entered on the minutes. The Lodge was closed in harmony at 7.10, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The W.M. on rising, in his usual happy strain, gave the first toast, the Queen and the Craft, which was duly honoured, the brethren singing the National Anthem, after which the toast of the M.W. the G. Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was given, and was heartily received, the brethren singing "God bless the Prince of Wales." In quick succession followed the toasts of Grand Lodge, and Prov. Grand Lodge, which were loyally honoured. W. Bro. Johnson then, with the consent of the W.M., assumed the control of the gavel, and in doing so said that it gave him great pleasure to propose the next toast. He felt sure that the brethren would endorse what he said in reference to the attention and zeal with which the duties of this Lodge were carried out under their excellent and efficient W.M. The welfare of the Lodge, and the efficiency of its working were the constant care of Bro. R. C. Edwards. He asked the brethren to charge their glasses and drink with due honours to the health of the Wor-

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shipful Master. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. The W.M., in the first place, thanked the W. Brother for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received it. In reverting to his position as Master of the Lodge, he need not tell them that he had the interest of the Craft at heart, and the unalloyed prosperity of his Lodge as his constant care. He believed that the success and efficiency of the occupant of the chair depended greatly on the assistance given him by the I.P.M. and Past Masters, and while thanking all for the support extended him in the past, he trusted that the same might be accorded him in the future. The W.M. then gave the health of the newly initiated brother, suitably prefaced, which was followed by the E.A. song, and a very touching response from Bro. Orrett. W. Bro. Cunnah was entrusted with the toast of the Visitors, which he handled in a very pleasing and courteous manner, and alluded to the real pleasure experienced by the brethren of Independence Lodge in seeing visitors at their festive board. He alluded to the extra pleasure given him that evening in proposing this toast, as he had near him on his right and left brethren he was sure they all rejoiced to see. With reference to the brother from Mold, he had pleasing recollections of being the guest of that brother's Lodge, and could testify to the talent their worthy visitor had displayed in his ruling and working. Then we have a brother who represents the Masonic Press, who has come from London to visit this Province, and to inform the brethren as to the position his journal, THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, occupies in relation to the Craft. He (the speaker) had seen the paper, and thought it a good one, and as such must be of great value to all who desire to acquire a knowledge of what transpires in our Order. He was sure they were all glad to see Bro. Davies, and hoped he would visit them again. And so did they extend a hearty greeting to all visiting brothers. He was sure the members would join him in a bumper to the health of the visiting brethren. The toast was enthusiastically received. W. Bro. Potts responded in very appropriate terms, and was followed by Bro. Davies, on behalf of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Bro. Johnson next gave the Masonic Charities. He pointed to our noble Institutions, as appendages to our Order that we might feel proud of. London was the centre of our Charities, but Cheshire had done well in making provision for those who might require our help. In proposing the Masonic Charities he would add prosperity to the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution, coupling with it the name of their energetic and indefatigable W. Bro. Cunnah. The toast was received with great warmth, and Bro. Cunnah responded in a very happy strain. He experienced great pleasure in being able to announce to the brethren the great prosperity of our Masonic Charities, and especially so the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution, in which he took so deep an interest. It must be gratifying to the brethren of the Lodge to know—as he had heard and felt—the tender thanks of those who were so timely, and so kindly provided for through the generosity of the members of the Order. It is needless to say that Bro. Cunnah's remarks were listened to with great attention. The brethren must feel greatly indebted to him for the zeal he ever evinces in all matters pertaining to the Masonic Charities. Other toasts were given, duly honoured, and responded to, and after spending an evening replete with comfort and fraternal feeling, the brethren dispersed at a reasonable hour. The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the excellent vocal capabilities of Bros. Ellis, Knowles, and Humphreys; the accompaniment of Bro. Humphreys was greatly appreciated.

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**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—A meeting was held on Friday, 5th April, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present:—Bros. W. Goss W.M. of 780 W.M., Acworth S.W., Gomm J.W., Tucker Treas., Costelow S.D., Gunner Hon. Sec. J.D., Talbot I.G. Past Master Bro. Roo Preceptor. Bros. Dorey, Beckett, Parker, Blasby, Botley, &c. Lodge was duly opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, after which Bro. Botley tendered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Lodge having been opened up, the brethren were called to refreshment. After resuming labour Bro. Parker answered the questions leading to third degree. Bro. Botley, who had retired, was now re-admitted. A resolution was passed directing Bro. Sec. to send a circular to the brethren of this Lodge of Instruction, informing them that Bro. Franckel had presented a handsome and valuable oil painting to the Lodge, to be disposed of among the members; proceeds to be applied to Masonic purposes, after deducting some slight expenses; and that such disposal take place upon 17th May next. The W.M. for next meeting was elected, Bro. Botley admitted a member of this Lodge of Instruction, and the meeting then adjourned till Friday, 12th April.

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**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Brown W.M., Weige S.W., Wardell J.W., Christian S.D., C. Lorkin J.D., Shiter I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., W. H. Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Brasted, Finch, Allen, Polak, Cambridge, Bigg and others. The Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. J. Lorkin answered the questions, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and resumed its Masonic duties. Bro. Dallas worked the first, and Bro. Allen the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Weige was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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**Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 917.**—This Lodge met on Tuesday, the 9th inst., under the able presidency of the W.M., Bro. G. R. Taylor, at the Cannon-street Hotel. He was supported by Bros. A. Lamarque S.W., Keayes P.M. J.W., L. Stean P.M. Secretary, Ellis S.D., S. L. Corke, I.G., W. Pitt D.C.; P.M.'s Bros. A. Rowley, Keayes, W. Haines, Walker; and Bros. Kearsey, W. Rowley, Warner, Friedlander, Fald, Taff, Reddin. After the observance of all formalities, ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. R. Prime and M. E. Goldstein. These being unanimously in their favour, the gentlemen were duly initiated into the Order. The Secretary read the letter from Grand Lodge, respecting the Grand Orient of France, which was duly entered on the minutes. The resignation of two brethren was announced. Hearty good wishes were given, and the Lodge was closed until October. The brethren then sat down to a banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. E. H. Rand. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. A. Rowley I.P.M. had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. The rapid progress he had made in Freemasonry, and the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony must have gratified all present. He (Bro. Rowley) hoped they would have many candidates, that the W.M. might show his proficiency in performing the various ceremonies. Bro. Taylor thanked the brethren for the enthusiastic manner they had received the toast, so ably proposed by Bro. Rowley; his aim was to promote the comfort of the Lodge; he hoped he had performed the duties of the chair to their satisfaction. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the newly initiated brethren, who they were proud to see among them; he was sure they would eventually be a credit to the Order. Bro. Prime briefly responded, and Bro. Goldstein followed; he felt it a great honour to be admitted a member of the Lodge. It had been his ambition for many years to be a member of the Order; he saw many friends around him; he would do all that might be required of him as a Mason. The W.M. then proposed Prosperity to the Masonic Charities, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. L. Stean P.M. and Sec., who in eloquent terms responded. Bro. Rowley was a good contributor, and he (Bro. Stean) was one who would never shut his eyes to the cause of charity. Bro. Rowley had done his duty to the Masonic Charities, and if the Lodge went on as it had done they would soon be Vice-Presidents of all the Charities. The health of the P.M.'s was next given. The W.M. regretted the absence of many, but those who were present were worthy of their regard and esteem. Bro. A. Rowley I.P.M. responded; he thanked the brethren, not only for supporting him in the chair, but also for the support they had given the Charities. Bro. Haines followed; for twenty years he had been a Mason, and since he had been in this Lodge (now five years) he had not missed an attendance. To the toast of the Officers, Bros. Lamarque, Ellis, W. Rowley, S. Corke, and others responded. The health of the Visitors was given; Bros. Pogson 1314, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188, returned thanks. Bros. Reddin, Pogson, Goldstein and Prime contributed some very excellent harmony.

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**Hartington Lodge, No. 1085, Derby.**—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, 3rd April. Present—Bros. G. Pipes W.M., W. Heathcote I.P.M. and P.G.D. of C., F. Heathcote S.W., W. B. Hextall J.W., M. H. Bobart P.P.S.G.W. Treasurer, J. O. Manton Secretary, S. Steele S.D., J. E. Russell J.D., W. L. Dodd as Org., T. H. Hepworth I.G., S. Pipes Past P.S.G.D., J. Smith P.M., Lane, Parkins, Orme, Shaw, Mainprize, Atherstone, Wallis, Hart S.S. Visitors—H. Burns P.M. 731, and W. Whittaker Sec. 731. The ballot was taken for Mr. George Arnold of Derby, who was unanimously elected. Mr. J. A. Hefford, and Mr. R. Baxter were initiated into the mysteries of the first degree of the science. The communication from Grand Lodge, having reference to the elimination of the G.A.O.T.U. from the Constitution of the Grand Orient of France, and giving the resolutions passed by Grand Lodge, in connection therewith, was read. The Derbyshire Masonic Hall Trustees' balance sheet was presented. Other documents, relating to the Masonic Institution for Boys, the Act of Parliament dealing with Secret Societies, and the Derbyshire P.G.L. By-laws, were laid before the brethren; and sundry accounts presented by the Treasurer of this Lodge were passed for payment. The Lodge was closed, after a final appeal for the preservation of the Order, and the brethren then adjourned to the banqueting-room where their number was augmented by several P.P.G. Officers and others. The evening was much enlivened by the discussion of matters of local import to the Craft.

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**Lewis Lodge of Instruction, No. 1185.**—Held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 10th of April, in the Lodge-room, at the Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30 p.m. Present—Bros. Durrant P.M. W.M., Geo. Newman P.M. P.Z. S.W., James W. Berrie P.M. J.W., S. Johnson Sec., W. F. Neave S.D., T. Bailey I.G. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed in a most able manner by Bro. Durrant, assisted by Bros. Newman and Berrie, after which Bro. Durrant was unanimously requested to preside again next Wednesday; this he kindly promised to do. The work will be the rehearsal of the third degree, and the Lodge will open punctually at 7.30. Much regret was expressed by the brethren at the unavoidable absence of Bro. Turner P.M., the Preceptor, to whose unwearying assiduity so much of the present success of the Lodge is attributable.

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**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—At Bros. Bolton and Lane's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 5th April. Bro. Townsend W.M., Lane S.W., Wallington J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Crouch J.D.; also Bros. Quincey, Moss, Stroud, Bolton, &c. Lodge opened, minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in a very excellent manner, Bro. Moss as candidate. Bro. Crouch worked the first, Bro. Wallington the second, and Bro. A. W. Fenner the third sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Quincey, of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178, and Bro. D. Moss, of the Star Lodge, No. 1275, were duly elected members of the Lodge. Bro. Lane was chosen W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned until Friday, the 12th inst., at 8 p.m.

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**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**—Held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday. Bros. E. Dignam W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., M'Millan J.W., E. Dietrich S.D. and Secretary, R. Olley J.D., O. Dietrich I.G., and many other brethren, amongst whom were Bros. C. Lorkin, G. Ferrar, Slaiter, Maples, C. Olley, Martin. After the usual preliminaries, Bro. G. Ferrar was interrogated, entrusted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bros. C. Lorkin and Fieldwick, assisted by the brethren, worked the sections of the lecture in a most creditable and efficient manner. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Lorkin was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1557.**—At the regular meeting of this Lodge, held on 4th April, at the Bush Hotel, Hexham, in the absence of the W.M., the Lodge was opened and ruled by Bro. Bell S.W. After the usual formalities had been gone through, Bro. J. Turner Treasurer rose to present the Lodge with a finely-executed portrait of the late Bro. White P.M. and first Worshipful Master of this Lodge. In the course of some well-chosen remarks, he said it would be remembered that the brethren felt some recognition of Bro. White's services were due to him, and determined to have his portrait painted, and to present it to him. Bro. White would only agree to this on the condition that he should be allowed afterwards to present it to the Lodge. In the meantime it had pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to remove our esteemed brother, and his widow, knowing his feelings in the matter, now presented the portrait to the Lodge, and hoped that a convenient place would be found for it. He therefore moved that a letter of acceptance and thanks be sent to Mrs. White, which was seconded by Bro. Bell S.W., and carried unanimously. The brethren then sat down to a capital dinner, presided over by Bro. Bell S.W. After the removal of the cloth, and the Loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Bell rose to propose the Visitors, and said they had been specially honoured that day by visitors from several Lodges in Newcastle, and hoped they would frequently come and see them. He coupled the name of Bro. E. D. Davis P.M. P.P.G.S.W. with the toast. Bro. Davis, in reply, thanked the brethren heartily for the reception accorded to them, and felt he could not set down without calling on the visitors to join him in drinking prosperity to the Albert Edward Lodge and its members. He paid some well-deserved eulogiums to Bro. Bell for his untiring energy in connection with the Lodge. Bro. Bell suitably replied. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the visitors who left by the 8.50 train were accompanied to the station by most of the brethren. Amongst the visitors were Bros. E. D. Davis P.M. 659 P.P.G.S.W., T. Halliday W.M. 406 P.G.P., G. S. Dean W.M. 541, T. J. Armstrong W.M. 1626, Grist S.D. 1626, Reed 1626, S. M. Harris I.G. 406, &c., &c.

**Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602.**—Held its weekly meeting at Bro. C. J. G. Woods, Crown and Woolpack, 162 St. John-street-road, Clerkenwell, on Tuesday, the 9th instant, at 8 p.m. Present—Bros. Dyblahl W.M., Rimell S.W., Hallam jun. J.W., Stock acting Preceptor, Osborn Sec., A. W. Fenner S.D., Coombs J.D., W. Cook I.G.; also Bros. Gibbs, Norris, Wood, Green, Powell, &c. The Lodge being opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Gibbs answered the questions, and was entrusted. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., in a perfect manner. The Lodge was closed down to the first degree, when Bro. Stock gave the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. W. Cook, of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, and Bro. Green, of the Finsbury Lodge, No. 861, were elected members. Bro. Rimell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A well deserved vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Stock for the excellent manner in which he had given the lecture on the tracing board. Lodge was closed, and adjourned until Tuesday next, at 8 o'clock.

**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday. The business consisted of a ballot for two joining members and one candidate for the Order, all of which proved successful. An initiation and a raising followed, and before the Lodge was closed the names of three candidates were proposed and seconded. Several books and objects of Masonic interest were presented to the Lodge by two of the members, and the W.M., Bro. T. B. Whytehead, announced that he had received a communication from the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, stating that no meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge for North and East Yorkshire would be held until the usual time in autumn, when Beverley would be the place of meeting. An unusual number of visitors were present, including several Past Masters, and a pleasant and social evening was spent, enlivened by songs and recitations by Bros. J. S. Cumberland, W. H. Wyatt, J. Craven, and A. T. B. Turner.

**Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.**—Held at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting-hill, on Friday, 5th April. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The usual questions for passing were answered, and that ceremony duly rehearsed. Before closing, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture were worked.

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**STRAND.**—At 7, OVER THE WAY. At 7.30, FAMILY TIES. At 9.30, DORA AND DIPLUNACY.

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**GLOBE.**—At 7.0, MY WIFE'S OUT. At 7.45, A FOOL AND HIS MONEY and A NATIONAL QUESTION.

**VAUDEVILLE.**—At 7.30, A WHIRLIGIG. At 8.0, OUR BOYS, and A FEARFUL FOG.

**PRINCE OF WALES'S.**—At 8.0, DIPLOMACY.

**LYCEUM.**—At 7, TURNING THE TABLES. At 8, LOUIS XI.

**COURT.**—OLIVIA, &c.

**OPERA COMIQUE.**—At 8.0, THE SORCERER. At 10.0, TRIAL BY JURY.

**CRITERION.**—At 7.30, THE PORTER'S KNOT. At 8.45, PINK DOMINOES.

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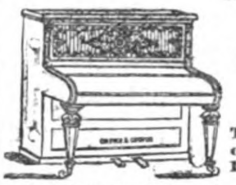

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## THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Saturday, at noon. Lieut.-Colonel Creaton, Vice-Patron and Trustee, occupied the chair, and in opening the proceedings announced the event to which we allude more fully in another column, namely the death of the Secretary, Bro. R. Wentworth Little. The formal business having been disposed of, and authority having been given to the chairman alone to sign cheques, Lieut.-Col. Creaton's motion that nineteen Girls be elected instead of eighteen, so as to bring the number of pupils up to 200, was agreed to. In due course the poll was opened and remained so till three o'clock. About an hour afterwards the result was announced, and it was known who were the unfortunate five who could not be received into the School at this election. It must, however, be satisfactory for them in the hour of their defeat to know that other opportunities will be granted them, and consequently that ultimate success is by no means beyond their reach. These five are G. Alice Jay, who being first on the list came out last on the poll, with 508 votes, of which 215 were the result of four previous applications; M. S. Cooper, who with 419 votes from two previous attempts, polled but 304 votes additional, or together 723 votes; E. M. Hill, also a candidate for the third time, who increased her score of 11 votes to 742 votes; and E. M. Garnett and M. J. Sampson, both candidates for the first time, who polled 622 and 577 respectively. So much for the unsuccessful, with whom, as the smaller number, we have dealt first. The nineteen successful, whom we heartily congratulate on the result of the ballot, include all those who would have had no further chance of getting into the School. Indeed the girl at the head of the poll, G. Simmonds, would have been ineligible in October, and this being her first as well as her last chance, her friends made a supreme effort, and she came out first, with 1664 votes, or nearly 500 more than the number polled by the second successful candidate. London thus secured the first place, but the second was taken by the one Leicester candidate, D. Bolton, who polled 1171 votes at this her first application. No. 3, a London candidate, would have failed altogether had she not scored a sufficient number of votes, as she would have been over age in October. To her previous credit of 141 votes were added 933 votes, making a total of 1,074. No. 4 was an applicant for the first time last October, and obtained 405 votes. This was increased to 1,041 on Saturday, and the fourth place fell to one of the three candidates from Lancashire East. M. Whyatt, the one Lancashire W. candidate, was only a single vote behind her Eastern rival. There already stood to her credit 418 votes, and a further 622 raised the total to 1,040. Bessie Reed, hailing from London, stood 6th, with a total of 1,022, of which 317 were the result of two previous attempts. Nos. 7 and 8 were applicants for the first time, the former, from Notts, polling 1,016 votes, and the latter from West Yorkshire, who had this solitary chance allowed, 1,004 votes. A second East Lancashire lass stood next, with 974, of which 419 were the result of two previous efforts. London was close at her heels, however, as E. E. Spurging obtained 974 votes, of which 396 votes were brought forward from three previous ballots. A Devonshire girl, S. M. Norrish, who scored 178 in October last, increased the number to 963. The 12th on the list, a London girl, by name G. A. Daly, increased her credit of 116 to 947 votes. No. 1 E. R. Bellamy, was a candidate for the first time, a obtained 941 votes from her Lincolnshire friends and su porters. F. E. Wilton, of Singapore, for whom at h two previous attempts 187 votes had been cast, had 7 given her on Saturday, so that she stood 14th, with 91 votes, and not far behind her a London rival, H. E. Hoo who had this last chance only of success, and succeeded i raising her score from 283 to 896. Nos. 16, 17 and 1 were all candidates for the first time, R. A. Symon, fro the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight, obtainin 872 votes; A. M. Brunskill, from Durham, 853 votes, an E. C. Thomas, from Warwickshire, 852 votes. The last c the successful was Clarissa E. Wright, of London, wh had 217 votes to her credit from two previous applications and was fortunately able to increase this number to 81 Thus London carried seven out of her eight candidates E. Lancashire two, Hants and Isle of Wight one out o two, while the Bristol, Essex, and Somersetshire candidate —one from each Province—failed to obtain a place. W append, as usual, the results of election:—

**SUCCESSFUL.**

| No. on list | Name | Forward | To-day | Tota |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 18 | *Simmonds, Grace (*last*) | — | 1664 | 166 |
| 16 | *Bolton, Dora | — | 1171 | 117 |
| 2 | Thomson, Louisa Marion (*last*) | 141 | 933 | 107 |
| 14 | Wayne, Mary Louisa | 405 | 636 | 104 |
| 7 | Whyatt, Marion | 418 | 622 | 104 |
| 5 | Reed, Bessie | 317 | 705 | 102 |
| 20 | *Carter, Maud | — | 1016 | 101 |
| 22 | *Cowley, Clara Maria (*last*) | — | 1004 | 100 |
| 12 | Stephenson, Lilian | 419 | 555 | 97 |
| 3 | Spurging, Eleanor Elizabeth | 396 | 576 | 97 |
| 13 | Norrish, Susanna Mary | 178 | 785 | 96 |
| 8 | Daly, Gertrude Annie | 116 | 831 | 94 |
| 15 | *Bellamy, Effie Rose | — | 941 | 941 |
| 6 | Wilton, Florrance Eliza | 187 | 724 | 911 |
| 4 | Hood, Harriett Emily (*last*) | 283 | 613 | 89 |
| 23 | *Symon, Rosina A. | — | 872 | 87 |
| 24 | *Brunskill, Adelaide Moat | — | 853 | 85 |
| 19 | *Thomas, Emily Cory | — | 852 | 85 |
| 11 | Wright, Clarissa Elizabeth | 217 | 599 | 81 |

**UNSUCCESSFUL.**

| No. on list | Name | Forward | To-day | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | Hill, Evalina Mary | 11 | 731 | 742 |
| 9 | Cooper, Marion Selina | 419 | 304 | 723 |
| 17 | *Garnett, Edith Mary | — | 622 | 622 |
| 21 | *Sampson, Mabel Jane | — | 577 | 577 |
| 1 | Jay, Gertrude Alice | 215 | 293 | 508 |

* Indicates first application.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Quarterly General Court of the Boys' School was held at Freemasons' Hall, at the hour of noon on Monday, Lieut.-Col. Creaton occupying the chair. When the ordinary business had been disposed of, the poll was opened for the election of thirty-one, instead of thirty, as originally proposed, out of an approved list of seventy-eight candidates. The poll closed at three p.m., and as soon afterwards as possible the result was announced, full particulars of which are appended. The contest was comments by no features of special interest, and the few remarks we feel it our duty to offer are of the ordinary character. We note in the first place that eight out of the

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thirty-one were applicants for the first time, while with the exception of a few, the remaining twenty-two all had obtained a high place at the election last October. Indeed, of the eleven who stand highest on the list, ten need not have polled a single additional vote on Monday in order to secure places—on the assumption, of course, that the votes they did poll, were not cast for any of their rivals, but had been thrown away. The first five candidates were all from London. No. 1, R. P. F. Deeley, added 124 to his previous credit of 1687, and headed the list with 1811 votes. Shury, with 1655 already to the good, came next with 1753 votes, F. Dyer being third, with 1658, of which 1301 were brought forward; H. B. Searle fourth, with 1654, of which 1448 were brought forward; and Garstin fifth, his previous 994 being increased to 1424. A Kent candidate was sixth in order, with 301 votes from his previous attempt, and 1083 new votes, making a total of 1384. The seventh, H. Bingham, of London, increased his former total of 1023 votes to 1379; and Ceely, another London candidate, was well up with 1347 votes. The ninth in order, E. G. W. J. Taylor, hailed from the East Division of South Africa, and totalled up 1235 votes, 879 of which were brought forward. Colin Bell Sharp, the tenth in order, increased his credit of 850 by 348, making his total 1198, and thus secured a place for one of the Bengal candidates. Another colonial candidate, hailing from New Zealand, stood eleventh, with 1118 votes, composed of 428 standing already to his credit, and 690 votes polled on Monday. Nos. 12, 13, 14, and 15 were all candidates for the first time, No. 12 (London) obtaining 1115 votes, No. 13 (Somersetshire) 1113 votes, No. 14 (South Wales, Western Division) 1104, and No. 15 (Dorsetshire) 1028 votes. No. 16, from Northamptonshire, had seven to his credit, and received further support to the extent of 1015 votes. No. 17 (Warwickshire) had been a candidate at three previous elections, and gained 574 votes. There were cast for him on Monday 433 additional votes, making his total 1007. Nos. 18 and 19, from Cumberland and Westmoreland, and West Yorkshire respectively, polled the same number exactly, 1,002 votes; but the former had been a candidate twice previously, and had 650 votes to the good, while the latter was an applicant for the first time. R. T. Taylor, standing twentieth on the list, is from Malta. He had a credit of 612 votes, and 387 more were obtained for him on this occasion, raising his total to 999 votes. No. 21, from South Wales East, was only a few votes behind, the 600 to his credit being increased to 996. Shapland, of London, stood 22nd, having previously obtained 344 votes, and on Monday 625 votes, or a total of 969. Jepson, who was a candidate last October, but gained no votes, had 961 cast for him at this election, and so scored a success for East Lancashire. Woon, who had 977 votes to the good, obtained 261 more, and this, with a total of 938 votes, gave a second success to the Province of Kent. The two next, one from Somersetshire and the other from London, were candidates for the first time. The former obtained 927, and the latter 925 votes. Hutton, of London, tried in October, but only obtained 227 votes. A further 693, making his total 920, sufficed to give him the twenty-seventh place. Riley, also a London candidate, came next, with 905, of which 253 were brought forward from his previous attempt in October. Allen, of Staffordshire, with 5 to the good, obtained a total of 903 votes. J. Montague H. Mackay, of Devon, with 586 votes from three attempts, obtained further support to the extent of 290, giving a total of 876, while King, of West Yorkshire, an applicant for the first time, brought up the rear of the successful candidates, with 861 votes. Rossiter, of Cheshire, was only a few behind, and Fairman and Simmonds, both of London, made each a good fight, the former scoring 822, and the latter 799 votes. Thenceforward the numbers diminish rapidly, the sixtieth on the list having only twenty votes; No. 61, fourteen; Nos. 62 and 63, eleven each; Nos. 64 and 65, ten each; Nos. 66 and 67, nine each; Nos. 68 and 69, four each; Nos. 70 and 71, three each; No. 72, one vote; and Nos. 73 to 77 none whatever. Of the ten candidates who had this one and only chance of success, Gover, No. 1, though a candidate at six previous elections, only raised his total to 82; Edmonds, No. 9, had four votes; Perrin, No. 34, had 162 votes; Atkin, No. 41, obtained one vote; and Elders, No. 58, had 20 votes. All these, therefore, will have their names removed from the list, as they will be over age before the October election comes off. We think it a pity that people should have their cases placed on the list if they are not better prepared with support. Where, for instance, can have been the friends of Gover? What can they have been doing, when they can only secure for him 82 votes at seven applications? The hopes of the boy and his mother must have been raised to a certain extent, and now, after the lapse of three years and a half, he is nowhere in the contest, while others who work wisely and well carry their candidates at once. As between London and the Provinces and Districts, we find that the former carried twelve, or one-half of her candidates, while the latter carried nineteen, or rather more than one-third—four of these being from abroad and fifteen at home. We append the list of candidates:—

## SUCCESSFUL.

| No. on list | Name | Forward | To-day | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16 | Deeley, Richard P. Francis | 1687 | 124 | 1811 |
| 3 | Shury, Solomon Hiram | 1655 | 98 | 1753 |
| 20 | Dyer, Frederick | 1301 | 357 | 1658 |
| 5 | Searle, Harry Bulmer | 1448 | 116 | 1564 |
| 25 | Garstin, William Lionel | 994 | 430 | 1424 |
| 46 | Webb, Charles Thomas | 301 | 1083 | 1384 |
| 32 | Bingham, Herbert | 1023 | 356 | 1379 |
| 17 | Ceely, John R. Gordon | 1207 | 140 | 1347 |
| 19 | Taylor, Ernest George W. J. | 879 | 356 | 1235 |
| 8 | Sharp, Colin Bell | 850 | 348 | 1198 |
| 26 | Nash, Stanley Harry | 428 | 690 | 1118 |
| *64 | Stone, Charles Edgar | — | — | 1115 |
| *55 | Cooper, Walter Percy | — | — | 1113 |
| *62 | Balcombe, Walter John | — | — | 1104 |
| *47 | Hunt, Edward Clarke | — | — | 1028 |
| 28 | Gibson, Walter James | 7 | 1015 | 1022 |
| 12 | Crew, Frederick Alt | 574 | 433 | 1007 |
| 22 | Busher, Samuel Longton | 650 | 352 | 1002 |
| *74 | Cowley, Ernest Edgar | — | — | 1002 |
| 33 | Taylor, Richard Tom | 612 | 387 | 999 |
| 45 | Roberts, Samuel Curry | 600 | 396 | 996 |
| 37 | Shapland, Francis Gorwyn | 344 | 625 | 969 |
| 42 | Jepson, James Thomas | — | — | 961 |
| 35 | Woon, Albert Allen | 677 | 261 | 938 |
| *53 | Hennet, William Follett | — | — | 927 |
| *57 | Mundy, Henry Seymour | — | — | 925 |
| 39 | Hutton, John Fred. W. | 227 | 693 | 920 |
| 38 | Riley, Robert | 253 | 652 | 905 |
| 44 | Allen, Albert Charles | 5 | 898 | 903 |
| 7 | Mackay, J. Montague Hele | 586 | 290 | 876 |
| *73 | King, Edward C. Wilson | — | — | 861 |

## UNSUCCESSFUL.

| No. on list | Name | Forward | To-day | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *71 | Rossiter, Arthur Lewis E. | — | — | 819 |
| *72 | Fairman, Charles Robert | — | — | 822 |
| *60 | Simmonds, Hebron Albert | — | — | 799 |
| *68 | Coverdale, Miles | — | — | 687 |
| 13 | Wilkinson, Percy Charles | 513 | 169 | 682 |
| 4 | Furze, William Ernest | 239 | 395 | 634 |
| *61 | Reece, Albert Edward | — | — | 602 |
| 2 | Day, Arthur Harris | 398 | 166 | 564 |
| *51 | Browning, Ernest Albert | — | — | 530 |
| *67 | Gardner, Alfred Welch | — | — | 489 |
| 14 | Wait, Emanuel | 395 | 52 | 447 |
| 11 | Green, Charles William | 248 | 138 | 386 |
| 21 | Allin, Charles James Fox | 4 | 343 | 347 |
| 31 | Chandler, Arthur John | 33 | 290 | 323 |
| 24 | Barclay, Henry G. Hackett | 159 | 119 | 278 |
| 43 | Spalding, Edmund Purcell | 97 | 132 | 229 |
| *49 | Nicholls, Richard Howell | — | — | 216 |
| 40 | Watkins, Fred. Charles | 116 | 93 | 209 |
| 15 | Ridpath, Lovell Hope | 141 | 28 | 169 |
| 34 | Perrin, Gustav Teasdell | 106 | 56 | 162 |
| *65 | Laslett, Alfred John | — | — | 136 |
| 36 | Ward, James | 30 | 103 | 133 |
| 27 | Parker, George Shadwell | 2 | 123 | 125 |
| 1 | Gover, Joseph | 47 | 35 | 82 |
| *63 | Keighley, George Norman C. | — | — | 72 |
| *59 | Scott, John Sheppard | — | — | 49 |
| *70 | Marshall, Phillipson | — | — | 28 |
| 6 | Newboult, Harry | 27 | — | 27 |
| *58 | Elders, William Richard S. | — | — | 20 |
| *54 | Clark, Thomas John | — | — | 14 |
| 23 | Minshull, Sam Bradford | 11 | — | 11 |
| 29 | Bell, James Herbert | 5 | 6 | 11 |
| 10 | Cole, Alfred Thomas | 10 | — | 10 |
| 18 | Frost, Christian Frederic | 10 | — | 10 |
| *66 | Gay, George John | — | — | 9 |
| *75 | Jones, Ernest Handel | — | — | 9 |
| 9 | Edmonds, Richard Herbert | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| *52 | Pike, John Henry | — | — | 4 |
| 30 | Giles, Frank Arthur | — | — | 3 |
| *76 | Cowling, John Edward | — | — | 3 |
| 41 | Atkin, John Batson | — | — | 1 |
| *48 | Gibbs, John | — | — | — |
| *50 | Black, William | — | — | — |
| *69 | Winter, Richard Thomas | — | — | — |
| *77 | Read, John | — | — | — |
| *78 | Bartley, William James | — | — | — |

* Indicates first application.

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## MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 54.)

### A DEVON CRAFTSMAN.

The virtues of a private life,
Exceed the glorious noise and strife
Of battles won: in those we find
The solid int'rest of mankind.

THERE are few English counties so happily circumstanced as that of Devon. Its fertility is beyond question. It is rich in historical associations. Its "sea-dogs" take a foremost rank among our ablest and most brilliant naval heroes. Its principal port is the second naval station in the kingdom, and we may therefore add, with every feeling of confidence, that there is but one other in the whole world which surpasses it. It can boast of a long army of worthies, whose names are "household words" in the country they have adorned. It is, consequently, no matter for wonder that Devon should occupy a high place among our Masonic Provinces. Whatever there is of good and noble and worthy in the United Kingdom is sure of a position in this favoured district, nor is it surprising, therefore, that at a very early date Freemasonry, at its so-called "revival," in 1717, should at a very early date have succeeded in establishing a firm foothold here, or that in the long list of eminent Craftsmen, Devon should be able to boast of many among the more conspicuous. The subject of our present sketch is one of those who will be remembered with pleasure by all his fellows as a worthy Mason, as much for his practical application of the three virtues which it is the duty of Freemasonry to inculcate as for the deep scientific knowledge he possesses of its hidden truths and mysteries. He is one who, in every degree and in every office, has made it his chief aim to be as nearly perfect as possible in whatever was required of him. He has laboured hard, and his labours have been attended with more than the usual amount of success. He is not an old member of the Craft. Indeed, if we note only the number of years he has belonged to it, we must candidly admit that he is yet a long way off from the attainment of what we will venture to describe as his Masonic majority. But though his years as a Mason are few, he has served long enough to attain a very high degree of distinction, and our "Devon Craftsman" is not only well known and respected within the narrower limits of the Province to which he owes allegiance, but he is likewise known and respected in the far wider and more extended limits of the Craft throughout England. This is, indeed, a satisfactory achievement for one whose career as a brother has endured for less than twelve years, and if all our brethren were minded to work as he has done, there would be no branch of the Craft universal so firmly and so happily placed as that which acknowledges the rule of the Grand Master of England. There is this, perhaps, to be said as accounting for the success of our brother. He is a man of understanding and of culture. Moreover, by his very profession he is compelled almost daily to examine most minutely the nicest and most obscure points of the law. He must be prepared to give an opinion offhand on questions of gravity and delicacy, and it is easily comprehensible how one inured to such habits of mind would in a very short time accustom himself to deal with the abstruse studies of Masonic science. However, it is no business of ours to dwell at any considerable length on a brother's private career—using the word "private" in contradistinction from the word "Masonic." Our duty is to chronicle the deeds he has done in the cause of Freemasonry, and to this agreeable duty we forthwith betake ourselves.

The career of our "Devon Craftsman" as a Mason is anterior to his connection with this particular Province. In fact, his Masonic infancy and the earliest distinction he gained as a brother are associated with the Province of Kent, a Province much nearer the head-quarters of the Craft. He was, in short, initiated in the Holmesdale Lodge, No. 874, Tunbridge Wells, in the month of October 1866, and he attained to the second and third degrees in the months of November and December. In March of the following year, he was appointed to the office of Inner Guard, a subordinate office, yet one which even more eminent Masons still have again and again been pleased to hold—it is needless to say with what advantage to the Lodges of which they happened to be members. In March 1871, he joined the Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, East Stonehouse, and in doing so was under the necessity of severing his connection with his Mother Lodge. The propriety of such a step will be unhesitatingly recognised. It was impossible he could justly fulfil his Masonic duties in the Provinces of Kent and Devon, considering the distance at which they are situated from one another. It was incumbent, therefore, on him, when transferring his residence from the former to the latter county, to transfer his allegiance from a Kent to a Devon Lodge. On the 24th June of the same year, he was appointed Junior Deacon in the Sincerity, and on the same day in the year following he had the honour of being re-appointed to that office. In this latter year, he became a joining member of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1247, Plymouth, a comparatively young Lodge, having been constituted only in 1868, and requiring, therefore, it may be supposed, more support from young and energetic brethren than one which already boasted an existence of upwards of a century. On the 27th December of the same year he was appointed Junior Deacon of the St. John's; on 14th July 1873 he had conferred upon him the still more responsible office of Junior Warden of the Sincerity, and ultimately on the 24th June 1874, he attained what is regarded as the goal of every true and worthy Mason's ambition—the Mastership of his Lodge. On that day he was formally installed into the highest office it was in the power of his brethren of the Sincerity to bestow, and there were upwards of forty Past Past Masters present to witness the interesting ceremony. This fact alone will serve to show the high esteem in which he was held by his fellows. On the 24th June of the following year he was further honoured by being elected to represent the Lodge of Sincerity on the Committee of Petitions for the Province of Devon, and it must be obvious to our readers that such an election could only have fallen on one who was deemed worthy as well as in every way capable of discussing and adjudicating upon matters requiring the most serious and attentive consideration. On the 24th June of the following year he was re-elected on a similar Committee, and in two months' time, that is, on the 31st August, his valuable services were accorded a still more conspicuous honour, as on that day he was appointed to be Senior Grand Warden of his Province. That his services as a member of the Committee on Petitions were of a highly meritorious character, may be gathered from his election for the third time in June of last year, and as we are justified in anticipating his future conduct of affairs from what has gone before, we should say there is every probability that his Province will call upon him to continue on this Committee, so long as he has time and health to spare for the fulfilment of its duties. If we add that on the 25th June of last year, his connection with the St. John's Lodge ceased, we shall have noted all the leading points in his career as a Craft Mason.

As a R. A. Mason his career has necessarily been shorter, but we do not think we are over-stating the case if we declare it as our opinion that in this recognised branch of the Masonic science, he has achieved almost as great distinction as in the Craft pure and simple. He was exalted as a Companion in the Sincerity Chapter No. 189, East Stonehouse, on the 24th April 1871, or, in fact, only a few weeks after becoming a joining member of the Sincerity Lodge. In September of the same year, he was appointed First Grand Standard Bearer in the Provincial Grand Chapter. In January of the year following, he became Pr. Soj. in his Chapter, and in 1874, by a special dispensation of the Provincial Grand Superintendent, was installed as J. and H.; while in 1875, his honours as a Royal Arch Mason culminated in his installation as Z. or First Principal of the Chapter he had so regularly attended, and so ably served.

But it is not alone in Craft and Arch Masonry that our worthy brother has achieved distinction far above and beyond what ordinarily falls to the lot of Masons. On 2nd January 1872, he was advanced to the degree of Mark Master in Lodge Sincerity No. 35 East Stonehouse, and in the November following was appointed M.O. In 1873 he rose to the position of Senior Warden, and a week or two afterwards had the honour of the Junior Wardenship of the Provincial Grand Lodge of M.M.M. Devon conferred upon him, while on the very same day he joined the Elliott Mark Lodge, East Stonehouse. On 4th November 1874 he was installed as Master of the Sincerity, and in February of the current year he has achieved similar distinction in the Elliott Lodge. To complete the list of his Mark honours, we must add that in June 1876 he attained the rank of Junior Grand Deacon of the Mark Grand

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Lodge of England and Wales. As our readers are aware, the degree of Royal Ark Mariner is worked in association with, or, we should say rather, under the auspices of the Mark degree. It is not surprising, therefore, that one so attached to the latter should be desirous of fathoming the mysteries of the former, or that his desire should be abundantly gratified. Thus, we find that on the 23rd July 1873, he received the Ark degree in the Kent Lodge of M.M.M. in London; and in January 1875 he was installed the first W.C.N. of the Sincerity Lodge at East Stonehouse of Royal Ark Mariners, a post he was again elected to fill in January of the following year. He has further distinguished himself in the 18° A. and A. Rite, having been perfected in, and being foundation member of, the Huyshe Chapter, Plymouth, in April 1872, since when he has filled the several offices of Recorder, Second General and First General; and in 1876 was at length installed as M.W.S. of the same Chapter. He is now its Treasurer, having been elected as such in 1876, and re-elected last year. In 1875 he became G.E.K. K.H. 30°.

If we turn next to Templar Masonry, we shall find his achievements equally brilliant. In 1871 he was installed Knight in the Loyal Brunswick Encampment, East Stonehouse, and in 1873, as a Knight of Malta in the Royal Sussex Priory, Devonport. In 1875 he was installed as E. Preceptor of the Royal Sussex Preceptory, which he had joined in 1873, and E. Prior of the Royal Sussex Priory of Malta. He has held the office of Registrar of the Loyal Brunswick Preceptory since March 1873, and till quite recently was Provincial Chancellor of Devon, to which he was appointed in November 1873. He is also a member of the Council of the Great Prior of England, and Arch Treasurer of the Order. In the Order of Rome and Constantine, he has served with distinction in the capacity of M.P.S. of Sincerity Conclave, East Stonehouse, and he has been received as Royal, Select, and Super Excellent Master, in the Constantine Council, No. 2. He has been advanced to the degree of Zelator in the Rosicrucian Society, and is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. Thus in every branch of Freemasonry and its offshoots "A Devon Craftsman," has sought and found illumination to his own great credit, and to the benefit of the Societies of which he is so brilliant an ornament.

But while we recognise fully the praise which belongs to him for his indefatigable efforts to acquire Masonic knowledge of every kind, there is one portion of his labours for which he deserves a still higher degree of praise. Freemasonry, as is well-known, is a Society for the cultivation of science of the more abstract kind, but this is not the only purpose for which it is intended. There are certain doctrines of a simple character, having relation solely to the duties of man towards his fellows, and it is the first duty of all true and genuine Masons not only to inculcate, but likewise to practise these duties. Charity is, of course, the foremost amongst them, and in the field of Charity the subject of this sketch has already laboured hard, and we rejoice to say, most successfully. In 1875, he attended as Steward of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when besides taking up other contributions, he himself qualified as a Life Governor. In July of the same year, he was Steward at the Festival of the Boys' School, for the same Lodge, qualifying as a Life Governor. In February 1876, he a second time represented his Lodge at the Benevolent Festival, again qualified as a Life Governor, and handed in a list of over £100 to the funds of the Institution. In June of that year he acted as Steward for the Province of Devon at the Boys' Festival, became a Vice President of the School, and took up a list of over £170. In February of last year he for the third time attended the Benevolent Festival, but as Steward for the whole Province, the amount of his list, £360 5s, being the largest collected by an individual Steward. On this occasion he became Vice-President of the Institution. At the last Festival of the Boys', he again represented his Province. Thus in the brief space of three years he has been the means of raising considerably over £800 towards the funds of the Boys' and the Benevolent, and has placed himself on the list of subscribers as a Vice President to both Charities. These are worthy achievements, which honourably match with those he can point to in Lodge, Chapter, Conclave, Council. We will merely add *mecte virtute*. Some years hence it is probable the Masonic chronicler will find these six Stewardships have been multiplied considerably.

We have now completed our sketch of as worthy a Craftsman as the Metropolis or any of our Provinces can boast of. Those who know him intimately are aware that he is what he seems to be. His duties are many, and they are practised in private from a scrupulous sense of duty, just as they are in public from the same feeling, and without ostentation. To meet him, is to admire him; to know, is to love and respect him; and in taking leave, we bid him God Speed in all his undertakings. May the career that is before him be of long continuance, and fruitful of all good to him and to his!

## MILITARY LODGES.*

HAVING in a former article drawn the attention of our readers to the list of Military Lodges existing at the period of the Union of the two Grand Lodges in 1814, nearly all of which were originally warranted by the Grand Lodge of England "according to the old Constitutions," or governing body of the seceding brethren (Ancients), we are now able to exhibit lists of Military and Naval Lodges in work under the Grand Lodge of England, or Constitutional Grand Lodge, (Moderns) in 1765, 1788, and 1797 respectively.

LODGES, MILITARY AND NAVAL, 1765.

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| 195† | No. 8, King's Own Regiment of Foot ... ... | 1755 |
| 211 | Lodge in Captain Bell's Troop in the Right Hon. Lord Ancram's Regiment of Dragoons ... ... | 1756 |
| 237 | The Three Crowns at Plymouth, the Second Division of Marines ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1759 |
| 254 | A Lodge on board the Vanguard ... ... ... | 1760 |
| 279 | On board H.M. Ship "Prince," at Plymouth ... | 1762 |

NAVAL LODGE, 1788.

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| 181‡ | On board H.M. Ship Canceaux, at Quebec ... ... | 1762 |

MILITARY LODGES, 1797.

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| 112§ | 8th King's Own Regiment ... ... ... ... | 1755 |
| 156 | 52nd Regiment of Foot ... ... ... ... ... | 1762 |
| 233 | 21th Regiment of Foot ... ... ... ... ... | 1768 |
| 237 | In His Sicilian Majesty's Regiment, Naples ... ... | 1768 |
| 316 | 3rd Brigade, Bengal ... ... ... ... ... | 1775 |
| 322 | 2nd, or Coldstream Regiment of Guards ... ... | 1780 |
| 335 | 6th, or Inniskilling Regiment of Dragoons ... ... | 1777 |
| 342 | 1st Regiment Dragoon Guards ... ... ... ... | 1780 |
| 356 | E. Yorkshire Regiment of Militia ... ... ... | 1782‖ |
| 364 | N. Regiment of Devon Militia ... ... ... ... | 1783 |
| 377 | 34th Regiment of Foot .. ... ... ... ... | 1785 |
| 378 | 44th Regiment of Foot ... ... ... ... ... | 1785 |
| 398 | Carnatic Military Lodge ... ... ... ... | 1786 |
| 425 | Regiment of Anhalt Zerbst. ... ... ... ... | 1787 |
| 541 | Cheshire Militia ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1791‖ |

It will be seen that Naval Lodges had, in 1797, ceased to exist, though so late as 1810 the Grand Lodge of Scotland received a petition from Lieut. Crawford and other Naval Officers for a charter to hold a Lodge on board H M. Ship Ardent, which, after due consideration and consultation with the Sister Grand Lodges of England and Ireland, "The Grand Lodge felt herself constrained to refuse."¶

In reply to several correspondents who have addressed us on the subject of "Military Masonry," we hope to be able to pursue this inquiry in further articles, and shall endeavour, at the same time, to place before those interested in the subject some Masonic anecdotes connected with the two Services.

* For a former article on this subject, see page 209, No. 170.

† A New and Correct List of all the English Regular Lodges. London: J. Cooke, 1765.

‡ "Freemasons' Calendar," 1788.

§ "List of Lodges, 1797." E. Newberry, St. Paul's Church-yard.

‖ Lodges marked thus alone existed in 1814.

¶ "Laurie's History of Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of Scotland," 2nd Ed. 1859.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—The finest remedies in the world for bad legs, old wounds, sores, and ulcers. If used according to directions given with them, there is no wound, bad leg, or ulcerous sore, however obstinate or long standing, but will yield to their healing and curative properties. Numbers of persons who have been patients in several of the large hospitals and under the care of eminent surgeons without deriving the slightest benefit, have been thoroughly cured by Holloway's Ointment and Pills. For glandular swellings, tumours, scurvy, and diseases of the skin there is no medicine that can be used with so good an effect. In fact, in the worst forms of disease, dependent upon the condition of the blood, these medicines, if used constantly, are irresistible.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

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*We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.*

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## GRAND ORIENT AND ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the few lines I addressed to you on the 2nd instant, I was anxious to show to those of your Masonic readers why the passage objected to by "Q." in a "Free-Mason and P.M.'s" letter was erroneous in a Masonic point of view. It is true when we enter the portals of the Lodge we leave our creed behind us; we cast it off as a garment to be put on again, and clothe ourselves with the lambskin of purity, and that in all our obligations we swear by "one God," hence we are deists whilst in the Lodge. But this does not destroy our faith, whatever sect we belong to in the outer world; sufficient for us that we refrain from all religious and political discussions whilst in the Lodge, that peace and harmony may reign amongst us. My aim was to draw the line parallel, and show the Christian who is a Mason and swears by the G.A.O.T.U. that in so doing he is swearing by that God who Christ called His Father, and of whom he described himself as the "seed," and Saviour of Mankind; so the Buddhist, in a Masonic Lodge, swearing by the God or Father of Buddha, of which the latter represented himself as the "seed" and saviour of mankind, in so doing would not cast aside in the outer world his belief in Buddha.

Yours fraternally, T. B. R.

Canterbury, 16th March 1878.

## THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Now that the post of Secretary to this Institution is vacant through the lamented death of Bro. R. W. Little, allow me to suggest, through the medium of your columns, that on the election of a successor the system of proxy instead of personal voting be adopted (especially as there is no immediate necessity to proceed to the election of Secretary). To this end let voting papers with the names of the several candidates be issued to the electors, clear instructions being at the same time furnished as to the manner in which they are to indicate the particular candidate they are desirous to support.

Let these papers, duly filled up and signed, be delivered to the Court by a particular hour, on the day appointed, and then let a body of scrutineers be told off to count the votes accorded to each candidate, and, this done, let the chairman announce the result.

My object in offering this suggestion is obviously to spare our Provincial brethren the *trouble and expense* of paying a special visit to London, which they must do if the system of personal voting is persevered in.

This plan will in nowise be injurious to any one candidate, while the provinces and the metropolis will be as nearly as possible on the same footing; on the other hand, in the case of personal voting, it will cost brethren in our remoter provinces, who are determined to exercise their right, as many pounds, to say nothing of their trouble, as it will cost pence to metropolitan brethren for railway, cab, or omnibus fare.

There is a second point which seems to me well worthy of consideration. A Special Court must be convened for the purpose of the Election, after the Committee appointed by the House Committee have sent in their report, and as the Election for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place on the 17th May, I think it would be an act of grace on the part of the Committee of the Girls' School if they appointed the same day for the contest for the Secretaryship.

In such case, and in the event of personal voting being insisted on, many provincial brethren who are already bound to visit London for the Benevolent Election, would be enabled to record their votes at the election of a successor to our late Bro. Little.

I am, Dear Sir and Bro.,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN CONSTABLE,

*Vice-Patron.*

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I shall feel obliged if you will kindly allow me to announce in your columns that Bro. A. Best, of the Freemasons' Tavern, has generously offered me the use of a room, with every facility for carrying out the ballot for my allotment of Life Governorships and Life Subscriberships of the Girls' School, on an evening previous to the forthcoming Festival. The brethren who have subscribed for my tickets will be informed of the day and hour by advertisement in the next number of your paper.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

ARTHUR E. GLADWELL, Steward.

21 Great Ormond-street, W.C.

## P.M.'S AND THEIR PRIVILEGES.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—Kindly answer the following queries:—

1. Does a P.M. lose his right of assisting at a Board of Installed Masters, or of wearing his P.M.'s jewel if he does not subscribe to any English Lodge; and can he be admitted to a Board of Installed Masters under the English Constitutions?

2. The Immediate Past Master has resigned, likewise the Senior P.M.; what is the duty of the Master of the Lodge under the circumstances.

A YOUNG W.M.

[In our opinion, the answer to the first question is governed by the Constitutions, page 18. A Past Master, who ceases for twelve months to be a subscribing member to any Lodge, we are told, "shall no longer continue a member of the Grand Lodge; nor can he regain that privilege until again installed Master of a Lodge." If, then, the case contemplated by "A Young W.M." is one of a Past Master's severing his connection with the Fraternity, we should say he would not be admissible to a Board of Installed Masters under our Constitutions, nor could he wear a P.M.'s jewel. If, however, the case is that of a Past Master of an English Lodge ceasing to subscribe thereto, yet retaining his connection with the Craft by joining a Lodge under a Foreign jurisdiction recognised by our Grand Lodge, then we think he would still retain all his privileges as an English Past Master. Let us take the case of a Past Master of (say) our Antiquity Lodge, who changes his residence from London to New York. If he withdraws from the Fraternity entirely, he loses his status, and cannot recover it till he has again passed the chair of a Lodge; but if he becomes a subscribing member of some New York Lodge, it seems to us that he retains his privileges.

As regards Question 2.—If the I.P.M. and the senior P.M. are the only P.M.'s of the Lodge, it will be in the position of a newly-constituted Lodge of less than one year's standing, and the W.M. should try to induce some qualified brother to join, with a view to his acting as I.P.M.; or if there be already a P.M. among the members, let him be invited to act. But if there are more than two P.M.'s, there will still be a senior P.M. who will become such by the resignation of his elder brother. "A Young W.M." may even imagine that, though *the* I.P.M. has resigned, he still has an I.P.M. in his Lodge; for the junior P.M. but one would certainly, out of the P.M.'s subscribing to the Lodge, be *the* Past Master who had immediately preceded the W.M. in the chair, there being no other *subscribing* member of the Lodge who had intervened between them.—ED. F.C.]

## THE LATE BRO. THOMAS AUSTIN.

ON Saturday, the 13th instant, the remains of Bro. Thomas Austin were interred in the Tower Hamlets Cemetery, Bow-road. The funeral *cortège*, which was conducted by Bro. R. Ayton P.M. 933, consisted of a hearse drawn by four horses, and four mourning carriages. The first carriage contained Bro. Stedman (a nephew of the deceased), Bro. E. Williams (the executor), and Mr. Weybret (an old friend). In the second carriage were Bros. J. G. Stevens, T. J. Barnes, Wainwright, and Myers. In the third carriage were Bros. Brown, Jonathan Taylor, Tucker, and W. Yetton. In the fourth carriage were Bros. Candlek, T. Yetton, and Eastwood. On the arrival at the Cemetery, the Rev. Bro. David Shaboe joined the procession to the church; he was accompanied by a numerous assemblage of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. Lacey, Barnes jun., Mole, Adams, Dudley, Gilchrist, Webb, J. J. Marsh, Lazarus, Job, Houghton, I. P. Cohen, Abrahams, Cotter, Jones, Edney, Battran, Waterer, McDonald, Holliday, McCarthy, Hogarth, Gaskell, Johnson, Lindus, Pinnell, John Taylor, Hewlett, and others, representing the following Lodges:—viz., 933, 554, 174, 1421, 186, 1306, 1178, 1326, 188, 1607, 1076, 205, 1579, 1445, 1107, &c., &c.

After the impressive ceremony of the service for burial of the dead had been read in the church, the procession was formed and followed the remains of the deceased to the grave, each brother being supplied with a sprig of acacia. On the arrival at the grave, and after the coffin had been lowered to its resting place, the concluding portion of the service was read; during which the coffin was bestrewed with acacia sprigs, and a bunch of white camelias was gracefully added by a lady, the daughter of a respected P.M. of the Doric Lodge.

Many expressions of regret and fraternal regard were uttered as to the genial temper and urbanity of Bro. Austin, and the universal opinion of the brethren testified to his worth, and ability as a Masonic Preceptor, his love for Freemasonry, and earnest desire to "look with an eye of charity on the failings of a brother."

B. J. P.

## THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

LODGE of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. There was a large attendance of brethren. Bro. J. M. Clabon presided; Bro. Joshua Nunn was in the Senior Vice-President's chair, and Bro. James Brett in the chair of Junior Vice-President. Bros. Rawson, Levander, Cubitt, Hegard, Joseph Smith, Coutts, Dr. Woodman, Case, C. P. Cobham, John Constable, Rev. Dr. Brette, John Hervey, H. G. Buss, J. M. Klenck, D. R. Still, Nelson Reed, and C. B. Payne Grand Tyler, were among the other brethren who attended. There were twenty-five candidates for relief, and of these assistance was given to twenty-one, to the extent of £135. Three cases were incomplete, and the consideration of them was deferred. In one case the petitioner had died since his application was sent in,

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## In Memoriam.

### ROBERT WENTWORTH LITTLE,

BORN 10th AUGUST 1838,

DIED 12th APRIL 1878.

IT is not surprising that, in a numerous Fraternity like ours, the painful duty of recording the death of some distinguished brother should occasionally devolve upon us. Last week, it was an able Preceptor whose obituary appeared in these columns. This week our task is to chronicle the virtues of a still more prominent member of the Craft, whose death, unfortunately, albeit he was in the prime of life, has been for months past expected by all who knew him. For a long time our deceased brother had suffered from that insidious disease whose ravages in our variable climate are so terrible, and it was long ago apparent that sooner or later, as his physical strength was capable of bearing a more or less prolonged strain, the end must come. But though so long foreseen, his death appears to have come upon us at the last as a surprise. We had been so accustomed to hear of his illness one day, and the next of his partial restoration to health, that many brethren can hardly for the moment realise that one whose name has been so familiar to them, is gone at last to that country, "from whose bourn no traveller returns." But let us pass without further consideration to the sad duty of the moment. Bro. R. Wentworth Little, the able and energetic Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, died on Friday last, and on Wednesday his remains were committed to the earth, in the presence of a numerous gathering of Freemasons, who had known him intimately in life, and were resolved on paying him this last tribute of their love and respect. That he was in every way worthy of such tribute may be gathered from a brief sketch of his career. We need not go much into detail, for in the year 1876 there appeared in these columns a pen and ink portrait of him as a brother well versed in the abstruse branches of Masonic science.* He was initiated in the Royal Union Lodge, Uxbridge, in the year 1861. In 1862, he was appointed to a junior post in the Grand Secretary's office, and in 1866, he rose to be second clerk and cashier. In 1872, he became a candidate for the Secretaryship now rendered vacant by his death, and in the beginning of 1873 he entered on his important duties. How well he performed them it is needless to point out. In the year of his election the income of the Girls' School was only £5,200. Last year, but little short of £10,000 was obtained at the Festival, while the income from all sources was in round figures £11,854. This is enough to show how ably, how energetically, and how conscientiously he must have laboured in behalf of the Institution, and if for no other reason than this his memory will always be held sacred among English Masons. He will be held up as an example to others, and whenever it may be judged wise to encourage a young brother to strive earnestly and laboriously to fulfil his duties, we can readily imagine that the successful labours of Bro. Little will be cited, and that he will receive the simple injunction, "Go thou, and do likewise." At all events, whether we do or do not imagine this may happen, there is every reason why such an injunction should be given to the Masonic novice, more especially as Bro. Little was not only an able official, but was likewise a brilliant Mason, who had achieved distinction of no ordinary character in every branch of Freemasonry. Thus, in Craft he had held the honourable post of Prov. Grand Secretary of Middlesex from its erection into a Province till a little less than a year since, when he received the still higher honour of being appointed Dep. Prov. G. Master. He had been Prov. G. H. of his Prov. Grand Chapter; while in the Mark Degree, in the A. and A. Rite, and in the several Orders of Masonic Knighthood, the honours he had had conferred on him were as numerous as they were considerable. He was, moreover, an able exponent of Masonic science. He had written much and well, and though it is probable that his health had latterly prevented him from using his pen as freely as of yore, he was a safe adviser in matters of Masonic practice and a learned teacher of Masonic doctrine. Moreover, he enjoyed what may certainly be described as the unique honour of having consecrated all the Lodges in the Province of Middlesex, while he was an honorary member of upwards of eighty Lodges and Chapters. Again, in the practice of that particular virtue which is so strictly enjoined on all Masons, Bro. Little had played his part worthily. He was a liberal supporter of all our Institutions, and had served many Stewardships, but especially was this the case with that Institution with which, for nearly six years past, his name had been associated. But need we say more in praise of him who is gone for ever from among us? The mournful procession of his brethren moving slowly round the place of his burial, and casting their sprigs of acacia into his grave, is testimony sufficient to the love and esteem in which he was held. He was, indeed, a worthy brother. As an officer of one of our Schools, he was distinguished by energy and ability; as a Mason, he was a wise ruler and a trustworthy counsellor; as an exponent of our mysteries in various Masonic periodicals, he had the pen of a learned as well as of a fluent writer. To her who is left behind to mourn his loss, who knew him most intimately, and must therefore feel the burden of her sorrow almost too heavy for her to bear, we offer our humble tribute of respect. We dare not intrude further on the privacy of her grief, but we take leave to say that at this supreme moment of her agony, she must derive her chief consolation from the knowledge that every Mason who has heard the name of Little associated it, as a matter of course, with the successful administration of our oldest Charitable Institution; while those who knew him, loved and respected him the more deeply the more intimate was their knowledge of his many and amiable claims on their regard.

* See "The Mystic," pp. 100-105, *Masonic Portraits*, published by W. W. Morgan, 67 Barbican.

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As a matter of course there are already several candidates in the field for the vacant Secretaryship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The names which have reached us thus far are those of Bro. Hedges, Bro. C. FitzGerald Matier our genial and energetic "Peripatetic Brother," Bro. H. A. Dubois, and Bro. Crick. The address of Bro. Matier will be found in our advertisement columns.

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The Installation Meeting of the Langton Lodge, No. 1673, was held on Wednesday evening at the Masonic Club, Queen Victoria-street. Bro. H. D. Stead W.M. presided, and in due course installed, in a manner to be greatly commended, Bro. Jos. Langton as his successor. The Officers were then appointed, and later in the evening the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was in every way worthy of the Club *cuisine* and its excellent *chef*. A most pleasant evening was spent; but owing to pressure on our space, a full report of the proceedings is held over till next week.

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We have received copies of some catalogues of Bro. Dick Radclyffe and Co., the well known horticulturists and floral decorators, of 129 High Holborn. To most of our readers the name of this firm must be familiar, for at many of our Lodge meetings—the Etonian of Windsor is a case which occurs to us at the moment of writing—we have had opportunities of judging of their taste in floral decoration. A Masonic banquet room, well furnished with rare plants and flowers, presents a very effective picture. It is certainly "a thing of beauty," if not exactly "a joy for ever." Indeed, our readers may easily picture to themselves the prettiness of such a scene, and there are many and valid reasons why, at our festive gatherings, we should endeavour to minister to the pleasures of the eye as well as to those of the palate. As regards the catalogues to which we have referred, it will suffice if we say that they contain lists of every kind of kitchen-garden and floral-garden seeds, of choice plants and of all things requisite for effective floral decoration, whether for conservatories, for window-gardening, for rooms and halls, or for the garden, arbours, &c.; and we commend them to the notice of those of our readers who have a taste for this particular form of pleasure.

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## QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THIS Court was held last Saturday, in the large Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, under the chairmanship of Colonel Creaton. The attendance of the brethren was very large. At the commencement of the business Colonel Creaton announced the death of Bro. R. Wentworth Little, the Secretary, which occurred the previous evening. On the motion of Bro. John Boyd, Colonel Creaton was authorised to sign cheques, and a letter of condolence with the widow of Bro. Little was ordered to be written and sent to her. The chairman then informed the brethren, that although the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to the Institution had fallen through for the present, he believed it would take place in the ensuing June or July. On the motion of Bro. Joseph Smith, seconded by Bro. Sabine, Colonel Creaton was elected Treasurer of the Institution. The General Committee of last year was re-elected, and resolutions were come to to elect nineteen girls; to transfer the funded property of the Institution into the names of the present trustees; and to authorise the Building Committee to incur an expense of £900 in laying out the grounds of the Institution. Colonel Creaton said that the Institution had bought a new piece of ground, which required to be laid out; and the old ground had been so much cut up with the works in connection with the new buildings, that it also required entire relaying out. He then suggested that as the works would not be complete by the time the new House Committee was elected, that the present House Committee, who had been appointed the Building Committee, should remain the Building Committee till the works were finished, as he thought it would be unfair that the existing Building Committee, who had had all the trouble, should have the completion of the work executed under the supervision of any new body. The meeting concurred in the chairman's view, and unanimously decided to let the present Building Committee continue to discharge their function still the works were finished. Bro. Thomas W. White's motion—

"That John Bond Cabbell, Esq., the Devisee of Trust Estates under the will of the late Bro. Benjamin Bond Cabbell, the survivor of the Trustees in whom the property of the Institution is vested, be requested and authorised to execute the necessary documents to vest the said property in the present trustees," viz.:—

The Right Hon. the Lord Leigh, Lieut.-Col. J. Creaton, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Right Hon. the Lord Skelmersdale, was then brought on and carried, and after the chairman had stated that the condition of the grave of Miss Crooke, for thirty-four years matron to the School, should be attended to (the matter had been drawn to his notice by Bro. Sabine), the election of the nineteen girls was taken.

## QUARTERLY COURT OF THE BOY'S SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of Subscribers to the Masonic Boys' School was held on Monday, in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Col. Creaton. On the motion of Bro. Raynham Stewart, seconded by Bro. H. A. Dubois, Lord Leigh, who had expressed his willingness to act as trustee in the room of the late Bro. Bentley Shaw, was elected as a trustee of the Institution. A letter of condolence was directed to be written and sent to the widow and family of Bro. Bentley Shaw, and Bro. George Plucknett was afterwards re-elected Treasurer of the School. The General Committee was re-elected, and after scrutineers of votes had been appointed, the election of thirty-one boys to the School took place.

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

**Polish National Lodge, No. 534.**—The annual meeting, for Installation of Worshipful Master and appointment of Officers took place on Thursday evening, the 11th April, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. The W.M. Bro. J. H. Cumming presided, supported by his Officers, and there were present the following Past Masters: Bros. John Boyd, W. Paas, Sculczewsky, Nowakowsky, Moore, &c., while amongst the Visitors were Bros. A. A. Davis P.M. 90, J. B. Sorrell P.M. 176, George Hunt (Revere, Boston), John Webber P.M., W. G. Atkins J.W. 857, G. R. Shervill W.M. 25, H. W. Alford 228, F. H. Atkins W.M. 890, S. B. Lipscombe J.D. 15, F. Romano 101, C. Phillips 185, Saegert P.M. 548, Gibson 3, F. Binckes G.S., Capt. J. Wordsworth G.S., Hubbard 813, Kift 749, E. Collins 25, W. W. Morgan 211, &c.. The Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Jacomo Niedzielski, who had for proposer and seconder Bros. Dr. Jagielski and J. W. Ebner; the result was unanimous in that gentleman's favour. Bro. P.M. Moore, at the request of Bro. Cumming, now assumed the collar of W.M., and the worthy Secretary, Bro. Paas, presented Bro. Ebner for the benefit of installation. Bro. Moore then proceeded with the ceremony, which he completed in an eminently satisfactory manner, at the same time we must not forget to mention he had had no intimation previously that his services for this important duty would be in request. On the re-admission of those who have to content themselves with wearing the rosettes, the W.M. was saluted, and he appointed his Officers:—Bros. Aspinall S.W., Taylor J.W., J. Boyd P.M. Treasurer, W. Paas P.M. Secretary, Dr. Jagielski S.D., Dr. Corrie Jackson J.D., Lancaster I.G., Smith D.C., Becket Tyler. Bro. Moore then delivered the addresses and resumed his seat, after receiving the thanks of the brethren for the way he had conducted the installation. The new Master then proceeded with the ceremony of initiation in favour of his friend, Mr. Niedzielski, and evidenced that his attendance at the meetings for instruction which are periodically held by the members of this Lodge, had borne good fruit. The ceremony was faultlessly and impressively performed. After the report of the audit committee had been presented, and routine business transacted, the Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was then served in the Crown Room, and the viands were ably discussed. Bro. Ebner presided, and intimated, on rising to propose the several toasts, that as there were present several talented brethren, who were competent and willing to entertain the guests, he would not occupy much time in introducing the toasts. The health of Her Majesty and that of the M.W. the Grand Master were each offered, and fully honoured, the musical party effectively singing the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The toast of His Royal Highness the Grand Master was followed by a selection on the violin, by Bro. Niedzielski, who was accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Giuseppe Romano. The performance was admirable, and well deserved the hearty applause with which it was greeted. With the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present were associated the names of Bros. Captain Wordsworth and John Boyd, and these having acknowledged the compliment paid them, Bro. W. W. Morgan gave selections from Knowles's *William Tell*. Bro. J. H. Cummings I.P.M. in brief, but felicitous terms, proposed the health of the W.M., and Bro. Ebner as briefly and felicitously responded. On proposing the health of the initiate, Bro. Niedzielski, the W.M. remarked that not only was he a Pole, but likewise an artist of a very high order of merit, as had already been shown by the performance with which he had favoured them. After a song by Bro. Dr. Jagielski, Bro. Niedzielski rose, and expressed his thanks for the kind reception they had accorded him. He was much gratified to know that he had been able to add to the pleasure of those present, and he trusted it would not be the last occasion on which he should have it in his power to contribute his modest quota of entertainment at their festive gatherings. With the toast of the Visitors were associated the names of Bros. Shervill, Binckes, and Hunt, each of whom replied, and Bro. Binckes in doing so mentioned incidentally that twenty years since he had had the pleasure of visiting the Polish National Lodge. After a Duett, by Bros. Hubbard and Kift, the toast of the P.M.'s,—the name of the I.P.M. Bro. Cummings being connected with it. Bro. Cummings responded, as also did Bro. Sculczewsky, who said that Bro. Binckes's reference to bygone days had brought a flood of recollections before his mind. As he gazed around him, he could not fail to miss many dear friends, who had been with them in the past. Still, it was a source of great gratification to him to see the present flourishing condition of his Lodge, and he trusted he might yet live many days to watch the continuance of the Polish National in its career of prosperity. He regretted the absence of Bro. Rath, and hoped that it was not in consequence of illness they had been deprived of the pleasure of his society that evening. Bro. Sculczewsky concluded this brief but effective speech by thanking the brethren present for the kind and cordial manner in which they had received the toast. Of the other toasts, we need only mention that of the Charities, to which Bro. Binckes replied with his accustomed eloquence. A conspicuous feature of the evening was the shortness of the speeches and the unusual strength and excellence of the musical part of the entertainment. Not only were the initiate, Brother Niedzielski with his violin, and Brother Romano on the pianoforte to the fore in this portion of the proceedings, but Bros. Kift, Hubbard, Dr. Jagielski, Dr. Corrie Jackson, and E. Collins contributed among them several songs and glees, a list of which we append for the benefit of our readers. Glee—"Strike the Lyre," Cooke. Part song—"The Soldier's Love," Kucken. Duett—"Twenty large domains," Balfe. Part song "Tar's song." Hatton. Song—"He was a careful Man." Song—"Kitty," admirably rendered by Bro. Collins, and Song—"The Leather Bottell," to which Bro. Hubbard did full justice.

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LT.-COL. JOHN CREATON, V.P. AND TRUSTEE, IN THE CHAIR.

After the General Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by Ballot, of Nineteen Children into the Institution, from a list of 24 approved Candidates, when the following were declared duly Elected:—

| No. on List. | | No. on Poll. | |
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| 18 | Simmonds, Grace ... | 1 | 1064 |
| 16 | Bolton, Dora ... | 2 | 1171 |
| 2 | Thompson, Louisa Marion | 3 | 1074 |
| 14 | Wayne, Mary L.... ... | 4 | 1041 |
| 7 | Whyatt, Marion ... | 5 | 1040 |
| 5 | Reed, Bessie ... ... | 6 | 1022 |
| 20 | Carter, Maud ... ... | 7 | 1016 |
| 22 | Cowley, Clara M. ... | 8 | 1004 |
| 12 | Stephenson, Lilian ... | 9 | 974 |
| 3 | Sparging, Eleanor E. | 10 | 972 |
| 13 | Norrish, Susanna M.... | 11 | 963 |
| 8 | Daly, Gertrude A. ... | 12 | 947 |
| 15 | Bellamy, Effie R. ... | 13 | 941 |
| 6 | Wilton, Florrance E. | 14 | 911 |
| 4 | Hood, Harriet E. ... | 15 | 896 |
| 23 | Symon, Rosina A. ... | 16 | 872 |
| 24 | Brunskill, Adelaide M. | 17 | 853 |
| 19 | Thomas, Emily C. ... | 18 | 852 |
| 11 | Wright, Clarissa E. ... | 19 | 816 |

The numbers of votes recorded for unsuccessful candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's Office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election if eligible.

J. CREATON, Chairman.

## To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—

In consequence of the lamented death of Bro. R. W. Little, the Secretaryship of our Institution is at your disposal.

At the request of many influential brethren I have consented to become a candidate for the vacant post, and have the honour to solicit your votes and interest on my behalf.

In the course of a few days a circular will be sent you, which I trust will receive your favourable consideration.

I am,

My Lords, Ladies and Brethren,

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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers, held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 15th day of April 1878.

W. Bro. COL. JOHN CREATON, V. PAT., TRUSTEE, IN THE CHAIR.

A Ballot took place for the Election of Thirty-one Boys, from a List of Seventy seven Candidates, when the following were declared to be duly elected:

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| 1 | Deeley, R. P. Fras. ... | 1811 | 17 | Crew, Frederick Alt ... | 1037 |
| 2 | Shury, Solomon Hiram ... | 1753 | 18 | Busher, Samuel Longton... | 1032 |
| 3 | Dyer, Frederick ... | 1650 | 19 | Cowley, Ernest Edgar ... | 1002 |
| 4 | Searle, Harry Bulmer ... | 1564 | 20 | Taylor, Richard Tom ... | 999 |
| 5 | Garstin, William Lionel ... | 1424 | 21 | Roberts, Samuel Currey ... | 996 |
| 6 | Webb, Charles Thomas ... | 1384 | 22 | Shapland, Frns. Gorwyn... | 969 |
| 7 | Bingham, Herbert ... | 1379 | 23 | Jepson, James Thomas ... | 961 |
| 8 | Ceely, John Robert Gordon | 1347 | 24 | Woon, Albert Allen ... | 938 |
| 9 | Taylor, Ernest G. W. J. ... | 1235 | 25 | Hennet, William Follett ... | 927 |
| 10 | Sharp, Colin Bell ... | 1198 | 26 | Mundy, Henry Seymour... | 925 |
| 11 | Nash, Stanley Harry ... | 1118 | 27 | Hutton, John Fredk. Wm. | 920 |
| 12 | Stone, Charles Edgar ... | 1115 | 28 | Riley, Robert ... ... | 906 |
| 13 | Cooper, Walter Percy ... | 1113 | 29 | Allen, Albert Chas. ... | 903 |
| 14 | Balcombe, Walter Jno. ... | 1104 | 30 | Mackay, Jas. M. H. ... | 876 |
| 15 | Hunt, Edward Clark ... | 1028 | 31 | King, Edward W. ... ... | 891 |
| 16 | Gibson, Walter James ... | 1022 | | | |

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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

WHATEVER may be the opinion of the half score or dozen members of the House of Commons who voted the other evening for a shorter holiday than was proposed by the Government, we believe that members generally will be only too glad to obtain some relaxation from their arduous duties. They met three weeks earlier than usual, the Session has been a most exciting one, and if there has not been an overwhelming amount of business despatched, we need not go very far to discover the reason. We believe, too, that under all the circumstances, Parliament is quite content to leave the hands of Government unfettered. All the world knows what the ministerial policy is, and there is no doubt that the Cabinet will continue to observe, in the main, the lines which have been hitherto followed. As for imagining that the Government are more likely to advise Her Majesty to declare war during the Easter holidays than a few days before or a few days after, the bare suggestion of such an idea betokens a considerable amount of fatuity in those who make it. The situation is the same as it was on the 2nd instant, when Lord Salisbury's despatch had been written, and his Lordship went down to Windsor to receive the seals of office as Foreign Secretary. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has told the House distinctly that there is no change for the worse, and that he still indulged the hope that a satisfactory issue to the present crisis would be found. There was then no reason whatever for Mr. Fawcett to move, as he did on Tuesday afternoon, that the House should adjourn for a fortnight instead of three weeks, and the common sense of the House may be gathered from the insignificant minority which supported the honourable gentleman. However, let us give in outline the Parliamentary events of the last few days. In the House of Lords, on Thursday, the Endowed Schools and Hospitals (Scotland) Bill passed through Committee, and the report of Amendments on the Education (Scotland) Bill was received. A few questions respecting Continuous Brakes, City Churches, and other matters occupied the rest of the sitting. The greater part of Friday was devoted to discussing a resolution of Lord Oranmore and Browne on the subject of Agrarian Crime in Ireland. Among the speakers were the Earl of Dunraven, the Lord Chancellor, and Lords Lifford, Carlingford, and O'Hagan. The first part of the motion, which called upon the Government to take further precautions against these outrages was withdrawn, but the latter part, in which a return of the number of such outrages against person and property reported to the police between 1st January 1875 and 28th February 1878 was asked for, was conceded by the Government. On Monday, Earl Beauchamp, the Lord Steward, read a reply from Her Majesty to the address voted the previous week on her gracious message respecting the Reserve Forces. The Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill was read a second time. A question by the Duke of Somerset as to the shell and plate experiments now being

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conducted at Shoeburyness, was answered by Viscount Bury. On Tuesday, the Marquis of Salisbury offered a few remarks on some recent comments of Lord Derby's as to the Austrian Army, which had given offence in Vienna. The Foreign Secretary pointed out that these comments had been made by the noble Earl on his individual responsibility; that there was nothing in the Foreign Office on which, in his (Lord Salisbury's) opinion, they were based, and that the noble Earl's views were not shared by the Government. The House, on the motion of the Earl of Beaconsfield, shortly afterwards adjourned.

In the House of Commons on Thursday, the greater part of the evening was occupied in discussing the financial measures of the Government. For this purpose, of course, the House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, and then a course of criticism was begun, the principal critics being Mr. C. Lewis, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Childers, and Mr. Goschen. The Chancellor of the Exchequer replied, the resolution of the Government was agreed to, and the House resumed. The rest of the time was devoted to the second reading of the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill, which was passed by a majority of 164 to 31. On Friday afternoon the Budget resolutions were reported to the House, and that on the Dog Tax was ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Customs and Inland Revenue. The adjourned debate on the second reading of the Public Works Loans Bill was resumed, and the bill passed this stage without a division. At nine o'clock the House resumed, but it would have been better had there been a count out, for hour after hour was wasted in discussing a motion by Mr. O'Donnell respecting the action of the Government in relation to the recent murder of Lord Leitrim. The honourable member had not proceeded far in his remarks, when he was interrupted by Dr. Kenealy. He went on, however, to state his views, but in a very short time there was a "scene" such as has not been witnessed for many a long year. The exact nature of this will never be known, for a motion that strangers withdraw was carried, and the House sat with closed doors till half-past twelve, when strangers were re-admitted, and the House shortly afterwards adjourned. On Monday, the Customs and Inland Revenue passed through Committee, all the Ministerial proposals being carried by immense majorities. The Public Works Loans Bill also passed through Committee. On Tuesday afternoon, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in reply to Mr. Forster explained the present position of affairs, and afterwards moved that the House on rising should adjourn till the 6th May. A long discussion ensued, in which Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Mr. Fawcett, Mr. Courtney, and Mr. E. Jenkins took part, but on a division the Government were supported by 168, while the Opposition mustered ten only. Then followed a long and unsatisfactory debate about a question of privilege, which Mr. O'Donnell brought forward. However, the Chancellor of the Exchequer's motion that the House proceed to the other Orders of the day was agreed to, but not till Mr. Parnell had been more than once rebuked by the Speaker for his conduct. In the evening the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill as amended was agreed to, and the third reading fixed for the 6th May, when the House will meet again after the Easter holidays.

The Court are at Osborne. On Sunday the Princess Beatrice, the youngest of the Queen's children, completed her twenty-first year, and the occasion was celebrated quietly and without parade, the band of the Royal Marines playing a selection of sacred music under Her Royal Highness's widow at an early hour in the morning, and a second selection during and after dinner. The Duke of Connaught and the Princess Louise with her husband the Marquis of Lorne arrived at Osborne on Saturday, and were therefore of the Royal Party. On Thursday the Queen held a Council at which the Chancellor of the Exchequer and other Ministers were present. As regards the movements of the Prince and Princess of Wales and their guests the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark, the latter are making the best use of their time, and are going everywhere and seeing everything. On Friday the English and Danish Princes and Princesses dined with the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury, at their residence in Arlington-street. On Saturday the two Princes were present at the University Boat Race, and in the evening were entertained at dinner by the Duke of Cambridge. On Monday the Crown Prince visited Millbank Prison. On Tuesday the Royal party went down by special train to Sandringham, where they will spend Easter. The Princesses Louise Victoria and Maud of Wales also arrived at Sandringham the same afternoon.

In the athletic world the week has been an eventful one. We will say nothing as to the Inter-University Boat-race, as our readers know well already which of the rival Blues secured the victory, and with what consummate ease they did so. However, on Friday in magnificent weather and in the presence therefore of a great assemblage, the fortunes of the Light Blue had the upper hand at the Inter-University sports. The programme included nine events—the hundred yards, the quarter mile, the hurdles, high jump, long jump, throwing the hammer, putting the weight, the mile, and the three miles; and in five of these, the hurdles, the quarter-mile, the high jump, throwing the hammer, and putting the weight, Cambridge came off victorious, while Oxford won the remaining four. On Saturday at the same grounds, but in miserable weather, there was a repetition of last year's experiment as to trials of strength between men and animals, and everything passed off as well as was expected. On Monday was held the Champion Amateur Athletic Meeting, and unlike last year and the year before, the weather was all that could be desired. The programme included, besides the ordinary events, a seven miles walking match, and a four miles running match, Venn being the winner of the former, and Gibbs of the latter. This must be regarded as the principal athletic event of the year. As to long distance walking there has been another race at the Agricultural Hall, but only one thing of moment happened and that was the shocking death of a man who madly climbed to a girder under the roof and stood on his head, and in attempting to recover his position he lost his balance and fell to the ground. It is needless to say that he was picked up dead.

Madame Rachel has probably but few, if any, who sympathise with her in her present strait. Only a few years ago she was tried and convicted of obtaining a sum of three thousand pounds from a Mrs. Borrodaile, and was sentenced to five years' penal servitude; but this does not appear to have exercised a sufficiently deterrent effect. She had resumed her odious practices, and had got hold of another silly dupe, whom she induced to part with her jewels in order to be made beautiful by means of the enamelling process. Her trial was concluded last week, and she is again undergoing a sentence of penal servitude for an equal term of years. Judge Huddlestone, in passing sentence, expressed his intention of not reducing, even by a single day, the full amount of punishment which the law permitted him to award, and the public have fully endorsed his action. The Mrs. Borrodailes and Mrs. Pearses may congratulate themselves that for five years they will have one chance the less of foolishly squandering their money.

Little need be said as to our naval and military preparations. We have a magnificent fleet ready for any service, and to-day (Saturday) the Reserves of the First Army Corps will join their depots, and in the course of a short time be under arms with the colours. There is, however, one item of news worth mentioning. The Indian Government have received orders from home to despatch a small part of our native Indian army to Malta. The force is not a large one, and consists only of two Light Cavalry regiments, six regiments of Infantry, two batteries of Artillery, and four companies of Sappers and Miners; but it is not so much the numerical strength of this force which will attract the notice of the public, both in England and on the Continent, as the Government's determination, of which it is the evidence, to utilize the vast military resources of our Indian Empire in case of necessity. Englishmen are perfectly well aware that it would take but a little time to raise 100,000, or even a quarter of a million of men in India, and they are not to be despised as troops when commanded by English or even Native officers. We know what the Sikhs did against us in the Punjab, and what they did for us during the mutiny. They are a warlike race, capable of giving a good account even of the disciplined Tartar hordes of the Czar of Russia. The Ghoorkas, too, are immensely partial to fighting, and will have no objection to fight the Russians. Our old Sepoy troops are excellent raw material, and have many a victory to boast of; so that, though the force may be small which will shortly be on its way to Malta, the act of despatching them will have a significance, and may exercise an effect for good on the political agents of the Emperor Alexander.

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As regards the Eastern Question, we have but little to say. England holds firmly by the position delineated in Lord Salisbury's despatch, and she will not deviate from it. The world for the most part applauds her for the decision she has arrived at. Russia, however, seems equally determined to insist on the treaty of San Stefano, and has shown as yet no intention of modifying her tone, and until she does so, until she is willing to place the whole of the treaty before a Congress of the Powers, it seems clear that no Congress will be held, and the difference as between Russia and this country will have to be settled by an appeal to arms. We trust this may not happen, but it is idle to ignore the possibility of its happening. As to the position at Constantinople, the rival diplomatists are striving to influence the Sultan and his Government, the Russians to make alliance with the Czar, and Mr. Layard to incline them toward England. So far the Sultan has managed to keep neutral, to the great chagrin of the Grand Duke Nicholas and M. Nelidoff; but his case is a hard one, and he needs all the nerve he possesses, and if report be true, a great deal more than he possesses, to keep himself disentangled. As to the Roumanian question, Prince Charles and his gallant army decline to be disarmed, and will make a fight of it. They will also refuse to restore their portion of Bessarabia, and are appealing to the Powers to support them in their refusal. Austria-Hungary has succeeded in raising a loan of fifty-five million florins, but her mind does not yet seem made up as to the course she shall pursue. The revolt in Thessaly continues, and fresh troops are being despatched to the scene of action by the Porte. Servia is about disarming, and Greece is looking on, anxiously awaiting her opportunity. In short, the position is one of expectancy, and we rejoice to say that so long as this remains, so long is there a hope that a second and more terrible war may not succeed the one just concluded.

We beg to remind our readers of the announcement which appeared in our columns last week that the Grand Festival will be held on Wednesday next, at Freemasons' Hall. Tickets may be had of any of the Grand Stewards, but none will be issued after four o'clock on the day preceding the Festival. Dinner will be served precisely at 6.30 p.m., and the chair will be occupied by the Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. C. E. Willing, Grand Organist. Brethren must appear in full Craft clothing.

Bro. John Constable, our excellent friend and "Man of Energy," is about to visit Cape Town, and will be absent from this country for some five months. Under these circumstances, and as he is in the habit of receiving a great many letters from his Masonic acquaintances, he has requested us to make this announcement in our columns, so that, in the event of brethren writing to him, and, as would necessarily happen, receiving no reply, they may know the reason of what otherwise might be deemed a neglect on his part. We take this opportunity of wishing our worthy brother a prosperous voyage out and home, and we trust he may be successful in achieving the purpose of his journey.

## ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

**The Hull Lodge, No. 182.**—This Lodge of Ark Mariners was formally consecrated by R.W. C. F. Matier P.G.W. on Tuesday, 9th inst. Previous to the ceremony of consecration, a Lodge was opened under dispensation of the M.W. G.M.M., and seventeen worthy Mark Masters were elevated to this honourable degree by Bro. Matier, assisted by Bro. Boggett Prov. G.S.O. Lincoln; Preston, Kemp, &c. The Lodge was then consecrated and dedicated, and Bro. Boggett was installed as first W.C.S. The brethren then conferred the rank of honorary member on Bro. Matier, and passed a hearty and cordial vote of thanks to him for his services. The banquet of the Humber Mark Lodge followed. Besides the before mentioned brethren, we perceived Bros. Marshall, Roberts and Barker, Prov. Grand Officers of Lincoln; Bros. Dr. Hay, Haberland, &c., &c.

**Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1365.**—On Friday, 12th April. Present—Bros. Finch W.M., McMillan S.W., Bell J.W. Stalter S.D., Turner J.D., Buck I.G., also Bros. Cusworth, Clennell, Cogham, Yeates, Glover, J. Radkin, M'Dowell, and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, the preliminary business transacted, the ceremony of the first degree was ably performed, Bro. Soper being the candidate. Bro. Finch then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. P.M. Cusworth, who opened up to the third, and performed the ceremony of that degree in a most impressive manner. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony. Bro. McMillan will occupy the chair at the next meeting.

## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, MALTA.

THE Half-yearly Communication was held at the Masonic Hall, Valletta, on Saturday, the 30th March 1878. R.W. Bro. Kingston on the throne. Present—many District Grand Officers, Masters, Past Masters, Officers, and members of various Lodges in the district, as recorded in the attendance book. The Distict Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 8.30 p.m., and the minutes of the last meeting of the 1st October 1877, together with those of the proceedings of the Board of General Purposes at its meeting of the 16th March 1878, were read and confirmed. The R.W.D.G.M. then proceeded to install the following officers for the ensuing year (1878-79):—V.W. Bro. the Chevalier Edward Rosenbusch (re-appointed) as D.D.G.M., W. Bro. A. M. Broadley W.M. 1717 D.G.S.W., W. Bro. Watson W.M. 349 D.G.J.W., Bro. Rev. E. R. Frankel S.W. 1717 D.G. Chaplain, W. Bro. Westrup W.M. 515 D.G. Registrar, Bros. Fenech D.G. Sec., Palmer D.G.S.D., Bisectt D.G.J.D., Shillinglaw D.G. Supt. of Works, Dyer D.G. Director of Ceremonies, Crabtree D.G. Organist, Lieut. Lord A. Kennedy D.G.S.B., Lieut. Scott Stevenson Pursuivant. At the proposition of the R.W.D.G.M., seconded by W. Bro. Read, Bro. Segond was unanimously re-elected D.G. Treasurer, and Bro. Beck D.G. Tyler for the ensuing year. These brethren, being present, were duly installed in their respective offices.

The following brethren were appointed as Stewards of District Grand Lodge, and duly invested by the R.W.D.G.M.:—Bros. G. Pentecost 1717, P.M. Paleologo 1717, L. Schaefer 349, Levy 515, Newton 407, Blanche 407.

In accordance with bye law No. 12 the following brethren were elected members of the Committee of General Purposes, viz., W. Bros. Read P.M. 407, Godwin, Schaefer and Gee.

The D.G.S. proceeded to read in extenso the report and resolutions of Grand Lodge of the 6th March 1878 respecting our relations with foreign Lodges. A communication was also read from the G.O. of Naples, asking leave to appoint V.W. Bro. the Chevalier Edward Rosenbusch, C.E., as their representative in Malta, and suggesting the nomination of a similar Officer on behalf of the D.G.L. of Malta at Naples.

On the proposition of the R.W. the District Grand Master, seconded by W. Bro. Broadley D.G.S.W., V.W. Bro. Rosenbusch was unanimously authorised to accept the appointment, and Bro. Professor Giovanni Battista Pessina was appointed representative of the D.G.L. of Malta at Naples.

The R.W.D.G.M. read a letter from the G.S. announcing that the Lodge "Ancient Carthage," No. 1717 at Tunis in North Africa, had been added to the number of Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the D.G.L. of Malta, and expressed his satisfaction at the success and increasing prosperity of the Lodge under the energetic mastership of W. Bro. Broadley the D.G.S.W.

W. Bro. Broadley D.G.S.W. proposed, and W. Bro. Doherty P.D.G.S.W. seconded a resolution to the effect that £100 of the balance in the hands of the D.G. Lodge Treasurer be invested in Consols in the names of three trustees, viz., the R.W.D.G.M., the V.W. D.D.G.M. and Bro. Segond. The above resolution was carried unanimously, subject to confirmation at the next Communication.

The meeting of D.G.L. was then closed in due form at 9.45 p.m., and the present minutes were directed to be printed and circulated amongst the Lodges of the District of Malta.

By authority of the D.G. Master,

EDWARD ROSENBUSCH, D.D.G.M.

Malta, 2nd April 1878.

## NEW ZEALAND.

**Corinthian Lodge, No. 1655.**—The monthly meeting of the Corinthian Lodge, E.C., was held at the Masonic Hall, Queen-street, Grahamstown, on the 7th February, and the proceedings were rendered the more interesting by the presence of the following Grand Officers, who were met by Bro. R. M. Mitchell P.M.:—Bros. G. S. Graham District Grand Master, W. Lodder D.G.S. Warden, H. G. Wade D.G.S., J. W. Moat D.G.J. Deacon, and T. Cole D.G. Sword Bearer. After the ordinary business of the Lodge had been disposed of, Bro. C. F. Quint presented a tracing board for the second degree, for which the thanks of the Lodge were tendered by the W.M.

**Cyrus Chapter, No. 614, Rangoon.**—At a Convocation of this Chapter, on Wednesday, the 6th March 1878, E. Companion W. H. Porter Principal H. was installed as Principal Z. of the Chapter, the installing Principals being M.E. Comp. J. C. Krauss D.G. Supt., M.E. Comp. J. Dawson D.G.H., M.E. Comp. B. Samuel Principal Z. Royal Burmah Chapter No. 832, Rangoon, and M.E. Comp. G. E. L. Dawson P.P.Z. Cyrus Chapter No. 614. Ex. Comp. W. Ford J., and W. Bro. Col. E. J. L. Twynam, H. and J. elect respectively, could not be present for installation in consequence of absence from the Station on public duty.

According to the *Masonic Jewel* the following are the principal Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana for the ensuing year, namely, Bros. Samuel J. Powell, G. Master, Edwin Marks Deputy G. Master, Henry C. Young Senior G. Warden, Geo. H. Broughan Junior G. Warden, Arthur W. Hyatt G. Treasurer, and J. C. Batchelor G. Secretary. The Communication of G. Lodge extended over five days.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## SATURDAY, 20th APRIL.

186—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

## TUESDAY, 23rd APRIL.

Audit Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, 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.)
92—Moira, Criterion, W.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, The Restaurant, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.
206—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R. C.—St. George, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
R. C.—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.

## WEDNESDAY, 24th APRIL.

Installation and Grand Festival of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
536—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1434—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
R. A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1119—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1866—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-st., Newcastle.

## THURSDAY, 25th APRIL.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
90—Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1543—City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
1613—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
111—Restoration, Freemason's Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
906—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.

## FRIDAY, 26th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
23—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 135 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
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.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

[illegible]—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
[illegible]—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1385—Ghuelmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts.

## SATURDAY, 27th APRIL.

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

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1288—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
1364—Erasmus, Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.

MONDAY.
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.

TUESDAY.
K. T.—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
1263—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.

THURSDAY.
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.

FRIDAY.
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

SATURDAY.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—349—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, 429 High-street.
" R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—112—St. John Fisherrow, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.
THURSDAY—302—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.
FRIDAY—223—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 15th inst. Present—Bros. Wing W.M., Hallam jun. S.W., Pearcy J.W. Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Stock S.D., W. Cook J.D., Robison I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Hunter, Parkinson, Dybdahl, Beckett, Elliston, J. Millington, Simmonds, Banks, Millward, &c. Lodge was opened, minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced to the second degree, Bro. Dybdahl answered the questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Bro., Stock worked the first, Bro. Pearcy the second and third sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hallam jun. was elected W.M. for the first week in May. The votes of the Lodge (four in number) for the R.M.B.I. were voted to Bro. Millward. Lodge was then closed and adjourned until the 29th inst., at 7 p.m., when the Fifteen Sections will be worked, under the able presidency of Bro. R. G. Tolmie, assisted by Bros. Pearcy and Stock, who will respectively act as S.W. and J.W.

**Industry Lodge of Instruction, No. 186.**—This Lodge of Instruction has been resuscitated, as announced by us in a late number, and was formally re-opened at the Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctors' Commons, E.C., on Monday evening. There was a numerous attendance, among whom were Bros. Noehmer, Mortlock, and Seex Past Masters. Bros. W. H. Hook S.W., Powell J.W., R. Allison S.D., Philp J.D. all of the mother Lodge. Bros. John Noke Preceptor, Chas. Sawyer Treas., John G. Horsey Sec., also Bros. A. C. Cooper, C. E. Barnett, H. J. Allcord, and F. Goswell. The Lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. C. H. Noehmer P.M. in a most impressive manner rehearsed the ceremony of installation, and placed Bro. Hook in the chair. After the investment of Officers, the bye-laws of the Lodge were read. Bro. Powell was elected W.M. for next Lodge meeting, which will take place on Monday, 29th inst. A vote of thanks was unanimously voted Bro. Noehmer for the able manner he had rehearsed the ceremony of installation. The Lodge was then closed, after which the brethren sat down to a repast, which was served in a most satisfactory manner by Bro. F. Goswell. The unavoidable absence of the W.M. of the Mother Lodge (Bro. D. J. Robinson) was much regretted.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—The usual weekly meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C. There were present Bros. Bone W.M., Biddle S.W., James J.W., Sayer J.D., Harris I.G., E. Gottheil P.W., Walker, Anderson, Woodward, William G. Hallows of Finsbury Lodge, No. 861, Thomas Franklin of Beaconsfield 1962, &c. After the minutes were confirmed, the ceremony of the third degree was worked. The Lodge then was resumed in the first degree, and three of the sections rehearsed. Bro. Bone's work was scarcely as perfect as from his general abilities might be anticipated. There is, however, every reason to believe, that in his next attempt to work the rather difficult ceremony, many of his shortcomings will have been rectified. Bro. Bone possesses every quality to become an efficient Craftsman, to the accomplishment of which a little more industry and frequent practice is necessary, measures it would be well for our esteemed Brother to adopt. Bros. Hallows and Franklin were elected members. Bro. Biddle will preside next Wednesday.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Saturday, the 13th of April, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Present—Bros. Joseph Stock W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., I. P. Cohen J.W., Killick Sec., A. W.

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Fenner S.D., Ross J.D., J. Lorkin I.G., R. Pearcy Preceptor. The Lodge was duly opened and minutes confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Garrod acting as candidate. Several sections of the first and second lectures were worked. Bros. F. G. Chant 861 and F. H. Tomkins 201 were elected members. Bro. C. Lorkin will preside next Saturday.

**Pomfret Lodge, No. 360, Northampton.**—At the meeting on the 4th instant there was a good attendance. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Whitehouse W.M., F. Gadsby S.W., H. W. Parker J.W., S. J. W. Sanders Chap., J. S. Norman S.D., T. R. Wood J.D., G. Ellard I.G., G. Robinson P.M. Sec., J. U. Stanton P.M. and J. Bingley Stewards; M. A. Boeme and B. Wilkins D.P.G.M. P.M.'s; Bros. Atkins, Allen, Brigham, Brown, Barnes, Dorrell, Aldridge, Williams, Jeffroy, Spoor, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Geo. Haynes 1489, J. H. Hale W.M., and N. T. Hewens S.W. 737, J. Ackroyd 297, B. Genner Sec. 455, &c. Bros. E. Haynes and J. Sadler were duly passed to the second degree, the W.M. performing the ceremony. Bro. R. Howes P.M. 445 G. Treasurer Norths and Hunts was elected a subscribing member of this Lodge. Mr. Thomas Chapman, of Northampton, was duly elected and initiated, the W.M. again performing the ceremony. After the business was concluded, the remainder of the evening was spent in a brotherly and harmonious manner.

**Royal Arch Chapter de Sussex, No. 406.**—The regular Convocation of this Chapter, for the installation of principals, was held on the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Mosley-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Chapter was opened by the M.E.Z. Companion W. Cockburn, assisted by Comps. J. Ridsdale P.Z. H., W. T. Hugh J., T. J. Armstrong E., R. L. Armstrong N., Dr. Luke Armstrong P.S., G. Cockburn A.S., Hotham P.Z. Treas., G. S. Simms Janitor, and a good attendance of Companions. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, M. E. Comp. Cockburn then, in a most impressive manner, installed the following Comps. in their respective chair: J. Ridsdale P.Z. Z., W. S. Hughes H., and T. J. Armstrong J. The M.E.Z. then invested the following Comps. with their collars of office for the ensuing year. Hotham P.Z. Treas., R. L. Armstrong E., Dr. L. Armstrong N., G. Cockburn P.S., Balon and R. Carr Assistants, G. S. Simms Janitor. The Treasurer's statement showed a balance in his hands of £25 odd, and £40 invested. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to a capital supper, which was done ample justice to; after which the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Amongst the visitors were Comp. Bell A.S. 24.

**St. Peter's Chapter, Peterborough.**—At the last Convocation of this Chapter, Comp. F. G. Buckle was duly installed as M.E.Z., Comp. Wilkins D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts performing the ceremony; he was assisted by P.Z. Oxford and P.Z. Stanton 360.

**Wentworth Lodge, Wellingborough.**—This Lodge met on Monday, 1st April. Amongst those present were Bros. J. H. Hale W.M., N. T. Hewens S.W., J. Slinn J.W., E. Hempstead S.D., W. Renshaw J.D., C. Mathews I.G., L. C. Knight Sec., Wallis and Dainty Stewards; T. Cook P.M. Treas., B. B. Aris P.M., &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. B. Wilkins D.P.G.M. P.M., W. Kingston P.M., J. U. Stanton P.M., F. Gadsby S.W., A. Dorrell 360, Bro. Genner Sec. 455, and Bro. J. Ackroyd 297; Mr. William Jackson having been balloted for and duly elected, was initiated by the W.M., Bro. Wilkins giving the charge. At the conclusion of the initiation Bro. Kingston gave the lecture on the Tracing Board, much to the satisfaction of the members, who decided that a vote of thanks to Bro. Kingston be placed on their minutes.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—A meeting was held on Friday, 12th April, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, at half-past 7 p.m. Bros. Costelow W.M., Gomm S.W., Gunner J.W. and Hon. Sec., Tucker Treas., Blasby S.D., W. Goss (W.M. 780) J. D., Acworth I.G. Past Master Bro. Roe Preceptor. and Bro. Kyezor. Lodge opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Kyezor candidate. Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed by the worthy Preceptor, in whose favour Bro. Costelow vacated the chair. The Secretary announced that the circulars for the picture ballot were ready for distribution, and that he wished to be furnished by the late Sec. with the addresses of the members, so that the circulars might be forwarded. A vote of thanks was given to Bro. Acworth for printing the circulars. The W.M. for next meeting was then elected, and Lodge closed and adjourned till 26th April, at half-past seven 7 o'clock.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—At the meeting on the 15th instant, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Powell-road, Dalston. Bro. Weige W.M., M. Christian S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., Slater S.D., Fores J.D., Brasted I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Brown, Bonner, Carr, Holsworth, McClean, and others. The preliminary requirements complied with, Bro. Polak answered the questions, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Preceptor gave the Traditional History. The Lodge was called off, and on resuming was regularly closed down. Bro. Dallas worked the first, and Bro. Brasted the second sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Royal Albert Lodge, No. 907.**—The installation meeting was held on Monday, 15th April, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. F. White W.M., J. Smith P.G.P. W.M. elect, supported by the Wardens, Officers and P.M.'s Bros. T. H. Miller P.G.O. Middlesex, C. Chard, H. Lewis, H. A. Farnfield, S. H. P. Moore, S. Griffiths, J. Dennis, R. E. Stevenson, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. W. J. Todd was raised to the third degree. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. J. Smith P.G.P. was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., in a very perfect and impressive manner. The customary salutations having been given, the W.M. invested his officers: Bros. Jennings S.W., Barr J.W., W. H. Farnfield P.M. Treas., Dennis P.M. Sec., Butt S.D., Wordley J.D., Wallace I.G., Lewis D.C., Cozens Organist, and Harrison Tyler. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. A. Rost, and very ably superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. returned thanks for the Grand Officers. The toast of the W.M. and P.M.'s were given, and Bros. White and Farnfield responded. The health of the Visitors, Wardens and Officers followed, and each toast was duly honoured. During the evening an artistic selection of music was given, under the direction of Bro. J. H. Cozens Organist; Bros. Chaplin Henry, Lester, G. T. Carter and Montem Smith sang some excellent songs and glees. The Visitors were Betts 351, Parker P.M. 1579, Walters P.P.G.P. Middlesex, Green 861, Smith 185, Cox 813, Lanrie La Tolerance, Griffith 706, Turner 108, Mallett 141, Warren 1437, Abbott 1716, Gambel 706, Smith 1716, Jolly 913, Pratt 192, Myers 188, Tydeman 1437, Baff 1351, Pichmond 890, Mills 1761, &c.

**Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.**—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 16th inst., at St. George's Hall, Deal. Lodge was opened at 4 o'clock, by Bro. A. H. Des Barres the W.M., assisted by Bros. E. Kirby S.W., H. R. L. Botting S.D., J. Laggett J.D., S. Willing D.C., John Westaway Org. pro tem, J. Carpenter I.G., J. Horne Steward, and S. Hobgate Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. J. B. Harrison, T. J. Usher P.P.G.R., T. Ayling P.G.S., &c. After the preliminary business had been transacted, Bro. Kirby was presented and received the benefit of installation, Bro. T. Ayling acting as Installing Officer. After the admission of the brethren, the W.M. was duly proclaimed, and he proceeded to invest the following as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Laggett S.W., H. R. L. Botting J.W., S. Hinds Treas., T. J. Usher P.M. Sec., J. B. Harrison P.M. Chaplain, J. Carpenter S.D., W. Carterfield J.D., J. Westaway Org., S. Willey I.G., J. Horne D.C., G. Chandler and F. R. England Stewards. The next duty was to present a Past Master's jewel to the retiring Worshipful Master, which had been subscribed for by the members, in token of his exertions on their behalf during the past year. Bro. Des Barres suitably acknowledged the gift, which he would wear with pride. The thanks of the Lodge were voted to the installing Master, and to the W.M.'s and other visitors who had favoured the Lodge by their presence, and the Lodge was formally closed. The brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel to a banquet, which met with general approval. After grace had been said by the Chaplain, the W.M. proceeded to give the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In calling upon the brethren to drink the health of the Queen, the W.M. felt sure he should be supported by every brother present. Her Majesty is a noble lady, worthy of our respect. She is ever ready to support any charitable Institution, and generally to exert herself for the welfare of the country. After the National Anthem had been sung, the W.M. gave the toast of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. As Masons we could but be gratified at having so worthy a brother to preside over us. He hoped at the installation meeting, to be held next week, the Prince would be received, as he ever had been in Freemasonry, with enthusiasm. The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers were next honoured. They are ever ready to do their duty, and to render assistance to the Craft. Bro. Usher had great pleasure in responding. At Masonic meetings it was only necessary to mention the names of those at the head of affairs to ensure a hearty reception. All who came in contact with the rulers of the Craft could bear testimony to the excellent way in which all the duties were performed. Bro. Harrison, the Chaplain, had now the pleasure of proposing the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale; he was sure the brethren would be only too anxious to drink to that esteemed brother's health. The Masons of Kent felt especially favoured in having so worthy a Mason at their head. This toast having been honoured, was followed by that of the Deputy Prov. G.M. and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers past and present, coupled with the name of Bro. Bird. In replying, that brother thanked the members for the kind sentiments expressed. He considered that their D.P.G.M. was really the right man in the right place. Any of the members of Provincial Grand Lodge who attend the preliminary meetings must know how well he carries out the duties of his office. Great tact was required to govern so large a Province. Bro. Eastes personally visits the various Lodges, and finds out for himself who are worthy of Provincial honours. Bro. Des Barres, the I.P.M., rose: Although he could not call the next toast a royal one, he felt he could really term it a vice-regal one, as it was the health of a real good representative of King Solomon. Their present Master might be relied on, and during his year of office the work of the Lodge would be well and faithfully performed. Bro. Des Barres announced that the balance sheet of the Lodge showed that the receipts from all sources were £90 2s 6d, and the expenditure £75 18s 7d, the balance, together with the amount brought forward, now amounted to £38 9s 6d; he considered this a most satisfactory statement, and had pleasure in handing over the Lodge in so prosperous a condition to his successor. The W.M., in replying, said that he was afraid the brethren had expressed too good an opinion of him, but he was certain if it was in his power he would, during his term, merit their good wishes. Bro. Ayling gave the next toast, that of the Masonic Charities. There might be a few among them who hardly knew what the Masonic Charities really were. In their own district they had special

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reason to be proud of them. Last year, the widow of a late member of their Lodge had been elected to the benefits of the Benevolent Institution, and was now receiving £32 a year from that source. They had also been successful in obtaining a pension of £10 a year for a brother from the town, and only yesterday two boys from the Province of Kent were successful in obtaining entrance into the Boys' School. The case of one of the lads, the son of the late Bro. Woon, was well known to most of those present, and he felt sure that the thanks of Mrs. Woon to the Masons of Deal and Walmer would more than repay any little trouble they had taken in the matter. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Emmerson, who is well known for the interest he takes in the Charities, he being never tired of advocating their claims, and always ready to give them his support. Bro. Emmerson in reply said he had been called upon to fulfil a duty which he felt every Mason would be glad to perform. On behalf of the Charities he thanked the Lord Warden Lodge for their regular support. All must be pleased to see the Craft so prosperous as it is just now; however, we must not forget that the mere fact of being prosperous behoves us to provide for the many deserving applications that are made. The W.M. announced that the contents of the Charity-box amounted to the sum of £1 10s, and then proceeded to give the health of the Installing Master. He considered it one of the most important toasts of the evening. Bro. Ayling was so well known to most of them that it was hardly necessary for the Worshipful Master to refer to his good qualities. He practises outside the Lodge, in their fullest sense, those virtues we are taught in it, and truly demonstrates what Freemasonry really is. Bro. Ayling thanked the members; he considered he had only done his duty, and trusted he would always be able to act as he had done. The I.P.M. and the other Past Masters of the Lodge was next given. The I.P.M. had carried out his duties with zeal. Unfortunately, his military duties had on more than one occasion kept him from attendance at Lodge; however, he had always taken care to have a qualified Bro. to act in his absence. Being a young Lodge, they had not many Past Masters, but what they lost in number they made up for in quality. Bro. Des Barres replied. Being so young a P.M. he could hardly define what were the duties of the Past Masters, but he knew one duty was to assist the W.M. and Officers. Anything in his power he should be happy and willing to do for the Lodge, and he felt sure he could say the same on behalf of each of the P.M.'s. He could not sit down without again thanking the brethren for the kind support they had accorded him during his year of office; without their co-operation he would not have been able to carry out the duties of the chair. He must also once more acknowledge the handsome jewel they had presented him with; it had come most unexpectedly, and would be worn by him with pride. He considered that day the happiest he had ever spent in Freemasonry. Bro. Harrison again assumed the gavel. A few words would express the pleasure they felt in seeing so many Visitors present. He frequently visited Lodges, and was always well received. Their endeavour should be to accord as hearty a welcome to those who came to them as is given to the members of the Lord Warden Lodge when they visit other Lodges. He considered these social meetings were a feature of our Institution, promoting harmony and good feeling. Bro. Terry, W.M. of the Cinque Ports Lodge, having replied on behalf of the Visitors, the W.M. gave the "Masonic Press," which was acknowledged by Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. Bro. Bird was then entrusted with the gavel, and proposed the Officers of the Lodge. All Masons must know that if we intend to rule we must first learn to submit. From what he had seen of the Officers, he considered that no Master could hope for more support from that body than they were likely to accord to Bro. Kirby. It is only after a great deal of perseverance that any one can hope to attain to the position of W.M., and only by unanimity in working that success can be secured. The S.W., Bro. A. Laggett replied, and, after a song, the Tyler was called, and he closed the proceedings of the evening. The various toasts were interspersed by some excellent songs, many of which were deservedly encored, and generally the brethren had a most enjoyable meeting. Among the Visitors were Bros. T. Bent S.D., J. F. Solly I.G., and G. W. Moon W.M. 784; H. Harrison S.W. 1206, John Lees, R. J. Emmerson P.M. 1206, W. H. Herring Pentangle 1174, E. Terry W.M. 1206, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, A. F. S. Bird P.M. 784 P.P.S.G.W., J. B. Browning P.M. 784, J. O. Eve W.M. 1209, &c.

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**Cinque Ports Lodge, No. 1206.**—At the regular meeting of this Lodge, held on Wednesday last, at the Bell Hotel, Sandwich. The Lodge was opened by Bro. E. Terry the W.M., assisted by Bros. R. Harrison S.W., W. W. Woodruff P.M. as J.W., C. Baker Sec., W. Denne as S.D., Woodward as J.D., T. Denne as I.G., Norris Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. R. J. Emmerson, H. S. Watts, Bird, &c. After confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was brought into requisition, and it proved unanimous in favour of a brother who wished to join the Lodge. The W.M. advanced the Lodge to the third degree, and then closed down to the first. Bro. R. J. Emmerson read a letter he had received from Bro. Langley, in which he asked the Lodge to accept an old engraving representing King Solomon's Temple. The W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, had pleasure in receiving this curious print, and proposed that the thanks of the Lodge be voted to Bro. Langley. This was seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously. No further business offering, the Lodge was closed. The members afterwards spent a very pleasant social hour. The toasts of the Queen, the Grand Master, the Masonic Press, and the Visitors were given and duly honoured. Bro. Morgan jun. replied on behalf of the Press, and Bro. Usher for the Visitors.

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**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—At the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, on Tuesday, the 16th April. Present—Comps. F. Brown M.E.Z., J. Constable H., G. L. Walker J., Thos. W. White S.E., S. P. Catterson S.N., N. Moss P.S.; also Comps. E. H. Finney G. Darcy, J. High. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of last convocation read and confirmed. The ceremony was rehearsed, Comp. Finney candidate. Convocation adjourned till 30th April.

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**Marquis of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.**—Held at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 15th April. Present—Bros. Blunt W.M., Greenwood S.W., McDowell J.W., Mann S.D., Lockett I.G., P.M. Stephens Preceptor and Treas.; also Bros. Glaskin, E. Bishop, Giles, Jacob, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. After which Bro. Giles offered himself as candidate for initiation. Bro. Bishop answered the questions leading to the degree of M.M. Bro. P.M. Stephens then assumed the chair, and ably rehearsed the ceremony of raising; giving the traditional history and lecture, and an instructive charge. Lodge was resumed in the first degree. It was unanimously resolved that the sum of ten guineas should be given to Masonic Charity, and further agreed that such sum should be placed on Bro. P.M. Stephen's list in aid of the Girls' School Fund. Bro. Greenwood was unanimously elected W.M. for the next two meetings. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was duly closed with prayer, and adjourned till Monday, 29th April, at the hour of 7.30.

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**West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612.**—During the last two years it has been our duty to record from time to time the doings of the brethren of Ealing. Here our work has been of a most pleasant nature; we have been enabled to declare that the star of prosperity which shines so brilliantly over the destinies of this flourishing Lodge was in the ascendant. The meeting of Saturday last was the final one of the second session, and the business on the agenda paper was comprehensive, and as extensive as the most devoted Masonic student could desire. The brethren assembled at two o'clock precisely, when the Worshipful Master, Bro. A. Beasley, lost no time in opening his Lodge. The Officers were all at their posts, and took their seats as follow:—Thomas Kingston P.M., H. Kasner S.W., A. J. Burr J.W., T. Brown P.M. Treas., J. Chambers Roe P.M. Sec., J. Green S.D., W. J. Compton J.D., F. Delevanté Organist, H. E. Tucker I.G., Harrison Tyler. The list of visitors comprised Bros. J. C. Dwarber P.M. 55, W. W. Morgan 211, J. Owen 671, J. J. Gunner and Wills 780, T. Allen 784, J. Beasley 897, Charles Fogarty and J. T. Hatcher 1319. The minutes of the last regular meeting and those of an emergency were read and confirmed, and Bro. Beasley commenced the ceremonial portion of his work by raising Bros. W. Brown and E. T. Brown. There were two candidates for the second degree, Bros. Webb and Wills, and both were passed, the latter by Bro. J. Chambers Roe. The ballot was taken for two candidates for initiation, and the result was satisfactory. One of these gentlemen was present, Mr. Edward Thomas Bonner Allen, and Bro. Beasley gave him his introduction into our Masonic ranks. We have frequently spoken of the ability Bro. Beasley displays in rendering the ceremonies, and we will content ourselves here by remarking that on this occasion he did not give the members any reason to believe that his zeal or energy had become weakened by the heavy labour they had entailed on him during the two years he has filled the chair of the Lodge. The W. Master then reminded the brethren that the next business before the Lodge was the election of a Master for the ensuing year. He recited the names of those of the members who were eligible for election, and explained the circumstances under which Bro. Kingston, who had filled the S.W.'s chair during the first session had foregone his claim for preferment at the period of election last year. He spoke highly of Bro. Kingston's capabilities as a Mason, and of his eminent qualities as a man of business. When he had resumed his seat Bro. Kasner rose, and most gracefully requested the brethren to waive any claim he might have to their suffrages, as he was desirous of seeing the election result in favour of Bro. Kingston. Bro. Burr also spoke in the same generous manner, and under the circumstances we were not surprised that the votes of the brethren were almost unanimous in favour of Bro. Kingston, who in feeling terms acknowledged the kindness, and thanked the brethren for the confidence they had displayed, assuring them his study should be to promote the welfare of the Lodge and ensure the comfort of the members. The election of Treasurer resulted in the appointment of Bro. H. E. Tucker, and Bro. Harrison, on a show of hands, was re-elected Tyler. Bros. Allen, Fisher and Nye were appointed auditors; the resignation of a member was tendered and accepted with regret; and the name of a brother was handed in as desirous to join the Lodge. Prior to this, on notice of motion previously given, the sum of £10 10s was voted from the funds of the Lodge, to present the outgoing Master with a jewel, and some souvenir in recognition of his services during the past two years. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to the Railway Hotel, where a plain but substantial repast was provided. Bro. Beasley presided, and on the removal of the cloth proceeded with the toasts. The health of Her Majesty; the Most Worshipful the Grand Master; the Pro G.M. and the D.G.M., with the rest of the Grand Officers, were given in rapid succession, and with the latter was associated the name of Bro. Tyrrell, to whom Bro. Beasley was very complimentary. Bro. Tyrrell, in reply, remarked that he quite agreed with what Bro. Beasley had said when he stated that he was somewhat straining a point in associating his (Bro. Tyrrell's) name with the Grand Officers. He regretted his inability to reply so eloquently as he might have desired. His only pretension for association with the Grand Officers was his having filled the post of Assistant Director of Ceremonies of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Wiltshire. However, he would none the less sincerely thank the brethren for the way in which they had received the toast, and he trusted he might have many future opportunities of meeting them. Bro. Kingston proposed the health of the W.M.; he had had that pleasing duty to perform at several of their recent meetings, and hoped he might have the honour of

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doing so when the relative positions they occupied that evening were reversed. Bro. Beasley, on rising, acknowledged the kind way in which the toast had been given and received. This was not the first time they had accorded him a hearty reception. On this, however, the last occasion when he should have the opportunity of being with them in his present capacity, he felt he should like to say a few words. For two years he had, with the assistance of his Officers, had the pleasure of conducting the proceedings of the Lodge. He considered their progress had been eminently satisfactory, and they were now at what might be considered the end of their first chapter. Before, however, they finished with that chapter he would, with their kind permission, revert to what they had accomplished. He thought they might with gratification look back on what they had done; what they ought to have done; and what remained to be done. In the first year they not only started a new Lodge, but they made that Lodge successful, and had brought their financial year to a close with a balance—small it is true—but still a balance in their favour. The attendance of the members had always been all that could be desired, and the efficiency of the Officers had earned the approbation and the commendation of those competent to judge. At the end of the second year we find the Lodge free from debt, and having a *prestige* for good Officers second to none in the Craft, and not to be excelled either in desire or ability. He thought, under these circumstances, they had much to congratulate themselves upon. Individually, he felt he had cause to be grateful for the assistance he had received. And now as to the way in which this prosperity had been brought about. He was indebted to Bro. Morgan, who was a most welcome guest there at all times, for an idea, which he would endeavour to apply. Bro. Morgan had happily remarked, in reference to the Officers of the West Middlesex, that they seemed to realise the true spirit of Masonic association, and while this spirit continued, they had nothing to fear from comparison with other Lodges. He (Bro. Beasley) was the Father of the Lodge, and as one of its founders, had watched its progress with some amount of affection. After what had fallen from the brethren, he felt that he had been of some service to the Lodge, and the acknowledgment of the members would act as an incentive for him to still further exert himself. Any souvenir from the brethren—whatever they might decide on—would always be prized by him. Bro. Beasley then apologised for the length of his remarks, and wound up by proposing in very eulogistic terms the health of the W.M. elect. Bro. Kingston acknowledged the complimentary manner in which his health had been proposed from the chair and received by the brethren, and said it would be his most anxious desire to fulfil the onerous duties of the Mastership with credit to himself and advantage to the Lodge. Bro. Brown, Treasurer, and Bro. J. C. Roe, Secretary, severally acknowledged the toast of their healths, each of them expressing the pleasure they had experienced in the discharge of their duties, and the hope that the Lodge might continue as prosperously as heretofore. The Initiate, Bro. E. T. B. Allen, briefly but gracefully responded to his health, and trusted he should be found worthy of the honour they had conferred upon him by admitting him into the ranks of Freemasonry. Bros. Webb and Wells also expressed the pleasure they felt at having been received into the membership of West Middlesex Lodge, and having acquired in it their first insight into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Beasley then proposed the toast of the Visitors, with which he associated the name of Bro. Morgan, and if a postscript were needed, he would call upon Bro. Gunner to supply it. The compliment was duly acknowledged, not only by the brethren named, but likewise by all the Visitors, and Bro. Dwarber P.M. 55 and 1589 was eloquent to an extent beyond the average of ordinary speakers. The toast of the Officers was acknowledged by Bros. Kasner, Green, and others. Several songs and recitations were given, by Bros. Gunner, who was very amusing, Morgan, Delevanté, and others; and in the course of the evening the last mentioned brother introduced his daughter, who very kindly sang a couple of songs with great taste and ability.

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**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—Held its usual meeting on Friday, the 12th inst., at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate. Present—Bros. Lane W.M., Crouch S.W., Smith J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Posener S.D., Simmonds J.D., Hine I.G.; also Bros. Bolton, Wartaki, Hamlin, Campbell, &c. Lodge being opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Fenner gave proofs of proficiency, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Fenner worked the first section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lane vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Campbell, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Lane candidate. Bro. Crouch was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until Friday, the 26th inst.

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## MILITARY LODGES.

### MINDEN LODGE, No. 63, I.C.

SO little has been written on this subject that we need offer no excuse for returning to it. Hitherto our remarks have been confined to English Military Lodges, while two of our correspondents have been kind enough to draw attention to the existence of Scotch and Irish Lodges of a like character. Of the former, but little, we fancy, is known, but of the latter, we offer a few particulars which, we doubt not, will prove interesting. In January of last year there appeared in a Masonic monthly contemporary, a list, No. 3, of Old Lodges, republished by Bro. W. J. Hughan, from a Dublin "Pocket Companion for Freemasons," of the year 1735. This list contained 163 Lodges, Irish and English, Nos. 1 to 37 inclusive being Irish, the rest English. Among the former are no less than five Military Lodges, namely, No. 12, "In the first Battalion Royal;" No. 13, "In Major General Dalzeel's Regiment of Foot;" No. 25, "In Colonel Hamilton's Regiment;" No. 34, "In the Royal Regiment of North British Fusiliers;" and No. 36, "In Major General Price's Regiment of Foot." As far as we have been able to trace, none of these Lodges are now in existence. Of the ten existing Lodges, including "No. 730, Dublin Garrison," on the roll of Grand Lodge Ireland, several can boast of a tolerably long existence. Thus, according to the Irish Freemasons' "Calendar and Pocket Companion" for the current year, No. 26, in the 26th Cameronians, dates from the year 1810; "No. 128, 39th Regiment," from 1742; "No. 322, 29th Regiment," from 1759; "No. 354, 49th Regiment," from 1760; "No. 441, 38th Regiment," from 1795; "No. 570, 5th Dragoon Guards," from 1780. It is impossible for us, without further inquiry, to say whether the Warrants, bearing the above dates, have always resided in the Lodges which now hold them; or whether, during the whole period of their existence, they have been Military Warrants. Still, the inclusion of Military Lodges in the list of 1735, to which we have referred above, and the dates of the Warrants of existing Irish Military Lodges, show that this class of Lodge at an early date found favour with the Grand Lodge of Ireland. On these and any other points connected with these Lodges we shall gladly receive information. We now turn to the history of an Irish Lodge, not now in the list of Irish Lodges, which was published in 1849 by Bro. John Clarke, Sergeant Major 1st Battalion 20th Regiment, and at the time Senior Warden of his Lodge, remarking, *en passant*, that No. 263 (Irish) is attached to the 2nd Battalion of the same Regiment.

The Warrant, which was granted to Lord George Sackville, Colonel of the Regiment, and first Worshipful Master, Colonel Edward Cornwallis, and Captain Millburne, bears date December 1748, the day itself being illegible, the Regiment at the time being engaged in the pacification of the Highlands, which had been rendered necessary by the expedition of the Young Pretender, Prince Charles Edward. As regards the records of the Lodge from its foundation to the year 1802, they have been lost, a circumstance which is not to be wondered at, considering that during that period the 20th Regiment was repeatedly, if not continuously, engaged on Foreign Service. Thus, it was constantly on the move from 1748 to 1755, when it was stationed on the coast of Kent, to resist a threatened invasion. In 1756, we find it *en route* for Germany, where, in 1759, it took part in the memorable victory of Minden, and to the glorious achievements on this occupation is due the circumstance of its being known in future as the "Minden" Lodge. It continued fighting till the end of the war in 1762, when it returned home, and remained there till 1775. That during this period it resumed its labours, Bro. Clarke considers there is satisfactory evidence in the following, "written memorandum, and appended to a printed copy of By-laws, now" (that is, in 1849) "in the archives of the Lodge."

"The foregoing 26 Resolutions are recommended by the Grand Lodge to all Warranted, as most useful and necessary at this time.

"As given under my hand this sixth day of July, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Two, and in the year of Masonry 5772.

(Signed) WILLIAM DICKEY, G.S."

In 1775, the Regiment was ordered to North America, and landed at Quebec in the latter part of the year. It took part in the earlier portion of the war of American Independence, but though it maintained its former reputation for gallantry, it had the misfortune to form part of the force under General Burgoyne which, after the unfortunate battle at Saratoga, in 1777, was forced to capitulate to the American General Gates. The Colours of the Regiment had previously been destroyed, and Bro. Clarke thinks it not improbable that all the records of the Lodge shared a similar fate. The regiment were kept prisoners at Prospect Hill, near Boston, Mass., nor were they released till after the conclusion of peace in 1783. It will be interesting to know if, in the history of Masonry in Massachusetts, there is any mention at this epoch of members of the Minden Lodge mixing with their Boston brethren. From 1783 to 1789 the Regiment was employed in England. On 1st June of the latter year it sailed for Halifax, Nova Scotia, where it remained till June 1792, when it proceeded to St. Domingo, and thence to Jamaica, where it took part in suppressing insurrections among negroes and brigands. It returned home from the latter station in 1796, a mere skeleton of its former self, mustering only 6 officers and 70 non-commissioned officers, drummers and privates. However, it soon recruited itself, and was divided into two battalions, amounting to upwards of 2,000 men, exclusive of officers. In 1799, they embarked for Holland, and displayed their usual gallantry at Crabendom, under Sir Ralph Abercrombie, and at Egmont-op-Zee. They returned to England at the end of October the same year, and in the beginning of 1800 were sent to Ireland. In June, it made an unsuccessful attempt to land at the fortress of Belleisle, off the coast of Brittany, after which it was sent to Minorca, where it remained till, in 1801, the whole of the two battalions volunteered for service in Egypt, and having landed in Aboukir Bay, it again distinguished itself in the actions of the 17th, 25th, and 28th August, and 2nd September, and was thanked for its gallantry. It landed in Malta, in December 1801, and thenceforward we have some glimpse of Masonic work, not, it is true, continuously, but still with comparatively short breaks.

All this time, though everything in the shape of record had disappeared, the Warrant had been religiously preserved, but to what brother or brethren the Lodge was indebted for this piece of good fortune there is nothing to show. At all events, the Lodge, mustering eighteen members, met at Victoriosa, Malta, on the 29th March 1802, for the purpose of installation, and the record of this meeting is the oldest in existence. The particulars or minutes are, it seems, somewhat meagre, but we learn that Bro.

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Charles Whitton, rank in Regiment unknown, was installed W.M., and that the Lodge increased so rapidly that, in June 1803, or fifteen months after its revival, the number of members had reached forty. Bros. Long and Kyme, of unknown rank in the Regiment, were W.M.'s in 1803 and 1804 respectively. From 1805 to 1811, the Regiment was engaged on Foreign Service, and the Lodge consequently did not meet. In 1806, the gallant 20th was present, and highly spoken of in the Commander-in-Chief's despatches for its conduct at the battle of Maida. In July 1808, it embarked for Portugal, and shared in the glories of Vimiero, under Sir Arthur Wellesley. In 1809, it served under Sir John Moore, and suffered greatly in the disastrous retreat to Corunna, as it formed the rear-guard of the army. It fought in the battle in which the illustrious Moore, himself a Mason, was killed. It embarked for England, and on landing at Portsmouth was greatly reduced in strength. When quartered at Mallow, Ireland, the Lodge resumed work under the old Warrant, the following being the letter authorising such resumption.

Dublin, 7th February 1812.

Sir and Brother,—Your memorial for the revival of Warrant No. 63 was received in course, and surprised me much, not having any trace whatever of it on the Books for above forty years, only a memorandum that it had been issued to your Regiment; neither can I give you any account why it was placed on the list as cancelled, it being before my time, but I suppose it was from the circumstance of its officers not making the regular communications for so long a time; there was a very strenuous application made for a second duplicate of it about two years since, but refused by the Committee of the Grand Lodge.

Yester even was monthly meeting of the R.W. Grand Lodge, before whom I laid your Memorial, with the Lieut.-Colonel's signature, and they have been pleased to order the Warrant to be revived *without* the fees as usual on such occasions. You will therefore instal the officers, and resume your Masonic labours, transmitting me their names, and that of each of the members for registry, according to rule. On receiving your return, I shall make the necessary returns, and am,

Sir and Brother,

Your most obedient servant.

(Signed) Wm. Graham, D.G.S.

P.S.—Your making the return and payment to Bro. Miles Edwards will be the same as to me, only by requesting he will advise me by the following post.

Serjt.-Major John Storey.
(63) 20th Regiment, Mallow.

Bro. Harrell, of unknown regimental rank, was W.M., but the time allowed the Lodge for its peaceful Masonic meetings was of the briefest. It sailed for Corunna in October, and thence it embarked for Lisbon. In 1813 it took part in the glorious victories of Vittoria and the Pyrenees, in the latter of which it was one of four regiments which charged the enemy four times with the bayonet. In 1814 it bore its share of fighting at Orthes and Toulouse, and afterwards landed in Ireland, when the meetings of the Lodge were resumed, Bro. Sergt. Winterbottom being W.M. in 1814, Bro. Sergt.-Major Hollinsworth in 1815 and 1816, Bro. Sergt. Porter in 1817, Bro. Sergt.-Major Hollinsworth again in 1818 and 1819. In the last mentioned year the regiment was ordered to St. Helena, where it had charge of Napoleon, but there was no place suitable for holding a Lodge. In 1821 it embarked for Bombay, but here again fortune was unfavourable to the resumption of the Lodge meetings; but on 19th August, at Cannanore in the Madras Presidency, it met again, thanks to the energy of Bro. Hollinsworth, one of four members yet remaining to the Lodge. Sergt. Johnston Wade is set down as W.M. for the year, and in 1825 we find Bro. Hollinsworth again occupying the chair. So energetically did the brethren work that from 19th August to 27th December 1824 there were no less than eighteen meetings, and the members increased to twenty-seven. On 24th October 1825 the Lodge assisted in laying the foundation stone of a Masonic Temple at Poonah whither it had removed that year. Bro. Lieut.-General Sir Charles Coville, the Commander-in-Chief, assisting the Grand Master. In 1826 Bros. Quarter-Master-Sergt. John Dorrington, and Lieut. Henry Clinton were successively Masters of the Lodge, and the latter held the same office in 1827. At the beginning of this year a medal was presented to Lieut. and Adjt. Hollinsworth for his eminent services in connection with the Lodge, and this and the following years are likewise memorable for the reception into Freemasonry of four distinguished members of the Lodge, namely, Captains Charles South, Charles C. Taylor, and Charles J. Deshon, and Assist. Surgeon Jas. W. Moffatt. At this time the funds of the Lodge had increased to such an extent that the widows and orphans of deceased brethren were entirely supported by them, and "magnificent grants to the Masonic Orphan Asylum in Dublin were frequently made." In 1828 when Bros. John Dorrington (2nd time), and Lieut. T. Burke were successively Masters, a silver cup was presented to the Lodge by a member who had received all his degrees, but had been subsequently removed on duty to Tabreez in Persia. In 1829 the Lodge, mustering at the time sixty members, removed to Colabah, where it continued its labours with Captain J. Deshon as W.M., this brother being re-elected the following year. In 1831 Bro. Lieut. Burke was again Master, the regiment having changed its quarters to Belgaum. During this, the one instance which involves any discredit to the Lodge occurred, a member being expelled for defrauding a brother. In the years 1832-3, Captain South held the Mastership; in 1834-5, Captain Cyril Taylor; in 1836-7, Assist. Surgeon Moffatt; and in 1838, Captain South for the third time. In 1837 it returned to England, and as evidence of the success which had attended the Lodge during the interval between its embarkation for St. Helena and its return, we append the following account of the members, who, to the number of 150, irrespective of the four who resuscitated the Lodge, became such during its Indian career:—

| Members belonging to the XXth and other Regts. in H.M. Service. | Members in the Honourable E.I.C. Service. |
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| 1 Lieut.-Colonel. | 1 Judge. |
| 6 Captains. | 2 Military Chaplains. |
| 12 Lieutenants. | 9 Lieutenants. |
| 1 Surgeon. | 2 Assistant Surgeons. |
| 3 Assistant Surgeons. | 1 Ensign. |
| 3 Sergeant Majors. | 15 Sergeants. |
| 1 Quarter Master Sergeant. | 12 Conductors. |
| 68 Sergeants. | 12 Gentlemen of the Civil Department of the Service. |
| 1 Private. | |
| 96 | 54 |

During the time the regiment was stationed in England the Lodge only met twice, owing to a combination of difficulties. The year 1838, however, was marked by two events of interest, the presentation of a Gold Past Master's Jewel to Asst. Surgeon Moffatt on his retirement from the regiment, and the issue of a separate warrant for granting the R.A. degree, which had hitherto been conferred under the old warrant. The following are the names of the Companions to whom it was granted, namely, Lieut.-Col. C. C. Taylor; Captains C. South and W. H. Campbell; Lieutenants P. Hennessy, T. Burke, T. M. Creagh, and H. Hollinsworth; Asst. Sur. J. W. Moffatt, and Q.M. Serg. John Dorrington.

In 1840 the regiment arrived in Ireland. In 1841 it arrived in Bermuda. Then from 1839 till the latter end of 1844 no meetings were held. It then reassembled under its Master Captain South, who filled the chair in 1845-6, was succeeded in 1847-8 by Bandmaster F. Oliver, who was re-elected in 1849. In 1845 orders were given for the purchase of a Masonic Library for the use of the Lodge. In October of the same year it held its meeting at Hamilton, Bermuda, and was on terms of the most fraternal intercourse with Atlantic Phœnix Lodge, then No. 271, now No. 224, on the English roll. In the month following a splendid "Keystone" for the Mark degree was presented to the Lodge by the brethren of the Royal Sappers and Miners, Bro. Ross being the artist. On St. John the Evangelist's day, 27th December, there was a grand meeting, in which the Atlantic Phœnix and the Sussex Lodges joined the Minden. The brethren marched to church to hear Divine Service, and there was a grand banquet held afterwards, at which Bro. Captain South W.M. presided, and everything passed off most successfully. In 1846 Bro. Captain South was presented in open Lodge with a magnificent P.M.'s jewel, surmounted by a R.A. jewel in miniature. In 1847, the Regiment sailed for Halifax, where it remained only a short time, being removed to Kingston, Canada West. At the meeting on the 28th July 1848, it was resolved to have a medal struck, for the purpose of commemorating the centenary of the Warrant, and the old Warrant itself was to be suitably framed. On the 27th December of the same year, after having met in the afternoon for the purpose of installing Bro. Captain South as W.M., the Lodge re-assembled for the purpose of celebrating the centenary of the Warrant, the Minden brethren being joined by members of the St. John's, No. 491 (Eng-

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lish), and No. 283 (Irish), there being present altogether 150. Service was held in St. George's Church, and then came the banquet, at which about ninety sat down, under the presidency of Captain South. This completes the account published by Bro. Clarke. What has been the fate of the Lodge since will be doubtless described by some equally competent historian.

## "TOLERANCE" AND THE FRENCH QUESTION ONCE MORE.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

I THANK "Tolerance" for his fraternal expressions in his letter of 9th March. But his arguments may be briefly summed up thus: "They are my opinions, and I am supported by Aristotle, Cicero, the Masonic Ritual, and the Bible." The last named authority seems to him unanswerable. "I proclaim, in fact," says he, "that God himself is a liar when by the mouth of His own inspired servant He declared, the fool has said in his heart there is no God."

If every Mason believed in the inspiration of the Bible, his argument would have been cogent and proper. But some Masons may doubt the inspiration of King David. David himself never claimed inspiration, either for the Psalms, or for any other sacred book of the Hebrews. There is no word in the Hebrew language to correspond with the word *inspire* or *inspiration*, and even in the English version of the Old Testament, the word inspiration cannot be found. If the Jews had believed in the dogma of Bible inspiration, they would at least have had a word to express it. The truth is, the word inspiration, like some other theological phrases, is undefined, and of doubtful meaning.* Keep, therefore, these biblical assumptions out of Masonic discussions. The pious zealot can prove from the Bible the sinfulness for a Christian to associate with Jews, Deists, &c., just as clearly as "Tolerance" proves about atheists; and last, and not least, it will only tend to involve us in an endless theological discussion, which we as Masons should try to avoid.

The questions to be decided are simply these:—1st. Are atheists necessarily stupid and immoral? and if not, is it not the duty of Grand Lodges to expunge that phrase from Masonic Constitutions? And 2nd. As moral and honest men can be found among atheists, what harm can it do to Masonry to admit them, and to alter the formula in accordance with the further extension of Masonic universality? or, in other words, eliminate all theology from the Masonic ritual.

"I can see," says "Tolerance," "there is a serious difference between Bro. Norton and myself as to the sense in which we severally use the word 'morality.' He, it is evident, uses it in the ordinary and accepted meaning. His notion of a moral man is the ordinary one, namely, one that is honest. . . Who will not appropriate to his own uses another person's goods, who will pay every debt he may contract. . . Who does not hanker after his neighbour's wife or daughter; who will not assault his neighbour, who will not conceal his enmity under a mask of friendship; who, in short, will not do any of those things which are commonly accounted of men as in the narrowest meaning of the word, immoral."

To this he might have added, the man who lives up to the golden rule, is in Bro. Norton's opinion sufficiently moral for Masonry.

These evidences of morality are with "Tolerance," the *ordinary* and *narrowest meaning* of the word morality, it is not enough for his standard. "I take it," says he, "to include the whole duty of man, in the sense in which such duty is described at length by Aristotle in his Ethics, and by Cicero in his treatise *De Officiis*;" or, in other words, the whole duty of man includes belief in a Deity.

I am not acquainted with the works of either Aristotle or Cicero. They certainly were not inspired writers; their opinions may therefore have been fallacious. One thing I venture to assert, viz., if belief, even in a Deity, was regarded by them as a duty, they must have been ignorant of the fact that *belief is entirely independent of a man's will*. But with this fact before us, I think that when man is good and true, and has done his best to investigate the various theological theories or beliefs, he has performed his duty, and when his opinion is settled he ought to refrain from promulgating it in private circles where it might offend some one present; but he has a perfect right to publish his opinions, whether they may agree or disagree with the prevailing religious belief.

"The atheist," says "Tolerance," "rejects all the ordinary forms of obligation by which men bind themselves to speak the truth. Therefore it would be an act of gross injustice to condemn or acquit a prisoner on the testimony of such a person."

The same arguments were formerly used to exclude the testimony of Jews, Universalists, and Unitarians. Thus, between 1823 and 1843 the Grand Lodge of Tennessee required candidates to avow a belief in future reward and punishment, which excluded Universalists (who disbelieve in devil, hell, &c.) from Masonry in Tennessee; and I am informed that, about sixty years ago, the testimony of Universalists was rejected in Massachusetts courts of law. But it has since then been discovered that disbelief in future punishment will not necessarily induce a man to swear falsely, and hence Tennessee admits Universalists into Masonry, and the law courts in Massachusetts receive their testimony, and, strange to say, Canon Farrar of England, and Mr. Beecher and other evangelical divines in America, are now defending the doctrines of the Universalists' Church.

"And other creeds will rise with other years."

* See Article "Inspiration" in Chambers's Encyclopædia, for the various notions of theologians concerning its meaning.

Mr. Lecky, in his most recent work, viz., "History of England in the Eighteenth Century," after narrating the persecuting laws enacted against Dissenters, goes on to say,—

"The other class excluded from the benefits of the Toleration Act, and existing only in violation of the law, consisted of all those who impugned either the orthodox doctrine of the Trinity, or the supernatural character of Christianity, or the divine authority of the scriptures. All such persons, by a law of William III., were disabled, upon the first conviction, from holding any ecclesiastical, civil, or military office, and were deprived upon a second conviction of the power of suing or prosecuting in any law court, of being guardians or executors, and of receiving any legacy or deed of gift; they were also made liable to imprisonment for three years." (Vol. I. p 337.)

These laws were in full force in 1717, 1723 and 1738; but yet the exclusion of Unitarians', &c. evidence in courts of law did not prevent the founders of modern Masonry from voting for Unitarians into the Masonic brotherhood. The fact is, in 1717 the founders of Masonry took up an advanced position of the age, as well as of the laws and law makers; they knew the laws against Dissenters, &c., were unjust, and they therefore formed the Masonic fraternity with the design of breaking up religious prejudices and religious persecutions. Against atheists, however, the founders of the Grand Lodge shared the common prejudices of the vulgar; hence they excluded atheists from Masonry. But we have now a class of Masons who cannot see that the world has moved, and that Masonry must move with it. These brethren are horrified at the idea of any one making an effort to advance liberal opinions, and to leave the world a little wiser than he found it; their highest philosophy is, "as we received it so we must impart it." If these declaimers against the French Grand Orient had lived in 1717, they would as bitterly have opposed the admission of Jews, Unitarians, Deists, &c., as they now oppose atheists; and the arguments they use are of the same stripe as those used both in Church and State, by Tories and Conservatives, against all kind of reform.

The French Masons of the last century have been guilty of saddling the Craft with the *tomfoolery* of Masonic Knighthood, and other high degrees, and, I am sorry to say, they are still silly enough to cling to them. But, nevertheless, to their credit be it said, that, in this century, the Grand Orient of France has taken the lead of the Grand Lodge of England in endeavouring to extend Masonic universality. It protested, before the Grand Lodge of England did, against the anti-Masonic conduct of the Berlin Grand Lodges. It acknowledged the coloured Masons in America; and its last action is simply another right step in another direction; it will banish sectarian jealousy and strife from Masonic Lodges.

The thief, says "Tolerance" "only sins against man, but the atheist sins against God; the former is preferable as a candidate for Masonry to the latter."

Now, how does "Tolerance" know which is the greater sin? And as to his preference for the company of an orthodox thief to that of an honest atheist, I think very few will share in his opinion.

"Hitherto we have been in a position to refute the oft-repeated statement, that there is no antagonism (he meant that *there is an antagonism*), between religion and Masonry."

Now, with due respect to "Tolerance," I maintain that these oft-repeated charges of *antagonism* have never been refuted. When he talks about *religion*, he ought to define the religion, because there are so many religions. Thus, in the fifteenth century, Lodge prayers were addressed to the Virgin, the Trinity and the Four Holy Martyrs; in the seventeenth century the Trinity was retained, but the Virgin and Holy Saints Martyrs were discarded. The Roman Catholic, therefore, charges Masonry with antagonism to religion, because, in his opinion, there can be no true religion where the Virgin and Saints are ignored. After 1717, the Trinity was also expunged from the Lodge prayers, hence, the Trinitarian charges Masonry with antagonism to religion. The symbolising of the Bible in the Lodge, conflicts with the Deist's religion, and the mongrel American Masonry is antagonistic to the Jew's religion. In short, as soon as religion was introduced into the Lodge work, that *religion* must necessarily have been offensive to those who believed a little more, as well as to those who believed a little less than the Lodge regulations prescribed. The measure meted out in the Lodge, satisfied but one class of religionists, and was more or less offensive to all the other classes of religionists. While on the other hand, if theology as well as anti-theology were excluded from the Lodge; if no one's religious prejudices, or *preferences* if you please, were either flattered or offended in a Masonic Lodge, the hue and cry about antagonism between religion and Masonry (except among ultramontanes and extreme bigots) would necessarily cease.

I shall conclude in nearly the same words as my opponent. I have now touched on most, if not all, of the points in Bro. "Tolerance's" replies to my communications, and having done this, I fraternally salute him, and all others who have taken part in the discussion whether *pro or con*. I thank the Editor for his liberality in allowing free discussion on matters antagonistic to his own expressed opinion, and it is certainly a source of gratification that questions of this nature can be discussed among Masons with perfect freedom, and without fear of provoking either anger or ill feeling among the combatants or spectators.

Boston, United States, 29th March 1878.

On Tuesday evening next, at the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, a ballot will take place for two or three Life Subscriberships for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The amount so realised will be placed on the list of Bro. Charles Daniel P.M., who acts as Steward for the Mother Lodge at the Festival on the 10th proximo.

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## CONSECRATION OF A NEW MASONIC LODGE AT HALIFAX.

ON Thursday, 18th April, a new Masonic Lodge was consecrated by W. Bro. T. W. Tew J.P. P.M. 910 P.P.G.W. and Deputy Prov. G. Master for the Province of West Yorkshire, in place of the R.W. Prov. G.M. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart. This is the fourth Lodge now in existence in Halifax, and its rooms are the St. John's Rooms, King Cross-street, where the ceremony took place. There was an influential assembly of brethren, including Bros. Henry Smith P.G. Sec., Isaac Booth P.S.G.W., Austin Roberts P.M. 307, acting as P.G. Reg., C. T. Rhodes P.M. 448, acting as P.G.S.D., the Rev. I. Parkinson, acting as P.G.C., H. C. Scratcherd as P.G.J.D., F. Whitaker P.P.G.J.D., W. Schofield P.G.P., E. Walshaw P.G.S.B., John Simpson P.G.S.W., Thomas Ruddock P.G.S., and Joshua Lee P.G.T.; also Bros. W. Gaukroger W.M. 61, H. R. Wagborn S.W. 61, G. Scarborough J.W. 61, Thos. Whitaker W.M. 448, Charles E. Walshaw P.M. 448, Richard Jessop P.M. 448, J. Leed P.M. 1302, H. S. Roberts W.M. 408, C. W. Eastwood Sec. 1231, and others.

A Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the elaborate and imposing ceremony of consecration was gone through by the Deputy P.G.M. and his Officers, Bro. Tew duly dedicating and constituting the Lodge as "St. John's Lodge, 1736." After closing as a Provincial Grand Lodge, it was re-opened as a Craft Lodge, for the purpose of installing the W.M. and investing the other Officers. Bro. Isaac Booth performed this portion of the ceremony, and installed Bro. W. Beanland Spencer P.M. 408 and 448 as W.M. of St. John's, 1736, after which the following Officers were invested with their collars of office:—Bros. Edward Taylor P.M. 408 as S.W., H. S. Holdsworth J.W., Ely Dyson Treasurer, E. Taylor Secretary, John Green S.D., Alfred Gomersall J.D., W. Nicholl I.G., John Naylor Steward, C. E. Law M.C., and R. Riley I.P.M. After the transaction of ordinary business, the Lodge closed with prayer.

The brethren afterwards assembled at the White Swan Hotel, where a splendid banquet was served by Bro. Crocker. Bro. Tew presided, and was supported by Bro. W. B. Spencer W.M., and other officers already enumerated. Before the toast list was proceeded with, Bro. Tew, having to leave early, addressed a few remarks to those present. He should be glad to drink the health of the W.M. and Officers of the new Lodge, whom he warmly thanked for the kind reception accorded to himself and the Provincial Grand Officers that day. It had given them great pleasure to come to Halifax to consecrate the St. John's Lodge, which he believed was the 64th on the list in the Province of West Yorkshire. (Applause). He believed it was the fifth he had had the honour of consecrating since Sir Hy. Edwards was placed at the head of the craft four years ago, and that was a fact which he could not help thinking testified to the great popularity of the Provincial Grand Master. (Loud applause). Bro. Tew, concluding, called the attention of the brethren to matters which would come before the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Leeds, on Wednesday, especially referring to the proposal to be submitted in respect of the Benevolent Fund.

Bro. W. B. Spencer, in taking the chair vacated by the Dep. Prov. G.M., gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, which were cordially honoured.

The next toast was the M.W.G.M. of England, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; M.W. Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. Dep. G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, which was also proposed in appropriate terms by Bro. Spencer, and heartily drunk, with honours.

"The R.W. Prov. G.M. Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., and the rest of the Prov. Officers, past and present," was proposed from the chair, and after being enthusiastically honoured, Bro. E. Walshaw responded, expressing his pride at being numbered among the Prov. Grand Officers on that occasion. Bro. F. Whittaker also replied, after which Bro. W. Gankroger gave the toast of the evening, "The St. John's Lodge, No. 1736," and in doing so expressed a hope that the Lodge consecrated that day would prosper, and that the W.M. and Officers might have reason to look back with pride to the occasion when the fourth Halifax Lodge was founded. "Prosper the Art" was then sung, after which Bro. Spencer responded. He remarked that at the foundation of all institutions of that kind some one must take the helm, and although he did not seek the office of being the first W.M., yet he felt the honour conferred upon him was very great, and one which he should always remember with pleasure. It was a gratifying thing that the W.M.'s and Officers of all the other Lodges in the town were amongst them that day, for it was an evidence of that perfect harmony which it was his desire should, and it would be his endeavour to make it—continue.

Other toasts followed, and the final one, to all poor and distressed Masons, concluded a very successful gathering, rendered more enjoyable by the vocal selections of the quartette party, composed of Bros. F. C. Atkinson W.M. 1648, W. Turner W.M. 1545, Thornton Wood I.G. 302, and Chas. Blagborough 439, whose names are a sufficient guarantee of the excellency of their services.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND R.A. CHAPTER OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter took place on the 15th instant at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, under the banner of the St. Peters Chapter. M.E. Companion L. M. Cockcroft, Prov. Grand Superintendent, opened Grand Chapter, supported by the following Officers:—Comps. John Hopper H., B. J. Tompson J., G. Thompson Treasurer, J. H. Bentham as E., R. Smail as N., Wraith P.S., J. Ridsdale A.S., Curry Janitor. The minutes of the last Grand Chapter were read and confirmed; the Treasurer's report was also adopted, and the usual business was satisfactorily gone through. The Prov. Grand Superintendent then appointed the following Companions as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—M. Twizell H., Challoner J., J. H. Bentham E., Adderson Potter N., J. Ridsdale P.S., J. Cook 1st Asst. Soj., T. Blenkensop 2nd Asst. Soj., G. Thompson Treasurer, Holmes Registrar, P. O. Smith Sw.B., Allen St.B., E. D. Davis P.G.H. D.C., S. Wilson Organist, G. I. Dean and Mustart P.G. Stewards, Curry Janitor. The P.G. Chapter was then closed in ample form, and the Companions adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, and sat down to a capital banquet. The Loyal and R.A. toasts were duly proposed and responded to, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Amongst those present we noticed:—Comps. S. Wilson P.Z. 431, J. Harkup J. 431, W. Word 1431, B. Smail P.Z. 24, J. Cook P.Z. 24, G. A. Allen Z. 991, M. Guthrie J. 991, A. Pother H. 991, T. Blenkensop H. 24, J. Wood E. 424, G. I. Dean P.S. 24, J. H. Bentham H. 481, Holmes Z. 481, &c, &c.

## COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL

THE General Committee of the Masonic Institution for Girls met on Thursday, at Freemason's Hall, Lieut.-Colonel Creaton in the chair. The other brethren who attended were—Bros. H. A. Dubois, B. Head, F. G. Baker, H. G. Warren, W. F. C. Moutrie, Thos. Massa, J. Nunn, E. Letchworth, C. F. Matier, C. Chard, J. M. Vaughan, J. Wordsworth, E. Spooner, R. B. Webster, G. Brown, A. H. Tattershall, H. Massey, W. Pass, James Peters, John A. Rucker, J. Terry, S. Rosenthal, Griffiths Smith, Peter De L. Long, John Boyd, W. Roebuck, S. Rawson, William Stephens, Thos. W. White, Charles F. Hogard, Henry Venn, W. H. Farnfield, John Dennis, Henry J. Lewis, Robert E. Stevenson, Herbert Dicketts, T. R. Eames, Geo. Phythian, Thomas Kingston, F. R. W. Hedges. Bros. Boyd, Dubois, Head, Nunn, Long, Peters, Rucker, Griffiths Smith, White, Diaper, Farnfield, Mason, Wordsworth, Mather, Letchworth, Vaughan, and Rawson were nominated for election on the House Committee. Bros. Chancellor, Dicketts, Kingston, Levander, Nunn, Pass, Roebuck, Webster, Bailey, Jardine, H. M. Levy, and Marsh were nominated for the Audit Committee. Two notices of motion were given, and when the matter of the vacant Secretaryship was brought forward, Bro. H. A. Dubois informed the Committee that the statement which had found its way into the press that he was a candidate was entirely incorrect, as he had not, and never had, any intention of offering himself. A sub-Committee, comprised of Bros. Head, Rucker, Long, Nunn, Farnfield, Griffiths Smith, and Lt.-Col. Creaton, was then appointed to consider and report upon the duties and emoluments of the office of Secretary and the proceedings were brought to a close in the usual manner.

## MEETING OF STEWARDS FOR THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

A MEETING of the Stewards for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on the 10th May, was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of electing an Honorary Secretary to supply the place of the late Bro. R. W. Little. The chair was occupied by Bro. Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar. Bros. G. Ward Verry, Griffiths Smith, R. E. Gladwell, F. A. White, C. Daniel, Alfred Layton, Thomas Massa, G. Bolton, H. Bartlett, E. Letchworth, J. Wordsworth, Dr. Brette, and E. Kidman were also present. Bro. Hedges attended in place of the late Secretary, Bro. Little. After a few observations from the Chairman, Bro. F. R. W. Hedges was unanimously elected Honorary Secretary of the Board. A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to Bro. Little's widow, and the Chairman then informed the brethren that in consequence of the outbreak of whooping cough in the School, the customary visit of the Stewards before the Festival would have to be postponed *sine die*. Information as to when it would be safe to pay such visit would be given in due time.

## A MASONIC WEDDING.

SOMETHING rare, if not altogether new, in connubial alliances has taken place in Fort Chalmers, New Zealand. The *Otago Daily Times* describes it as a "very interesting marriage." It took place at Holy Trinity Church, in the presence of a very large number of spectators, when Bro. Henry F. Dench J.W. of the Port Chalmers Marine Lodge, No. 946 E.C., was united to Miss Gibson, a daughter of a well-known member of the Lodge. A dispensation from the R.W.D.G.M., permitting the brethren to appear in Masonic clothing, had been obtained, and the W.M., with the officers and brethren of the Lodge, were present. On the arrival of the bridal party, a wedding march was played by Bro. Bott, Organist of the Church, and the bride, attended by ten bridesmaids (daughters of the W.M. and several P.M.'s of the Lodge), including three of the bridegroom's sisters, moved up the aisle to the front of the altar, where the ceremony was very impressively performed by the Rev. Lorenzo Moore, Incumbent of the Church. After the marriage, the W.M., Bro. C. de L. Graham, presented the bride, in the name of the Lodge, with a very eloquent bouquet of white and blue flowers, the centre forming a square and compass, together with a silver holder appropriately engraved.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Good Spirits.—Every one has frequently experienced sudden personal changes from gaiety to gloom. The wind and weather oftentimes receive the blame when a faulty digestion is alone the cause of the depression. Holloway's Pills can be honestly recommended for regulating a disordered stomach and improving digestion. They entirely remove the sense of fullness and oppression after eating. They clear the furred tongue, and act as a wholesome stimulant to the liver, and as a gentle aperient to the bowels. They healthfully rouse both body and mind. Holloway's Pills are the best known antidotes for want of appetite, nausea, flatulency, heartburn, languor, depression, and that apathy so characteristic of chronic derangement of the digestion.

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### THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I consider Bro. Constable's proposition, that at the election of a new Secretary to the Girls' School, proxy voting should be substituted for personal voting, not only reasonable but just. The latter system places the election virtually in the hands of the metropolitan voters and of the voters in the circumjacent Provinces. This, to use a familiar phrase, is very hard lines on the brethren in the remoter Provinces, who if the personal system is retained have the choice between sacrificing their votes or incurring a heavy amount of trouble and expense in order to record them. Where is the equality in the case of a London voter whose place of business is in the City, and whom a shilling cabfare will suffice to convey to Freemasons' Hall, there to support his favourite candidate, and the voter (say) in Newcastle-on-Tyne, who must travel to and fro some six hundred miles, at a cost of some pounds? Or take our Cornish and Devon voters, those in North and South Wales, those in Lancashire, Cumberland and Westmoreland, and the Yorkshire Provinces. In short, if we except parts of Middlesex, Herts, Surrey, and one or two other Provinces, all who wish to vote must do so under unequal conditions as compared with London brethren. I, therefore, urge upon you, Sir, to advocate, the plan proposed by Bro. Constable, so that all those entitled to vote may stand on the same footing. It will be said, perhaps that the expense of voting papers will fall on the School. This objection may easily be met. Let the candidates deposit each £5, or such sum as may be necessary towards defraying the cost of the voting papers, and the difficulty is overcome. No doubt the candidates will readily do this, as the number of Provincial voters is very considerable, and all will reap the benefit of the proxy system. At all events all will have the chance of doing so.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

FAIR PLAY.

### A CORRECTION.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your obituary of our dear departed brother R. W. Little, you state that "he enjoyed what may certainly be described as the unique honour of having consecrated all the Lodges in the Province of Middlesex," of course this refers to those consecrated after his initiation; but even in this you are mistaken, as there are the following Lodges which, so far as my knowledge serves me, were consecrated by those yet in our midst whom we still hold dear:—Enfield, Acacia, Villiers, Strawberry Hill, and Crescent Lodges.

My only apology for this correction must be "Honour to whom honour is due."

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

SPES BONA.

22nd April 1878.

## PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

*Cassell's Family Magazine* displays the same features which invariably characterise its contents; that is, they are fairly apportioned between what is interesting and what is instructive. In neither of the serial stories, "Time shall Try," or "Suspense," does the interest flag for a single moment. Indeed, in the former we are favoured with a vast amount of information as to Edward Hallam's antecedents which enhances greatly the merit of the tale. In addition to these are two short stories, entitled "The Sphinx; a Mystery," in the one case, and "The Silver Lock" in the other. There are several poetical contributions, one of which, by J. F. Innes Pocock, called "Tears," is set to music by Dr. J. F. Bridge. Nor must the pretty effusion, "In a Meadow," by Guy Roslyn, be omitted in noting this portion of the contents. If we now turn to the useful we shall find, among other papers, one on "April Showers," by Mr. R. A. Proctor, a Family Doctor's "Plain Advice to the Neuralgic," a domestic article on the interesting subject of "High Tea," and what to provide for it, an answer by Lieut. F. I. Palmer R.N. to the question propounded by himself as to "What is a Torpedo?" and a second of the series of "Popular Papers on English Law," the County Court and the mode of procedure which any one who cannot obtain money due to him should adopt in order to recover the amount of the debt in question. There is also a short account of "The Cape and the Caffres," which comes appropriately enough just now, when another of England's "little wars" is raging in this colony. "Tell Burglen; the Home of the William Tell Legend," is also readable; the writer is the Rev. J. B. Head. If we add that the "Gatherer's" Notes are highly instructive, we shall have pretty well completed our survey of the number, and accordingly we leave it to our readers, in the belief they will be well pleased with it.

Part 20 of the *Countries of the World* serves to complete the second volume of this admirable work. Thus far we have got only as far as Mexico and the West Indies, but considering the immensity of the subject, we consider very good progress has been made. Moreover, as what has been done in these two volumes is so meritorious, we prefer it should be extended rather than curtailed, so that Dr. Robert Brown may have greater opportunity for describing, as he knows so well how to do, the wonders and resources of different lands. The principal illustrations in this part are "Negro Huts, Jamaica;" "A Cypress Grove of Chapultepec, near the City of Mexico;" "A Rural Kitchen in the Tierras Calientes (making Frijoles, or Maize Cakes);" "View of Newcastle, in the Blue Mountains, Jamaica;" and "View of the City of San Domingo, Hayti (from the Harbour)."

There appears to be no limit to the serial publications of an essentially useful character which Messrs. Cassell and Co. bring out for the instruction of the British. We have been favoured with a copy of No. I. of "Great Industries of Great Britain," and to judge from the excellence of the illustrations with which it abounds, as well as from the valuable information which is contained in the accompanying letterpress, we anticipate the work will be as popular as it deserves to be. A special feature in connection with this number is the Presentation Plate, which is, so far as we know, an admirable portrait taken from a photograph of one "Titus Salt," whose name is a household word in one of our great centres of industry. The contents include a series of papers on various branches of British Industries; such, for instance, as "Iron and steel—I.," by W. D. Scott Moncrieff C.E.; "Eminent Manufacturers—I. Sir Thomas Bazley, M.P.," by Robert Smiles; "Cotton—I. The Raw Material: Early History of the Manufacture;" "Industrial Legislation—I.;" "Ship Building—I.;" "Health and Disease in Industrial Occupations—I.;" "Hemp, Flax, and Jute—I." This will serve to show how the work is treated, and will be conducted.

## Obituary.

It is our duty this week to record the death of an old but much respected inhabitant of Cowes,—Bro. John Luter,—who was for many years in trade in that town, but through losses and declining life he was compelled to give up business. He was the oldest Mason on the roll of Medina Lodge, having been initiated as far back as 23rd January 1834, and passed several degrees in Masonry. Of late years he was the Tyler of the Lodge, where he was universally respected by all the brethren. His circumstances latterly required assistance, and the brethren appealed to the Benevolent Fund and obtained a grant of £40 per annum for him. Latterly he often expressed, if it was not for his health, the present time was the happiest he had enjoyed for many years. He was of an amiable disposition, and made, we believe, not a single enemy. Only on Good Friday he was on his accustomed lounge, the promenade of the pontoon, and on leaving, we saw him, when he appeared in his usual health, going towards his home, which he reached, and almost instantly expired. An inquest was held on the body on Saturday evening, when a verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

The *Advocate* of New York contains a short account of the regular meeting of Holland Lodge, No. 8 on the 12th ult., on which occasion Bro. Joseph N. Balestier, a P.M. of the Lodge and P.D.D. Grand Master of the State, gave a very interesting historical lecture on the progress of the Lodge, and its vicissitudes of fortune during the last sixteen years. Bro. Balestier had at previous meetings, sketched the history of this Lodge, which is one of the oldest and most influential in the jurisdiction. He noted those prominent members who had been removed by death, and bestowed great praise not only on their services, but likewise on those rendered by other brethren. From the concluding remarks of the lecturer we gather, that the Lodge numbers 220 members, the majority of whom are life members, and he expressed a hope that all would become such, as in his opinion it was the safest and best plan both for the Lodge and the brethren. He also referred to the Grand Lodge debt of 800,000 dollars, and said he thought the only way to reduce it was to stop all mileage and per diem allowance to representatives to the Grand Lodge. A vote of thanks was tendered to the lecturer, with a request that he would furnish a copy for publication with his former lecture.

**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.**—The Annual Dinner of the members took place on Thursday, at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing. The chair was taken by Bro. A. Beasley, W.M. of the parent Lodge, who was supported by Bros. H. Kasner and A. J. Burr, who filled the chairs of S.W. and J.W. respectively. There were present between forty and fifty guests, members of the Lodge of Instruction and the following Visitors:—Bros. Botley 780, Butlin 73, Hopgood 916, and Morgan 211. The dinner was served in capital style by host Bro. Stephens, and the efforts of the Stewards to make all comfortable were thoroughly appreciated. After grace, Bro. Beasley introduced a most comprehensive toast list; he advocated, and practised brevity in his remarks, and in this he was followed by the several speakers. The evening passed off most agreeably, and the efforts of several of the brethren to entertain, by songs and recitations, received full recognition. Bro. Delevanté, as accompanyist, was as genial and sparkling as ever.

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## UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE Installation Meeting of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, W.C. For the first time since his installation at the Albert Hall, the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales occupied the chair, and was supported by Lord Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale Deputy Grand Master. Their Royal Highnesses the Grand Wardens not being present, their positions were filled by Bro. Captain Platt, who acted as S.G.W., and Bro. Rev. Dr. J. E. Cox as J.G.W. Grand Lodge being formally opened, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master rose and informed the brethren that he had the pleasure of announcing that H.R.H. the Crown Prince of Denmark, Grand Master of that country, was in attendance as a visitor. He therefore called upon the Grand Director of Ceremonies to see that he was received in regular form. A deputation was immediately formed, and shortly returned, introducing His Royal Highness, who was most warmly received by the brethren assembled. After formally saluting the Grand Master of England, the Crown Prince of Denmark took the seat at the left of the throne, which Lord Carnarvon vacated for the purpose. The Grand Master now rose and said: We are assembled in Grand Lodge this evening, Brethren, for the purpose of investing the Grand Officers of the year with the insignia of their positions. But, besides the performance of that duty, we are here assembled to give welcome to the distinguished guest who has to-night honoured us with his presence—my near relative, his Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Denmark, who is the Grand Master of the Danish Freemasons. I feel sure that you will give his Royal Highness the most hearty welcome. For my own part, I can assure you that it gives me the greatest satisfaction to see you on this occasion. The Brethren present having saluted their visitor in due form, he replied as follows:—Brethren, receive my warmest thanks for the kind manner in which you have received me as a visitor to your famous Grand Lodge of England. I feel indeed proud of being received so well and welcomed so warmly by my brother Freemasons of England. I trust that the bonds of friendship and brotherhood between England and Denmark, bonds which have been for generations of the strongest and kindest, will draw closer and closer, and that our friendship will increase more and more. I wish you collectively and individually health, happiness, and prosperity. On the proposition of the Pro G.M. the minutes of last Grand Lodge were put for, and unanimously received confirmation. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales having been proclaimed by the Grand Director of Ceremonies as Grand Master for the ensuing year, received the regular salute of the brethren, and then said:—Brethren, I am glad to have this opportunity of expressing to you, however inadequately, the great gratification I feel at your having again elected me as your Grand Master. I can assure you that it has been a source of the deepest regret to me that I have been unable to attend in Grand Lodge at your gatherings for some years. That this long time has elapsed since I last had the pleasure of being in Grand Lodge is owing to circumstances over which I had no control, and I sincerely trust that so long a time will not elapse before I again occupy this throne. Let me assure you, however, that though I have not had the opportunity of being with you for so long a time, though I have not had the time to work so actively in it as I should have wished, yet you may be assured I have done my best to uphold your interests, which are near to my heart. I thank you again, Brethren, for your kind and cordial reception to-day, and for my re-election as your Grand Master. The Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale having been re-invested as Pro G.M. and Deputy G.M. respectively, the Grand Master proceeded to nominate the following as Grand Officers for the year:—

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| Lord Henniker ... ... ... | Senior Grand Warden. |
| Sir Harcourt Johnstone, M.P. ... | Junior Grand Warden. |
| The Rev. H. A. Picard ... ... | Grand Chaplains. |
| The Rev. W. A. Hill ... ... | |
| Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C.... ... | Grand Registrar. |
| John Hervey ... ... ... | Grand Secretary. |
| E. E. Wendt ... ... ... | Grand Secretary for German Correspondence. |
| Erasmus Wilson ... ... ... | Senior Grand Deacons. |
| Col. Shadwell H. Clerke ... ... | |
| J. M. P. Montagu ... ... | Junior Grand Deacons. |
| Raphael Costa ... ... ... | |
| F. P. Cockerell ... ... ... | Grand Superintendent of Works. |
| Sir A. W. Woods, Garter ... | Grand Director of Ceremonies. |
| James Lewis Thomas ... ... | Assistant Grand D. of C. |
| W. H. Lucia ... ... ... | Grand Sword Bearer. |
| C. E. Willing ... ... ... | Grand Organist. |
| H. G. Buss ... ... ... | Assistant Grand Secretary. |
| W. T. Howe ... ... ... | Grand Pursuivant. |
| W. Wilson ... ... ... ... | Assistant do. |
| C. B. Payne ... ... ... | Grand Tyler. |

Bros. E. Fenner 1, T. Greetham 2, H. R. Macintosh 4, F. Newton 5, W. T. Marriott, Q.C., 6, J. T. C. Winkfield 8, C. H. Turner 14, J. K. Stead 21, R. Douglas 23, W. Fickns 26, S. J. Herapath 29, J. H. Vaughan 46, C. T. Kingsford 58, T. Stoward 60, T. R. Marshall 91, E. Caffin 99, G. Findlay 197, J. Aird 259, Grand Stewards. Bro. S. G. Foxall received authority to assume the rank of Past Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Lodge was then closed.

The usual banquet followed in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern; at its conclusion the Grand Master, who occupied the chair, proposed the health of the Queen. It required but few words of his to introduce the toast, as he knew it was always received with enthusiasm by every Englishman, and by none more enthusiastically than Freemasons. The toast was followed by the National Anthem. The Grand Master next proposed the Crown Prince of Denmark and the Foreign Grand Lodges in the following words,—The toast which it is now my pleasure to give you is one which is not usually given at our annual festivals, but it is one which I feel convinced will always be received by the English members of the Craft with the utmost honour—it is that of the Foreign Grand Lodges. That the greatest good feeling exists between the Foreign Grand Lodges and our own is well known, and I think it is most desirable that that good feeling should continue and be cemented in every way. The interchange of goodwill and courtesies between ourselves and foreign countries should, I think, be encouraged, and it affords me the deepest gratification to-night to be enabled to couple this toast with the name of my esteemed relative, His Royal Highness the Grand Master of Denmark. Besides the pleasure which this gives me, I know that it gives you, Brethren, pleasure to welcome the Grand Master of Denmark, for you know that it must be peculiarly agreeable to me to propose his health and to receive him at our gatherings. It was under the auspices of his father-in-law, the late King of Sweden, that I was initiated into the Craft, and it is now about ten years ago that I was received by the Grand Lodge of Denmark. My illustrious relative was not then a Freemason, and I told him then that I hoped the day would not be long before he became one, and would preside over the destinies of the Craft in his country. He has fulfilled my then hopes, and thus we are able to greet him here to-night as the Grand Master of our Danish brethren. There is much I should like to say of him, but in his presence I must refrain from the full expression of my sentiments; but I am sure, from the cordial manner in which you have greeted him in Grand Lodge, and here—with outbursts of the greatest good feeling—he will feel welcomed to the Craft in this country, and I can assure him that this reception of him would be followed by all the other Masonic Lodges of England. H.R.H. the Crown Prince of Denmark replied as follows:—Most W. Grand Master and Brethren,—I have to thank you for the kind way in which this toast has been proposed and received. I have been very much touched indeed by the way in which you have received the mention of my beloved and lamented father-in-law, whose pleasure it was to initiate the Grand Master of England, who, on his part, as my beloved brother has said, expressed the hope that I should enter the Craft. I acted upon his example, and I have had many reasons to be glad that I did so. I have always been happy among my brother Freemasons, and I feel especially proud to-day at being associated with the English Grand Lodge, and with the brothers holding allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. You will, I know, brethren, excuse me if, as a foreigner speaking a tongue now which is not my mother tongue, I am unable to express all I feel in my heart; but I assure you that the remembrance of to-day—the ceremonies of your Grand Lodge, and your reception of me—will never be forgotten by me. I cannot sit down without expressing an earnest wish that the relations between our Danish and English Freemasons will always be as cordial and as hearty as are the relations between my brother-in-law and myself. Brethren, permit me to propose the toast of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the Princess of Wales. The toast having been heartily responded to, the Most Wor. Grand Master, said,—I thank my illustrious relative most sincerely for the excessively kind manner in which he has been good enough to propose my health, and you, Brethren, for thus receiving it. This is not the first by many times that I have had the pleasure of meeting my Brethren in the Craft, and it is an additional pleasure to meet them in the company of my brother, as I do on this occasion. I have had frequent opportunities of expressing the great interest I take in everything connected with the Craft, and I have now only to reiterate those expressions. I have said before—speaking in Grand Lodge—that I have not been able to be among you so frequently as I could wish; but my interest in the work of Grand Lodge is never lacking. I have now the pleasure to propose the toast of the Grand Officers Past and Present. The Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master I have especially to thank for the manner in which they have discharged my duties in my enforced absence, and I could not leave those duties in better hands. The Earl of Carnarvon, in acknowledging the toast, said: Looking around at the blaze of purple and the multitude of insignia which distinguished those for whom he had to respond, he could not but think that they spoke for themselves the work they had done for the Craft. They represent two classes at least. First, with those who had that day been appointed to office, he was sure that the positions would be the more highly valued from the fact that His Royal Highness the Grand Master had himself conferred the dignities. Second, the Past Grand Officers, and to them Grand Lodge was often deeply indebted for their experience, knowledge, and judgment brought to bear upon any occasion of difficulty. His lordship took occasion to say that all the brethren felt highly honoured by the presence that day of their illustrious Grand Master, and of the guest whom it had been their privilege to welcome. His Royal Highness the Grand Master of Denmark had known full well how to take advantage of the opportunity he had had of addressing the assemblage, and just as his ancestors, centuries and centuries ago conquered England by force of arms, he now, by his graces of address, charms of manner, and mastery of our own language, had conquered and stolen away the affections of his English brother Freemasons. Lord Henniker S.G.W. proposed the Provincial Grand Masters. He wished the duty had fallen to some brother better known than himself. It was a toast that was always well received, both in Grand Lodge and at Provincial gatherings. Although the Grand Master was really the ruler of the Craft, and this the Provincial Masons were pleased to acknowledge, and ready to obey the dictates of Grand Lodge, they would not place themselves second in enthusiasm for the benefit of Masonry to those who rule the Craft in honour. His life as a Mason had been that of a Provincial one, and he returned his hearty thanks to the Grand Master for placing him in the position he now occupied. He considered it a great compliment, and it would be his aim to show that he fully appreciated it. He was gratified to know that another member of his Province (Bro. Lucia) had been selected by His Royal Highness for Grand Office, and he felt sure

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that the Masons of the Province would fully appreciate the favour thus shown them by Grand Lodge. General Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Surrey, acknowledged the toast. He considered it a very high privilege to respond for so distinguished a body. The Grand Master was best able to judge of the way in which the office of Provincial Grand Master was filled. It was extremely gratifying to see the way in which the health of the Provincial Grand Officers was always received at Masonic meetings, it is a greater incentive than anything else for Provincial Grand Masters to do their work fearlessly and conscientiously. Lord Skelmersdale next gave the health of the Stewards of the day. Without them we should not have had much of a Festival. He had never seen a *fete* or Festival bettercarried out than it had been that day. It was not till a late hour that the Stewards received intimation that it was likely the Grand Master would be present: it, therefore, reflected the greater credit on them for the excellent way in which the arrangements had been carried out. Bro. Gooding, President of the Board, responded, after which, this part of the proceedings being ended, the brethren adjourned to the Grand Lodge Hall, where a concert was given, under the direction of Bros. C. E. Willing Grand Organist, assisted by Bro. W. Kuhe P.G.O. The artistes engaged were Miss Josè Sherrington, Madame Osborne Williams, Madame Patey, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Mr. J. L. Hodges, and Mr. Wadmore, Herr Schuberth (solo violoncello), and Bro. Howard Reynolds (solo cornet-a-piston). The arrangements throughout were most admirably conducted, and we think the Board of Stewards were fortunate in possessing among their number such brethren as Bros. Dr. R. Gooding, B.A., the President of the Board, Charles Martin the Treasurer, and Thomas Adair Macey Hon. Sec.

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We have great pleasure in giving the following description of the invitation card for the Grand Festival this year. We understand it was designed by the Honorary Secretary of the Board of Stewards, Bro. Thomas Adair Macey P.M. 21. The invitation card is an admirable example of mediæval achitecture and mystic Masonic emblems, and carries the mind back to the period when the Guild of Masons was not speculative but operative, and when every Master Mason affixed his Masonic mark to his work—good and true. Foremost in the centre is the Book of Books, from whence is derived truth and light; above it is represented the all-seeing eye of the Great Architect of the Universe in the centre of a blazing star. The initiated will also recognise three other symbols of the Deity. This is somewhat significant at this moment when the Grand Orient of France has, by a late decree, expunged all reference to the Great and Supreme Architect of Heaven and Earth from its system of Masonry. On the left hand are the traditional pillars at the porch of King Solomon's Temple, and the winding stairs which led to that Inner Chamber, known to the initiated, surmounted by the arms of Grand Lodge. On the right hand are the arms and monogram of H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master, with a list of the Stewards of the year, and the badge of their office, overladen cornucopiæ, emblematical of the good things which they provided at the banquet. At the bottom, as the base of Masonry, in five scrolls, are the words Charity, Prudence, Fortitude, Temperance, Justice.

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We beg to draw the attention of our readers to an announcement in our advertisement columns to the effect that on Wednesday next, the 1st May, a Grand Concert will be given in the Royal Albert Hall, in aid of the orphan children of our late respected Bro. Superintendent Mott of the Metropolitan Police. The Council of the Hall have kindly granted the use of the building for the occasion free of all charge, and the proprietors of the *Whitehall Review* have generously presented to the Fund 6,000 crayon portraits of the deceased brother, which may be purchased wherever tickets are on sale, as well as at the Hall itself on the night of the Concert, at the price of 1s each. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has graciously consented to patronise the Concert, and the following artistes have volunteered their services, namely, Madame Lemmens Sherrington, Madame Antoinette Sterling, Miss Anna Williams, Miss Julia Elton, Mr. Sims Reeves, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Mr. Walter Clifford, Signor Foli, and the London Vocal Union under the direction of Mr. F. Walker. Four military bands, by the kind permission of the several commanding officers, will lend their aid in furtherance of the good cause, namely, those of the Second Life Guards, and the Grenadier, Coldstream, and Scots Guards, under the direction respectively of Messrs. R. Winterbottom, D. Godfrey, C. Godfrey, and J. P. Clarke. The conductors will be Messrs. F. H. Cowen and Sidney Naylor and Herr Ganz. Mrs. Stirling will likewise recite "The Whaler Fleet." For the prices of the different seats, we refer our readers to the advertisement itself, and it only remains for us to say that we trust an amply sufficient fund for the maintenance of these orphans may be obtained. Bro. Mott's services in the Police Force extended over many years, were of a very arduous nature, and were performed thoroughly and most conscientiously. He died prematurely, after a very brief illness, and had had little chance, therefore, of making a suitable provision for those most dear to him. He was, moreover, a most worthy brother, full of kindly feeling towards his fellows, and ready at all times to extend towards them a helping hand in case of need. We trust, under these circumstances, that the hope to which we have given expression will be realised, and that the Concert will prove a grand success.

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We have been favoured with an indignant and somewhat contradictory letter, from our worthy Bro. H. A. Dubois. The offence we have been unwittingly guilty of towards him is, that we announced last week that he, among others, was a candidate for the vacant Secretaryship. Of course we retract the statement without a moment's hesitation. We have Bro. Dubois' authority for announcing most emphatically that he is NOT a candidate for the post. We do more than this! We humbly apologise to him for the error into which we have been betrayed. We must at the same time state, in justice to ourselves, that his name was not "unwarrantably introduced," into the objectionable paragraph. On the contrary, the name with the others was given us, on what we had a right to consider as very sufficient authority, though, as it appears, the information turns out to be erroneous. However, we do not regard the error as one of sufficient gravity to have evoked so indignant a remonstrance from Bro. Dubois. He candidly confesses he is not the man to follow in the footsteps of the late Bro. Little. We are of a different opinion, but at the same time we defer to his superior judgment, and state that not only is Bro. Dubois not a candidate for the vacant Secretaryship, but, in his opinion, he (Bro. Dubois) is not the man to succeed Bro. Little. Moreover, Bro. Dubois has, we are given to understand, successfully followed his profession of an accountant for nineteen years, and, as a matter of common sense, he would not be justified in throwing that up for a post "which, though of great importance, does not favourably recommend itself" to him. Thus it happens that Bro. Dubois is not suited for the post, and the post is not suited for Bro. Dubois. Can we say more than that we apologise for having over-estimated Bro Dubois' qualifications and the value of the vacant office?

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## DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1524.

HAVELOCK TAVERN, ALBION ROAD, DALSTON.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on Wednesday, the 15th May, by Bro. Fieldwick Preceptor. Members of the Craft are invited to attend. The Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock.

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## THE THEATRES, &c.

**ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA, COVENT GARDEN.**—This evening, LA SONNAMBULA. On Monday, GUGLIELMO TELL. On Tuesday, LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR. On Thursday, FAUST E MARGHERITA. At 8.30 each evening.

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**STRAND.**—At 7, THE TELEPHONE. At 7.30, FAMILY TIES. At 9.30, DORA AND DIPLUNACY.

**GAIETY.**—At 7.30, BIER AND TUCKER. At 9.15, IL SONNAMBULO AND LIVELY LITTLE ALESSIO.

**GLOBE.**—At 7.0, MY WIFE'S OUT. At 7.30, A FOOL AND HIS MONEY. At 9.30, MIND THE SHOP.

**VAUDEVILLE.**—At 7.30, A WHIRLIGIG. At 8.0, OUR BOYS, and A FEARFUL FOG.

**PRINCE OF WALES'S.**—At 8.0, DIPLOMACY.

**ADELPHI.**—At 7.0, STAGE STRUCK. At 8.0, PROOF.

**LYCEUM.**—At 7.30, TURNING THE TABLES. At 8, LOUIS XI.

**OLYMPIC.**—At 7.30, THE LITTLE VIXENS. At 8.15, JEALOUSY.

**QUEENS.**—At 7.30, ORSON. At 8.15, MADELAINE MOREL.

**COURT.**—At 8.0, OLIVIA.

**OPERA COMIQUE.**—At 8.0, THE SORCERER. At 10.0, TRIAL BY JURY.

**CRITERION.**—At 7.30, THE PORTER'S KNOT. At 8.45, PINK DOMINOES.

**ST. JAMES'S.**—At 8, SUCH IS THE LAW.

**DUKE'S.**—At 7.45, EAST LYNNE. At 9.45, CRAMOND BRIG.

**FOLLY.**—At 7.30, CRAZED. At 8.15, LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE.

**ROYALTY.**—At 7.30, CHERRY BOUNCE. At 8.15, LA MARJOLAINE. (Last night.)

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Miss Julia Elton
Mr. Sims Reeves
Mr. Edward Lloyd
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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

IN accordance with an intimation given in the last number of this Paper, the Allotment of Life-Governorships and Life-Subscriberships to the above Institution, will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, 6th May, at 7 p.m.

ARTHUR E. GLADWELL, Steward.

## Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

### ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

BRETHREN desirious of securing the Election of Bro. CHARLES FITZGERALD MATIER, are respectfully requested to forward their names to—

BRO. STEPHEN BARTON WILSON,
27 Walbrook, London E.C. Hon. Secretary.

### To the Patron, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents and Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESSES, MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

In consequence of the lamented decease of the late Bro. R. Wentworth Little, a vacancy has occurred in the Secretaryship of this Institution, and I beg most respectfully to state that it is my intention to offer myself as a Candidate for the Office.

The experience I have gained during my five years connexion in the office as Clerk, will, I trust, be of service to me should I be successful in obtaining the appointment.

I may mention that during Bro. Little's illness nearly the whole of the Secretarial duties have devolved upon me, and I venture to hope, from the manner in which they have been discharged, it will induce you to honor me with your support should the Committee think fit to accept me as a Candidate.

I have the honour to be,
Your Royal Highnesses, my Lords and Gentlemen,
Your obedient humble servant,

28th April 1878. F. R. W. HEDGES.

5 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, London, W.C.

## Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

BRETHREN,—The Secretaryship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls having become vacant by the lamented death of Bro. R. W. Little, I aspire to become his successor.

It would be presumptuous in me to suppose that I possess the many qualifications which distinguished the late Secretary, qualifications so eminent as to have raised the Institution to a position higher than even the expectations of its most sanguine supporters could have anticipated; I nevertheless possess two qualifications which justify me in offering my services—viz., primeness of manhood and energetic willingness.

My Masonic career has been comparatively short, but I have seen and done some service in the Craft. I was initiated in the Canonbury Lodge, 657, in 1867, and became its W.M. in 1871. I attended for some time the sittings of the Board of Benevolence as one of the elected Members, and have served Stewardships to the Royal Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School. I am likewise Secretary to the Sunbury Lodge, No. 1733, holding its meetings at Sunbury, Middlesex.

I was born in 1841, of English parents residing in Paris, and was educated at the then Lycée Bonaparte. I distinguished myself as a prizeman at my Lycée, which I on several occasions represented with honour at the competitions of the Sorbonne. Before leaving the University I graduated Bachelor of Sciences.

Meanwhile, and for some time after, I assisted my father in the preparation of a French and English Dictionary, and in revising for the press several class books and translations of English and French works. In the year 1865 I came to England, and have since that time been engaged in the business of a law stationer. My scholastic attainments are a thorough knowledge of French, English, Latin, and Mathematics.

I have an intimate acquaintance with the Institution. Having been privileged on many occasions to visit the School, I have made the acquaintance of the educational executive, and highly appreciate the system adopted, and the anxious endeavours of the House Committee to render the establishment a success.

Should I obtain the position I seek, my best exertions shall be devoted to promoting the prosperity of the Institution, and my whole time given to increase, and render permanent, the advantages now offered to the pupils.

I have the honour to be, Brethren,
Yours faithfully and fraternally,
WILLIAM CLIFTON CRICK.

102 Chancery Lane, April, 1878.


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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen and the Princess Beatrice, who have been staying for some few weeks at Osborne, returned to Windsor Castle on Thursday afternoon. The Prince and Princess of Wales with their children and their guests the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark and the Duke of Cambridge have been spending the Easter holidays at Sandringham, but they returned to town on Wednesday afternoon. In the evening the Prince of Wales and the Crown Prince honoured Grand Lodge with their presence, the latter being received by direction of his Royal brother-in-law with the usual ceremonial, and meeting with a hearty welcome from his English brethren. After this pleasing episode, the Prince of Wales was re-installed as Grand Master, and then appointed his Officers for the year. The customary banquet followed, at which the Prince, the Crown Prince, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord

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Skelmersdale, and about 250 brethren sat down; for the account of the gathering we refer our readers to another portion of our columns. On Thursday evening His Royal Highness left London for Paris, where he will prolong his stay into the second week in May. As our readers are aware, the Prince is President of the Royal British Commission for the Paris Exhibition, which will be opened on Wednesday, the 1st prox., and his Royal Highness has taken a deep and active interest in the duties of his position.

Parliament is enjoying a well-earned respite from its onerous duties, and even ministers have been enabled to seek refuge in the country from the weariness of their official labours. The Foreign Secretary and the Marchioness of Salisbury have been staying at Hatfield, and the Prime Minister has been on a visit there. But the political situation is such as to engross by far the largest share of public attention, and any bye-elections, of which there have been several lately, are watched with interest. It does not often happen, especially in a large county constituency like that of South Northumberland, that the election results in a double return, but such was the case last week, when Messrs. Ridley (Conservative) and Grey (Liberal) both polled 2912 votes. The first time of counting them the former had 2914, but two of them were invalid by reason of the name of Grey being written on them, and Mr. Ridley generously refused to be returned by the casting vote of the High Sheriff who it was known would, as a Conservative, have given it in his favour. So the question which of the two gentlemen shall sit as representative for the Constituency must be settled by the House of Commons. At the election for the vacant seat at Tamworth Mr. Hamar Bass (Liberal) was on Wednesday returned by 1186 votes over Colonel Bridgman who polled 667. There is also a vacancy for the Denbigh Boroughs caused by the resignation of Mr. W. Williams, who differed from his constituents on some essential points.

The strike in the cotton trade in Lancashire is a matter for deep regret. These occurrences always cause a serious amount of harm to the trade of the whole country, besides inflicting the most terrible losses on the working classes, but especially on their wives and children. It is well known that in this branch of our industries there has been for some time past great stagnation. Over-production, the greater cost of production, and other causes have combined together and exercised a most depressing effect on cotton manufacture, and it is believed that, as regards the masters, a struggle of this character could not have come at a better time, and that the goods on hand will suffice to meet all demands while the men are on strike, and spending their hard-earned savings. In Blackburn alone over 22,000 are on strike, and this is not the only district to which it is confined. Endeavours are being made to effect a compromise between masters and men, while at Preston many of the men have acceded to the masters' terms, and have resumed work. Let us hope the attempt at reconciliation will be successful.

On Saturday last, Mr. Bandmann was committed for trial by Mr. Flowers, on a charge of having assaulted Mrs. Rousby, the evidence being deemed sufficient to warrant such a step. Mr. Bandmann, who it should be added, indignantly denied the charge, gave bail, himself in £100, and Mr. Chatterton in £100, to appear for trial. The same evening both appellant and plaintiff appeared, the former at the Queen's, in a new piece entitled Madelaine Morel, adapted from the German by the latter, and Mr. Bandmann at the Adelphi, in an adaptation from *Une Cause Célèbre*, recently produced at the Ambigu Theatre in Paris. The title of the English version is *Proof*, and the adapter is Mr. Burnand.

The holiday folk were unexpectedly favoured with nice genial weather, the forenoon of Saturday being the only portion of the Easter holidays in which pleasure was impossible. Good Friday was a pleasant day, and the number of visitors to the parks, Hampstead Heath, &c., &c., was quite equal to that of former years. On Saturday evening most of the theatres were crowded, and in addition to the two we have named must be mentioned the Haymarket, where Miss Neilson charmed a numerous and appreciative audience by her able impersonation of Juliet, in Shakspeare's well known play of *Romeo and Juliet*. On Easter Monday, all the holiday resorts were thronged with people. The Alexandra Palace, where a special programme was prepared, was visited by, at the very lowest estimate, some 50,000. The Crystal Palace, whereto the Grecian Pantomime of *Roley Poley* was transferred, was equally fortunate. Over 30,000 people visited the Zoological Gardens. The British Museum had its complement of visitors, and South Kensington, the Aquarium, Westminster, and our other resorts, were all crowded by people who had come for the purpose and with the resolution of being amused. All the lines of railway took out of town their hordes of excursionists to Brighton, Margate, Hastings, and other prominent watering places, and the Volunteers, though they failed in having a field day on a large scale, had a number of small meetings at Wimbledon, Southgate, Harrow, Staines, and elsewhere. Indeed, it is many years since the public has been as fortunate in respect of the weather and the entertainments provided, but then Easter is rather later than usual.

On Monday the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs went in state to Christ Church, Newgate-street, for the purpose of hearing the Spital Sermon, which was preached this year by Dr. Atlay, Bishop of Hereford. In the evening his lordship entertained a numerous body of guests at a banquet in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House. On Tuesday, the pupils of Christ's Hospital visited the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House, when his lordship, according to annual custom, presented the boys with money—the Grecians with a guinea, the probationers with half-a-guinea, the monitors with half-a-crown, and the lower boys with a shilling. The Blues, before leaving, were regaled with buns and a glass of wine each.

A most mysterious robbery at the bank of Mona, Douglas, Isle of Man, has recently occurred, by which no less a sum than £8,873 in gold was carried off. Three persons are in custody on the charge—a Mr. Gray, one of the bank officials, Thomas Roberts, and Adam Nix. The inquiry is still proceeding, and is exciting the greatest interest. A reward of £500 for the discovery of the robbers has been offered by the bank.

For some days past an inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Charles A. Cooper, an apprentice on board the Maggie Dixon, of Shields, has been conducted at the Police Court, Falmouth, the master, the mate, and the boatswain being implicated. After a protracted hearing, the prisoners were committed for trial, and so strong was the feeling of the people against the accused, that the police had great difficulty in conveying them to the police station.

A very important step taken by our Government last week in ordering a portion of our Indian troops to Malta has caused great excitement in the different Presidencies, and the greatest enthusiasm prevails among the natives, there being not the slightest difficulty in getting up the regiments chosen for service to their full war strength. This ought to have some influence on the Russian Ministers, who are urging the Czar to engage in war with this country. Such an element in our military strength has been overlooked, and when it is remembered that the small force about to be sent to Malta can be increased, if necessary, to almost any extent, and that among them is some of the most magnificent fighting material in the world, let us hope the Russians may pull up in time, and that we may be spared the horrors of a dreadful war.

In Paris, though the political situation is watched with great anxiety, the public attention is directed chiefly to the approaching opening of the International Exhibition, when a series of Fêtes will take place, the Marshal-President being the central figure in a peaceful picture, and circled around him will be our Prince of Wales, the Crown Prince of Austria, and other distinguished personages from abroad. Let us hope the Exhibition will have the effect of strengthening the bonds of friendship already existing between France and the other Powers. There is something infinitely more Christianising in these shows than in the process adopted by Russia.

As regards the crisis, there is a feeling everywhere that the situation is as gloomy as it can be, short of the actual outbreak of war. Prince Bismarck has been trying his hand at mediating, but he does not seem to have succeeded. His idea was to induce Russia and England to agree to a simultaneous withdrawal of their forces from the neighbourhood of Constantinople. Both Powers have agreed to it in principle, but the difficulties in carrying it out, and in assuring a return to the same positions if further negociations should fail, are considered unsatisfactory. Russia declines to submit the treaty to a Congress, and England will have nothing to do with a Congress if Russia insists.

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So the deadlock remains. Elsewhere the news is the reverse of encouraging. Russia, it is believed, has sent an ultimatum to Roumania, demanding an offensive and defensive alliance, or threatening to occupy the country and disarm her troops. There is a Mussulman outbreak in Roumalia, and 20,000 Russians have been despatched to the scene of the outbreak. The Turkish irregulars at Batoum refuse to lay down their arms, and the Sultan's government delays the surrender of Shumla and Varna, though pressed to do so by the Grand Duke Nicholas. There is, too, a new Turkish Ministry, with Sadyk Pasha as President, and it is believed, in the event of war breaking out between Russia and England, that Turkey will try to remain neutral. At the same time, Mr. Layard is daily receiving offers from Turks to enter the English Service should war come.

We have great pleasure in announcing that the *City Press*, which for years past has been a recognised organ of the CITY proper, and which during the whole of its career has been admirably conducted, so that now it enjoys a reputation second to no other journal of a like character, will after the 1st of May be issued twice instead of once a week. This speaks well for the enterprise of the proprietors, Messrs. W. H. and L. Collingridge, and we trust the venture will meet with the success it deserves so richly.

We have received a communication from Bro. William Worrell P.M. and Sec. No. 766, P.Z. and S.E. Chapter No. 766, and P.M. and Sec. of the Macdonald Mark Lodge No. 104, and P.G. Organist (Mark), in which he announces his intention of becoming a candidate for the post of Secretary to the Girls' School, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Little.

We regret to state that in our account last week of the West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, we inadvertently omitted to mention that Bro. G. Coop was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. We cannot account for the omission, and we take this early opportunity of repairing it.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**—At the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday evening, 24th inst. Present—Bros. McMillan W.M., Slaiter S.W., Dignam J.W., H. Meyer S.D., Maples J.D., R. Olley I.G., G. Ferrar Treas., E. Dietrich Sec., W. Fieldwick Preceptor, and Bros. Shackleton, Poole, Wallington P.M. 860, J. Lorkin, C. Lorkin, C. Olley. After the usual preliminaries had been observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Shackleton being candidate. Bro. Wallington worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. A most cordial vote of thanks was unanimously voted to Bro. Wallington for his kindness in working the sections. Bro. Slaiter was appointed W.M. for the next meeting. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on Wednesday, 15th May.

# Old Warrants.

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## No. 120.

No. 7, "Ancients;" No. 13, at the "Union;" } United A.D. 1826,
No. 230, do. No. 288, do. } and No. 13 to present
No. 328, do. No. 418, do. } time.

[G.L. SEAL.]

AUGUSTUS FREDK. G.M.

TO ALL AND EVERY OUR RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, WORSHIPFUL AND LOVING BRETHREN,

WE, PRINCE AUGUSTUS FREDERICK OF BRUNSWICK LUNENBURGH, DUKE OF SUSSEX, EARL OF INVERNESS, BARON OF ARKLOW, KNIGHT OF THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE GARTER, &c., &c., &c.

GRAND MASTER

OF THE MOST ANCIENT FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND,

SEND GREETING.

WHEREAS, Warrants of Constitution under the hands of the Grand Masters for the time being and the Seal of Masonry bearing date respectively the 25th day of June 1785, the 5th day of June 1788 and the 13th day of July 1802 have been granted authorizing and empowering certain Brethren therein named and their Successors to form and hold Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons and which Warrants are respectively registered and numbered in the books of our Grand Lodge Nos. 13, 288 and 418, and whereas the brethren composing the said several Lodges have agreed and resolved to unite and henceforth to form one Lodge only, and for that purpose have applied to us for our sanction and authority so to do. Now, know ye, that we having taken the subject into consideration, and being willing to accede to the wishes of the brethren upon their petition, and in consideration of the surrender of the said recited Warrants to be cancelled, do hereby grant this our WARRANT OF CONFIRMATION AND CONSOLIDATION unto our right Trusty and Well-beloved Brothers John Bell, J. M. Fuller, George Johnson, Edmund Hill, John Howgill, Hall Ker, John Webber, William Webb, Robert Corrier, and others, the members of the said three Lodges, authorizing them and their Successors to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the Barrack Tavern, in the town of Woolwich, in the County of Kent, on the

in every month and at such other times as to the brethren thereof may appear necessary and proper, in conformity with the laws of the Craft, and then and there when duly congregated to make, pass and raise Freemasons, according to Ancient Custom in all ages and nations throughout the whole world, and the said united Lodge is to be registered in the books of our Grand Lodge, and in the list of Lodges No. 13, and further, at the Petition of the said brethren, we do appoint the said John Bell to be Master, the said J. M. Fuller to be Senior Warden, and the said George Johnson to be Junior Warden, for holding the said Lodge, and until such time as another No. 13 Master shall be regularly elected and installed, strictly charging that every Master who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge shall be installed in Ancient form, and according to the laws of our Grand Lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his office. And we do require you the said John Bell and your Successors to take special care that all and every the said brethren are or have been regularly made Masons, and that you and they and all other the members of the said Lodge do observe, perform and keep the said laws, rules, and orders contained in the Book of Constitution, and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge, or transmitted by us or our Successors Grand Masters or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. And we do enjoin you to make such By-Laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the Members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft, and a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such By-Laws and Regulations, and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge, to be entered in books to be kept for that purpose. And you are in nowise to omit to send to us or our Successors Grand Masters, or the Right Honourable Lawrence Lord Dundas, our Deputy Grand Master, or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being, at least once in every year, a list of the Members of your Lodge, and the name and designation of all Masons initiated therein, and Brothers who shall have joined the same, together with the fees and monies payable thereon. It being our will and intention that this our Warrant of Constitution shall be in force so long only as you shall conform to the laws and regulations of our said Grand Lodge. And you the said John Bell are further required as soon as conveniently may be to send us an account in writing of what may be done by virtue of these presents.

Given under our Hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge this 1st day of December A.L. 5826 A.D. 1826.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,

DUNDAS, D.G.M.

WILLIAM H. WHITE, } G. S.
EDW. HARPER, }

The present title, Number, &c. are, the "Union Waterloo" Lodge, No. 13, Woolwich.

## No. 121.

No. 63, "Ancients;" No. 86 (at the Union), of 1813; No. 76 A.D. 1832, and No. 63 from A.D. 1863.

BLESINTON, GD. MASTER.

WM. HOLFORD D.G.M.

JAS. NISBET S.G.W. JOHN ABERCROMBY J.G.W.

*To all whom it may concern.*

No. LXIII.

WE, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Ample form assembled, Do hereby authorise and Impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, *Henry Frye* Master, *James Welsh* Senr. Warden, and *William Hanaway* Junr. Warden (with their lawful assistants), To form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the Sign of the White Hart, in the Town of Bow and County of Essex (or elsewhere), and in such Lodge Admit, Enter and Make Masons according to the Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther Impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, *Henry Frye*, *James Welsh*, and *William Hanaway*, with their lawful Assistants, To nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, whom they are to invest with their power and Dignity and such Successors shall in like manner Nominate, Chuse, and Install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such Installations to be on every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge for ever. *Providing that the above-named Brethren and their Successors always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.*

Given under our hands and Seal of the Grand Lodge, London, this fourteenth day of April Anno Dom. 1757, Anno Lap. 5757.

LAU. DERNOTT,
G. Secretary.

The present title, No., &c. are the St. Mary's Lodge, No. 63, Freemasons' Hall, London.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 27th APRIL.

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

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.

## MONDAY, 29th APRIL.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6. (Instruction.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)

## TUESDAY, 30th APRIL.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
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.)
869—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.

810—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
873—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
R. A. 452—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.

## WEDNESDAY, 1st MAY.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
294—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
320—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
400—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1065—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.
1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

## THURSDAY, 2nd MAY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)
K. T.—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Guildhall, Canterbury.
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire.
124—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 23 Hope-street, Liverpool.
291—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
295—Cumbermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
308—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Farnham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
393—Pomfret, Masonic Building, Abington-street, Northampton.
412—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Bourne-bury, Peterborough.
434—Economy, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
458—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
459—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)
702—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bulling-lane, Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underly, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.
1282—Anchesme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Totnham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Newcastle, Lincolnshire.
1305—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.
1473—Hesketh, Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Bootle, Lancashire.
1503—Walsole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1701—St. Mary Magdalen, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1704—Cedernain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery.
1619—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.

## FRIDAY, 3rd MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
23—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
813—Hanelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammer-smith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Dane, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 135 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1290—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1294—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1304—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1363—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.
709—Invicta, Corn Exchange, Queen-street, Ashford.
781—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
888—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
1091—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1311—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Charlton, Masonic Rooms, Charlton Cum Hardy.
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1537—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone.

## SATURDAY, 4th MAY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
194—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

MONDAY.
K.T. 29—Faith, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.

WEDNESDAY.
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

THURSDAY.
249—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
974—Pentaljha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1313—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemason's Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kedsall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1048—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

SATURDAY.
R. A. 309—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

THURSDAY—97—St. James, St. James' Hall, Writer's-court.
FRIDAY—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship, E. Register-street.

# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Macdonald Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 104.**—This Lodge met at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Wednesday the 17th inst. The regular meeting falling on Good Friday necessitated this alteration of date, and consequently the meeting, though well attended, was not so full a one as usual. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Alfred Williams P.G.S., and at his request, the chair of A. was occupied by the V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.G.J.O. P.M., who was supported by Bros. North Ritherdon S.W., Edward Moody J.W., and other Officers and Past Masters, amongst whom were the V.W. Bro. Thomas Meggy P.G.S.O. P.M. and Treasurer, the W. Bro. William Worrell P.G. Org. P.M. and Sec., the W. Bro. A. Berridge G.D.C. P.P.J.W. P.M., the W. Bro. Arthur Walton P.P.M.O. P.M., Bros. W. C. Hale D.C., N. Bassett R.M., W. Johnston, Theodore Distin, Theodore De Leliva, Louis Hirsch, T. Wild, W. Grant, &c., &c. Visitors—W. Bro. J. Tomlinson No. 181 G.S. P.G.M.O., and Bro. Henry Venn, Old Kent Lodge M.M.M. The Lodge having been opened and minutes read, Bro. R. P. Spice, of the Keystone Mark Lodge, was unanimously elected a joining member. Several candidates for advancement were approved of, and Bro. T. S. Wibl, of the Anchor Lodge, No. 1704, being in attendance was introduced, and advanced to the honourable degree with full ceremony. Bro. North Ritherdon was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. T. Meggy was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Grant Tyler. Bros. Distin and De Leliva were appointed to the audit committee, the whole of the members of which were then invited by Bro. Wolton P.M. to meet for audit at his private residence prior to next meeting of the Lodge. A P.M.'s jewel was

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voted to the retiring W.M. Bro. Williams, and there being no further business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner. Subsequently the customary toasts were proposed by the acting W.M. Bro. Stevens, and were ably responded to by the brethren selected for that purpose, and, after a pleasant hour or two, enlivened by the vocal and recitative efforts of Bros. Distin, Moody, and others, the brethren separated.

**St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction.**—The Fifteen Sections were worked at the White Hart Tavern, King's-road, Chelsea, on Good Friday evening, the 19th instant. Business commenced at 6.30 p.m., agreeably to summons. Bro. Ardin P.M. Zetland 511 occupied the chair, and was ably supported as follows:—Bros. Blay P.M. S.W., Sedgwick P.M. J.W., Markland S.D., Williams J.D., and Pollard I.G. The Lodge was opened, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The working of the Sections then commenced, and the seven of the first lecture were got through at about 7.45 p.m., when the brethren were called from labour to refreshment. After an interval of ten minutes, work was again resumed. Those who had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Ardin, whether as a Mason or in his public capacity, felt assured that under his able Preceptorship the working would be as near perfection as possible, nor were they disappointed, for everything progressed from beginning to end without a single hitch. The workers also deserve the greatest credit for the manner which they got through their several sections. Where all did so well, it would be invidious to particularise. The gathering was extremely satisfactory, there being a good many visitors, four of whom were proposed and elected members, and who expressed, in returning thanks, their warm appreciation of the very creditable way in which the work had been performed; in fact, that they had never had the pleasure of hearing it done better. A vote of thanks was proposed, and carried unanimously, to be recorded on the minutes; Bro. P.M. Pulsford followed this proposition by well-merited eulogiums on the very able and efficient manner in which Bro. P.M. Ardin had discharged the duties of the chair. The W.M., in replying, made a very happy speech. This brought the proceedings to a close, the universal dicta being that it had been a most enjoyable evening. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony at ten p.m. The following is the list of the brethren, and the Sections they worked:—First lecture: 1st, Bros. Greig 1694; 2nd, Docker 1687; 3rd, Markland 144; 4th, Pulsford P.M. 1158; 5th, Cameron P.M. 180; 6th, Blay P.M. 144; 7th, Woods 145. Second lecture: 1st, Bros. Hill 858; 2nd, Hancock 511; 3rd, Cater P.M. 9; 4th, Coulton P.M. 382; 5th, Sedgwick P.M. 180. Third lecture: 1st, Bros. Egan P.M. 858; 2nd, Pollard 858; 3rd, Carlstrom 733.

**Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.**—The last meeting of the session was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. Bros. David Posener W.M. in the chair; there were also present Bro. G. S. Pare S.W., W. D. Bayley J.W., John Peartree I.P.M. and Treas., Phil Levy Sec., F. Cronker J.D., T. W. C. Bush I.G., Potter Tyler. Past Masters J. Constable, J. H. Ross, N. Moss, J. D. Barnett, N. Gluckstein, E. Gottheil; and some sixty members and visitors. After preliminaries, Mr. R. S. Woolf, of Cheapside, who had been regularly proposed and favourably balloted for, presented himself according to ancient form, and received the initiatory lessons of the noble Craft, the ceremony being most impressively performed by the W.M. Two stranger brethren applied for temporary assistance, and were immediately relieved with the sum of £3 3s each. A supper, which greatly partook of the nature of a banquet, was served under the superintendence of Bro. Silver, assisted by the managers of the Hotel. The enjoyments of the table being over, the W.M. rose and proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts combined in one, namely "Loyalty to the Throne, and devotion to the best interests of the Order," which was heartily responded to. Bro. John Peartree I.P.M. next proposed the health of the W.M. He was at a loss to convey the pleasure it gave him to propose this toast, or to enumerate the good qualities of the brother now at the head of the Lodge. They all knew him as an able Mason and excellent worker, but in the present session but little opportunity had been afforded for the display of his abilities. He trusted to meet him in health and prosperity at the coming session. Bro. Posener expressed his hearty thanks for the kind way in which the toast was proposed and received. It was always his study to try his utmost in order to give satisfaction. He had lately been suffering from ill-health, but trusted, when restored to his normal condition, to give every attention conducive to the interests of the Lodge. He would now bid them all farewell, and hoped that during the recess, and in their summer outings, they would thoroughly enjoy themselves, and return with renewed health and vigour to their Lodge duties in the autumn. He would next propose the toast of the evening, namely—that of the Initiate. He was sure that from the attention he had paid, and the intelligence with which he followed the ritual, Bro. Woolf would become an honour to the Craft, of which he had that evening been enrolled a member. (Cheers.) Bro. Woolf replying said, it was quite an unexpected pleasure to have the honour to sit at the right of the Worshipful Master. An honour not likely to occur again for many years. He was, however, fully determined to work his way up, until he succeeded in reaching the high position now so worthily occupied by Bro. Posener. (Applause). In proposing a welcome to the visitors, the W.M. declared that the Tranquillity Lodge was always delighted to see a great number of visitors among them, and tried to entertain them to the best of their power. On the present occasion they had Bros. A. W. Masters of No. 18 Lodge of St. John, New Brunswick, J. Rexworthy 1728, J. K. Pitt 463, J. Mellhuse 72, Kennett Harris J.D. 1728, John Muddison 177, Lionel Cohen 25, F. Plummer 177, F. Rothchild J.W. 1288, Geo. Mickley P.M. 449, E. W. Silk 1524, Geo. P. Hawkes 101, Alf. Hubbard 813, and L. London of the Robert Burns. Each of the names were received with Masonic cheers. Bro. A. W. Masters, responding on behalf of the visitors, expressed the pleasure he felt in having been permitted, by the kindness of Bro. Constable, to visit the Lodge, as it enabled him to compare the working of an English Lodge with those of the other side of the Atlantic. His brother was at the present time W.M. of a Lodge, and when he heard of the kind welcome and hearty reception the brethren had accorded him, he was sure were all present to visit New Brunswick, which unfortunately was not at all likely, they would receive as cordial and fraternal a welcome at his hands. He was only a seafaring man, and quite unaccustomed to address a numerous gathering, but would assure them that the pleasure of that meeting would constitute one of his happiest memories, and the delightful evening spent at the Guildhall Tavern would never be effaced from his recollection. The W.M. then proposed the Past Masters; there was not the usual number here, but those who were present were the cream,—men who are ever ready to support the Master in his duties. Bro. Constable thanked the W.M. on behalf of the P.M.'s, who, he said, heartily appreciated the kindness with which that toast was invariably received, and which had been exemplified on the present occasion. Their good will was particularly gratifying to him personally at this juncture, as in about ten days he was leaving these shores for the Cape, from whence he would not return for some months; but wherever he might travel, and in whatever country he might be, their kindness could never be effaced from his memory. From his very entrance into the Lodge he had been fortunate enough to make a large number of really true friends, for whose generous goodness and the unvarying kindness exhibited towards him he could never become ungrateful. The Worshipful Master then proposed Prosperity to the Benevolent Fund, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Peartree, the Treasurer, who said the W.M. had mentioned the utility of the Fund, and the substantial help arising therefrom; it had more than once assisted a sinking brother, and placed him upon his legs again. This Fund was established some twenty-eight years ago, and during that period had effected a vast amount of good. At the commencement every member contributed according to his means, and especially on installation nights strong appeals used to be made, which were always most generously responded to. The Fund consisted now of £700 invested in Indian Stock, besides a balance in hand in case of immediate and sudden necessity. No such appeals were therefore now necessary, the only exception being that newly initiated brethren generally contributed. Our new brother this evening gives a donation of £1 1s, and he trusted that he, as well as all present, might always be in a condition to give and never be in a position to require to receive. This being the last meeting of the session, he would pray that all may meet again in health and in vigour. He would conclude with wishing Bro. Constable a prosperous voyage, and may he, in health and happiness, return to his family and to them all. (Loud Cheers). For the Treasurer and Secretary, Bro. Phil. Levy responded, he would prefer, that that particular toast might be honoured more in the breach than the observance. He could only reiterate what he had often said before, that the thanks of the brethren was ample reward for any duties the Treasurer and himself might be called upon to perform. In proposing the health of the Officers, the W.M. remarked that no general could well direct an army without the aid of able Officers. In like manner a Master would be lost without the assistance of efficient Officers. He considered himself most fortunate in having the aid of a staff who, one and all, were well up in their respective duties. It was the first time in his experience that an I.G. was singled out for special praise; such, however, was the case on the present occasion; one of the visitors had observed that that Officer did the work exceedingly well; he could only say, that when they came to hold the highest office they might be blessed with an equally efficient staff of Officers. Bro. Pare S.W. responding, thanked the W.M. for the high praise he was good enough to bestow upon the Officers for their humble efforts; he had no doubt that they would continue to emulate the good example set them by the W.M. Bro. Bayley J.W. said he responded with a great amount of diffidence, but promised that his conduct in the future would, if not surpass, at all events be equal to that of the past. The Tyler's toast ended the proceedings. Some truly excellent singing, by Bros. Bayley, Constable, Hubbard, Rexworthy and Child, gave pleasing variety to the entertainment.

**Union Lodge, No. 414, Reading.**—On Tuesday, the 16th inst. Bros. E. Baker W.M., C. Oades S.W., S. Bradley J.W., J. Leaver Secretary, C. Stephens S.D., S. Wheeler D.C., Ferguson acting as I.G., Sprent Steward; P.M.'s Bros. S. A. Pocock I.P.M., J. Long 603, J. Morris, R. Bradley, Weightman, J. A. Strachan, A. M. Yett, S. S. Stallwood 558; Bros. G. W. Webb, D. H. Witherington, C. G. Butler, W. C. Moffatt, H. Higgs, F. Blackwell, J. W. Martin, H. Ayres, J. E. Sydenham, C. G. Hawkes, W. Donaldson, F. W. Albury, M. J. Withers, A. W. Perry. Visitor—Bro. J. Fairclough, member of 832, P.M. 542. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. William Hart, who was elected and initiated. The W.M. announced that the Committees of the two Reading Lodges had met to discuss the terms upon which the tenancy of the Grey Friars Lodge was to be continued. Bro. R. Bradley P.M. moved "that a notice to quit be served on the W.M. of 1101, according to the original agreement." This was seconded by Bro. J. Morris P.M., and after a long discussion was declared to be carried. A circular from Grand Lodge was read, announcing the resolution taken on the matter of the Grand Orient of France, and the same was ordered to be entered on the minutes. A letter from a brother, resigning membership, was also read. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed.

**Cestrian Lodge, No. 425.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Grosvenor

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Hotel, Chester. Present — Bros. F. A. Dickson W.M., John McHattie P.M. as S.W., James Knox J.W., W. C. Hunt P.M. Sec., E. Minshell Treas., E. Cuzner P.M. Organist, A. Smith S.D., J. Pye J.D., Samuel Spencer I.G., David Baynes Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. J. Taylor, J. Salmon, L. Gilbert, J. C. Robinson, T. M. Wilcock, R. Banks, Wm. Masters; also Bros. Stanhope Bull, John Mills, Jas. I. Stevenson, S. W. Ramsden, W. M. Lightfoot, G. W. Marple. Visitors—J. W. Arrowsmith 321, H. J. Lloyd 721, S. M. Davies, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. The usual routine business having been disposed of, the Lodge was advanced to the third degree. Bro. Jas. I. Stevenson having answered the preliminary questions properly, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Although W. Bro. Dickson has all the talent and feeling requisite to make a competent and successful Master of a Lodge, it was a very painful ordeal to witness the strain put upon his nervous system on this occasion. Considering that Bro. Dickson had been confined to his room for more than a week, through severe indisposition, and taking into account the difficult ritual he had to perform, in a cramped and badly ventilated room, which from its proximity to the street reverberated the rattle of passing vehicles, the clatter of horses' hoofs, and the din and tramp of pedestrians, it is strange that he undertook, and astonishing that he succeeded in discharging his duties so well. To any brother accustomed to visit many Lodges in various Provinces, it would appear inexplicable that the brethren of No. 425 should, under any circumstances, allow the Lodge to be held where exist so many disadvantages, especially in a city where there is, no doubt, far better accommodation, and if not, should be provided by the brethren of Chester unitedly, as they muster two Blue Lodges, two Chapters, one Mark Lodge, and a Preceptory. It is to be hoped that a move will be made in the right direction, as it is evident to all intelligent Masons that anything which has a tendency to mar the harmony of a Lodge, or interfere with the proper working of our sublime ritual, does discredit to our glorious Order. Doubtless we shall see erected in Chester a Masonic Hall worthy of our beloved Craft, and in keeping with a Cathedral city, particularly as Bro. Gilbert advocates (if the policy be not too narrow-minded) the principle of "Provincialising and Localising" Freemasonry. It is sincerely and fraternally suggested to Bro. Gilbert to consider deeply whether it is advisable or consistent to advocate building a Chinese Wall round the province of Cheshire. The following notices were brought before the Lodge:—By Bro. Taylor I.P.M., That at the next Lodge meeting he should propose, as the W.M. and Bro. Salmon P.M. and P.P.S.G.D. had undertaken to represent the Lodge as Stewards at the next Anniversary of the R.M.I. for Boys, the sum of ten guineas each be presented by them, in the name and from the funds of the Lodge. By Bro. Salmon P.M., that he should at the next Lodge meeting propose, as Bro. Taylor I.P.M. had undertaken to represent the Lodge as Steward at the next Anniversary of the R.M.I. for Girls, the sum of ten guineas be presented by him, in the name and from the funds of the Lodge. These notices provoked a rather lengthy discussion, which detained the brethren, the Lodge not being closed till 7.30, after which the members adjourned to refreshment.

**La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.**—Nearly forty members of this Lodge attended on Wednesday evening to hear the Fifteen Sections worked under the able presidency of the veteran Bro. T. A. Adams P.G.P. Bros. F. G. Baker S.W., W. J. Ferguson J.W., Pratt S.D., T. James J.D., E. Child I.G., Smallpeice P.M., C. Davis Treas., J. Hurdell Sec. The sections were worked as follows:—FIRST LECTURE.—1st, S. A. Cooper D.C. 382; 2nd, E. Child S.D. 538; 3rd, S. A. Cooper D.C. 382; 4th, J. Hurdell D.C. 1318; 5th, Docker S.D. 1687; 6th, E. Farwig S.W. 180; 7th, F. G. Baker P.M. 753. SECOND LECTURE.—1st, A. Ginger J.W. 901; 2nd, W. J. Ferguson P.M. 177; 3rd, J. Hurdell D.C. 1318; 4th, J. L. Coulton P.M. 382; J. Long P.M. 733. THIRD LECTURE.—1st, C. J. W. Davis P.M. 382; 2nd, D. M. Belfrage S.W. 179; 3rd, Koester P.M. 435. The sections were all well worked, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Adams.

**United Lodge, No. 697.**—The annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Colchester, on Wednesday afternoon, when there was a large attendance of members of the Lodge and visitors. The ceremony of installing the W.M. elect—Bro. George Harvey—was impressively performed by the V.W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Recorder of Colchester, Past Grand Deacon, and at its close the new W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—W. Bros. the Rev. Eustace H. Crate P.M. I.P.M., the Rev. T. C. Brettingham Chaplain, the Rev. J. P. Britton S.W., Henry J. Everitt J.W., Thomas Eustace P.M. Treasurer, Thomas Rix P.M. Secretary, F. Evelyn Morris S.D., John W. Smith J.D., William Harlow D.C., George Guiver Organist, W. Chapman I.G., S. Munson Tyler, G. Eustace and W. Jelley Stewards. At the close of the Lodge business a cordial vote of thanks was passed to V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick for his kind attendance, at some personal inconvenience. A banquet took place at the George Hotel in the evening, served in sumptuous style by Bro. Guiver. The W.M. presided, and was supported, amongst others, by V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, the Mayor of Colchester (Bro. Thos. Moy), W. Bros. Joseph Barton P.G. Treas., Thos. J. Ralling P.G. Sec., S. Chaplin P.M. 51 P.P.S.G.W., Fred. A. Cole P.M. 51 P.P.G.R., Chas. Cobb P.M. 51 P.P.S.G.D., Alfred Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.D., &c.

**Panmure Lodge, No. 720.**—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, S.W., on Monday, the 15th inst., when were present, Bros. D. Trusler W.M., C. P. McKay S.W., W. Shendd J.W., W. Smith S.D., E. Mitchell I.G., M. Spiegel D.C., Lambert Steward, James Stevens P.M., Thomas Poore P.M. and Sec., W. Payne P.M., C. Pulman P.M., W. Steedman Tyler, and Bros. G. Lilley, Brenner, Ash, Gunner, Pascall, Mulloy, Syer, Treves, Huntley, Glenister, Sanders, Lavers, and others. Apologies from several P.M.'s and members were read. Lodge was opened in the three degrees and worked down. Bro. Lavers was passed to the degree of F.C. Candidates for initiation not being present the ballot for approval was deferred. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year resulted in an unanimous vote in favour of the S.W. Bro. McKay. Bro. Thomas Poore Past Master was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Steedman Tyler. It was resolved that to mark the appreciation of the Lodge for a second year's service as W.M. by Bro. Trusler, the P.M. jewel voted to him at the expiration of his first year of office should be provided with a suitable bar and inscription, and that a further recognition should be made by the presentation of an article of value to be selected by himself. Bros. Gunner and Syer were elected on the audit committee. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and spent the remainder of a very agreeable evening in harmonious intercourse.

**William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.**—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 19th of April, at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. S. Golden W.M., Tribbel S.W., Hill J.W., Braun Secretary, Rudderforth Preceptor, Hayes S.D., Cleghorn J.D., Evans Tyler; and Bros. Kinnard, Murch, Webster, Wallis, Harris, West, Reid, Moore, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Cleghorn answered the questions, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The same candidate then answered the questions for raising, and that ceremony was likewise rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Golden. After the working of several sections the Lodge was closed down. Bro. Rudderforth was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday, on which occasion fifteen brethren of the Doric Lodge of Instruction have kindly consented to work the sections in this Lodge. The Secretary also announced to the brethren that an invitation had been received for brethren of the William Preston Lodge to work the Fifteen Sections at the Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction, on Monday, the 6th of May next, Bro. H. E. Frances to preside. This invitation was unanimously accepted.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. M. Christian W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Wardell J.W., Slaiter S.D., Carr J.D., Brown I.G., Wallington P.M. Preceptor, Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas.; and Bros. Polak, Smith, Wyman, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Weige candidate. Lodge was called off, and on resuming opened in the second and third degrees, and regularly closed down to the first. Bro. Dallas worked the first, and Bro. Smith the second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Lorkin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.**—On Wednesday evening, 17th inst., the last meeting for the session was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth. Bro. H. R. Jones W.M. presided. There were also present the following Officers and members:—Bros. W. A. Morgan S.W., A. N. Newens J.W., H. Wilson Treasurer, J. Frost Secretary, A. B. Walker S.D., W. J. Huntley J.D., J. J. Holland I.G., J. Wardroper Steward, S. Steed Tyler; P.M.'s E. H. Boddy, P. Cooke, F. H. Newens, J. G. Carter; F. Reed, J. Stirk, R. Walker, H. J. Newens, G. W. Smith, G. Fortescue, W. Springett, Percy Denham, and A. A. Denham. The following visitors honoured the Lodge with their presence:—Bros. Wildey Wright (the well-known barrister), R. H. Smith, A. B. Morgan, M. Halford, and E. Carter. A good feature in Freemasonry—as showing its liberty and universality—was the presence of Bro. Halford (a coloured brother from a New York Lodge), who is now studying in England for one of the learned professions. The chief business of the evening was to initiate Mr. T. J. Tucker, pass Bro. Percy Denham, and raise Bro. J. Newens, which was faultlessly done by the W.M. Bro. H. R. Jones, assisted by his Officers. The Treasurer and Tyler were re-elected, and Bro. W. A. Morgan was chosen as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Jones, the retiring W.M., was unanimously voted a jewel for the ability he had shown as president of the Lodge. A banquet followed, which was served in the best style by Bro. Dougherty. The customary toasts were given, together with those of the W.M. Elect and the Retiring W.M., both of which were enthusiastically drunk and replied to. The Visitors was eloquently replied to by Bros. Wildey Wright, Halford and others. The proceedings soon after terminated.

**Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, Reading.**—On Wednesday, 10th April. Present—Bros. A. Welch W.M., J. E. Danks J.W., Honey Chaplain, Stransom Treas., Ferguson S.D., Blackwell J.D., Newman D.C. acting Sec., R. Dowsett I.G.; P.M.'s. Bros. Hurley, Margrett, Brown acting S.W.; Bros. Bailey, Palley, Creed, Hunt, Herbert, Hickie, &c. The Lodge was opened, and all preliminaries being duly observed, the candidate for the second degree answered the usual questions and was passed. The W.M. read the communication from the Grand Secretary containing the resolutions of Grand Lodge, with regard to the action of the Grand Orient of France in ignoring the name of T.G.A.O.T.U. in their ceremonies. The W.M. announced that the Committees of the two Reading Lodges had met to consider the subject of rental to be paid for the use of the Hall; that of 41*l* suggested an increase. A discussion ensued, in which Bros. Bailey, Brown, Danks, Hurley, Honey and the W.M. took part. Bro. Margrett P.M. moved, "That this Lodge having taken into consideration the question of an increased rent of the Lodge room, &c., is of opinion that the sum now paid is an adequate rent." Bro. Bailey seconded the motion. Bro. Brown P.M., moved

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and Bro. Hurley seconded "that the increased rent be paid," as an amendment this was put to the Lodge, and declared to be lost. The original motion was now put, and declared to be carried. A letter from the Prov. G. Sec. was read, enquiring as to which of the Masonic Charities the vote of Prov. G. Lodge from the sum of ten guineas should be applied. It was resolved that the R.M.I.G. be selected. A letter of resignation of membership was read, and this ended the business.

**St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305.**—This Lodge held its installation meeting on Wednesday, the 10th of April, at the Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood. Present—Bros. J. L. Baker W.M., George Fowler S.W., W. W. Tyler J.W., E. White Sec., W. Botting Treas., C. A. Smith S.D., E. Timewell J.D., Daly Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Draper and T. Smith. Visitors—Bros. John Marson P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hants, Long P.M. 73, Twemlow 818, Thurdell 1348, Beret P.M. 179, Austen P.M. 753, Briggs and Hutchinson 25, Belgrave 443, Compton P.P.G. Asst. D.C. Kent, Stevens P.M. 9, Buscall W.M. 177, Sams and Pringle 45, Clark 788. Lodge opened at 3.30, Bros. Durrant, Smith, and Twemlow of 818 were raised, and Bro. McMillan was passed. The W.M. then announced that he had much pleasure in calling upon Bro. White, their esteemed Secretary, to take the chair and perform the ceremony of installation. Bro. White, who is the W.M. of the City of Westminster 1563, then installed Bro. G. Fowler, in a manner that reflected credit on himself and gave great satisfaction to those who had the pleasure of hearing him. The W.M. appointed his Officers as follow:—Tyler S.W., C. A. Smith J.W., Timewell S.D., Phillips J.D., Marflit I.G., Young D.C., White Sec. A ballot was taken for Messrs. Ford and Harvey, and being unanimous, those gentlemen were initiated by the W.M., who must be complimented on his working the first time of his being in the chair. It was resolved that the Lodge hold a Summer Festival, in place of the usual June banquet, and that ladies be invited. The auditors' report was then presented; it disclosed a highly satisfactory state of affairs; the Lodge has £250 invested in Consols to the credit of its Benevolent Fund, besides a balance of £57 in the hands of the Treasurer. At the close of the business, which had been admirably conducted throughout, the brethren adjourned to the assembly room, where a magnificent banquet was served by Bro. Marflit. The cloth cleared, the Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal toasts, with a few appropriate remarks to each. Bro. Barker I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M.; he was very pleased to see Bro. Fowler in his exalted position. There had been a very wholesome rule observed in their Lodge from the commencement, that when a brother had served the various offices in rotation he should be elected to the chair. He wished Bro. Fowler every prosperity during his year of office. The toast was drunk with much heartiness. The W.M. in reply said, Brethren, if I make but few remarks while thanking you on this occasion, I am sure you will give me credit for being none the less grateful for the honour you have just done me. If I was to speak for an hour I should fail to express all I feel on being installed into the chair, the very topmost pinnacle of a Mason's ambition, as well as the highest honour the Lodge can bestow on any of its members. I assure you, brethren, my anxiety for the welfare of the Marylebone Lodge is second to none, and I shall spare no effort to promote its best interests during my year of office. I trust that neither its reputation nor usefulness will suffer while under my care; and, brethren, I hope we shall all unite in the Grand Masonic design of being happy and communicating happiness. The W.M. then proposed the health of the initiates, which was replied to. Both expressed the pleasure and satisfaction they felt at being admitted members of the Order. The toast of the Visitors came next. The W.M. felt great pleasure at seeing so many present, the St. Marylebone Lodge was always pleased to welcome visitors. Bro. Buscall W.M. 177 thanked the W.M. and brethren for the hospitality and cordial welcome he had received; it afforded him much pleasure to be present, and especially to see the installation done in such an admirable manner by Bro. White. The Lodge was exceedingly fortunate in possessing such an accomplished member, who was able to do anything that might be required in Masonry; he (Bro. Buscall) felt very proud to have Bro. White for his S.W. in the Domatic Lodge. It was his first visit to the St. Marylebone, and he had enjoyed himself very much, both in Lodge and at the banquet. Bro. Austen and several other visitors also responded. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Installing Master; the ceremony of Installation had been worked in a manner that was simply perfection; he was sure the Lodge was deeply indebted to Bro. White, who was ever ready to do anything in his power to serve the Lodge; he had never heard the imposing ceremony of installation performed in a more able manner, and he asked the brethren to drink the toast with the utmost cordiality. This was done, and Bro. White responded; he felt very pleased to be of service to the Lodge; he felt it a great honour to be the Secretary of the Lodge; also S.W. of a Lodge; and likewise W.M., all of which capacities he filled at the present time; but the greatest pleasure of all was having had the honour to instal the W.M. of the St. Marylebone Lodge. When he undertook this duty he was sensible of the great responsibility of the task, but he now felt that he had given the brethren satisfaction, and he was amply repaid. The P.M.'s was next given, and the toast was responded to by Bros. Baker, Draper, and J. Smith. Bro. Baker thanked the Lodge for the very handsome jewel that had been presented him, and again expressed the great pleasure he had felt throughout his year of office. He sincerely hanked the brethren for the kindness and support he had received. he health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next offered, and Bro. Botting replied. In proposing the Lodge Officers, the W.M. was confident the Officers appointed that night had the interest of the Lodge at heart, and that the year thus happily inaugurated would be continued satisfactorily, and that the Lodge would go on and prosper in the future as it had in the past. The several Officers replied in brief but suitable terms, and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

**Langton Lodge, No. 1673.**—The installation meeting of this young and prosperous Lodge, to which we had only time and space to refer last week, was held on the 17th instant, at the Masonic Club, Queen Victoria-street. Indeed, there is an intimate association between the Langton and the Club, and we may be pardoned if we defer our account of the meeting for a few moments while we note some of the points connected with this association. Our readers are aware that the Masonic Club was opened by Lord Skelmersdale in July 1876. It had long been felt, by many, that such an Institution was most desirable, and, indeed, there was a very strong feeling of surprise expressed in most quarters that so "clubbable" a body of men as the Freemasons should be almost the only society of any moment which could not boast its club. The idea of establishing one was received with great favour. A site was found, a suitable building erected, and, in due course, opened for the accommodation of members, of whom by the day on which Lord Skelmersdale presided at the inaugural banquet there were already several hundreds. Among the arrangements of this Club, which have given most satisfaction, was one for holding Lodges, and in this important particular the Club is most favourably circumstanced. Moreover, there is an admirable *cuisine*, ruled by a skilful *chef*, so that when the Masonic labours of the day are ended it is possible to enjoy a good dinner. All this has been achieved by a company, and to its directors must be ascribed the honours of having succeeded so well. But it is to Bro. Joseph Langton, the managing director,—we may almost say the genius of the directorate,—that the thanks of the Masonic community are due in an especial manner for having a Club so well conducted and so admirably appointed, and, therefore, when it was proposed in the course of last year to establish a new Lodge at the club quarters, we are not surprised that it should have been named after him. We do not as a rule admire the custom of naming Lodges after individual Masons, unless they are very exalted in station, or very distinguished by their ability; but in this instance, in the case of a Lodge established for the convenience of the members of the club, it was in harmony with all the circumstances that it should be named after the managing director, whose endeavours in the interests of the Fraternity had been so assiduous, and we rejoice to add, successful. With the expression of a hope that these labours may long continue, that they may be as successful henceforward as heretofore, and that our worthy brother may reap the reward of successful labour, and long enjoy the respect and esteem of all his brethren, we pass on to record the events of his installation. The Lodge met, as we have said, on the 17th instant. The chair was occupied by Bro. H. D. Stead W.M., who was supported by Bro. Joseph Langton S.W. and W.M. elect., Bro. F. Dobbing J.W., and Bros. J. A. Reid S.D., A. Rosenthall J.D., W. L. Rosenthall Chap., J. K. Stead P.M. Treas., and R. E. Barnes Tyler, together with a strong muster of members and visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. John Morrell P.M. No. 111, and Joseph Morrell P.M. No. 111, were both balloted for as joining members and elected. The Rev. W. Barnard Banyard and H. Hill Banyard were balloted for, and the ballot being clear, Bro. Stead initiated them, in a very impressive manner, into the mysteries of the first degree. Bros. Faber and Hackworth having been found worthy, were then passed. After the election of Bro. R. E. Barnes as Tyler, the ceremony of installing Bro. Langton as W.M. was proceeded with, there being a numerous board of installed Masters present to witness it. After having received the salutations and congratulations of his brethren, Bro. Langton proceeded to appoint and invest as his officers for the ensuing year the following brethren, namely, Bros. F. Dobbing S.W., J. A. Reid J.W., A. Rosenthall S.D., J. D. Langton J.D., A. C. Barnett I.G., W. F. Taunton Sec., Rev. W. Rosenthall Chaplain, J. K. Stead P.M. Treas., T. A. Rumpff and J. R. Crossley Stewards, and J. Morrell D.C., with R. E. Barnes as Tyler. A motion for increasing the initiation fee from ten to twenty-five guineas, and the joining fee from five to twenty guineas was then discussed at some length, and in the end a compromise was effected, the former being increased to fifteen guineas, and the latter to ten guineas. After having voted ten guineas for the purchase of a Past Master's jewel to be presented to the retiring Master, Bro. H. D. Stead, and a further sum of ten guineas to be placed on Bro. Dobbing's list as Steward at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the brethren adjourned to banquet, and on the removal of the cloth, the customary round of toasts was proposed and duly honoured. In proposing that of the Pro Grand Master, Bro. Langton referred to the circular which had been read in Lodge that day as evidence of the deep interest his lordship took in Freemasonry. In connection with the toast of Lord Skelmersdale, and the other Grand Officers Present and Past, the Master mentioned incidentally that Lord Skelmersdale had been present at their Lodge, and had expressed his satisfaction with the manner in which the work was done. Bro. Stead, I.P.M., proposed the health of Bro. Langton, and congratulated the Lodge on having in him so excellent a Master, and one who would exert himself to do his duty to promote the success of the Lodge. Bro. Langton, in reply, expressed a hope that he might be able to fulfil the expectations raised by his predecessor's remarks, and declared that at all events he should endeavour to do so. He concluded by proposing the health of the I.P.M., which was duly acknowledged. The health of the Initiates was responded to by each in turn, and each promised to do his best to make himself a worthy Mason. Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden replied to the toast of the Visitors, and Bro. F. Dobbing S.W. for that of the Officers. The musical arrangements were far above the average, and gave the greatest satisfaction, the artists including Miss Mary Davies and Messrs. E. Collins, Sidney Tower, Forington, and James Matthews; among the songs they gave were "The Anchor's Weighed," by Mr. Tower; "When the Heart is Young," Miss Mary Davies; "Nancy Lee," Mr. Forington; and "Good Night, Dear Love," Bro. Edward Collins. The Visitors included Bros. the Rev. P. M. Holden, Thomas Greener 111, Walter Beard 101, H. Massey 619, W. W. Morgan 211, John G. Horsey 186, Fountain Meen 1185, W. Pawley, W. W. Cooke P.M., A. E. Stead 1622, and T. F. Smith 1, &c.

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## MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 55.)

### SIR RHADAMANTH.

You are right, justice, and you weigh this well;
Therefore, still bear the balance, and the sword:
And I do wish your honours may increase.

The friend of man;
Who scanned his nature with a brother's eye,
His weakness prompt to shade, to raise his arm,
To touch the finer movements of his mind,
And with the moral beauty charm the heart.

IN our last sketch we delineated the excellences of a Devon Craftsman. This week we move to a neighbouring county, a stage nearer this huge metropolis of ours, that we may chronicle the virtues of one who, in his time, has played many parts, and played them well; who has endeared himself to all Masons, by his urbanity, his sense of justice, and his generosity; and who, in every branch of Freemasonry, has won for himself many and great distinctions; so that in speaking of him as a brother, we may say truthfully, what was said of a distinguished writer of last century, "*Nihil tetigit quod non ornavit.*" This praise may by some, perhaps, be considered as approaching too nearly to the verge of adulation. But let the reader note carefully the career of their judicious and judicial brother, as we record it, and the charge of flattery will at once be rejected. The subject of our present sketch is the son of a brother and the father of a brother. We are treating, therefore, of one of whom it may be declared with accuracy, that the love and pursuit of Freemasonry are hereditary virtues. There are many such who belong to our Craft. The Shirleys of Leicestershire, the Montagus of Hunts, the Dundasses of Yorkshire, have been again and again, and be it added, in all cases, most worthily represented in the ranks of our Fraternity, and he whom we have designated Sir Rhadamanth, by reason of his known impartiality on the judgment seat, albeit he has not attained, and is not likely to attain such eminence as some members of the Masonic families we have enumerated, is nevertheless the occupant of many high Offices which few among us may hope to fill, and which even fewer still may look to fill so worthily. Our respected brother was in early life a soldier, and it was when on service with his regiment in the East that the idea occurred to him, that he, a Lewis already, should follow the example of his father before him, and become a Mason. On his retirement from the army, he settled down on his patrimonial estate, but not, as many do, with the intention of leading a comparatively inactive life. On the contrary, as one of the county magistracy, and as a Deputy Lieutenant, our brother has had many opportunities afforded him of doing excellent service in both capacities, and especially in the former has he earned for himself a firm place in the affection and respect of his friends and neighbours. However, it is no part of our duty to dwell at length on the non-Masonic portion of his career. Let it suffice that as an officer and in his civil capacity he has done good service to the state; and then pass we at once to that which will interest our readers in an especial degree.

We have said that Sir Rhadamanth conceived the idea of becoming a Mason when, as yet only a Lewis, he was with his regiment in India. However, it was not in the East, but in a British possession in the great western hemisphere, that he obtained his first glimmering of Masonic light. It was on the 23rd December 1845, and in St. Paul's Lodge in Montreal in 1874, one of the few Canadian Lodges which still acknowledge the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge, that our brother had an opportunity of giving effect to his resolution, and was initiated into the Masonic mysteries. However, owing no doubt to the exigencies of military service, we find but little to record during the earlier part of his connection with the Craft. He took his degrees and filled various offices, in all cases meritoriously, and to the satisfaction of his brethren. It is not till the year 1856 that we find him taking that active part in the doings of our Society by which he has been ever since distinguished. In that year he took the leading *rôle* in the foundation of Lodge No. 665, Lyme Regis, which was accordingly named after him, and in the following year he was again to the fore in founding St. Mary's Lodge, No. 707, Bridport. Fourteen years later we find him among the founders of that eminently popular Lodge, No. 1383, of Golden-square, which, though young in respect of years, has already made its mark in the annals of our Craft. He has likewise been a petitioner for other Lodges. Of both the Dorsetshire Lodges we have mentioned he is a Past Master, and he is likewise a Past Senior Grand Warden of his Province. In 1863 he was appointed Dep. Prov. Grand Master by the late R.W. Prov. Grand Master Bro. Joseph Gundry, and this appointment he continued to hold till the lamented death of his chief in 1877. A reference to the Grand Lodge Calendar shows, that during the period of his association with this Province, the number of its Lodges increased from six to thirteen, or was more than doubled; and though we cannot in fairness to others ascribe to him the sole glory of this success, we shall certainly not be exceeding the limits of justice if we affirm that he took a leading part in bringing it about. And as his labours in subordinate Lodges have been duly recognised in his Province, so it is only in the natural order of things that the ability and tact he has shown in his Provincial offices should in their turn be rewarded by the Grand Master, and we have great pleasure in announcing that on Wednesday, 24th April, he was appointed by His Royal Highness one of the Grand Junior Deacons of England, an honour most worthily bestowed, and on which we beg to offer him our heartiest congratulations.

As regards Royal Arch Masonry, it was not till the year 1856 that he was exalted to the R.A. degree, in the Virtue Chapter, No. 494, of Axminster, Devon. Having, in due time, filled the several minor and principal offices, and having founded the St. Mary's Chapter, No. 707, Bridport, and taken part in the foundation of other Chapters—among which may be mentioned that attached to the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, of Golden Square—he at length received, last year, at the hands of His Royal Highness the Grand Z., the supreme honour of Provincial Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Chapter of his County. In 1869, he was advanced to the Mark degree, and is founder of the St. Mary's Mark Lodge, No. 121, Bridport, and the Ark Mariners Lodge working thereunder. In 1856, he was made a Knight Templar in the Holy Cross Encampment, Coryton, Devon, and on the 20th June of last year was appointed Provincial Prior of the Order in Dorset, having in the interval founded the Hyde Preceptory, No. 98, Bridport. He is likewise a Past Grand Captain, and at the present time is one of the five members of the Council of the Great Prior elected by the Great Priory. In the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters he holds the office of R.P. Grand Illustrious Master, and is Ill. Pr. Cond. of Work in the Grand Masters' Council, No. 1. But it is, perhaps, in the A. and A. Rite that he has achieved his highest honours. In 1856,

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he received the 18° Rose Croix, and the 30° K.H.; in 1869 reached the 33° S.G.I.G; and he now holds the position of Grand Chancellor in the Supreme Council. We have now completed this portion of our task. We have enumerated the most important among the many distinctions he has obtained in Craft, Arch, Templar, and High Grade Masonry. We have shown that our statement at the outset, as to his conspicuous merit, had nothing about it which in any way approached to flattery. We pass, therefore, to another part of his career, and as this is of an essentially practical character, it will, doubtless, receive from our readers its just measure of appreciation. We allude, of course, to the services he has rendered to our different Charitable Institutions, and when we record that up to the present time he has served as Steward to one or other of them on eleven different occasions, and has been the means of adding to their funds to the extent of over £2,000; and that at the approaching festivals of the two Schools his name is entered on the list for each Institution, it will be obvious that in this portion of his duties he has been equally zealous and quite as successful as in his study of the different branches of Freemasonry. But he has been something more than the simple medium for conveying funds into the coffers of our Charities. He is himself a liberal supporter of them, being a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, a Vice-President of the Girls' School, and a Governor of both the Male and Female Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Moreover, he has made one of his daughters a Vice-Patron of the Boys', and a Governor of the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions; his other daughter a Vice-President of the Boys', and a Governor of the Girls' and the Benevolent, and his son, who will, in all probability, be this year W. Master of the Lodge attached to his regiment, a Governor of all three Charities. By thus bringing the daughters of his house into immediate relation with our noble Institutions, our worthy brother gives the most convincing proof in his power of the regard in which he holds our Society. He cannot make them Masons, for the members of the fair sex are not eligible to be received into our Lodges; but he has placed them in positions in which they must inevitably take an interest in the better part of Freemasonry, namely, in helping to alleviate such distresses as have arisen from death or indigence. However, we must not dwell too particularly on this part of our subject. It is not in the power of all Masons to follow in the footsteps of our brother, who has been blessed with more favourable opportunities for doing good than the majority of us. Still, in these days when people are apt to scramble through their duties, doing them oftentimes perfunctorily and with indifference—we say, in these days it is well worth our while to note those who fulfil them scrupulously and conscientiously; and we are justified in classing in this particular category the man who need not concern himself about matters beyond the immediate sphere of the society in which he moves, and yet does so concern himself most loyally and invariably.

We are now on the eve of closing our somewhat hasty and imperfect sketch. We are aware that in tracing his career we might have gone more into detail, and noted step by step the different positions he has held in Craft, Arch, Mark, and High Grade Masonry. Instead of doing this, we have preferred laying the greatest stress on his greatest achievements, which include a G. Deaconship of England, the post of G. Superintendent of the G. R.A. Chapter of his Province, a Past Grand Captaincy in the Temple, and the Grand Chancellorship in the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite. These are positions of great dignity and trust, which are attainable only by brethren of great merit. We have likewise shown how active he has been in the diffusion of Masonry—how he has been, now a leader, now a simple participator, in the foundation of Lodges and Chapters. Moreover, we have striven to give due prominence to the many and great services he has rendered to our Charitable Institutions, and in doing this we have shown that "Sir Rhadamanth" has been as successful in the practical as in the scientific duties of a Freemason. This, then, is our portrait of one who, in his more immediate circle, is regarded with the deepest affection; who is justly esteemed in society, not only for the qualities of mind he possesses, but also for the ability he displays in the duties of an office, which is always a responsible and oftentimes a thankless one; and who, in a Masonic career extending over upwards of thirty years, has grandly carried out the obligations he contracted as a simple E.A.P. Other honours may await him, but though they will confirm, they cannot enhance his reputation. He has done his duty, not from motives of self-interest, but from a sense of duty. As was sung by an English poet of last century:—

"A long descent, and noble blood,
Is but a vain fantastic good,
Unless with imbred virtues join'd,
An honest, brave, and generous mind.
All that our ancestors have done,
Nations reliev'd, and battles won;
The trophies of each bloody field,
Can only then true honour yield,
When, like Argyll, we scorn to owe,
And pay that lustre they bestow."

This has evidently been the motive power of his actions through life. He has realised fully that whatever advantages he possessed over others, entailed on him heavier responsibilities, and for this reason is he so generously regarded by his brethren. May he live to enjoy for many years to come the esteem and respect he is so justly entitled to!

## GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Meeting of Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. The three chairs were occupied by Comps. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, S. Rawson, and Hugh D. Sandeman. The other Grand Officers' posts were filled by Comps. John Hervey S.E., Capt. N. G. Philips S.N., Peter de Lande Long P.S., William Hickman 1st Asst., Robert Grey 2nd Asst., A. J. Duff Filer S.B., Francis Robinson D.C., and C. B. Payne Janitor. Comps. Snell, Head, Muggeridge, Joseph Smith, H. Dumas, T. Fenn, Glaisher, H. Murray, Joshua Nunn, were among the past Grand Officers who attended. This being the evening for the installation of the new Grand Officers, the Rev. C. J. Martyn said the Principals would remain the same as before, viz., the Prince of Wales M.E.Z., the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.Z., Lord Skelmersdale H., and Lord De Tabley J. The other Grand Officers were nominated and invested:—Comps. Hervey E., Erasmus Wilson N., Colonel Shadwell Clerke P.S., the Rev. C. W. Arnold 1st Assistant S., H. C. Tombs 2nd Assistant S., Æ. J. McIntyre Q.C. Registrar, James Lewis Thomas S.B., H. G. Buss Standard Bearer, W. H. Lucia D.C., and C. B. Payne Janitor. Grand Chapter then granted the petitions for charters to be attached to Lodges 997 New Zealand, 681 Chesterfield, 369 Clitheroe, 1507 London, 1540 London, 1381 Kennington, 1381 Chorlton-cum-Hardy, 1283 Sowerby Bridge, 1145 Accrington, 1489 London, 1328 London, 153 Gibraltar, and 1717 Tunis. A slight discussion arose with respect to the Tunis Chapter. The Lodge has been established only six months, but it was stated by Col. Creaton that the Lodge numbered forty-two members, and there was no working Masonic body within two hundred miles of this Lodge, and the prayer of the petition was then granted. Col. Creaton, and Comps. Benjamin Head, R. Grey, Joseph Smith, H. C. Levander, John Boyd, D. Betts, Captain Philips, and James L. Thomas were appointed the Committee of General Purposes, and this closed the business of Grand Chapter.

## FREEMASONRY IN MASSACHUSETTS.

THE Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held at the Masonic Temple in Boston, on the 13th March. In the absence through indisposition of Bro. C. A. Welch Grand Master, the chair was occupied by Bro. A. H. Howland jun. Dep. Grand Master, who was supported by Bros. W. H. Chessman Senior G. Warden, Irving B. Sayles Junior G. Warden, Rev. Charles H. Titus Recording G. Sec., many other Grand Officers Present and Past, and the representatives of a considerable number of Lodges. The Grand Lodge having been opened in the usual manner, and the records of the Annual and Stated Communications in December last, as well as those of the 2nd and 21st January, and of the 15th February, when the new Masonic Hall of Orient Lodge was dedicated and its Officers installed, were taken as read or read and confirmed. Several new Codes of Bye-laws and amend-

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ments of Bye-laws were submitted and referred to the standing Committee. Petitions for Charters for Mountford River Lodge, East Douglas, and Saint George Lodge, Brockton, were presented, and together with their Records, Bye-laws, and Returns referred to the Committee for Charters, which recommended they should be granted. The proceedings of a convention of Lodges in New South Wales, in the formation of a Grand Lodge, and an application to be recognised as the regularly organised Grand Lodge of New South Wales, were presented and referred to a Committee, consisting of Bros. Sereno D. Nickerson, Henry Endicott, and Sam. P. Oliver. A Report by the Trial Commissioners, by which a member of the William Parkman Lodge of Winchester, was expelled from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, was approved by vote of Grand Lodge. The Committee on the Grand Master's annual address, submitted their report, and so likewise did the Committees on Healing and on Bye-laws, after which an interesting communication from Past Grand Master Heard on the Seal of Grand Lodge and the propriety of restoring the old motto it bore, was read by Bro. Titus, and referred to a Committee consisting of Bros. W. S. Gardner, Sereno D. Nickerson, Charles L. Woodbury, Charles R. Train, and Tracy P. Cheever. A proposed amendment to the Miscellaneous Regulations of the Grand Constitutions, to the effect that persons who have received only the E.A.P., or E.A.P. and F.C. Degrees, on seeking admittance into a Lodge, should furnish the Tyler with a card, stating their name, the degree in Masonry they have attained, and the Lodge by which conferred, which card must be submitted to the W. Master for his approval before such visitor could be admitted, was also referred for consideration to a Committee. A sum of five hundred dollars was voted for charitable purposes, to be disbursed by the Committee on Charity. After an announcement by the Recording Grand Secretary that the Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Marshal were absent through illness, Grand Lodge was closed in due form, with the customary formalities.

## THE *TIMES* AND FREEMASONRY.

FROM THE *TIMES* OF 25TH APRIL.

THE Prince of Wales entered yesterday on his fourth year of office as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the English Grand Lodge of Freemasons. The ceremonies of the occasion, which we describe in another column, were, of course, most impressive. It is by its external splendours that Freemasonry is best known to the world outside its ranks. Its gorgeous dresses, its mysterious tokens of rank and office, and its dignified method of procedure, are well calculated to impress the mind with due reverence for those awful secrets of the craft which they at once veil and symbolize. Nothing was wanting yesterday to the full effect of the day. There was a large and distinguished company, including among the guests the Crown Prince of Denmark, Grand Master of the Danish Freemasons. There was a profuse display of the well-known insignia of the Freemasons' order. The sun and the moon, the compasses, the squares, and the triangles were resplendent amid the gold and silver and blue of the aprons, or shone upon the breasts of the assembled brethren as marks of a nobility at once the highest and the most venerable of any. Freemasonry has had its dark days. It has met with suspicion and persecution from Church and State. Its practice, even in this country, has been forbidden by express statute. Elsewhere it has been under the ban of the Inquisition, and its members have suffered accordingly. It has had its martyrs and confessors, its false and weak-hearted brethren, its schisms and discords from within, its relentless enemies who have ever been on the watch to surprise it and put it down. It has passed safely through all these dangers. It has survived with unbroken front, guarding its secrets meanwhile from an intrusive and hostile world. In this country it has been its good fortune for some time past to enjoy the favour of royalty. The ceremonial of yesterday is not the first of the kind that the English world has seen. From the days of King Henry VI., who passed suddenly from a persecutor to an admitted member of the Order, the connexion of the English Royal Family with Freemasonry has been close and frequent. At the present day, with its sixteen hundred Lodges, its innumerable band of brothers, and with the Heir-Apparent as its Grand Master, English Freemasonry stands more firmly than ever. Its enemies, if such it has, must be looked for among the sex which is debarred for ever from its privileges. Women, it is well-known, unhappily for themselves and for Freemasonry, have an evil reputation for not keeping secrets. The great ceremonial of yesterday was, therefore, less perfect than it might have been made if the sex had been less frail.

The Freemasons are, beyond all dispute, a very ancient body indeed. Their descent has been variously traced down from the patriarchs of old days. Solomon, Noah, and Adam have all been claimed as founders or prominent members of the Order. Probable evidence in all its degrees must be taken for what it is worth in a case of this kind, where strict proof has now ceased to be possible. The finisher of the great Temple must, in all reason, be thought to have been conversant with the builder's art. His workmen, if not himself, were certainly masons; and, as the presumption is that a man is free in the absence of proof to the contrary, we may venture to speak of them as Freemasons. From these early members of the Masonic Order, through Pythagoras, and with a process of filiation not very strictly made out, we come next to the masons of the early middle ages, to the constructors of the magnificent Gothic churches, which in this country and on the Continent are among the most precious monuments of antiquity. The men who erected these buildings were certainly possessed of secrets which have not yet been divulged. Their unapproached supremacy as artists is sufficient proof of this. Nor need we have any difficulty in believing that they were frequently united in a kind of brotherhood of the craft, known to one another in their necessary wanderings from place to place by signs of their own, and possessed of professional knowledge which they guarded jealously from outsiders. All this is so likely that it would need proof that the old builders were not something of this kind rather than that they were; whereas, in point of fact, the evidence, such as it is, is almost wholly confirmatory. But between these men and the modern Freemasons there is only one more chasm to be bridged over, and it is not nearly as broad and difficult as the previous one which we have already passed. As time went on, and as the constitution of society changed, the early trade companies of Europe lost, together with their uses, a good deal of their original meaning. There has been a process of transformation in a good many of them. The guild has survived, but it has been less and less closely connected with the craft or business from which it took its name. Modern Freemasonry has no very close connexion with the building trade. It scarcely, indeed, affects to have any in the ordinary sense of the words. Its buildings are of a kind not made with hands. Virtue and brotherhood and good-fellowship are the intangible results at which it is contented to aim. But we may still, in spite of the wide difference between old and new Masonry, trace some, at least, of the steps by which the process of development has been carried on. Before the time of modern Freemasonry there had already been something of mystification introduced into the Masonic Order. When the obvious uses of that Order were at an end, it was thought wise to devise something or other by way of justifying its continued existence. Curiosity was piqued by half glances which the world was suffered to have into the inner secrets of the Order. This was the state of things which went on apparently until the seventeenth century and the genius of Elias Ashmole gave Freemasonry a fresh start. Ashmole, in his various characters as herald, astrologer, and antiquary, was well fitted for the work; and Freemasonry ripened into a perfection which could scarcely have been expected.

It is of the symbolism of Freemasonry that we must be understood as speaking. Of its real secrets we can, of course, say nothing. They have been made public a dozen times since Ashmole's day. Scotchmen and Americans, with an imperfect sense of humour, or with a want of love for the mysterious, have come forward to divulge them. Weak members have been forced into betraying them, sometimes by downright violence. The Grand Inquisitor of Portugal—so the record runs—joined the order of the Freemasons for the express purpose of betraying them to their enemies. But, from whatever cause it has happened, the secret of the order—if secret indeed there be—has never been made known. The world sees it as a society which unites practical benevolence with good-fellowship, and is contented to honour it for its more obvious as well as for its more occult excellencies. The patronage of the Prince of Wales, however honourable, is not needed for keeping it in popular favour. Its great charity alone suffices to give it real merit, by which the outer world may be satisfied to judge of it. Its secrets are its own affair, and we are not bold enough to indulge even the wish of prying into them.

The Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons have invited the brethren who acted as Stewards at the late Festival to visit the Institution at Addiscombe Road, Croydon, on Tuesday next, between the hours of 12 a.m. and 4 p.m.

ACCIDENTS.—The business of accident insurance ought to be considerably extending itself through the exertions that are being made by the several offices. Where there were only three or four ten years ago, there are now something like fifteen. Yet there are very many thousands who are ignorant of the advantages a solid well-founded Company offers to those who avail themselves of an Accident Policy. The best illustration we have seen is the Annual Claim List published by the Accident Insurance Company, of 7 Bank-buildings, Lothbury. By the one for 1877, recently issued, we make out that over 1,200 cases of compensation were settled during the year; the chief number being paid for horse accidents—388. Business and professional risks brought 333; street accidents numbered 130. We are reminded, too, of the terrible bridge accident during the Bath Agricultural Meeting, in which the Company had three cases. Carriage accidents numbered 17, and railway casualties produced 28. Accidents at home seem rather numerous, as there were so many as 126. The innumerable other claims are spread over sports and pastimes, such as hunting, fishing, shooting, athletics, bicycling, bathing, boating, cricketing, football, tennis, croquet, rinking, dancing, &c. Fires and storms, attacks of cattle, and animal and insect bites, are all detailed in a way to show how varied are the injuries we are all liable to sustain. It is clear everybody should have an accident policy by him.

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## REVIEWS.

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*The Amateur's Flower Garden.* A handy guide to the formation and management of the flower garden, and the cultivation of garden flowers. By Shirley Hibberd. Illustrated with coloured plates and wood engravings. London: Groombridge and Sons.

Also by the same author and at the same publishers—

*The Amateur's Kitchen Garden, Frame Ground and Forcing Pit.* A handy guide to the formation and management of the kitchen garden and the cultivation of useful vegetables and fruits.

*The Amateur's Green House and Conservatory.* A handy guide to the construction and management of plant houses, and the selection, cultivation and improvement of ornamental green house and conservatory plants. 1878.

*The Amateur's Rose Book.* Comprising the cultivation of the rose in the open ground and under glass: the formation of the rosarium: the characters of wild and garden roses: the preparation of the flowers for exhibition: the raising of new varieties: and the work of the rose garden in every season of the year. A new edition, revised, enlarged and illustrated with coloured plates and wood engravings.

THE above form a compact series of guide books, which will be of the greatest possible service to those for whom they have been written. They are the books of one of our most competent authorities. They are admirably and most methodically arranged, the illustrations are extremely well done, and there is not a single chapter which is not replete with the most valuable instruction. Let us take the *Amateur's Flower Garden* first, as we have placed it first in the series, and give just a brief outline of its contents. By so doing we shall demonstrate how fully and exhaustively Mr. Hibberd has treated the subject. After a brief introductory chapter, the author, following out the plan of the well known Mrs. Grundy, of first catching the hare before you cook it, shows how a garden should be formed before proceeding to lay down instructions for planting it. Chapter II. is devoted to "the Parterre," and the following consecutive chapters on the "Bedding System, and the Plants required for it," the "Cultivation of Bedding Plants," "A Selection of Bedding Plants," "Hardy Border Flowers," "A Selection of Hardy Herbaceous Plants," "Tender Border Flowers," and "Hardy Annuals and Biennials." Chapters X. to XIV., both inclusive, are set apart for the description of various kinds of gardens, namely, "the Rose Garden," "the American Garden," "the Subtropical Garden," "the Perpetual Flower Garden," and "the Rockery and the Alpine Garden." "Flowers for Winter Bouquet," in which the advice of a competent authority is always acceptable, is dealt with. This is followed by two most important subjects, one of which, the "Making and the Managing of the Lawn," is treated at some length in Chapter XVI., and the other, "Garden Vermin," in Chapter XVII. The last two sections of the volume include Additional Selections to those already given," and "Reminders of Monthly Work." These form a fitting, and indeed, a necessary conclusion to a most excellent treatise. The above sketch will not suffice to show the value of the instructions that are given, but they are enough to give some idea of its general character, and this is all it is in our power to do in a notice of this kind.

*The Amateur's Kitchen Garden* is treated much on the same principle. First we have its formation, then follows a chapter, which is specially intended for the amateur and him only. "Pits and Frames" are then treated, and then the subject of "Selecting from the Kitchen Garden." In the remainder of the work the treatment of the several kinds of vegetables is described, and among the chapters in which this is done will be found one (Chapter XXIII.) on "the Storage of Roots," another (Chapter XXIV.) on "Exhibiting," and a third (Chapter XXVII.) on "Forcing;" the last two being devoted to "the Fruit Garden," and "Reminders of Monthly Work." This has the advantage of a carefully-prepared Index. The *Amateur's Greenhouse* and the *Amateur's Rose Book* are equally meritorious works, and like the "Kitchen Garden," are both of them furnished with indexes, an advantage which is the one shortcoming that is noteworthy in the "Flower Garden." As the season is now approaching when all who can boast of gardens and take pride in them will be doing their utmost to set them in order, we have no hesitation in commending these works of Mr. Shirley Hibberd's to the favourable notice of the public. As we said at the commencement, they are very methodically arranged; there is in each a mass of useful information, the result of years of study and experience; and the more practical of the directions, such as those which relate to the formation and arrangement of gardens, the construction of frames and green or hot houses and conservatories, &c., &c., have the further advantage of being planned or illustrated. This is a real advantage to the reader, particularly if he is only a tyro in the arts of horticulture and floriculture, for illustrations frequently enable a person to grasp a subject more thoroughly than written directions, however concise and lucid they may be. However, we have said enough to convince our readers that we place great value on these four treatises, which form indeed a miniature library on Gardening, and we can only add that we hope the public will reward Mr. Hibberd's efforts on its behalf by exhausting the present, and calling for new editions of his works.

## DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1524.

HAVELOCK TAVERN, ALBION ROAD, DALSTON.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on Wednesday, the 15th May, by Bro. Fieldwick Preceptor. Members of the Craft are invited to attend. The Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

FROM THE LEEDS MERCURY.

THE Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire Freemasons was held on Thursday, 25th April, in the Large Room of the Church Institute, Leeds, under the auspices of the united banners of the seven Leeds Lodges. The preliminary Lodge was opened in the three degrees by the W.M.'s of the various Lodges, the position of each officer being allotted by ballot as follows:—Bros. Thos. Winn, Goderich, 1211, as W.M., Fleming, Goderich, 1211, as I.P.M., D. R. Glover, Fidelity, 289, as S.W., T. C. Taylor, Philanthropic, 304, as J.W., John Bell, Alfred, 306, as S.D., A. Whitehead, Zetland, 1311, as J.D., George Wilson, Excelsior, 1042, as I.G., J. Britton, Defence, 1221, as Tyler. Immediately on Provincial Grand Lodge entering and taking their respective chairs, Bro. Winn, addressing Sir H. Edwards, Bart. (Provincial Grand Master), on behalf of the seven Leeds Lodges, said he heartily welcomed the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, and trusted the gathering that day would tend to increase the happiness and pleasure he felt in occupying the high and honourable position he did in the Craft. (Applause).

After the Provincial Grand Lodge had been duly opened with prayer and the reading of a passage of Scripture, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (Sir H. Edwards) and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. T. W. Tew J.P.) were saluted in ancient style and in the heartiest manner. In response,

Sir Henry Edwards said—Officers and Brethren of this Provincial Grand Lodge,—Accept from me the assurance that I am gratified for the manifestation of cordiality which you have exhibited towards your Provincial Grand Master, and which I interpret as faithfully reflecting the fraternal sentiments of the Craft in this province towards me, and in which the Leeds brethren also have displayed so much good will and enthusiasm. The trouble the Committee, as the representative of the seven Lodges, has taken to hold our annual meeting in this town has been great; a meeting which uninitiated persons, outside the Masonic circle, would criticise perhaps as a gathering of a peculiar community merely to exchange a few complimentary remarks of fraternal greeting, but which is of itself to us assembled a well understood symbolism of the doctrines and charitable principles represented by our Masonic costume, and which I interpret as the expression of your deep attachment to our ancient and time-honoured Order. I thank the seven Lodges for their reception of Provincial Grand Lodge; and I thank you all, brethren, for your individual salutation, under circumstances of eventful interest to the brotherhood in West Yorkshire. The pleasure of greeting you all here to-day is, I am bound to say, tinged with melancholy. What was intended by the Committee of the seven Lodges to have resulted in one of the most brilliant and joyous of our annual assemblies, and upon an extended scale of hospitality, has been curtailed to a simple reception of Provincial Grand Lodge, from respect to the memory of a distinguished brother, lately amongst us as a bright and shining light in Freemasonry. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Jefferey, the Secretary to the Committee of the seven Lodges, has therefore postponed to a more fitting occasion the entertainment to this Provincial Grand Lodge, which formed the original programme. But I heartily acknowledge the obligations to this Committee on the union of the seven Lodges, and thank them all again for their invitation to meet at Leeds for the third time during my occupation of this chair of the Province. At this moment we have not recovered from the shock the Craft has sustained by the death, last month, of the late Deputy of this Province, and Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons. Those ties of friendship which commenced between himself and the Masonic body on the 15th January 1846, when he was initiated a member of the Lodge of Harmony, at Huddersfield, have been snapped asunder by the death of Bro. Bentley Shaw. This Province has been deprived of the services and experience of one of the ablest of her counsellors. Those amongst us who have been since 1846 associated with the late Deputy in an official capacity must now again acknowledge and appreciate his qualifications for administering the affairs of this Province, the brightness of his intelligence, and the judicial impartiality of his conduct when fulfilling the duties of this chair. I trust, brethren, you will reciprocate in the desire of your Prov. Grand Master that our united sympathies, by a resolution of condolence, should be passed by this Lodge and conveyed to Bro. Shaw's family. The expression of sentiments of regret by this resolution, which stands in my name, is a Masonic principle hallowed by all our traditions and ancient customs, "to weep with them that weep, and to mourn with them that mourn." We beseech the Great Architect of the Universe to give to the family of our departed brother His richest consolation under the domestic bereavement with which it is visited, and may we all be as we verily believe he was, when our span of life is ending, ready to enter the Grand Lodge above, eternal in the heavens. (Applause.) I again congratulate the Craft on the re-election of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England. Freemasonry is spreading in all directions under his administration. Last year 63 Warrants for new Lodges were granted, and 8,465 Grand Lodge certificates issued to new members in the Order of the Grand Lodge of England. The foundation of every new Lodge is a stone added to the edifice of Masonic civilisation, and each new member a link to that fraternal chain of brotherly love, charity and mercy, which binds together peaceful, loving communities of the earth. I mention with pleasure the sum of £604, contributed by the Lodges and brethren of this Province, to the Royal Masonic Fund on the 13th February, at which my deputy was present. The circumstances of the times are not more settled than when I addressed you in January last, rather the political anxieties of the moment are intensified, and there is that consequent depression of trade which prevents the Craft from contributing more liberally at present; nevertheless, the total sum

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announced amounted to upwards of £11,000. Our Charity Committee reports five candidates for our votes at the elections, and may I hope that you will all, without delay, send in your voting papers to the Committee, so that they may not be hampered in the conduct of the elections and give disappointment to expectant applicants, when success ought to crown united exertions, and the more as by Bro. Shaw's death we lose 114 votes, which be always placed at the disposal of the Charity Committee. Since preparing my address, I have been informed of the election of three out of the five candidates. (Loud applause.) It is with delicacy I refer, as does the charity report, to the failure of a London bank in which the voluntary contributions of the craft, to the extent of £2,689 had been intrusted. The late Grand Treasurer, it appears, was connected with this banking firm. A committee has been appointed to consider and report upon the finance arrangements generally, and those relating to the late Grand Treasurer. The pecuniary loss to the craft is more than was at first anticipated. A proposal has been placed on the agenda paper by the Provincial Grand Registrar and his successor for augmenting the charitable resources at the disposal of this Provincial Grand Lodge. My deputy thinks the time has arrived, and that this is a fitting opportunity, for the consideration of a fund of benevolence for West Yorkshire. Should you be pleased to entertain the Registrar's moderate proposal, the paragraph would, when confirmed, become incorporated by attachment to that particular bye-law, and be construed as a part of it by affiliation. These brethren think by this proposal, a foundation would be laid on which hereafter might be consolidated a "fund of Masonic benevolence," solely devoted to charity, worthy of the liberal and munificient traditions of this generous province. The proposal has for one of its objects the separation of the annual current expenditure of the adminstration of this province from the receipts, to be exclusively devoted to charitable purposes, such as are petitions for relief, &c. By placing the financial receipts of this proposal for the establishment of a charitable fund under the control of the Charity Committee, the pecuniary influence and usefulness of this most representative body would be greatly and permanently consolidated, and its voting power at the elections year by year could be cumulatively increased and strengthened. Should there be anything in bye-law No. 42 which may on constitutional precedent hinder the promoter and seconder introducing this proposal for discussion, I and my deputy ask your permission for its temporary suspension, so as to enable this meeting of the craft to take cognisance of and deal with this proposal to the extent contained within itself. Only one more topic must I touch upon, which ought not to be passed over; I refer to the resolutions of Grand Lodge on the French question. These resolutions I received from London, and requested my deputy to transmit them to the Worshipful Masters of all Lodges under my jurisdiction, with directions to have them read in open Lodge, at its next meeting after their receipt, and afterwards permanently fixed in the minute-book. With us a candidate cannot be admitted who is without belief in the G.A.O.T.U. The first article of our incomparable Book of Constitution says, "A Freemason of all men should best understand that Jehovah seeth not as man seeth, for man looketh at the outward appearance, but Jehovah looketh at the heart." Therefore there is no place in our Lodges for one who has no belief in a Supreme Being. We are dependent on Him for life and health and all things. He demands the entire consecration of the intellect, the heart, the physical powers to His work and glory here, and that we may be fitted for the resurrection and the Grand Lodge above. (Applause.) In conclusion, permit me to say that, having examined the annual returns of the Lodges, I find an increase of 88 new members admitted over the numbers of the previous year. With 840 Worshipful Masters and Past Masters on our rolls, the difficulty of choosing names for the entering year is one of anxiety and delicacy; because out of so large a list of meritorious brethren I am utterly unable, to my great regret, to provide them with Provincial Grand Lodge recognition; therefore those Lodges from whom members are about to receive the appointment of office must accept and consider it in these brethren as equivalent to the highest honour in my power to bestow. Again I heartily thank the outgoing Provincial Grand Officers for the work they have accomplished and assistance rendered to me and to my deputy during their year of office. (Applause.)

Bro. Tew having briefly replied, the roll of Lodges was called over, showing that 61 out of 64 Lodges in the province were represented, there being about 400 brethren present, one of the largest gatherings for some time.

The next business was the investing of Provincial Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

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| S.G.W. ... ... ... | Bro. | Rev. A. W. Hamilton-Gell, 139, Sheffield. |
| J.G.W. ... ... ... | „ | J. R. Armitage, 302, Bradford. |
| G. Chaplain ... | „ | Rev. William Collins Lockis, M.A., 837, Ripon. |
| „ ... | „ | Rev. Israel Parkinson, M.A., 61, Halifax. |
| G. Treasurer. ... | „ | R. I. Critchley, 208, Dewsbury—re-elected. |
| G. Registrar ... | „ | J. C. Malcolm, 306, and 304, Leeds. |
| G. Secretary. ... | „ | H. Smith, 387, Wakefield. |
| S.G.D. ... ... | „ | T. Ruddock, 275, Huddersfield. |
| J.G.D. ... ... | „ | W. B. Alderson, 495, Wakefield. |
| G.S. of W ... ... | „ | A. H. Kirk, 208, Dewsbury. |
| G.D.C.. ... ... | „ | F. W. W. Booth, 387, Shipley. |
| G.A.D.C. ... ... | „ | Wm. Cooke, 1,302, Halifax. |
| G.S. Bearer ... | „ | F. M. Tindall, 1,239, Sheffield. |
| G. Organist ... | „ | C. Harvey, 904, Rotherham. |
| G. Purs.. ... ... | „ | R. D. Kendall, 1,283, Sowerby Bridge. |
| G.A. Purs ... ... | „ | H. F. Ward, 458, Goole. |
| G. Steward ... | „ | G. F. Crow, 1,211, Leeds. |
| „ ... ... | „ | J. Fawcett, 904, Rotherham. |
| „ ... | „ | D. A. Shaw, 827, Batley Carr. |
| „ ... ... | „ | J. Beedle, 1,042, Leeds. |
| „ ... | „ | W. W. Macvay, 1,542, Castleford. |
| „ ... | „ | W. Pratt, 1,034, Eccleshill. |
| G. Tyler ... ... | „ | J. Lee, 290, Huddersfield. |
| G.A. Tyler ... | „ | J. Sheard, 208, Dewsbury. |

A proposition of Bro. J. G. Hutchinson, P. Prov. G. Regis., seconded by Bro. Malcolm, Prov. G. Regis., to alter the 53rd bye-law, for the purpose of establishing a local fund for charitable purposes, caused considerable discussion; and an amendment to defer the further consideration of the matter for three months was ultimately carried by a large majority.

A vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late Bro. Bentley Shaw, P.D. Prov. G. M., expressing the heartfelt sympathy of the Provincial Grand Lodge, was then unanimously carried.

It was stated that for the purpose of perpetuating the memory of the late Bentley Shaw, Sir H. Edwards offered to subscribe £50 towards £1,050 to obtain a presentation to the Girls' School to be called the Bentley Shaw presentation.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, after which many of the brethren repaired to the Queen's Hotel and partook of a sumptuous banquet, following which the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given and heartily received.

## WAS POPE PIUS IX. A MASON?

### WHAT AN EXAMINATION OF THE RECORDS REVEALS.

It has frequently been asserted with a degree of confidence that the late Pope Pius IX., known as Mastai Ferretti, before his election to the Papal throne was a member of the Masonic fraternity under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Many believed, and still believe, that the late Pope united with the craft, but subsequently withdrew from it, and became one of its most relentless opponents. It is not a difficult matter to discover the truth or falsity of any statement relative to this or that man who claims to be, or of whom it is asserted, is a Mason; for so complete are the records of the Grand Lodge of this or any other Masonic jurisdiction, that an examination will always establish the fact one way or the other. So much has been said of the late Pope's Masonic connection, that a representative of the PRESS yesterday made an investigation of the matter, with the result as given below, which will be found of interest not only to the membership of the Masonic order, but to every reader who has never crossed the threshold of a Lodge-room. Upon visiting the new Masonic Temple, the reporter was directed to the office of the *Keystone*, a Masonic weekly, whose editor, Clifford P. McCalla, Esq., Past Master of Concordia Lodge, No. 67, of this city, some time ago published a full and exhaustive article upon the subject. On visiting Mr. McCalla, at his office, that gentleman stated that he did not think that Mastai Ferrotti was ever a Mason so far as the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had any jurisdiction. He had carefully examined the records at the new Masonic Temple, at Broad and Filbert Streets, and had given to the readers of his paper the results of his research. He then courteously handed the PRESS representative a copy of the *Keystone*, which contained quite a lengthy and exhaustive article upon this subject, from which the following extracts have been taken: "So far as Philadelphia is concerned, Mastai Ferretti was never made a Mason in any Lodge of this city, and we are prepared to say that he was never made a Mason in any Lodge working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, or in any foreign country included in the Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging. There is a shadow of proof that he was a Mason in Havana, in a Lodge which at the time was working under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. An examination of the books and records at the Temple shows that on March 2, 1818, the Grand Lodge warranted Los Delicias de la Havana, No. 157, working in Havana, Cuba. The Lodge surrendered its warrant June 4, 1821, at which time it came under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Havana. On November 17, 1819, Martin Ferrety was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. in this Lodge. On December 17, 1804, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania warranted Lodge La Temple des Vertus Theologias, No. 103. The Lodge surrendered its warrant at the same time as the above named Lodge. In Lodge La Temple, Juan Augustus Ferrety was made a Mason January 15, 1815. He resigned March 21, 1817, and affiliated with Lodge Los Delicias de la Havana, No. 157, in which he was crafted and raised. Martin Ferrety and Juan Augustus Ferrety are the only Ferretys on the records of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania." It will be seen that these names are spelled Ferrety and not Ferretti, which latter was the Pope's name. Whether Pius IX. joined a Lodge in Havana under an assumed name is a question that cannot be answered. The shadow of proof is in that direction, for one of the Ferretys may have been the late Sovereign Pontiff. At any rate, the only record of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is as above given.

It cannot be said, however, with any degree of authority, that Pio Nono was not a Mason. The fact that he was a Catholic, devotedly attached to a church whose feelings and prejudices are strongly against all secret societies, especially the Masonic fraternity, might have induced him to adopt one of the names above given, in order to conceal the fact of his connection with the Order. As Mastai Ferretti, he never was affiliated with any Lodge under the jurisdition of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, and in truth he might say so. His admirers and co-religionists could also with considerable force deny any of the assertions that he was ever raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. in any Masonic Lodge. In so far as the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is concerned, the statements that he never was a Mason would seem to be entirely borne out; but this fact as already stated must be kept in mind—he may have been one of the two Ferrety's. It should be said, however, that the Masons of this city have been just as anxious to discover the truth as the faithful of the Church have been zealous in denying all the statements that he ever had anything to do with ancient Masonry.—*The "Press" of Philadelphia.*

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## THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A report having been circulated that I have withdrawn my candidature for the Secretaryship, will you kindly contradict this, as such a statement is entirely void of foundation.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. R. W. HEDGES.

Freemasons' Hall, 2nd May 1878.

## PROXY VOTING.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been spoken to by several Yorkshire brethren on the subject of Proxy Voting at the coming election for Secretary of the Girls' School, and I certainly think that it would be only an act of common justice to Provincial Masons to permit them to record their votes in the manner suggested. It would be utterly unreasonable to expect us to attend the ordinary elections of pupils in order to record our votes, and why should we be expected to do so in the case of the election of Secretary?

I am, yours fraternally,

A YORKSHIRE W.M.

2nd May 1878.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read with considerable attention the letters on this subject which have appeared in your valuable journal, and fully recognising, as all must, the great injustice done to the Provinces by the system of personal voting, I do not see how the law can be altered for this election. There is a third course open, and one which will recommend itself to every one who has the good of our Institutions at heart.

It is this. If the voting must be personal, the votes can be recorded at various centres in England, on the same principle as at a parliamentary election for a county. The Provincial Grand Secretaries of each Province can act as deputy Chairmen, and receive the balloting papers, which they can transmit to the Chairman in London, protected of course by various seals. The Chairman will, after the scrutiny and counting of voting papers, declare the result of the poll. This gives the Provincial brethren a chance of recording their votes, and does not practically disenfranchise them, as the present system does. We would all think it a great hardship if in a County Election a voter living in Barrow-in-Furness had to go to Manchester to vote, but here is something still more monstrous. A Life Governor living in Berwick-on-Tweed or Cornwall is obliged to go to London to record his vote, or else is debarred from exercising his right of choice.

As our Institutions mainly depend on voluntary donations for their maintenance and support, it is above all things necessary to conciliate those from whom we hope to receive subscriptions and donations, and the success of the Institution mainly depends upon the energy and tact which is brought to bear upon the ever increasing body of the newly-initiated by those who advocate the claims of Masonic charity, the chief of whom are the Secretaries of the various Institutions.

I must submit to you the extreme importance of the vital question—Who is to be the next Secretary? and my earnest wish that every brother, Metropolitan and Provincial, will look carefully into a matter which may for many years to come affect the best interests of the Girls' School.

Many of our Provincial brethren take the deepest interest in the well-being of the Schools, but cannot afford time or expense to go to London to vote on this question, which is all important to them, and I certainly think the privilege might be accorded to them of being able to vote for their own choice, in their own Province.

I am, yours fraternally,

A CHAIRMAN OF A PROVINCIAL CHARITY COMMITTEE.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There are many of us who feel with "Fair Play" and Bro. Constable regarding proxy voting at the coming election of Secretary, nor do we think that there need be any difficulty in the matter.

I am, yours fraternally,

ONE OF MANY.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondents, Bro. Constable and "Fair Play," have called attention to the disabilities of country voters in regard to the approaching election of a Secretary to the Girls' School. If such exist, and I admit that your correspondents have fully made out their case, our country brethren who desire to vote "must do so under unequal conditions as compared with London brethren."

It seems to me, however, that, to be consistent, your two correspondents, who cry out against our country brethren being hindered *from the exercise of a privilege*, should go a step further, and claim for them equality with Londoners in *the performance of a duty*. Such as is now cast alike upon Masters of Town and Country Lodges under the existing constitution of the Lodge of Benevolence.

Yours fraternally,

29th April 1878. R. F. GOULD.

## "TOLERANCE" AND THE FRENCH QUESTION ONCE MORE.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I do not propose to comment at any length on Bro. Jacob Norton's latest courteous communication to your columns. I do not think it would be very profitable; that is, I do not imagine, if the controversy be further prolonged, there is the slightest probability we shall come nearer to an agreement, or that either of us will succeed in convincing the other; and for this reason. There is, to start with, an essential difference in the nature of the basis on which each of us rest our arguments. To give one instance only. His definition of morality differs materially from mine It is impossible, therefore, to argue until a common understanding has first of all been arrived at, as to what we are arguing about. Thus brother Norton asks, If atheists are necessarily stupid and immoral? To which I answer, By no means, if by "stupid" is meant "meant wanting in sense," and by "immoral," not prone to lying, stealing, adultery, and other sins of a like character. But I do not take Anderson's expression "stupid atheist," in its ordinary sense, but as conveying the same meaning as the passage I quoted from the Psalms. "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God." Here "fool," I take it, does not mean a person without sense, but an arrogant, self-sufficient, and dogmatic kind of person, who lays down his opinions tyrannically, and will brook no sort of argument in contradiction. Again, by "the word immoral" I mean to express, and I argue that Anderson did mean to express, not simply one who is not a liar or a thief, but one who fails in some essential particulars in the duties he owes towards his Creator and his fellow-creatures; who—to be more precise—refuses to pay that respectful homage to the Creator which He has a right to expect, and who declines to be governed by the ordinary obligations which suffice to bind all other men. I can quite conceive of such a person that he is a truth-telling man, that he recognises the distinction between *meum* and *tuum*, but I cannot regard him as a "moral" man for all that. Thus, until Bro. Norton and I can agree to lay down one common acceptation for the terms "stupid" and "immoral," it is impossible we can argue profitably.

As to Bro. Norton's other question, What harm to Masonry will there be in admitting a "moral atheist?" who, I take it, must in the nature of things be an impossible kind of being. Well, the harm is, that by doing so we are destroying the fundamental principles of the Craft, as laid down by the founders of our Speculative system. It is very well for Bro. Norton to say, these founders "shared the common prejudices of the vulgar" against atheists, but let us at least give Anderson, Desaguliers, and their compeers, the credit of knowing what they were about, when they formulated the new sytem. They saw the injustice of excluding men from Freemasonry on the score of religion. Anderson himself was a Scotch Presbyterian, while Desaguliers was an Anglican; but they took no heed of the atheist except to denounce him, for, as far as I can imagine, this reason, that they did not understand how it was possible for a truly moral man to be such. They enlarged the scope of Freemasonry which, in the operative period, was purely Christian, but they shuddered at the bare idea of destroying the religious character of the Craft. We in England who have had our charges, &c., &c., handed down to us through successive generations, are of the same mind, and what is of the greatest importance, we have, in accord with us, the whole of mankind through all ages from the creation till now, with the exception of an infinitesimally small number, who deny and have always denied, the possibility of there being no God. Bro. Norton has admitted that the numbers of atheists is very small. Why, then, I ask, should we be required to alter our Constitutions and stultify the Masonic teaching of all ages at the dictation of a few? Why are we to be denied our undoubted privilege of defining the principles on which our Society is based? Why, if it is conceded that we have the right of excluding "immoral" men, should we be denied the still further and higher privilege we in this country have always exercised, that of excluding irreligious men. We have never required candidates to state the nature of their religious belief. We strictly forbid the discussion of religious questions in our Lodges. But we do not admit those who deny God. This is not bigotry. By excluding them we are acting in obedience to the principles of Masonry.

In his remarks on my statement, that, there is no antagonism between religion and Masonry, I am afraid Bro. Norton will have to pardon me for saying that he has weakened his case very considerably. He has confounded together "Religion in the Abstract" with "Religion in the Concrete." The former means simply the worship of God, and will include all forms of religious worship, while the latter is confined to one specific form, as when Bro. Norton may speak of *his* religion or I of *mine*. So with virtue and vice, as the case may be, there is virtue (or vice) in the abstract, and virtue (or vice) in the concrete; the former general, the latter particular. I cannot help saying that, logically, it is absurd to lay it down that because the Roman Catholics or the Trinitarians and others have denied there is any religious principle in Freemasonry,

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therefore the religious principle has been wanting. The averment that Freemasonry is a non-religious body, because it is not Roman Catholic or Trinitarian is a fallacy, and I am surprised Bro. Norton should have taken it as showing that the charge against Freemasonry of being without a sense of religion has not been refuted. So long as we admit only men who have a religion, we, *ipso facto*, refute this charge. When we admit those who have not, we eliminate from our principles the religious element or basis, and the charge becomes true.

I need not write further. I am not ashamed of finding myself serving under the same banner as Aristotle and Cicero, who were both religious men, nor do I think it detracts from the merit of David, that though I described him as an inspired writer, there is no such word as "inspired" in the Hebrew language. I used the word as it is commonly used, for I am no Hebrew scholar, and therefore could not have known whether there was or was not such a word in that language.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

TOLERANCE.

## "URIM" AND "THUMMIM."

THESE words, which signify *lights* and *perfections*, have never been satisfactorily explained, they have nowhere been describe, perhaps a few opinions respecting them will not be unacceptable.

In Brown's Dictionary of the Bible I find the following:—"Urim and Thummim signify *lights* and *perfections*, and are mentioned as in the High Priest's breast plate, but what they were we cannot determine."

Some think they were two precious stones, *added* to the other twelve, by the extraordinary lustre of which God marked his approbation of a design, and by their dimness his disallowance of it; others think these two words were written on a precious stone, or plate of gold, fixed in the breast plate, others will have the name JEHOVAH incribed on a plate of gold and therein fixed; others think the letters of the names of the tribes were the Urim and Thummim; and that the letters by standing out, or by an extraordinary illumination, marked such words as contained the answer of God to him who consulted this oracle.

Le Clere will have them to be the names of two precious stones, set in a golden collar, and coming down to his breast, as the magistrates of Egypt wore a golden chain, at the end of which hung the figures of justice and truth engraven on precious stones.

Weems thinks they were some ornament formed by God himself, and given to Moses.

Hottinger thinks they might mean no more but that Moses was to choose the most *shining* and *perfect* stones of the various kinds to be put into the breast plate.

Prigeaux thinks the words chiefly denote the clearness of the oracles dictated to the High Priest, though perhaps the lustre of the stones in his breast plate might represent this clearness.

When this oracle of Urim and Thummim was to be consulted it is said the high priest put on his golden vestments, and in ordinary cases went into the sanctuary, and stood with his face to the Holy of Holies, and the consulter stood as near him as the law allowed; but how the answer was given, whether by an articulate voice from the mercy seat, or by the outstanding or lustre of the letters in the breast plate, we know not.

This oracle was never consulted in matters of faith, as in these the Jews had the written law for their rule; nor was it consulted in matters of small moment; and it is even said—I suppose without ground—that none but sovereign judges, kings, and generals consulted it. It is certain David consulted the Lord in this manner before he came to the throne.

While Moses lived there was no occasion to consult this oracle, as the Lord spake to him face to face. After his death, it was consulted till the age of the temple and prophets, the latter of which seem to have supplied its room; for we read not of one single instance of the people then consulting it. Nor did Josiah when terrified with the threatenings of God, consult it, but Huldah the prophetess, in order to know the mind of God. Josephus will have the stones of the Urim and Thummim to have retained their lustre till about A.M. 3890; but it is certain the oracle was wanting some ages before, in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah. Nor do I know of the least ground to believe that it existed under the second temple. The Jews pretend that the *Bathcol* (or the daughter of a voice) supplied its place, whose oracles, they say, were often attended with a clap of thunder; and it seems from Luke xii. 29, "the people, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered; others said, an angel spake unto him."

*Bonar*, on *Leviticus*, says, "It has been suggested by one who is already a scribe in the law of his God, that the stones of the breastplate were arranged in the manner in which the tents were pitched round the ark"—(this, I believe, was a brother Mason). It is followed by a sketch, showing the glory in the centre (supposed to be the Urim and Thummim) surrounded by three stones on each of the four sides of the breast plate, the effect of which is very beautiful.

W. P. I.

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LAU. DERMOTT D.G.M.

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To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable and Captain Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Falkland, and in that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical Jurisdiction thereunto belonging GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Lau^ce Dermott, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful William Tindall, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Thomas Carter, Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorize and impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Jonathan Mathews, one of our Master Masons, the Worshipful Alexander Aitken, No. 31 his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Henry Spencer, his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Ship and Anchor, Gun Dock, Wapping (or elsewhere), in London, upon the Second and Fourth Wednesday of each Kalendar Month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Jonathan Mathews, Alexander Aitken, and Henry Spencer (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Power and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Twenty-fifth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy-five and in the year of Masonry Four thousand Seven hundred Seventy and Five.

WILLIAM DICKEY,

Grand Secretary.

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## Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

IN accordance with an intimation given in a late number of this Paper, the Allotment of Life-Governorships and Life-Subscriberships to the above Institution, will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, 6th May, at 7 p.m.

ARTHUR E. GLADWELL, Steward.

SECRETARYSHIP

## Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

A MEETING OF BRETHREN favourable to the Candidature of Brother F. R. W. HEDGES will be held in the Morning Room, Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, 6th May.

**The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'Clock.**

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

### ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

THE Votes and Interest of the General Committee are respectfully requested in favour of

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(Bachelor of Sciences Paris University), P.M. Canonbury Lodge 65, and Secretary Sunbury Lodge 1753,

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**To the Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.**

6 GRAY'S INN PLACE, APRIL 1878.

BRETHREN,—I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for the office of Secretary, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Little. Should you do me the honour to elect me, I can only say that I will endeavour to fit the office efficiently, and I hope that the manner in which I have discharged my various duties in Masonry will be considered a sufficient qualification.

W. SMALLPEICE, Assoc. Inst. C.E.

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**To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors of the**

## Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—

I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a candidate for the post of Secretary to your valuable Institution, rendered vacant by the lamented death of our esteemed Brother R. WENTWORTH LITTLE.

I have been a Freemason upwards of Nine years, during which time I have taken a very active interest in the Order. I am a P.M., and have been for some time past, Secretary of my Lodge, and Scribe E. of my Chapter.

I am now the Secretary of an Orphan Asylum, a position which I have held nearly four years, and am therefore thoroughly acquainted with the practical working of a Public Institution.

I am thirty-three years of age, and in good health, and previous to receiving my present appointment, I was engaged in business with a Marine Insurance Broker at Lloyds'.

Soliciting the favour of your kind interest and support,

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies and Brethren,

Yours obediently and fraternally,

WILLIAM WORRELL,

P.M. and Sec. No. 786. P.M. 1339. P.Z. and S.E. Chapter No. 786. P.M. and Sec. Macdonald Mark, and Past Grand Organist (Mark).

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**To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors.**

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—

In pursuance of my intimation a week since, of my intention to present myself as a candidate for the Secretaryship of this Institution, rendered vacant by the lamented death of Bro. LITTLE, I now beg to state my qualifications for that office.

I am 33 years of age; for 14 years I had the entire official management of a large manufacturing business, the annual returns of which exceeded £100,000, and for the past two years I have been in business as an Accountant and Auditor.

The Testimonials I possess are such that I am hopeful of obtaining your unqualified support.

Since my entry into the Craft I have been an Annual Subscriber to the three Masonic Charities; I have served a Stewardship to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, of which I am a Life Governor; and am at the present time a Steward at the approaching Festival of this Institution, qualifying myself also as a Life Governor.

Should you do me the favour of electing me to the Secretaryship of the Institution, you may rely that I shall exert my whole energy and ability for the continued prosperity, and to further extend the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies and Brethren,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. A. WHITE, P.M. 907, P.S. Chapter 907; Lodges 1427 and 1716.

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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen and Court are now at Windsor Castle, and will remain there for some time. On Monday, Her Majesty held an Investiture of the Imperial Order of the Crown of India, when the following ladies were ushered into the presence separately by Viscount Torrington, preceded by Sir Albert Woods, Garter King at Arms, and invested with the insignia of the order by the Queen, assisted by the Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess Helena of Great Britain, and Princess Beatrice, viz., the Marchioness of Salisbury, the Marchioness of Ripon, the Countess Dowager of Elgin, the Countess of Mayo, Lady Jane E. Baring, Lady Hobart, Baroness Napier of Ettrick, Baroness Lawrence, Lady Northcote, Lady Temple, Lady Denison, and Mrs. Gathorne Hardy. Each lady kissed hands on being presented. On Tuesday, the Crown Princess of Germany, Princess Royal of Great Britain, arrived at Dover on a visit to the Queen. Her Imperial Highness on landing was received by Colonel Duplat as representing Her Majesty, Count Munster the German Ambassador, and the Countess Marie Munster, Viscount Sydney, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Kent, and the Naval and Military authorities of the port. After luncheon at the Lord Warden Hotel, Her Imperial Highness travelled by the London, Chatham and Dover line to Clapham Junction, where the train was changed to the London and South Western line, and proceeded on its way to Windsor. Next week the Queen will make a short stay at Buckingham Palace, and will hold two drawing-rooms, one on Tuesday, the 7th instant, and the other on Thursday, the 9th instant.

The Prince of Wales arrived in Paris on Friday, and up to Wednesday was engaged in his duties as President of the Royal Commission of the Paris Exhibition. Thanks to the energy displayed by His Royal Highness in this capacity, the part of the building allotted for the display of British Home, Colonial, and Indian products was ready by the opening day, and presented a picture of neatness and order which must be intensely gratifying to all classes of our countrymen. It is not very often we outdo the French whose powers of organization are supposed to be greater than ours. But whatever else they may manage better in France than in this country, they certainly have not managed the arrangements of their part of the Exhibition as well as we have ours. Moreover, our Catalogues were the first to be issued, so that we have to thank the Prince of Wales for his successful exertions, whereby both Commissioners and Exhibitors have been stimulated to get through them in order in good time. On Tuesday, the Prince was joined by the Crown Prince of Denmark, and on Wednesday both their Royal Highnesses took part in the opening ceremonial. The Princess of Wales and the Crown Princess of Denmark are at Marlborough House. They pay frequent visits to the theatre and opera, and on Monday, accompanied by the Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales they visited, and were conducted over the Tower of London.

It is announced that His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught will be betrothed on Thursday next to the Princess Louise, third daughter of Prince Frederick Charles, who so greatly distinguished himself in the Franco-German War, and the Princess Marie of Prussia. The betrothal will take place at Darmstadt, whither the Princess Marie, who is at present in Italy, will set out for the purpose of being present at the ceremony. The Duke completed his twenty-eighth year on Wednesday, and the Princess is about eighteen years of age.

The House of Commons will assemble, after the Easter holidays, on Monday next, while the House of Peers will meet again a week later. Several changes have lately taken place in the *personnel* of the House. Mr. H. Bass, a Liberal, will take his seat for Tamworth, and the House will have to determine whether Mr. Ridley or Mr. Grey, or either of them, shall sit for South Northumberland, as both these gentlemen have been returned for the vacant seat in the representation of that constituency. A new writ will have to be moved for County Down, owing to the death of Mr. Sharman Crawford, while a contest is already in full progress for the purpose of deciding who shall succeed Mr. W. Watkins. At one time, also, there seemed a prospect of a vacancy for Southwark, as Colonel Beresford, owing to ill-health, found it impossible to give due attention to his Parliamentary duties, and had no alternative between resignation on the one hand, and prolonged leave of absence on the other. His constituents, however, prefer he should continue to be their representative, and have urged upon him to ask for leave, so that he may obtain the necessary rest.

There have been several speeches during the week in which the policy of the Government has had a conspicuous share of criticism and defence. On Monday Mr. Gathorne Hardy, the Secretary of State for India, visited Bradford (Yorkshire) for the purpose of opening a new Conservative Club, and at the dinner which followed, the right hon. gentleman justified the policy of the Ministry in which he holds so prominent a place. As a matter of course, his justification was received with the most unbounded applause by his audience. On Tuesday, Mr. Bright, at a meeting of Liberal delegates in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, was as vehement in denouncing, as Mr. Hardy had been in defending, the Ministerial policy. Moreover, Mr. Bright lavished a considerable amount of abuse on the Earl of Beaconsfield, just as he did at the time of the Crimean war on the late Lord Palmerston. Abuse, however, is not argument, and will not help forward the designs of the Peace-at-any-price party. People respect Mr. Bright when he boldly urges or defends the opinions he holds, but they will have no sympathy with him if he descends to abuse his political opponents. A third political meeting was held the same day at Brierley Hill. Mr. C. Cochrane presided, and Mr. Chamberlain, M.P., one of the Birmingham representatives, was the principal speaker. His views were those of Mr. Bright, but they were not enunciated with the ability of that right honourable gentleman. Next week, when the House meets, no doubt we shall have more exciting times.

It is very significant of the temper and determination of the nation at this moment that the Volunteers, whose duties are of a purely defensive nature, are offering their services to the Government in very considerable numbers. Quite recently a movement was set on foot by Captain Bedford Pim, M.P., and a few other gentlemen, for organising an "Active Service Volunteer" force, the members composing it to join for a year, and to be ready to serve as part of any army that might be sent into the field. Already 2,800 men have joined, and letters from Lancashire, Yorkshire, and many other parts of England, have been received to the effect that numbers of others were prepared to follow their example, and would do their best to induce their comrades to aid the movement. Thus it is reckoned that Lancashire would furnish quite 4,000 men, and Yorkshire an even greater number, and it must not be forgotten that these thousands will be composed of trained and intelligent men who have a stake in the country, and are therefore of a class above that from which we usually recruit our armies. In fact, they are of the kind of men who, in the American Civil War, fought so desperately under Grant, McClellan and Sherman for the North, and under Lee, Jackson, Beauregard, and Johnstone, for the South. They are men in the prime of life, full of vigour, accustomed to athletic exercises, and for the most part good marksmen. With men like these, and well officered, we are likely to fare well if war should come.

Taking advantage of the Easter recess the Lords of the Admiralty have been busily inspecting our dockyards and carefully noting the progress that is being made in bringing forward new ships of war for commission. This week the First Lord and the First Naval Lord visited Portsmouth, it being the second visit paid in the brief period of a fortnight. The Penelope, the Triumph, and other ironclads have been commissioned, the Triumph for service as flagship in the Pacific in place of the Shah, announced as ordered home for repairs, while the others will assemble at an early date off Portland and form the fleet for service in the Channel and North Sea. Some seventeen or eighteen

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gun-boats, having twin screws, and each mounting an 18 ton-gun are also ready for the pennant. Measures have likewise been taken for calling out the Naval Reserve men, and so well has this been done that it is stated that the whole of this force can, if necessary, be drafted to the different ships of our fleet in forty-eight hours. The Coastguard are being called out for training, and the government have arranged with the owners of one hundred of our finest and swiftest merchantmen, so that they and their crews may be placed at the service of the government. But little alteration will be necessary in arming them, and then we shall have in commission a magnificent fleet which will be quite capable of accounting for any enemy's ships—iron-clads excepted—which may feel inclined to prey upon our commerce. As for the Army and Militia Reserves, the number of absentees is utterly insignificant, and so promptly have they joined, that the Queen has commanded His Royal Highness to issue a general order thanking them for their loyalty and patriotism. Drill is going on actively at Aldershot, Chatham, and in other camps or garrisons, and this week Sir Thomas Steele reviewed nine regiments of infantry, mustering together 8,000 men. The march passed drew encomiums from the gallant officer, for a large number of the men were from the Reserves, and had only joined a few days previously. The seven battalions of the Guards are to be made up to their complete war strength of 1,000 men each, and it is said that the troopers of the 1st and 2nd Life Guards and the Horse Guards Blue will be formed into one strong regiment, the strongest and stoutest men being taken, and the others left behind. In short all that is being done for the Navy and the Army is eminently satisfactory.

The first detachment of the Indian Force left Bombay for Malta on Monday. Great enthusiasm was shown, the regiments ordered for duty being made up to their complete strength without the slightest difficulty. Indeed, whole regiments volunteered where only a few sections were needed. The force will be provisioned for five months, and will sail *viâ* the Red Sea, and the Suez Canal for its destination. Other detachments were to follow on Wednesday, the force already told off mustering some 6000 strong. Other regiments, it is said, have received orders to hold themselves in readiness, and the Begum of Bhopal has placed all her troops at the disposal of the Government.

The event to which all France, and especially Paris, has been so long looking forward, namely, the opening of the Paris International Exhibition, came off on Wednesday. Unfortunately, the weather appears to have been very unfavourable, heavy showers falling during the time the Marshal-President and his distinguished foreign guests with the procession, as arranged, of the great dignitaries of the Republic, were traversing the immense building. But though the rain spoiled what would otherwise have been a most effective spectacle, it did not damp the ardour of the Parisians and their country cousins, who thronged the streets and boulevards. In close proximity to the building itself, the crowds were so dense, that locomotion was well nigh impossible. However, the enthusiasm was intense, especially when the great guns of Fort Valerien, &c., &c., thundered out the announcement that the Exhibition was opened. Among the august personages present were the Prince of Wales, Don Francisco d'Assisi, ex-King Consort of Spain, the Archduke Leopold of Austria, the Prince of Orange, the Crown Prince of Denmark, the Grand Duke of Leuchtenberg, Prince Henry of the Netherlands, &c., &c. There were likewise present Lord Lyons, the German and Russian Ambassadors, the Papal Nuncio, Marshal Canrobert, &c., &c., &c. In the evening all Paris was illuminated, and indeed the whole day was spent as a holiday.

The Grand Duke Nicholas has handed over the command of the Russian armies to General Todleben. Previous to this, a review on a comparatively small scale was held at San Stefano, and the Grand Duke was loudly cheered by those he had so recently commanded. After an interview with the Sultan, his Imperial Highness left for Odessa, and is by this time well on his way to St. Petersburgh, if indeed he has not already arrived there. As to what this change of commanders may mean, people have not yet made up their minds whether it has a peaceful or warlike tendency. As to the situation itself, there is little to record. Negotiations for the withdrawal from the neighbourhood of Constantinople of the Russian Army and the British Fleet are said to be in progress, and it is thought not unlikely they may prove successful. Meantime, the guerilla war which has broken out in Roumania is causing the Russians great anxiety. Indeed, the outlook, whichever way we turn, is most unsatisfactory.

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We take this, the last opportunity we shall have, to remind our readers that the Ninetieth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls is fixed for Friday next, and will be held at Freemasons' Tavern. The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master will preside, and he will be supported by an influential body of Stewards. We are sure the claims of the Institution will not be overlooked by the Craft in general.

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## ANECDOTES IN RELATION TO MILITARY MASONRY.

**General Sir Edward Blakeney and the 38th Regiment.**—An important question was mooted in the present year (1811), which still remains undecided, viz., whether the practice of Freemasonry in the army be consistent with the observance of such a state of military discipline as is required among soldiers in the active service of their country? The question is now, because many regiments have had Lodges attached to them from time immemorial, but while equal surprise and regret have been expressed that such an objection should be raised in the nineteenth century, while Masonry is in its most palmy state, we partly confess that we are rather inclined to brave the discussion of any general argument which may be urged against the Craft, because an impartial investigation of its principles cannot fail to end triumphantly. The case was this: The 38th regiment, stationed in Limerick, having had a Masonic Warrant, No. 441, of the Registry of Ireland, in the regiment for the last fifty years, although it being some time since the brethren met in a Lodge, through the exertions of their Colonel (Piper), who was W.M., while in India, they revived the Lodge; and having got the brethren of the Ancient Limerick Lodge to assist, the Master and Officers were installed on 23rd June. The circumstances having been inserted in a Limerick paper, came under the notice of Sir Edward Blakeney, who immediately wrote to know if such a transaction occurred amongst the officers and men of 38th, and being answered, that they considered, while the 42nd, 79th, 4th Dragoons, and several other regiments had Masonic Lodges attached to them, and particularly as they were under the special protection of the law, inasmuch as when all other secret societies were prohibited a special exception was made to Masonry, they could not see any breach of military discipline; but notwithstanding all these and other arguments being used, Sir Edward ordered them to return the warrant at once, and cease to meet as Masons.—Oliver's *History of Freemasonry*, from 1829 to 1841, p 131.

**Field Marshal Viscount Combermere on Military Masonry.**—His Lordship stated that he did not say what his character might have been had he not become a member of the Masonic body. In so large and universal a society there may be some bad members, but he had never met with any; and having served his country in many parts of the globe, he could say that he never knew a Mason a bad soldier; in fact, Freemasons made the best soldiers. There were good and bad in all communities, but he never knew a bad Mason. His son was a Mason, and he hoped that Masonry would make him a better man.—*Speech delivered at Liverpool*, 1839, *by Viscount Combermere, Prov. G.M. for Cheshire.*

**Deathbed of General Sir C. Napier, G.C.B.**—Bro. Dr. Scott, of Southsea, stated that, a short time before his death, Sir Charles Napier took his hand as a Master Mason, and thus died giving a filial proof of his appreciation of Freemasonry by dying with his hand thus laid in that of a Brother.—*Preston.* Ed. 1861, p 464.

**Battle of Dettingen.**—In the battle of Dettingen, in 1743, one of the King's Guards, having his horse killed under him, got so entangled as to be unable to extricate himself. While in this condition, an English Dragoon galloped up to him, and, with his uplifted sabre, was about to deprive him of life. The French soldier, with much difficulty, made the signs of Masonry, which the Dragoon recognizing, not only saved his life, but freed him from his perilous situation, making him, of course, a prisoner, as the Fraternities cannot dissolve those of patriotism.—*Laurie's History of Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of Scotland.* Ed. 1859, p 66.

**Initiation in the King's Bench Prison.**—19th November 1783, information was given to Grand Lodge that two brethren, under sanction of the Royal Military Lodge at Woolwich, which claimed the privilege of an itinerant Lodge, had lately held an irregular meeting in the King's Bench Prison; *i.e.*, had there unwarrantably initiated sundry persons into Masonry. The Grand Lodge, conceiving this to be an infringement on the privileges of every regular constituted Lodge, ordered the said Lodge to be erased from the list, and determined that it was inconsistent with the principles of Masonry to hold any Lodge, for the purposes of making, passing, or raising Masons, in any prison, or place of confinement.—*Preston*, 11th edition, p 294.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 4th MAY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1323—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

## MONDAY, 6th MAY.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6. (Instruction.)
544—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
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.
562—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
623—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1054—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
R. A. 404—Freemasons' Hall, Watford.

## TUESDAY, 7th MAY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
Supreme Council, 33°, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
Grand Chapter Knights, K.H. 30°, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
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.)
454—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.
869—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
758—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
946—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
993—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
993—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
858—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
926—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Peter-field, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Bedcar.
1312—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore, Middlesex.

## WEDNESDAY, 8th MAY.

Supreme Council, 33°, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
548—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Wimbey-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road.
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1145—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1284—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1304—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. John's Wood.
1361—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
281—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
451—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
668—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1209—Levisses, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1218—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1342—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.
1394—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1541—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1550—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannoe, Staffs.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.

## THURSDAY, 9th MAY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
657—Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
389—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
540—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
794—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1204—Royd's, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.
1369—Bala, Plasgoth Hotel, Bala.
1516—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

## FRIDAY, 10th MAY.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Freemasons' Tavern, at 6.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
23—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1293—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1284—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goalborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
Royal Order of Scotland, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
34—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
607—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1260—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.

## SATURDAY, 11th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
962—Gresham, Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.
R. A. 308—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY.
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds.
1270—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, Hotel, Halifax.
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds

TUESDAY.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

WEDNESDAY.
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

THURSDAY.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

FRIDAY.
454—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.

SATURDAY.
308—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—129—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.
TUESDAY—3—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 86 Constitution-street.
WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street
R.A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.
THURSDAY—8—Journeymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.
FRIDAY—66—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

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## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—Held its first meeting after the Easter recess, at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday last, the 29th ult., at seven o'clock. There were present Bros. R. G. Tolmie W.M., R. Pearcy S.W., J. Stock J.W., A. W. Fenner Sec., H. R. Hallam I.G., Christopher Tyler. There were also present Bros. Wing, Claudius, Parkinson, Wilding, J. Millington, Saul, Garrett, Townsend, Renshaw, Currey, Pulsford, Glover, Sillis, C. Lorkin, Halford, W. Rowley, C. K. Killick, Leber, C. J. G. Wood, Powell, Gibbs, Simmonds, C. Baker, Sadler, G. E. Cook, Garrod, W. Cook, Dybdahl, and others. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The sections were worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture.—1st, R. G. Tolmie S.W. 861; 2nd, H. R. Hallam J.D. 1349; 3rd, A. Wing W.M. 45; 4th, A. W. Fenner 1227, J.D. 1693; 5th, J. Stock S.W. 1178; 6th, T. H. Pulsford 1157; 7th, A. D. Renshaw 194. Second Lecture.—1st, Bros. R. Halford W.M. 228; 2nd, J. A. Powell J.W. 186; 3rd, R. Pearcy J.W. 228; 4th, H. Sadler 147; 5th, Saul 1201. Third Lecture.—1st, Bros. J. A. Powell J.W. 186; 2nd, C. K. Killick W.M. 1693; 3rd, J. Garrod 754. After which the Lodge was resumed, and the following brethren were elected members—Bros. C. J. G. Wood, Finsbury Park Lodge 1288; Jas. Garrod, High Cross Lodge 754, W. J. Wilding, Finsbury Lodge 861; C. Claudius, Jordan Lodge 201. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded to the W.M. for the very excellent manner in which he had worked the Sections; also to the brethren who had assisted him. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

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**Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 30th April, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings. Present—Bros. J. S. Brown W.M., Bingemann S.W., Dwarber J.W., Dickins Sec., Soper S.D., Hallam J.D., Bull I.G.; Bros. Tate, Panter, Bramham, Tranter, Baker, Gates, Sandle, Sanders, and many others. The Lodge was opened in the three degree, and the minutes read and confirmed, after which the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture—1, Bros. Gates; 2, Hallam; 3, Abell; 4, Dwarber; 5, Tate; 6, Bingemann; 7, Thomson. Second Lecture—1, Bros. T. B. Dodson; 2, R. P. Tate; 3, Bingemann; 4, Dickins, 5, Bingemann. Third Lecture—1, Bros. Soper; 2, E. Abell; 3, Tranter. Several brethren were elected members. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for his able working of the Sections, and honorary membership conferred upon him. The Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned to Tuesday, 7th May.

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**Warrington Lodge, No. 148.**—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday evening last. The W.M., Bro. J. Pickthall, was supported by Bros. J. R. Young S.W., C. E. Hindley J.W., W. Sharp P.M. P.P.G.J.W., J. Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, James Paterson S.D. Thomas Grime J.D., Arthur Peake I.G., J. Armstrong W.M. No. 1250 Treas., Thomas Jones, John Harding P.M., Alderman Hepherd P.M., James Hannah, B. L. Pierpoint, Thomas B. Carter, R. W. Francomb, S. W. Thorp, Thomas Morris, John Pierpoint, Thomas Domville Tyler. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. Finney P.M. 1250, P. J. Edelsten P.M. 1134, J. Tomlinson P.M. 368, Robert Brierley P.M. 1250, Captain R. G. Webster 960, Campletown, Charles Petty 447, Shaw, Green 1250, and Sam. Wood 1134. Lodge was opened with the usual solemnities, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read, and declared to be correctly recorded. The ballot was then taken for Bro. W. Kinsey as a joining member, and afterwards for Dr. Alexander Mackie, a candidate for the mysteries and privileges of the Order. In both cases the ballot was unanimously in favour, and Dr. Mackie being present, was impressively initiated by the W.M. The charge was delivered by Bro. P.M. Bowes. After some routine business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was served in an excellent manner by Mrs. Pennington, of the Nag's Head Hotel. After supper, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were well cared for. Alderman Hepherd proposed the health of the Initiate, and expressed the great pleasure the Lodge had to number amongst them a gentleman of Dr. Mackie's position and talents. Bro. Dr. Mackie, in a long and interesting speech, acknowledged the toast; in the course of which he said he had for many years had a strong desire to become a Mason, and now that he had been initiated he felt he had discharged an important duty to himself. After the other toasts, which were interspersed by some excellent songs, by Bro. Petty, the Tyler, brought the proceedings to a close.

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**Industry Lodge, No. 186.**—The last meeting previous to the recess took place on Tuesday, 23rd April, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. D. J. Robinson, who was supported by Bros. Hook S.W., Powell J.W., W. Mann P.M. Sec., Allison S.D., Johnson I.G., Rickars W.S.; P.M.'s Bros. Black I.P.M., Tallent, T. S. Mortlock, Price, Wylie, Dyer; and Bros. Taffs, Earé, Creaton, Coleman, Bowden, Smith, Chubb, Smith jun., Horsey, Stanbury, Rogers, Harmer, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Messrs. Pinniger and Farrell were balloted for and duly initiated. There being no other business, the Lodge was closed and the brethren sat down to a very excellent supper provided by Bro. Best. The W.M. briefly and appropriately gave the Loyal, Masonic, and other toasts. Some excellent harmony was contributed by Bros. Smith, Hook, Earé, and Chubb; Bro. Smith jun. accompanied on the piano. A very agreeable evening was passed. The visitors were Bros. Coleman, Field, and Leon.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—Met at Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 1st inst. Bros. J. S. Sayers W.M., Kennett Harris S.W., W. Lipscombe J.W., Gottheil P.M., J. K. Pitt Sec., G. L. Walker S.D., Thos. B. Biddle J.D., J. E. Fells I.G. There were also present Bros. Woodward, Loewenstark, Bush, A. W. Smith, &c. The first ceremony was rehearsed, in which Bro. Sayer showed considerable proficiency. There was an evident desire to obviate antiquated phraseology and the many points of ungrammatical construction with which the work of former Preceptors is so sadly encumbered. At the conclusion Bro. Sayer was therefore justly applauded. By the desire of the brethren, and permission of the W.M., Bro. Loewenstark was allowed to rehearse the ceremony of installation. Bro. Kennett Harris will be W.M. on Wednesday next. Proceedings commence at seven p.m. precisely.

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**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—On Saturday last, at the Jolly Farmer's, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Present—Bros. T. Cull W.M., S. J. Byng S.W., P. Dickinson J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Sparrow I.G. Visitors—Bros. G. Davis 167, Lockwood 198, Lowrie 1556, and Thompson 1695. This was a very large meeting, there were over fifty present, it being the evening set apart for the members of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction to work the Fifteen Sections. Bro. T. Cull, the able and energetic Preceptor, attended, and promptly opened the Lodge, and the Sections were worked as follows:—First Lecture—S. Boaz 185, J. M. Lockwood S.D. 198, H. B. D. Dunn S.D. 1698, C. G. Sparrow 192, J. W. Wright P.M. 1298, G. Davis 167, J. A. Powell J.W. 186. Second Lecture—J. Eldridge P.M. 167, P. Dickinson P.M. 1298, G. W. Saul S.W. 1201, S. J. Byng W.M. 902, F. G. Chant 193. Third Lecture—J. Shackell P.M. 193, G. H. Hunter J.W. 1298, G. Davis 167. The working from first to last was of the highest order, and reflects credit on the Preceptor, who certainly has rare abilities for imparting instruction, of which the members of the Royal Standard are justly proud. Were all was so excellently done, it would be invidious to particularise any, but we may mention that the Sections of Bros. Davis, Powell, Dickinson, and Byng were received with evident marks of approval. Bros. Parkinson 46, Boaz 185, Byng 902, Wright 1298, Dickinson 1298, Hunter 1298, Blackie 1426, Dunn 1695, Evans 753, and Sheffield of the Buningong Lodge 413, Australia, were elected members. A cordial vote of thanks and honorary membership of the Lodge was unanimously accorded Bro. Cull, and a vote of thanks to the brethren who had assisted brought the evening to a close. Bro. Alexander Ross will preside next Saturday.

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**Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.**—A meeting was held on Friday, at the Head Quarters of the Hon. Artillery Company, Finsbury. Present—Bros. R. G. Webster W.M., J. D. Everingham S.W., J. Sanderson J.W., Capt. J. Eglese P.M. Sec., Capt. R. Helsham P.M. Treas., Ensign F. J. Stöhwasser S.D., Q.M. Brighten P.M. J.D. W. Jolliffe D.C., W. Birdseye P.M. I.G. Past Masters Bros. Ensign W. I. Spicer, W. H. Honey and H. J. Adams. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, and after the formal business had been disposed of, a ballot was taken for Mr. James Quarm, which proved unanimous in his favour, and he was duly installed into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The brethren subsequently adjourned to a banquet, which was excellently served by the Sutler. The proceedings were enlivened with some capital singing, and a most agreeable evening was spent. There were several visiting brethren present.

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**William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.**—Held its weekly meeting on Friday, the 26th of April, at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. W. H. G. Rudderforth W.M., T. J. Barnes S.W., Cundick J.W., W. Musto I.P.M., A. Braun Secretary, Kennard Treasurer, Austin S.D., Stephens J.D., S. Godden Steward, G. West I.G. According to announcement, the Fifteen Sections were worked by the undermentioned brethren of the Doric Lodge of Instruction, in the presence of a numerous attendance of the brethren of the William Preston. This was a return visit, made by the brethren of the former Lodge, and we do not know anything that is more likely to conduce to that spirit of brotherhood and uniformity of working, which is so much to be desired, than these visits of reciprocity. The Lodge was opened, and the sections were worked as follow:—First Lecture—Bros. Moss, McDonald, Shepherd, Cundick, Musto, Williams, Webb. Second Lecture—Bros. Ellis, Musto, Howlett, Barnes, Stephens. Third Lecture—Bros. Coben, Job, Burr. It was proposed by Bro. P.M. Braun, and seconded by the W.M., that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes in favour of the above named brethren, for their excellent working, and that they be elected honorary members. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Barnes then proposed, and Bro. Musto seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. Rudderforth for his services in the chair, in response to which the W.M. replied that the obligation was conferred upon him and the William Preston Lodge of Instruction by the visiting brethren, as it was certainly an honour for a Lodge with so great a reputation for its working to visit so young a Lodge as the William Preston; he trusted that this would not be the last meeting between the East and West. A vote of thanks to Bros. Barnes, Musto and Cundick, for their kindness in presiding in their various capacities, was then recorded, and after some remarks from Bro. Barnes, warmly advocating the principle upon which this meeting was convened, and which he first instituted in connection with the Doric Lodge many years ago, the Lodge was closed in due form. Besides the brethren mentioned above, there were present as Visitors—Bros. West, Jones, Smith, Rawley, and Veal.

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**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—At the meeting on Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall.

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road, Dalston. Bro. J. Lorkin W.M., Wardell S.W., Brown J.W., Bonner S.D., Brand J.D., Forss I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., Wallington P.M. Preceptor. The Lodge was opened, and minutes were read. Bro. Polak answered the questions, and was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. Bro. Brasted answered the questions, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Preceptor gave the Traditional History in his customary effective and dignified manner. The Lodge was then regularly closed down. Bro. Gilham, of 192, was elected a member. Bro. Wardell will preside at next meeting.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—At Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 26th ult., at eight p.m. Present—Bros. A. W. Smith W.M., Hine S.W., Moss J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Pearcy S.D., Crouch J.D., Lane I.G., also Bros. Bolton, Stroud, Garrett, Simpson, Andrews, &c. All preliminaries being duly observed, the ceremony of initiation was very well rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Townsend being the candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren; and the fourth, assisted by Bro. Andrews. Bro. Hine was appointed to fill the chair of K.S. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form.

**Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.**—Held at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday the 29th inst. Bros. Greenwood W.M., McDonald S.W., High J.W., Aspinall S.D., Pullen J.D., Grist I.G., P.M. Stephens Preceptor and Treasurer, Slaiter Hon. Secretary; also Bros. Lockett, Jacob, J. Lorkin, Blunt, Mann, E. Bishop; P.M. Wallington, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and after the usual preliminary business Bro. J. Lorkin answered the questions, was entrusted, and duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Ceremony of raising was also rehearsed, Bro. Lorkin candidate. Bro. J. Lorkin of Lodge 189 was elected a member.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**—At the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, E. Present—Bros. Fieldwick Preceptor, F. Bonner W.M., Maples S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., R. Olley S.D., O. Dietrich J.D., G. Ferrar Treas., E. Dietrich Sec., &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ferrar candidate. Bro. Fieldwick, assisted by Bros. Mapleson and O. Dietrich, worked the first and third sections of the lecture. Bro. Maples was unanimously elected to preside next Wednesday.

**Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction, No. 1586.**—Held at the White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood, S.E. The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the undermentioned brethren of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, on Monday evening, 6th May 1878, at 7 o'clock precisely, when the chair will be taken by Bro. H. E. Frances P.M. P.G.S.D. Surrey W.M.; Bros. W. H. G. Rudderforth J.D. 12 J.W. 1668 S.W., S. Godden S.D. 862 J.W., W. J. Miller P.M. 766, 1586 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. J. March, S. Nicholls, S. Godden, G. West, H. G. Harris, P. F. Mathias, W. Hill. Second Lecture—Bros. W. J. Hall, H. G. Harris, W. Cleghorn, W. H. G. Rudderforth, E. Adair. Third Lecture—Bros. Augustus Braun, T. J. Maidwell, J. C. Hayes.

**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.**—An Emergency Meeting of this Lodge was held at the Queen's Hotel, York, on Monday evening. Present—Bros. T. B. Whytehead W.M., Thomas Cooper I.P.M., J. S. Cumberland S.W., M. Cooper as J.W., G. Balmford P.M. Treas., H. Jackson as S.D., J. T. Seller J.D., M. Millington I.G., J. W. Craven Org., J. Kay Sec., T. Humphries Asst. Sec., A. T. B. Turner Steward, P. Pearson Tyler, and other members and visitors. Bro. Lackenby was passed to the second degree, and Mr. J. E. Wilkinson, being an approved candidate, was initiated. The W.T. were given by the I.G., and the charge by the J.D. The feature of the refreshment table was a massive pewter tankard of a capacity of about a gallon and a half, adorned with Masonic emblems and inscribed with the names of the Master, Wardens, and brethren of a Dutch Operative Building Guild, of which it had evidently been the property. A very general desire was expressed by the brethren present to contribute towards the purchase of this interesting relic, and at the suggestion of the W.M. a list was opened in order that all members of the Lodge who desired it should subscribe equally towards the purchase fund, and it was agreed that the subscribers names should be engraved on the tankard, and that it should then be presented to the Lodge.

**Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.**—A meeting of this Lodge was held on 26th April, at the Mitre Hotel, Golborne-road, North Kensington, when the following brethren were present:—Bros. Savage P.M. Preceptor, Smout jun. W.M., Parkhouse S.W., Dr. Pocock J.W., Wood S.D., Adkins J.D., H. Dehane I.G., Smout sen., Williams, Oldrey, Poulter, Woodmason, Lichtwitz, Hatton and Webster. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Woodmason being candidate. The first, second and third sections of the first Lecture were then worked by the brethren, under the guidance of Bro. P.M. Savage. The next meeting being devoted to the Officers of the Mother Lodge, Bro. Parkhouse was unanimously elected W.M. for the following meeting. The Lodge was then closed, at half-past 9 o'clock.

**Perseverance Lodge, No. 1643.**—An emergency meeting, for the purpose of raising Bro. the Rev. Wm. Hedley, Vicar of Hebburn, to the sublime degree of M.M., was held on the 30th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne. Present—Bros. Jas McCulloch W.M., Geo. Hardy S.W., James Mitchell J.W., A. Campbell Sec., P. J. Jackson Treas. and W.M. 424, Wm. Eckford S.D., A. Brodie J.D., J. Marchant D.C. and P.M., W. J. Gowans Steward, G. Stark I.G., R. Connell Tyler; Past Master Bro. T. S. Wraith. Visitors—Bros. J. Ridsdale P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Northumb., R. L. Armstrong W.M. 481, &c., &c., &c. The ceremony was performed in a most impressive and able manner by the W.M., after which he appointed the newly raised Brother Chaplain to the Lodge, which, although not eighteen months established, has a large roll of members, and is in a highly flourishing condition. The building is beautifully decorated and elaborately furnished, possessing handsome Lodge, banqueting rooms, private rooms, &c., &c. Stables are also provided for the use of those members driving to the meetings. Taken altogether, perhaps we may say no Lodge in the kingdom has better premises than have been provided for this, by one of its members, Bro. Bewick, at his sole expense; he leases it to the Lodge at a nominal rent. Labour being over, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, and spent a most enjoyable evening. Bros. E. J. Gibbon Organist, Campbell, Mathieson, Jackson, &c. rendered some capital harmony, while P.M. Bro. Wraith, as usual, made some rich fun with his curious but instructive recitations. After calling for the Tyler's toast, the W.M. dispersed the brethren; the visitors promised to make a speedy return to Perseverance Lodge.

## KINGSTON, JAMAICA.

Bro. G. Sargeant has been elected Master of the Royal Lodge.

Bro. G. P. Myers has been elected Master of the Phœnix Lodge, Port Royal.

Bro. G. Lyons has been elected Master of the Hamilton Lodge, Spanish Town.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Hull, Master Carpenter of H.M. Dockyard, Port Royal, a member of the Phœnix Lodge, Port Royal, which took place in the month of March, from an attack of "Yellow Jack." The deceased was well beloved by all the brethren.

The Sussex New Lodge Room is now completed, and will shortly be consecrated.

It is rumoured that a new Lodge, under the English Constitution, will shortly be opened in this city. It is stated that Bro. Allen (Chief Medical Officer of the Lunatic Asylum) will be the first Master. A better choice could not have been made, as this brother is greatly beloved by all Masons.

We have much pleasure in giving insertion to the following address presented to Bro. Benjamin Mortimer Dias, by the members of the Glenlyon Lodge, particularly as we can endorse the sentiments contained therein. A very handsome silver cup accompanied the address:—

To the Right Wor. Benjamin Mortimer Dias, Past Master of the Glenlyon Lodge, Kingston, Jamaica.

Right Wor. Sir and Bro.—We, the undersigned members of the Glenlyon Lodge, No. 246, Prov. No. 2, Scotch Constitution, feel very great pleasure in presenting to you, on your retiring from the chair, for the second time, another token of our regard and appreciation of your Masonic integrity and skill. We therefore ask your acceptance of the accompanying Loving Cup, as a very slender expression of the esteem and regard in which you are held by your subscribing Masonic friends and admirers.

We are, Right Worshipful Sir,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

(Signed) S. Constantine Burke,
Prov. Grand Master Jamaica.

E. W. Lewis P.M. G.S.

And a large number of members.

The following are the Officers of the Grand Lodge for East Jamaica, for the year 1878:—The Right Worshipful Hon. D. Hamilton Prov. Grand Master, Deputy Prov.G.M. (Vacant), Wor. Alf. Delcordora S.W., J. J. Steins J.W., D. Bardem S.D., G. R. Taylor J.D., G. C. H. Lewis Sec., J. L. Ashemien Treas., A. H. Nieto and R. Rittenburg Chaplains, Sup. of Works (Vacant), J. C. Maclashan Director of Ceremonies, C. W. Last Asst. D.C., O. De Gado sen. S.B., C. H. Davis Asst. Sec., W. Rhen Organist, W. Andrews Pursuivant, J. Bird Assist. Pursuivant, O. De Gado jun. and N. S. Savaran Stewards, Geo. Magnus Tyler.

## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF EAST JAMAICA.

At a Special Meeting of the District Grand Lodge, held at Friendly Rooms, Hanover-street, Jamaica, presided over by the Right Worshipful Hon. Dr. Hamilton, District Grand Master of East Jamaica, the Right Wor. J. W. Whitbourne, Deputy District Grand Master, having tendered his resignation from ill-health, the following address, accompanied by a testimonial, was presented to him:—

District Grand Lodge, East Jamaica,
6th March 1878.

To the Right Worshipful J. W. Whitbourne, Past Deputy District Grand Master of East Jamaica.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—Having heard, at the last

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meeting of the District Grand Lodge, of your resignation as Deputy District Grand Master, an office which, for many years, you have so worthily and satisfactorily filled, the District Grand Lodge feels that it would not be performing its duty did it not convey to you its sentiments of regret, more especially when that retirement has been brought about by ill health.

The District Grand Lodge feels that this is the most opportune time for recording its appreciation of your valuable services, extending over a lengthened period, and which were freely rendered while acting during the absence of the Right Worshipful District Grand Master as head of English Masonry in East Jamaica, and it must be a source of much pride to you as it is of satisfaction to this District Grand Lodge to be able to refer with pleasurable recollections to the able, courteous, yet dignified manner in which those duties were performed.

We tender for your acceptance the accompanying token in testimony of the high regard and esteem in which, as a Mason, you are so highly held, and we would ask you not to value this tribute for its intrinsic worth, but to receive it as a mark of our brotherly love and respect for you.

We cannot conclude this expression of our sentiments without the prayer that ere long you will be restored to good health, and that T.G.A.O.T.U. will grant you long life, accompanied with all earthly blessings, as a reward for that unostentatiousness and usefulness which have characterised your past career.

On behalf of the officers and members of the District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica.

ROBERT HAMILTON, District Grand Master.

G. C. H. LEWIS, District Grand Secretary.

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District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica,
6th March 1878.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—I crave your acceptance of my sincere thanks for the very kind and fraternal address you have been pleased to present me, expressive of your regret at my resignation of the office of Deputy District Grand Master, an office I have had the honour to hold for many years, and which, during the absence of our highly esteemed and talented Grand Master (who has been doing the Craft and us honour elsewhere), you so kindly say has been satisfactorily filled.

It is, indeed, a source of pride and gratification to me to learn that, in administering the very onerous duties of my office, I have been so fortunate as to give satisfaction; and, as you further kindly intimate, I have gained the esteem and regard of the members of the District Grand Lodge.

Words can hardly express how consolatory this acknowledgment is to me, for the duties of my office were not at all times of a pleasant nature, nor were my intentions for the good of the Craft always rightly understood, in my desire to uphold one of the grand principles of our brotherhood, without which Masonry would be nothing more than a huge sham and a snare; nay, as bad as a system of Masonry devoid of the grandest of all our grand principles, "*our belief in and reverence for God.*" The purity of those intentions, and your approbation, which I truly appreciate, is, however, my solace.

But, in all this, I should be selfish and ungrateful if I took all the credit to myself, and failed to recognise how much my success was dependent on your kind co-operation; nor can I refrain from bearing willing testimony to the zeal of our late District Grand Secretary, the Very Worshipful J. J. G. Lewis, to whom I am grateful for past services; and I have no hesitation in stating that the present satisfactory state of the District Grand Lodge is the result of the members working together in harmony, which I hope will always be characteristic of our Masonic labours.

The testimonial which accompanies the address which you have so generously presented to me, I accept with grateful thanks. Permit me to express my gratitude for this token of your brotherly love and esteem, and let me assure you that it will be treasured up in my household as a souvenir of your kindness, and keep alive the recollection of the many happy occasions we have met together for Masonic work.

Allow me to thank you sincerely for your prayers and good wishes for the restoration of my health, the imperfect state of which (being the primary cause of my resignation) has often prevented my visits to the Lodges on occasions when it was my duty to be in my place. Even in this your kindness has been evinced, in making allowances for my shortcomings.

I shall ever remember your kindness, and sincerely trust that T.G.A.O.T.U. may have you in His keeping, and that every blessing may attend your families, will ever be the earnest prayer of

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

J. W. WHITBOURNE,

Past Deputy D.G. Master East Jamaica.

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## PROXY *v.* PERSONAL VOTING.

DURING the past three weeks a number of letters have appeared in these columns, the writers of which unanimously agree it is desirable—and, indeed, not only desirable, but a simple act of justice—that the voting at the election of a successor to the late Bro. Little should be conducted much in the same manner as the half-yearly elections of candidates for admission into our Schools. In other words, they propose that voting papers should be issued to all entitled to vote. These papers would contain the names of the several candidates for the post, and instructions would be inserted for the purpose of enabling the voter to indicate the particular candidate he was desirous of recording his vote for. The reason set forth by Bro. Constable, who first drew attention to the matter, is that, as the law now stands, those of our provincial brethren who now enjoy the privilege of voting, will find themselves at a very serious disadvantage as compared with those London brethren who enjoy the same privilege. In the case of the latter, the exercise of this privilege is accompanied by little or no trouble or expense, while the former have, in many instances, the choice between sacrificing their votes or incurring the outlay of several pounds, and undergoing the fatigues of a journey of several hundreds of miles in order to record their votes. As one of our correspondents has pointed out, this kind of arrangement virtually places the election in the hands of the Metropolitan voters; and that it should ever have been incorporated in the rules of the Institution will surprise most people who are in the habit of exercising anything which can in any way approximate to common sense. Why should not the voter, resident at Berwick-on-Tweed, at Penzance, or in North or South Wales, who has a right to claim the exercise of an undoubted privilege, and he who lives within a stone's-throw of Freemasons' Hall, be in every respect on a footing of equality? What more has the latter done for the Institution that he should enjoy such great privileges, while his unfortunate colleague must either lose his vote or his money? What, indeed, becomes of that sacred equality we Masons profess to one another, when the London brother expends an inappreciable sum in shoe-leather, or in omnibus or cab fare, in order to record his vote, while the Provincial has, it may be, but little change out of a five-pound note, and has to endure, into the bargain, the fatigue of several hours' travelling? Surely there must be something wrong when such a state of things is even dreamt of; and if so, how utterly wrong must it be when we find that this monstrously unequal arrangement is deliberately permitted. How long do our readers suppose a law would be permitted to remain on our Statute Book, which required that the voters at a Parliamentary election in a county should all be required to record their votes at one and the same polling place? Our House of Commons is not remarkable for wisdom in its statutory enactments; at all events, there is the old saying, to the effect that a coach and four may be driven through any Act of Parliament; but unwise as it occasionally may be, we do not think it would be guilty of the folly of granting the same rights and privileges to certain classes of the community on such manifestly unjust terms, as that one person, in order to record his vote, should have only a few yards to go, while another must travel many miles; and if so grievous an error were committed, no long time would elapse ere it was remedied. Well, in the case of our Schools this kind of mistake has been made, and if the Governors will bestir themselves, there is ample time to rectify it. Less than five minutes will suffice for preparing the necessary resolution to substitute proxy for personal voting. As it is impossible to advance anything approaching to an argument against the propriety of such a resolution, its adoption will be a merely formal matter, and if the regularly appointed meetings of the governing body or bodies are found to be insufficient for the passing of such resolution, then the law which permits a special meeting to be called may be put in operation. Thus the present exigency may be met forthwith, and in such case the successor of the late Bro. Little, whoever he may be, will have the satisfaction of knowing, and there is no doubt it will be a source of satisfaction for him to know, that he has been elected by a majority of the whole constituency, instead of by a majority of the Metropolitan voters, supplemented by a few stray Provincials. As for the manner in which the proxy system may be carried out, the simplest plan would be for voters to send their voting papers, duly filled up and signed, to the Chairman of the governing body which conducts the election, but there is another plan, which was proposed last week by "A Chairman of a Provincial Charity Committee," by which the Provincial Grand Secretaries of each Province should be empowered to act as Deputy Chairmen, receive the balloting papers, and transmitting them, under seal, to the Chairman in London. The scrutineers would then examine the papers and report the result. The voting would take place simultaneously throughout the country, and in twenty-four, or forty-eight, hours after the close of the poll the result might be known everywhere. If there is an objection to the former of these two plans, on the ground of its extreme simplicity, the latter will commend itself to those who prefer a little complexity in the arrangements. Either plan, however, will suffice to this extent, that it will place all who are entitled to vote on the same footing. Surely there is something of value in the very pertinent question submitted by "A Chairman of a Provincial Charity Committee"—namely, "Who is to be the next Secretary?" and we entirely and most cordially agree with him in the expression of a hope that "every brother, Metropolitan and Provincial, will look carefully into a matter which may for many years to come affect the best interests of the Girls' School." This, after all, is the matter which claims our first consideration, that out of the candidates who present themselves, one shall be chosen to fill the office to whom the general voice of the electors shall point as being the most eligible, and this is the end we have in view in offering these few remarks.

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The Consecration of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1774, will take place at Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, on Tuesday next. Bro. James Willing jun. is the W.M., J. Douglas the S. Warden, and J. H. Clemow the J. Warden designate. Bro. James Terry, Provincial G. D. of C. Herts, is the officer appointed to perform the ceremony of Consecration, and he will be assisted on this occasion by Bro. H. G. Buss, Assist G. Secretary, and Bro. Clarke Provincial G. D. of Ceremonies, Suffolk.

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Bro. Alfred Durrant, P.M. 1185, and M.E.Z. elect Lewis Chapter, has been nominated to fill one of the vacancies on the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

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## MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 56.)

### HIPPOCRATES.

" A head, where wisdom mysteries did frame;
Whose hammers beat still in that lively brain,
As on a stithe, where that some work of fame
Was daily wrought, to turn to Britain's gain.
A visage, stern and mild; where both did grow
Vice to contemn, in virtue to rejoice:
. . . . . .
A tongue, . . . . . .
Whose courteous talk to virtue did inflame
Each noble heart; a worthy guide to bring
Our English youth, by travail, unto fame.
An eye, whose judgment none affect could blind,
Friends to allure, and foes to reconcile;
Whose piercing look did represent a mind
With virtue fraught, reposed, void of guile.
A heart, where dread was never so impreat
To hide the thought that might the truth advance;
In neither fortune loft, nor yet repreat,
To swell in wealth, or yield unto mischance.

THERE is no section of the community which is capable of effecting, and which does indeed effect, so much good, as that which devotes its whole time, energy, and ability to the study and practice of the healing art. A medical man, be he surgeon or physician, who is thoroughly versed in his art, and whose opportunities for exercising it are many and ample, can never rest, even momentarily, from his labours, but he must be sensible that his skill and knowledge have been employed in the honourable endeavour to alleviate pain, to counteract the insidious workings of fell disease, or to repair those injuries more or less severe or terrible, which men, in their everyday pursuits, are liable to sustain. There are few who see so much of the pain and anguish of this world, and to the infinite credit of the profession be it added, there are few who exhibit more abundantly that grandest of all the virtues, the virtue of Charity. Much has been said about the emoluments they receive, and the rapidity with which some among them amass very considerable fortunes, but small account is taken of the constant wear and tear of energy, both of mind and body, to which they are subjected, of the anxieties by which, in the conscientious fulfilment of their duties, it is inevitable they must be surrounded, or even of the innumerable petty cares which await them in their daily course. The non-professional reader will have some difficulty in realising the sense of pain which a physician must feel in visiting the bedside of some fever-stricken patient who he knows is, humanly speaking, beyond all hope of recovery. It is not merely the picture of a fellow-creature in the very crisis of his malady which he has to confront; there is also the anguish of the sick one's family, with their mute appeals for even the faintest glimmering of a hope which he feels it would be unwarrantable to offer; or it may be he knows the death of his patient means the entire break up and dispersion of a home, or that a numerous and tender family will be left motherless. These and similar scenes come within his daily experience, yet he must witness them unmoved, and go his wonted rounds as though there were no such things in this world as suffering and grief. In times of danger, as when the cholera, or an epidemic of typhoid or small-pox, attacks the people, our principal reliance is in the zeal and ability of the profession, nor has this sense of reliance ever been disappointed. Wherever the peril of contagion or infection has been greatest, thither have they always hastened with alacrity, in order to cope, as far as possible, with the ravages of disease. In short, there are none who do their duty more readily or with greater ability, and but very few who experience so much pain and worry in the discharge of such duty.

The subject of our present notice is a member of that honourable calling whose virtues we have faintly endeavoured to enumerate in the foregoing remarks, and taking a local sketch of his career as the basis of our statement, we venture to say, without fear of contradiction, that few medical men have laboured more diligently and more successfully, and, consequently, that few enjoy a wider range of professional experience than our worthy and highly respected brother. Even in early youth he was intended for the profession he adorns, to which several of his ancestors had belonged, and in which they had achieved distinction; and having received the usual scholastic training in his native Hull, under the auspices of a master of considerable reputation at the time, he was, in accordance with the then conditions prescribed by Apothecaries' Hall, apprenticed for five years to a qualified surgeon. At the end of that period he matriculated at the University of Glasgow, and had the opportunity of attending its famous anatomical and surgical classes. Here for three years he pursued his course assiduously, and then removed to London, where for two years he attended the Medical School and practice at St. Thomas's Hospital. In 1832 he obtained the diplomas necessary to enable him to practise his profession, and from the first he showed the stuff that was in him. In that year Asiatic cholera first visited Hull, and one of the earliest cases occurred among our brother's patients. He at once placed himself in communication with the local authorities with a view to urging upon them the necessity for improved sanitary arrangements. But local authorities are moved but slowly, and it was not till fifteen years later, when another attack of the same scourge was impending, that the work of improvement was taken seriously in hand. The Medical Society of Hull set bravely to work. They mapped out the town into districts, appointed a Sanitary Committee, and assigned a district to each member of the Committee for him to report upon and offer recommendations. According to all accounts, our brother's report was a most elaborate one, and though others may have worked with the same energy, and though it were unjust to withhold a measure of praise from the authorities for the hearty goodwill with which they co-operated with the Sanitary Committee, still it appears that his earnest representations had a most salutary effect, and that the sanitary improvements which have been since introduced, owe their origin to his efforts and those of his coadjutors. He is also a Trustee and Deputy Chairman of the Directors of the Hull General Cemetery Company, which owes its establishment to his earnest advocacy, supported as it was by the present Town Clerk and other of his friends. In the many educational and charitable organisations which are certain to be promoted in so thriving and populous a seaport as Hull, our brother has played a most active part, the praise due for the success of such organisations being, in some cases, principally accorded to him, while in other cases he has shared it with other of his fellow-townsmen. In the year 1875 he was appointed a magistrate for the borough, and he is one of the visiting justices of the Hull Borough Prison and Hull Borough Asylum. He is Senior Honorary Surgeon to the Hull Lying-in Hospital and the Hull and East Yorkshire Penitentiary, one of the Managers of the Hull Model Dwellings, a member of the Council of the Hull Literary and Philosophical Society, the local Honorary Secretary of the Palestine Exploration Fund, and a member of other local bodies. His name, indeed, is a tower of strength to every institution with which he is connected, and it is needless to say that in the course of the five or six and forty years he has been labouring so earnestly and so assiduously, he has earned for himself the enduring respect of his fellow-townsmen. That in private life he should be loved as well as respected is a matter of course. Men who do so much for the common weal are not in the habit of overlooking the claims of those who are nearest and dearest to them. As a proof of the intense earnestness by which he has through life been actuated, and the determined love he has had for sheer hard work, it should be mentioned that when he had been in practice only some three years, it was in his power to have succeeded a relative in a well established and lucrative country practice. However, he declined the offer, and in preference remained where the duties were far more onerous and exacting. Such, in outline, is the professional career of our able and distinguished brother,—a career to which he and his may point with every feeling of pride.

His career as a Mason is only a few years shorter, and is certainly not less distinguished. It is well nigh forty years since he was initiated into Freemasonry in the Humber Lodge, No. 57, then No. 65. This happened on the 16th October 1838, in the days when H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex was Grand Master. In those days there were but few members of the Society in Hull, which then had two, while now it can boast of four Lodges. Indeed, in the whole Province there were but seven Lodges and six Chapters as against the twenty-five Lodges and thirteen Chapters which it now comprises. In June 1840 he was appointed the Junior Warden of his Lodge, and in 1841, at the meeting, at which was present His Royal Highness the Grand Master, of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the minor office of

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Provincial Grand Steward was conferred upon him. In June 1842, or within four years of his initiation, he was elected to fill the chair of his Lodge; and this being the highest honour which his brethren could confer upon him, it must be evident he had displayed far above the ordinary zeal and capacity for Masonic study. In 1843 he was appointed Provincial G. Sword Bearer. In 1849, when the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Richmond, under the presidency of the late Earl of Zetland, who was Grand Master of the Province as well as Grand Master of England, he was the guest of his lordship at Aske, and was appointed Provincial Grand Junior Warden; and such were his undoubted abilities, that he was reappointed the year following. In 1858 he took a leading part in the reconstitution of the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, then No. 311, and so highly did the members appreciate his services that they unanimously elected him an honorary member. On the death, in 1860, of the late Bro. Jer. Stark, who had filled the office of Prov. Grand Secretary for thirteen years, he was specially invited by his lordship the Grand Master of the Province to undertake the duties. He did so, and continued to occupy the post for some time, though at a considerable sacrifice of time and labour. In 1866, Bro. George Marwood, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, retired from the Province, and our able brother was appointed to the post, the duties of which he discharged with signal ability and success till 1873, when the late Earl of Zetland died. On the reconstitution, the year following, of the Provincial Grand Lodge, with the late Earl's nephew, the present Earl of Zetland, as Prov. Grand Master, he was reinstated in his office as Deputy, and that office he still continues to hold. This rank he has now held for close on twelve years, while his earliest Provincial laurels were gained some thirty-seven years ago. So worthy a career as this would almost of necessity receive some higher recognition still; and therefore it is with pleasure, but with no feeling of surprise, that we record his appointment to be Grand Senior Deacon of England in 1872 by the then Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon.

In R.A. Masonry he has been as successful as in Craft. In 1851, and again the year following, he filled the First Principal's chair in the Humber Chapter. He was solicited in 1858 to accept, and he accepted, the same office in the Minerva Chapter, and was, as in the former case, re-elected the year ensuing. Indeed his lectures and addresses on Royal Arch Masonry have been generally appreciated, and especially as they evinced so much learning and archæological research. In 1859 he was appointed Third Principal in the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and in 1866 he attained the highest Provincial honours in the Arch, being in that year appointed to the post of Provincial Grand Superintendent. He retains this position still, and under his auspices Arch Masonry has flourished abundantly. This, in all essential particulars, completes the list of his official achievements, for Hippocrates, like his late distinguished chief, and unlike many other foremost Craftsmen, has confined himself entirely to constitutional Masonry. Thus his name is missing from the roll of worthies in Mark, Templar, and High Grade Masonry respectively, though had he chosen, and had he found the time, to interest himself in their mysteries, there is little doubt he would have carved out for himself as great a reputation as he has done in the legitimate branches of the Craft.

We have said that, in 1860, he was appointed Provincial Grand Secretary, and during his tenure of that important office he compiled a Code of Bye-Laws, which after having been submitted to a Sub-Committee of Prov. G. Officers was approved by Prov. G. Lodge, which accorded him a special vote of thanks for his valuable services. There is one other work, likewise, with which his name will always be associated, and that is the establishment of a Provincial Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund. He had long felt there was a need for the erection of such a fund, from which grants might be made to deserving cases of distress in the Province, independent of those made from the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund. Some of the Lodges, he found, had funds of their own, while others were not in a position to relieve adequately any cases that might be brought under their notice. Accordingly, he set himself to the task, and so favourably did the Prov. G. Lodge regard his proposal, and so vigorously and successfully did he labour, that in two years the Fund was established and in working order, with a code of Bye-Laws which he himself had compiled. A handsome sum is now invested, and not only has the Fund enjoyed the satisfaction of relieving many deserving cases, but it has also voted sums of money to our Central Charities. Being thus wrapt up in the success of his own Provincial scheme, it would be too much to expect he should have been in a position to devote much attention to the principal Masonic Charities, but we must not omit to mention that he is a subscriber to all three of them, and we believe he has on the carpet a scheme for contributing annually to their funds without pressing too severely on the members in the Province. That all these services should have passed without substantial recognition from his brethren is not to be expected, and on the occasion of his appointment to the Grand Junior Deaconship the opportunity was taken of presenting to him a silver epergne and salver worth 250 guineas, together with a handsomely bound volume containing an address and a list of the subscribers. The presentation was made at the Masonic Hall in Hull, and was followed by a banquet, at which a large and distinguished company were present. He has moreover taken part Masonically in laying the foundation-stone of sundry buildings, and on two occasions, when he laid the stone of the Falcon Lodge, Thirsk, in 1873, and in 1875, when he performed a similar office for the Londesborough Lodge, Bridlington Quay, the handsome trowels, each bearing a suitable inscription, were presented to him.

We have now but one other aspect in which to regard him. We have noted him in his professional career; we have followed him as a Mason in his Lodge, as a ruler in his Province, as the recipient of Grand Lodge honours most worthily bestowed, and as one who in all his different capacities has exerted himself as well to uphold the best and truest interests, as to advance one of the chief purposes, of the Craft. As the promoter of Lodges and Chapters, he has done much to extend its influence in the Province; as the promoter of its Provincial Benevolent Fund, he has been equally fortunate in confirming that influence, and in strengthening the bonds of good fellowship, which it is so desirable should unite all members of the Fraternity. There is one other claim he has upon our respect, and that is, as a Fellow of the Masonic Authors Society. We have incidentally alluded to his lectures and addresses on Royal Arch Masonry as having drawn forth high eulogiums from those who heard them. But when he compiled a code of bye-laws for his Province, he also compiled and appended thereto a history of Freemasonry in that portion of the county which was comprised within its limits, and this history contained much interesting and valuable information never before made public. In 1866, or a few years later, he published his Masonic Chart, devised in the form of a stream, and entitled "The Stream of English Freemasonry," in which were shown at one glance the rise and progress of the Craft in England, including the origin of the Royal Arch. Simple as such a publication may seem to the average Mason, there is no question it must have involved a vast amount of patient research. The author, at all events, had the satisfaction of receiving many and just encomiums from his brethren, not only from those in his own province, but likewise throughout the whole of England, and a reprint of the Chart would seem to be very desirable, now that greater interest is being taken in the history of the Society.

Our task is now ended. We have traced the career of an eminent Mason, without exaggeration or detraction. We have felt that such a one will be judged best if he is presented to our readers in his proper character. He needs no additional lustre in the shape of flowery language or high colouring. Men of inferior culture and less intellectual capacity stand in need of these adjuncts, but not he whose virtues are all his own, and who has achieved his high position by the exercise of those virtues. We trust he may live yet many years—an ornament alike of the profession he has followed so successfully, and of the Society he has served so loyally and with such fervour.

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The committee for securing the election of Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, as Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, held its preliminary meeting on Monday afternoon, at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Rev. Dr. Brette occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Tisley, Rev. P. M. Holden, Farrington, Murlis, Penn, Southwood, Atkins, Thomas Holland, Gladwell, Woodward, Baldwin, Falkner, W. Wellsman, &c. &c., &c. Arrangements were made for effectually supporting the candidature of Bro. Hedges.

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## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

**Lodge of Harmony, No. 133, Faversham.**—On Monday last the annual meeting for the installation of Worshipful Master and appointment of Officers was held at the Volunteer Drill Hall, Faversham, and the Lodge must be congratulated on the great success of the meeting. A large muster of influential brethren were present to do honour to the occasion, and the ceremony of installation was worked by the retiring P.M., Bro. Penton. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Newsom, as a Mason of forty years standing, said he could not allow the present opportunity to pass without congratulating the Lodge in general, and I.P.M. Bro. Penton in particular, on the admirable way in which he had conducted the proceedings. He. Bro. Newsom, had installed as many as ten Masters, and he had never heard the ceremony more ably performed than he had that day. Bro. Spears, of Sheerness, also spoke in complimentary terms, and Bro. Binckes said he had been an installing Master many years, and during that time he had never heard the ceremony more ably performed. As this was Bro. Penton's first attempt, it reflected most highly to his credit. Afterwards a vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Girand, and seconded by Bro. Griggs, and carried unanimously. Bro. Penton, in reply, said he had always endeavoured to do all in his power for the Masonic cause, and thanked the brethren sincerely for the vote of thanks accorded him, and the visiting brethren for their generous remarks. The W.M. then appointed his Officers for the present year, as follow:—Bros. W. A. Hill G.C. P.G.C. Chaplain, F. Whiting S.W., W. H. Drake J.W., F. W. Underdown S.D., S. Payne J.D., E. K. Mitting I.G., J. G. Cook Tyler. Lodge was then closed in the usual manner. Amongst the brethren present were the following:—Bros. Rev. W. A. Hill G. Chaplain P.G.C., F. Binckes Grand Steward, P.M., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Boys' School. Brethren from Lodge 1273, Sittingbourne—F. F. Seale W.M., H. Tuff S.W., H. G. Sutton J.W., T. Newman Sec., G. Payne P.M., B. Taylor P.M.; Bros. H. Black, A. Tucker, P. G. Kennett, J. Owens P.M., W. Wood P.M. Brethren from Sheerness, Lodges 158 and 1089—E. T. Penny W.M., J. Hancock P.M., A. Spears P.M., J. Watts W.M., E. Studeling; Joseph Harnden W.M. 184, J. K. Hale P.M. 31, H. J. Naylor W.M. 1449, E. Terry W.M. 1206, H. Mirkin S.D. 1449, G. Breach 184, E. J. Acworth 1612, R. B. Newsome W.M. 1692 P.P.G.S.B. Kent, J. Overy Eve W.M. 1209, Geo. Page P.P.G.J.D. P.M. 1209, J. Keef W.M. 186, Alfred Aubrey 124. Bros. Benton, Longhurst, F. A. Whiting, W. H. Drake, F. Jackson, R. Griggs, C. A. Fawn, F. F. Girand P.M. P.P.G.J.D., E. K. Mitting, E. Hogben, S. Payne, F. W. Underdown, G. Trench and T. E. Cooke represented the entertainers, Lodge of Harmony 133. The brethren then adjourned to the Ship Hotel, where a capital banquet had been prepared. The Chaplain having said grace, the W.M. remarked that before he commenced the toast list it would be necessary to state that as several of the visiting brethren would, from railway necessity, be compelled to leave at an early hour, and as the toast list was a very long one, and as he was anxious to reach the Visitors' toast before their leaving, some of the speeches would, of necessity, have to be short; he proposed that his own speeches should be terse so far as it was possible, an arrangement that would suit him admirably. He then proceeded to give the Queen and the Craft, saying that of all the loyal subjects whom Her Majesty possessed none were more loyal than Freemasons. He spoke of her not only as a great queen, whom we ought to honour, but as a good woman, whom we ought to respect. He reminded the brethren that allegiance to their queen was one of their first duties, and after a few allusions to the past and present of the Craft, concluded by saying that he believed a great and glorious future was in store for it; it could not be otherwise if Masons were true to its principles—principles which could not fail to win their way in the world. After the National Anthem had been sung, the W.M. proceeded to give the M.W. Grand Master of England. He said it was a toast he was sure would be responded to with enthusiasm. We owed more than our allegiance to our Grand Master, we owed him our gratitude for having, by his name, his position, and his influence, raised us high in the estimation of the world. He (the W.M.) regretted that he was not present at the re-installation at Grand Lodge, but, like many others, had he known that the Prince and his illustrious guest were to have been there he certainly should have attended. He was about to follow a precedent that was set on that occasion, and to add to the toast the name of the Princess. He paid the Princess many graceful compliments, and remarked that he supposed never before in the annals of history had a foreign princess so quickly and so thoroughly gained the hearts of a nation. Englishmen were noted for their strong insular prejudices, but these had all melted like ice before the sun in the genial presence of this amiable lady. He then made an allusion to an article which appeared in the *Times* with reference to the late installation, quoting what the writer had said with respect to the ladies. Reverting to our Royal Master, the speaker said that such patronage raised our Grand Lodge to the first rank among the Grand Lodges of the world. He would also presume to say that among the many titles of distinction held by His Royal Highness, that of Grand Master of the Freemasons of England was not the least honourable, although every one must acknowledge that the Prince reflected equal lustre on the Craft. Although the brethren were unable to reflect so much honour on the Craft by their position in life, yet each could do so in a degree by strict integrity and uprightness of life, and by not giving any occasion to its enemies to scoff. The toast was most enthusiastically received, with musical honours. The W.M. then gave the R.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, and in doing so said he was not proposing the health of a Minister or an ex-Minister, but that of the Pro Grand Master of England, and as such he would call upon the brethren present to respond heartily to it. The next toast was that of the R.W. Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present. In proposing this toast the W.M. said it was one which on that occasion had an especial interest, since there was present around that festive board a member and an officer of the Lodge who was one of the Grand Officers. He congratulated Bro. Hill on the distinction conferred on him, and said it was the opinion of all the brethren that he richly deserved the honour of being Chaplain to Grand Lodge. He assured Bro. Hill that he had gained the respect and affection of every member of the Lodge by his kind geniality and heartiness of manner. Alluding to the other Grand Officers, the W.M. congratulated the Craft upon its affairs being in such good hands, remarking that although he did not know the other Grand Officers personally, yet he was sure if Bro. Hill was a fair sample of them they must indeed be a good set of men. Bro. Hill, in responding, said he had been a Mason for upwards of thirty years, during which time he had gone through the various departments connected with the Craft, but never, until the present year, had he been called upon to accept office at Grand Lodge, and even when he first heard that he was about to be appointed to office, it came upon him so suddenly that he considered it to be a joke. However, he felt he had had conferred upon him a very great honour, and one he thoroughly appreciated. From what he saw at Grand Lodge he could but be impressed with one idea, and that was, he considered everything was done there to make the brethren as happy and comfortable as possible. Bro. Spears then proposed the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Kent, Viscount Holmesdale, and in doing so alluded to that distinguished brother in a most flattering manner. He said he had been for a number of years the Provincial Grand Master for Kent, and it must be apparent to every Mason how well the Order had progressed in that county since he had held the office. Bro. Spears felt sure that all he could say in praise of the Prov. Grand Master of Kent would fall short of his due, he being ready at all times to further the progress of Masonry. It only remained for him to state, as a Past Provincial Grand Officer, the pleasure it gave him in proposing the toast, which it is needless to say was very heartily received. Bro. Penton then proposed the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Eastes) and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers Past and Present. After alluding in eulogistic terms to the merits of Bro. Eastes, he said this toast deserved special distinction from the fact of their having amongst them an old and distinguished friend and brother—Bro. Payne of Sittingbourne—who had recently been appointed one of the Stewards of the Province, a reward he richly deserved; and he begged to couple this name with the toast. Bro. Payne, in acknowledging the kindness of Bro. Penton's remarks, said he had no idea he should have been selected to respond to such a toast. All he could say had already been said by many brethren that evening; it was in the province of all to rise and receive the same amount of privilege as he had, and he regretted extremely he was not so perfect as he ought to be in his duties. He then briefly exhorted all young Masons to cultivate a love for the Craft. Bro. Hill then proposed the health of the W.M. After making some passing allusions to the good old Lodge of Harmony, he said that the time had again arrived when the members had chosen another Master to preside over them for a year; and in doing so they had selected a brother, who was sitting before them in early blown beauty; and when he considered who that brother was, he could come to but one opinion respecting him, and that was, he had proved himself singularly worthy of the honour the Lodge had conferred upon him. The talents he had displayed that evening fully convinced the brethren that, besides being able to speak, he possessed other great qualifications necessary in a Master of a Lodge. Bro. Hill concluded his very suitable and impressive remarks by asking the brethren present to respond heartily to the toast. This having been done, the W.M. said he had to thank the brethren for the unanimous vote which had placed him in his present position. He could not be otherwise than proud and gratified when he glanced at their centenary jewel, and found himself Master of such an ancient Lodge; nor when he glanced around him, and saw so many distinguished brethren assembled to do him honour. After a short retrospect of the pleasant time he had spent since he was first initiated in that Lodge, Bro. Longhurst remarked he felt sure the Lodge would be true to its old traditions, that the brethren would rally round and support him, and thus add a happier year to its Masonic experiences. He was afraid he had not deserved all that had been said about him by Bro. Hill, but it should be his watchword to earn and deserve such a high opinion. The Masonic Charities was then proposed by Bro. Girand, in a very suitable manner, and Bro. Binckes in responding said he did not want to lose a moment in expressing his thanks for the honour the Lodge had done him in inviting him there; he was delighted to think he was able to attend and renew his visit to them. In this province, during the past twenty years, he had found a large number of friends, but nowhere more than in the Lodge he was visiting that day. He passed a well deserved compliment upon the last W.M., and in doing so said how delighted he was to see the ceremony of installation so admirably worked as it had been that day. Afterwards he made an earnest appeal for those with whom his duties associated him, viz., the poor and distressed Sons of Masons, remarking that it was a duty which, if he might associate a phrase, was done "behind the curtain;" nevertheless, it was desirable that those who could lend a helping hand towards their poorer brethren should feel it incumbent upon them to do so. The Visitors was then proposed by Bro. Penton, who alluded to the fact that as so many of the brethren would be compelled to leave early, in consequence of the trains, the toast he was about to propose was a little out of its order. He felt it a great honour to have this important toast placed in his hands. During his year of office he had greatly availed himself of the hospitality of the Lodges in the Province, and he should ever remember with joy the many friends he had made, and the pleasant evenings passed. The brother he had intended to call on to respond had been obliged to leave; in his absence he would couple with the toast the name of a young and indefatigable Mason, one of whom they had heard much; Bro. Sutton. The W.M. then gave the Past Masters. He made allusion to Past Masters being the bulwarks and props of a Lodge, and congratulated the brethren upon possessing such able men as Bros.

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Griggs, Giraud and the Secretary, Bro. Jackson. He complimented and thanked them all for their services, and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Bathurst the Father of the Lodge; each of these brethren responded in a suitable manner; Bro. Giraud making some eulogistic remarks on the successful efforts made by Bro. Bathurst to resuscitate the Lodge some years back. Bro. Griggs then proposed the Installing Master, remarking what a pleasure it was for every one that day to see their late master go through the installation ceremony so perfectly. Bro. Penton in response said, he had laboured hard to do what he had done, and it was pleasing for him to hear that his efforts had been so successful. In proposing the Wardens, the W.M. made especial mention of the working of Bro. Whiting, who always entered upon his duties with a true Masonic spirit, and he was proud of having such a Senior Warden. Bros. Whiting and Drake suitably responded. The Junior Officers, was the next toast, and Bro. Penton called upon Bro. Dean to acknowledge the same. Bro. Acworth said he had the pleasure of proposing a toast, which he felt sure would be heartily received by the brethren, inasmuch as it was one that alluded to their worthy host, Bro. Hogben. He had catered for them in such a manner as to leave hardly any room for improvement; and he (Bro. Acworth) was sure the brethren would be glad of the opportunity of showing their appreciation of Bro. Hogben's efforts. This brother then responded in felicitous terms, remarking what a pleasure it always was for him to do anything to make the brethren happy and comfortable. The Tyler's toast was then given, and this closed the toast list. During the evening Bro. A. Ambrey presided in a very excellent manner at the pianoforte, he also introduced a Mr. Hunter, who sang some capital songs, which it is needless to say added greatly to the enjoyment of the guests.

**Samson Lodge, No. 1668.**—Twelve months ago this Lodge was ushered into existence, with no wonderful amount of *éclat*, but with unostentatious quietness. The great ones of the Order had no share in the advent, and there was but the slightest sprinkling of purple, crimson, and elegant decorations which are usually a conspicuous feature upon similar occasions. But the men who had taken upon themselves the responsibility of Founders, needed no adventitious aid to promote the determination to rear the bantling, and the first anniversary, which occurred on Tuesday, the 7th inst., proved the care with which the process has been conducted. The youngling manifests undoubted vitality and vigour, and there were indications of future health and robust constitution. At the appointed hour the brethren assembled at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and Bro. M. D. Loewenstark, the originator of the Lodge and its first W.M., ascended the chair. There were a number of items on the agenda, but the following only received attention:—Bro. G. J. Wainwright, of the Perfect Ashlar, No. 1178, received the degree of a Master Master; Bro. Lark was passed to the second degree; Mr. Alfred Edward Parker was initiated. Bro. J. D. Barnett S.W. and P.M. of 185 having been duly elected W.M. at the previous meeting, was then presented and inducted by Bro. Loewenstark in a manner which, to judge by the applause at the end of the addresses, must have given entire satisfaction. Bro. Barnett, with brief but appropriate words, next invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. W. H. G. Rudderforth S.W., Barron Barnett J.W. and Sec., A. D. Loewenstark P.M. Treas., W. T. Lover P.M. S.D., Wasserberg J.D., Aarons I.G., G. Bilby P.M. Org., Quincey W.S., Elkan D.C., Rogers Tyler. A Life Governorship Association has already been established in connection with this Lodge. Two ballots were taken, the successful drawers being Bro. Aarons and his wife, who each possess a share. The W.M. then rose and said: A most pleasant duty devolved upon him, and that was to place upon the breast of the retiring W.M. and founder of the Lodge a handsome gold P.M.'s jewel, unanimously voted in recognition of his important services, and that duty was made doubly pleasant by the fact of Bro. Loewenstark being so fully entitled to the esteem of every one of the brethren, who thereby wish to convey their feelings of appreciation of his uniform kindness and courtesy, and all the qualities calculated to make a Master popular in his Lodge. Bro. Loewenstark expressed his sincere thanks, and briefly referred to his work in the formation of the Lodge, which, he having fully made up his mind to start, never rested from until success was attained. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren proceeded to the Holborn Restaurant to partake of a banquet, provided under the kind and courteous superintendence of Bro. Hamp, and the guardianship of a member of the ancient race, whose duty consisted in seeing that the viands were prepared in conformity with the principles and usages deemed essential among the votaries of the Mosaic faith. Grace having been said, the toasts were proceeded with. The name of Her Majesty was received with customary loyal enthusiasm, Bro. Brighton singing the National Anthem. Every face brightened, and every heart joined in the wish for the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. The Pro G.M. Lord Carnarvon, the Deputy Lord Skelmersdale, came in for their share of expressions of good will, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present were not forgotten. In proposing the health of the Initiate, the W.M. observed that it was desirable to add strength to the Samson Lodge, by increasing the number of members, but care must be taken whom they admitted. Personally he knew nothing of Bro. Parker, but he had been recommended by Bro. Quincey, and from what he had observed of his conduct during his initiation, there was no doubt their brother would be all that could be desired in a useful member of the Craft. The Initiate briefly thanked the brethren for permitting him to become one of their number. The I.P.M. submitted the name of the W.M. He was sure the prestige of the Lodge would be vastly increased by having such a Master to guide its affairs, and that the brethren would never regret having elected him to the position. He would ask all to be upstanding, and drink the health of the W.M., and salute him heartily, with vigorous Masonic fire. The W.M., in response, said the toast had been given in such flattering terms, and received with so much heartiness, that he could find no words that would sufficiently express his feelings of gratitude. They might be sure of his exertions for the benefit of the Samson Lodge. But a W.M. can do but comparatively little without the assistance of the brethren, and as far as work is concerned without the assistance of his officers. He trusted that at the end of his year of office he might still be worthy of the same amount of good feeling which was now exhibited towards him, and he would do all in his power to deserve it. He would now propose the health of the Visitors. The Samson was as yet only a small Lodge, but he was sure that not in the largest and most influential Lodge could they be more heartily and sincerely welcomed. Bro. Gulliford, W.M. Montefiore, who was called upon to respond, expressed thanks on behalf of the Visitors. Twelve months ago, at the consecration of the Lodge, when he was permitted to be present, he expressed a wish, which the balance-sheet of to-night showed they had followed, namely, that the Samson might not be ensnared by the blandishments of Delilah, and enter upon a course of lavish expenditure. He was about engaging in the formation of a new Lodge, and meant to act upon similar principles of economy. After some general remarks, Bro. Gulliford concluded by saying he would be wanting in his duties were he to fail to express most hearty and sincere thanks for the manner in which the names of the visitors were proposed and received. Bro. David Posener P.M., and W.M. of the Tranquillity Lodge No. 185, who was loudly called for, observed that in the Samson Lodge his feelings were not those of a visitor. Being surrounded by so many personal friends, he felt as one who had a right to be among them. He had followed the W.M. in the various offices in Tranquillity Lodge, and the same was the case between them in the Royal Arch. Having been present at the consecration, he was pleased at the progress the Lodge had made. He would beg to be allowed heartily and sincerely to thank them for their courtesy and hospitality. The W.M. then gave the toast of the P.M.'s. At present there were but two, the one honorary, occupying the post of Treasurer, and the other the first of the Lodge, who has shown himself in such bright colours during his year of office, and who has just reason to be proud of his position; for whoever may occupy the Master's chair, Bro. Loewenstark was now, and must henceforward, be regarded as the head of the Lodge. The I.P.M., replying, said it was exceedingly gratifying to him to be the first Past Master, and though a young man, to be called the Father of the Lodge. He would never have been able to carry out his duties with anything like satisfaction were it not for the efficient support of the officers. He thought the Lodge had been able to give a tolerably good account of itself at the end of its first year of existence. They had, among other things, established a Benevolent Fund, towards which a small subscription is demanded from the members, so that should any crushing misfortune arrive assistance might be extended to them, not as a matter of humiliation and charity, but as a matter of right, and so that the outside world need know nothing about a recipient's poverty and distress. In proposing the health of the Officers, the W.M. took occasion to point out the distinguished Masonic attainments of Bro. Rudderforth, the newly appointed S.W., whom he designated an ornament of the Craft, and as one who not only was an excellent worker himself, but possessed the capability to impart instruction to others. As regards Bro. B. D. Barnett, the J.W., who performed at the same time the duties of Secretary, they were well aware of his sterling qualities, and the satisfactory way in which everything he undertook was done. The minor offices were occupied by young brethren, and Bro. Aarons I.G., though not twelve months a Mason, was able to perform not only the duties of his office, but those of a higher position, were it necessary to call upon him for such a purpose. Bro. Rudderforth briefly replied on behalf of the Officers; he was sure every one of them was desirous to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor. The Tyler's toast next followed. During the business of the Lodge, Bro. Geo. Bilby P.M. presided at the harmonium, and in the banquet room Bro. J. D. Barnett W.M. accompanied upon the piano. The brethren, who distinguished themselves by their vocal powers were Brighten, Rosenstein, Cohen, Elkan, Rudderforth, Magee, &c. The Visitors were Bros. C. Willard 1319, G. J. Wainwright 1178, J. J. Bell S.D. 1178, J. Stock J.W. 1178, J. Gamack W.M. 1178, John Miller W.M. 188, P. Magee S.W. 548, S. Botibol 188, W. H. Gulliford W.M. 1017, David Posener W.M. 185, Rev. Victor Rosenstein, Memphis 17, E. Gottheil P.M. 185, &c.

**Grosvenor Chapter, No. 721.**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 30th April, at the Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, N. Chester. Present—Comps. James Salmon P.G.J. M.E.Z., W. Johnson H., John Dennis J., T. E. Nabb S.E., Thomas Coxhead S.N., W. Hughes P.S., John Humphreys Org., David Baynes Janitor. Past M.E.Z.'s and Comps. John McEvoy P.Z., David Thomas P.Z., J. C. Robinson P.Z. 425, J. J. Cunnah, Algernon Potts, R. C. Edwards, G. T. Holland, W. Matthews P.G.A.D.C., C. K. Benson, David Williams, &c. Visitors—Comps. Charles Dutton P.P.G.H., J. P. Platt P.P.G.J., P.Z. 537, W. Fair P.Z. 341, Donald Fraser Z. 605, J. E. Williams H. 425, John McHattie J. 425, T. M. Lockwood S.E. 425, and W. Oldrieve. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and the annual statement of accounts (which showed the Chapter to be in a very good financial position) having been approved and passed, the M.E.Z. conferred the benefit of exaltation upon Bro. Francis Robbins 721, and invested him as a Comp. of the Order. Then followed the installation of the Principals, and investiture of the Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—W. Johnson M.E.Z., John Dennis H., J. J. Cunnah J., T. E. Nabb S.E., Algernon Potts S.N., R. C. Edwards P.S. (his assistants being Comps. Benson and Robbins), John Dennis Treas., John Humphreys Org., and David Baynes Janitor. The ceremony was performed by E. Comp. David Thomas P.Z., who could not help expressing the satisfaction it afforded him of installing as the three Principals of the Chapter three Companions who, when he occupied the chair of 721, were then the two Wardens and the Senior Deacon of the Lodge under his rule. The business of the evening being over, the Chapter was closed in ancient form and adjourned, and the Companions proceeded to refreshment. Afterwards the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given, and most heartily responded to.

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### MORE ATTEMPTED DISFRANCHISEMENT.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The last Committee Meeting of the Boys' School affords another instance of the centralising policy now in vogue in certain quarters.

Upon the question of nominating a House Committee for the next twelve months, one *Brother* (only too evidently with the sanction of those who should have known better) *handed in a list of the full number of twelve candidates as his individual proposal*, and so attempted to exclude any other candidate from the chance of election.

Under these circumstances it will not be thought unreasonable that some of the well-wishers of the School should have resolved to oppose such an attempt to monopolise the privileges of the Subscribers, and have determined to assert the rights of the General Committee to elect their own House Committee. With this view Bro. A. Durrant P.M. No. 1185 has been nominated to be balloted for on the 1st June, when the Subscribers will have an opportunity of deciding for themselves whether a policy which has been already repudiated by Grand Lodge, is to be tolerated in the management of our Charities.

Yours fraternally,

H. T. THOMPSON,

Lower Clapton, 8th May 1878. P.M., Life Gov.

### THE VACANT SECRETARYSHIP.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you allow me, through your columns, to suggest to the Committee of the Girls' School that the approaching election of Secretary should be decided by show of hands, continued until one of the canidates have a majority of those present; otherwise the successful candidate might be elected by a very small proportion of the Committee.

Yours fraternally

ONE OF THE CANDIDATES.

### PROXY VOTING.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I cannot say that I see the force of Bro. Gould's argument, that if it is just and expedient for the system of proxy voting to be adopted at the election of Secretary to one of our Institutions, it is desirable, for the sake of consistency, that it should be adopted in the case of members of the Lodge of Benevolence. The election of a Secretary happens, to use a familiar expression, but "once in a blue moon;" the Lodge of Benevolence meets once a month. The election of a Secretary is conducted publicly. The names of the candidates are openly announced, and no one interested in the election could by any possibility experience the slightest difficulty in ascertaining the various qualifications, if any, which the rival candidates possess. The applications which are made to the Lodge of Benevolence are necessarily private. It would be intolerable that the merits and grounds of the various applications should be set forth in black and white, and circulated among the Masters of our Lodges. Yet some such course must perforce be adopted in order that the Country Masters may know what are the nature and deserts of the cases they are about to support or oppose by their votes. Cases which come before the Lodge of Benevolence are carefully sifted, so that no Mason unworthy of assistance may be relieved. But in order that the Country Members may be guided to vote aright, the result of such preliminary inquiries would have to be circulated, and what is essentially private as well as essentially painful and personal would thus be made public to the whole Masonic world. Moreover, the recommendations of the Lodge of Benevolence in all cases of £50 and upwards are not final, but are made subject to the confirmation of Grand Lodge, and I think we may safely rely on the discretion of those members of the Lodge who habitually or occasionally attend, not to abuse the trust confided to them. If relief were administered too lavishly or on unworthy brethren, it would not be very long before such abuse was brought under the cognizance of Grand Lodge, and a remedy would speedily be applied; but the general feeling is that the Fund of Benevolence is, under existing arrangements, both wisely and discreetly administered. Such at least is the inference I feel justified in educing from the late discussion in Grand Lodge on a motion for the reconstruction of the Lodge of Benevolence. Grand Lodge then virtually decided to "let well alone," being quite satisfied the Lodge of Benevolence conducted its affairs "well," not "ill." Again, everybody who is entitled to vote at the election of a Secretary to one of our Institutions, is deeply interested in the result, because it will affect the well-being of the Institution, beneficially or otherwise, for years and years to come. But it will require a very long stretch of the imagination to establish any connection between the relief of Bro. A, B, or C, and the welfare of Freemasonry during the next ten, twenty, or thirty years, even if it could be shown that in relieving him the Lodge had acted unwisely or extravagantly.

But to carry Bro. Gould's argument to its logical conclusion, he must go still further. If the proxy system is good for the election of Secretaries as well as candidates to our Institutions, and if it is good in order that the Country members of the Lodge of Benevolence may exercise their rights in administering relief to indigent brethren, as well as for the election of Secretaries, then, I say, it will be quite as desirable in the case of Country Members of Grand Lodge. Then will follow, of course, the adoption of that most absurd of all practices, namely, of a brother declaring his vote for or against a question, even before the merits of such question have been discussed. I need hardly point out to Bro. Gould that it is impossible in all cases to formulate a just opinion as to the merits of a question, after having merely read the sentence or sentences in which it is couched. However, I do not think it will be well to carry the argument further. I have every confidence that when Bro. Gould comes to examine more closely into the question he has raised, he will, with his usual perspicacity, discover that the analogy he has sought to establish between the two cases of the election of a Secretary, and the exercise of its functions by the Lodge of Benevolence, is more apparent than real.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

FAIR PLAY.

## COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. The brethren who attended were Bros. Raynham W. Stewart (in the chair), Rawson, Snow, Turner, Rosenthal, Ruff, R. B. Webster, H. T. Thompson, Pullen, Massey, Murray, Dewar, Perryman, Hunt, Tyrrell, and Binckes. After the confirmation of minutes, two outfits were granted to late pupils of the School, and the following brethren were nominated for the House and Audit Committee:—House: Bros. J. G. Chancellor, Benjamin Head, H. W. Hunt, W. F. C. Moutrie, Joyce Murray, W. Pass, Hyde Pullen, W. Roebuck, C. J. Roe, S. Rosenthal, R. W. Stewart, S. Wood, and Alfred Durrant. Audit: Bros. John Boyd, J. W. Dosell, E. B. Grabham, Benjamin Head, W. Mann, D. W. Pearse, Jesse Turner, Alex. Wallace, R. B. Webster, and Hyde Pullen.

## COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE May meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemason's Hall. Bro. Colonel Creaton presided. The other brethren of the Committee who attended were Bros. S. Rawson, L. Stean, Griffiths Smith, Raynham W. Stewart, Thomas Cubitt, C. A. Cottebrune, A. H. Tattershall, J. A. Farnfield, John G. Stevens, James Brett, Edward Cox, Charles John Perceval, George Bolton, and Bro. James Terry Secretary. Bro. Terry read to the Committee the report to be presented to the annual meeting, to be held on the 17th instant, and after the nomination of the Committee to be elected, Bro. Raynham Stewart drew the attention of the brethren to the great services rendered gratuitously by Dr. Strong to the Institution for the last seventeen years, and concluded by moving that a testimonial of the value of one hundred guineas be presented to Dr. Strong in recognition and appreciation of his services. The motion was carried unanimously, after having been seconded by Bro. Griffiths Smith. Bros. Col. Creaton, Rawson, Head, Stewart, Farnfield, and Terry were appointed as a Committee to decide upon the testimonial and its presentation. A gardener, who had been recommended by Bro. Cutbush, was appointed to fill the vacancy therein for the office of gardener at the Institution, and after a slight discussion, as to providing a residence for this officer, Colonel Creaton and Bro. Terry were authorised to inquire into the subject, and the brethren then separated.

We beg to acknowledge, with fraternal thanks, the receipt of copy of the "Official Directory for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall," originated and edited by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.S. Deacon England, &c., &c., &c. This is the eighth year of the publication of this valuable and interesting Guide to Cornish Freemasonry. We have noticed previous editions, and fully described the nature of their contents. Let it suffice, if we say in this case, that the Directory for 1878 is as carefully compiled and well arranged as, and will be found to be, if possible, even more complete than, its predecessors. We have, however, thought it well to extract the following particulars, which show the strength of Craft and Arch Masonry in the Province. There were, at the close of the year 1877, twenty-seven Lodges, with a total membership of 1,567 brethren. This gives an average of 58 members per Lodge. There were, at the same date, 277 Past Masters among them, giving an average of 10 P.M.'s per Lodge. The number of initiates during the year was 148, or less by seven than in 1876, but the number of subscribing members had increased by exactly 100, from 1,467 to 1,567. Since 1873, the increase has been about thirty-three per cent., or to give the precise figures, from 1141 to 1567. In Royal Arch Masonry, there are twelve Chapters, with an aggregate membership of 238 Companions, or as nearly as possible 20 members per Chapter. In other words, there is one Royal Arch Mason out of every 6.5 Craft Masons.

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## FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The Ninetieth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held yesterday evening at Freemasons' Tavern. The Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. Grand Master and Prov. G.M. Somersetshire, had kindly undertaken the duties of chairman, a position for which, even if we could not call to mind our experience of 1875 when he presided at the Boy's School Festival, we know his Lordship is eminently well fitted. There was, as usual, a numerous Board of Stewards, all of whom had evidently exerted themselves to the best of their ability and most successfully. In Bro. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, this Board had a most excellent President, in Bro. John Boyd a most worthy Treasurer, and in Bro. Hedges a very indefatigable Hon. Secretary. We must necessarily reserve our account of the gathering till next week.

The ballot for allotting a Life Governorship and ten Life Subscriberships of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, consequent on the sale of tickets by Bro. A. E. Gladwell, No. 172, on the plan inaugurated by Bro. John Constable, took place at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday last. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Dottridge W.M. 172, Ray 1624, J. Blyth 813, G. H. Hunter 1298, C. J. Armstrong 857, W. H. Barber 65, W. W. Morgan 211, A. E. Gladwell 172, Thomas Milbourn 1196, &c. Bro. A. Dottridge was voted to the chair, and the ballot was proceeded with. The list of successful numbers will be found in another column. The arrangements seemed to give every satisfaction, and votes of thanks were passed to those brethren who had conducted the proceedings.

We beg to announce, as a reference to our advertisement columns will show, that the name of Bro. Thomas Cull has been added to the list of candidates for the vacant Secretaryship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Cull is Preceptor to the Royal Standard and Salisbury Lodges of Instruction. Thus the candidates, so far as we can speak with certainty, are now as as follow :—Bros. F. R. W. Hedges, C. Fitz Gerald Matier, W. Smallpeice, Wm. Worrell, F. A. White, W. Clifton Crick, Paul Storr, and Thomas Cull. We are aware that some other brethren have declared their intention of contesting the vacancy, but we prefer mentioning only the names which have been officially communicated to us.

*Le Monde Maçonnique* contains some very interesting accounts of Festivals held by different Lodges, among them being that of Lodge *Les Admirateurs de l'Univers*, which took place on the 16th March, under the presidency of its Venerable (W.M.) Bro. Dr. Barré, who delivered a most eloquent address on the beauties of Freemasonry. This "*fete d'hiver*" included a banquet *en famille*, a Concert, and a Ball. The Concert, which was arranged by Bro. Landowski and the eminent violinist Bro. Vieuxtemps, was most brilliant.

We gather from the same journal that Wednesday, the 8th inst., was the day fixed for a convention of all the Coloured Grand Lodges of the United States, the place of meeting being Wilmington, State of Delaware.

The *Freemasons' Repository* announces the death, at Syracuse, N.Y., on the 21st March, of Bro. Orrin Welch, who had held the offices of County Treasurer and Alderman, and, at the time of his death, was Police Commissioner. Among the high Masonic positions he held were those of G. Commander of K.T., and Ill. Deputy of the Supreme Grand Council, 33°, Northern Jurisdiction, for New York; he was also S.G.C. of Syracuse Consistory.

## RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

The Imperial Grand Council of Illinois have appointed Bro. Charles Fitz Gerald Matier as their Grand Representative at the Imperial Grand Council of England.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—Multitudes suffering under a complication of disorders might obtain relief through these healing and purifying remedies, which should be employed without a day's delay. When the weather is variable, and colds and influenzas are prevalent, this Ointment, well rubbed upon the throat and chest, gives the greatest ease, and checks all tendency to inflammation in the lungs and other organs. The Pills assist the curative action of the Ointment, inasmuch as they purify the blood, and so quicken its circulation that congestion is rendered almost impossible. Holloway's treatment deals most successfully, too, with that very troublesome and often tedious ailment, indigestion, which is the bane of thousands, from overwork and fast living, in the present day.

## ANECDOTES IN RELATION TO MILITARY MASONRY.

**Battle of Lutzen.**—A Scotch gentleman in the Prussian service was taken prisoner at the Battle of Lutzen, and with 400 of his companion-in-arms was conveyed to Prague. As soon as it was known that he was a Mason, he was released from confinement, invited to the tables of the most distinguished citizens, and requested to consider himself more in the character of a brother than as a prisoner of war. About three months after the engagement, an exchange of prisoners took place, and the Scotch officer was presented by the Fraternity with a purse of sixty ducats to defray the expenses of his journey.—*Laurie*, p 67.

**Lodge of Social and Military Virtues, No. 227, late in the 46th Regiment.**—An anecdote in reference to this Lodge, appears in a former number (p. 220), but having recently met with a copy of its bye-laws (1816), the prefatory address is now given. "The antiquity of our Charter renders it Masonically dear to each true brother. Among many incidents of her various history as handed down from olden record, we have always recognised with feelings of pride the honourable distinction and Masonic mark conferred by that eminent soldier and virtuous brother, the late General George Washington, who, with a sentiment worthy of so great a man, in a style of compliment flattering to the brethren of that day, restored the property (and especially the *Sacred Volume*, which we even now possess) with a peculiar Masonic greeting to their Masonic proprietors, it having previously, by the chance of warfare, fallen into the possession of his army." Let this record be transmitted to our successors.—*By-Laws of Lodge of Social and Military Virtues, numbered 227 on the Registry of Ireland, held in the 46th Regiment of Foot. Sydney*, 1816.

**Masonic Naval and Military Commanders.**—The M.W. Grand Master Master Mason of Scotland, (1842,) Lord Frederick Fitz-Clarence, has been appointed Commander of the Forces in North Britain *vice* Lord Greenock, also a Freemason. What would the recent military authorities in Ireland have said to behold the Head of the Staff in Scotland, also acting as the Head of the Craft, personally presiding over its Lodges and anxious to promote its prosperity? Among the distinguished military men who are members of the Masonic Fraternity is Sir Thomas Graham, Lord Lynedoch, the hero of many a hard fought fight. This gallant veteran, now in his ninety-fourth year, if we mistake not, was initiated when a young man in the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge of Edinburgh. He is probably the oldest member living. The present Admiral Ommaney was likewise initiated in the same Lodge; as was also Sir D. L. Gilmour K.C.B., an officer who distinguished himself in the Spanish campaign. In truth, most of the chief commanders who served under the illustrious Brother the Duke of Wellington were comrades of the Craft; *videlecit*, the late General the Earl Dalhousie, the present Marquis of Tweedale, Lord Combermere, Lord Lynedoch, &c. Sir John Moore was also a Scottish Mason. The immortal Nelson was a member of the English Craft.—*F.Q.R.*, Vol. IX. p 41.

**St. Andrew's Royal Arch Lodge in the Scots Greys.**—William Lord Napier, initiated December 1769, while the Hon. Col. Napier, soon afterwards, himself and several other officers of his regiment, the Scots Greys, presented a petition to Grand Lodge for a charter of erection of a Military Lodge, and which was granted accordingly. On the 12th March 1770 the formal constitution of the Lodge took place in the Hall of St. John's Chapel, at which ceremony his excellency General Adolphus Oughton presided, in his capacity of Grand Master of Scotland. After a suitable address from that Military and Masonic chief, the charter was delivered into the hands of Colonel Napier as Worshipful Master thereof, Captain Basil Heron being installed Depute Master, Sir John Nesbit of Dean as Senior Warden, John Nesbit, Esq., as Junior Warden, John Christie, Esq., as Treasurer, and Captain James Colquhoun as Secretary of the new Lodge, which was duly formed and consecrated under the name and title of "the St. Andrew Royal Arch Lodge in the Scots Greys or Royal North British Dragoons." Bro. Napier succeeded his father as Baron Napier in 1773, but died about two years after, leaving his title to his eldest son Francis, who became a Mason in the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, and was afterwards Grand Master of Scotland.—*F.Q.R.*, Vol. IX. p 35.

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## RESULT OF BRO. A. E. GLADWELL'S BALLOT.

MONDAY, 6TH MAY 1878.

THE Ballot for Life Governorships and Life Subscriberships of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, consequent on the sale of Tickets by Bro. A. E. Gladwell, took place on Monday, the 6th instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. There were One Life Governorship and Ten Life Subscriberships thus disposed of, and the following is the list of winners:—

| No. of Prize | No. of Ticket | Value £ | s | d | Name | Address |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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Tickets, Nos. 97, 343, 346, 428, 519, 563, 1214, 1443, 1972, 1613, 1690, and 1920 were also drawn out of the Ballot Box, but not having been sold, were not entitled to prizes.

### To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors of the

# Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—

I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a candidate for the post of Secretary to your valuable Institution, rendered vacant by the lamented death of our esteemed Brother R. WENTWORTH LITTLE.

I have been a Freemason upwards of Nine years, during which time I have taken a very active interest in the Order. I am a P.M., and have been for some time past, Secretary of my Lodge, and Scribe E. of my Chapter.

I am now the Secretary of an Orphan Asylum, a position which I have held nearly four years, and am therefore thoroughly acquainted with the practical working of a Public Institution.

I am thirty-three years of age, and in good health, and previous to receiving my present appointment, I was engaged in business with a Marine Insurance Broker at Lloyds'.

Soliciting the favour of your kind interest and support,

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies and Brethren,

Yours obediently and fraternally,

WILLIAM WORRELL,

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MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—

In pursuance of my intimation a week since, of my intention to present myself as a candidate for the Secretaryship of this Institution, rendered vacant by the lamented death of Bro. LITTLE, I now beg to state my qualifications for that office.

I am 33 years of age and for 14 years had the entire official management of a large manufacturing business, the annual return of which *exceeded* £100,000, and for the past two years I have been in business as an Accountant and Auditor.

The Testimonials I possess are such that I am hopeful of obtaining your unqualified support.

Since my entry into the Craft I have been an Annual Subscriber to the three Masonic Charities; have served a Stewardship to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, of which I am a Life Governor; and am at the present time a Steward at the approaching Festival of this Institution, and qualifying myself as a Life Governor.

Should you do me the favour of electing me to the Secretaryship of the Institution, you may rely upon my exerting my whole energy and ability for the continued prosperity, and the further extension of the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies and Brethren,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. A. WHITE,
P.M. 907; P.S. Chapter 907; Lodges 1437 and 1716.

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1*st May* 1878.

### To the Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

BRETHREN,—I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for the office of Secretary, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Little. Should you do me the honour to elect me, I can only say that I will endeavour to fill the office efficiently, and I hope that the manner in which I have discharged my various duties in Masonry will be considered a sufficient qualification.

W. SMALLPEICE, Assoc. Inst. C.E.

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### To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors of the

# Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

MY LORDS, LADIES AND BRETHREN,—

At the suggestion of many Life Governors who have promised me their support, I beg to state it is my intention to offer myself as a candidate for the position of Secretary to the above Institution, vacant through the lamented decease of Bro. R. W. LITTLE.

I shall shortly be able to forward a circular, containing a list of my supporters, together with the qualifications I possess for the appointment.

In the meantime, therefore, I trust the large number of Brethren to whom I am personally known will reserve their pledges.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies, and Brethren,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

THOMAS CULL,
S.D. 1446; P.S. Chapter 1365;
Preceptor to the Royal Standard and Salisbury Lodges of Instruction; Steward and L.G. 1878.

CITY CHAMBERS, RAILWAY PLACE, FENCHURCH STREET,
LONDON, E.C., 8*th May* 1878.

### To the Patron, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents and Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESSES, MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

In consequence of the lamented decease of the late Bro. R. Wentworth Little, a vacancy has occurred in the Secretaryship of this Institution, and I beg most respectfully to state that it is my intention to offer myself as a Candidate for the Office.

The experience I have gained during my five years connexion in the office as Clerk, will, I trust, be of service to me should I be successful in obtaining the appointment.

I may mention that during Bro. Little's illness nearly the whole of the Secretarial duties have devolved upon me, and I venture to hope, from the manner in which they have been discharged, it will induce you to honor me with your support should the Committee think fit to accept me as a Candidate.

I have the honour to be,

Your Royal Highnesses, my Lords and Gentlemen,

Your obedient humble servant,

24th April 1878. F. R. W. HEDGES.

5 Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, London, W.C.

# Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

BRETHREN,—When I announced my determination of becoming a Candidate for the Secretaryship of this Institution, it was my intention to wait upon the Electors whose addresses were sufficiently contiguous to my own residence, for the purpose of personally requesting their Votes and Interest.

Daily endeavours have been used by me to put my desire into execution, but the task is of such magnitude that I find myself compelled to solicit by letter, advertisement, or the influence of personal friends the support on the day of election of such as I may not be able to interview, earnestly entreating them to accept my apology for the seeming inattention.

It is with pleasure I continue to receive assurances of support from many influential subscribers, and hope to prove, at the election, that in coming forward as a Candidate I have not been guilty of presumption.

WILLIAM CLIFTON CRICK,
Bachelor of Sciences, Paris University,
P.M. 667, and Secretary 1733.

102 Chancery Lane, W.C., May 1878.

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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

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**Committee for securing the Election, as Secretary, of**
BRO. CHARLES FITZGERALD MATIER.

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Brethren desirous of assisting are respectfully requested to forward their names to—

BRO. STEPHEN BARTON WILSON, L.G.,
Hon. Secretary,
27 Walbrook, E.C.

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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

ON Tuesday, the Queen, with the Crown Princess of Germany (Princess Royal), Princess Beatrice, with the ladies and gentlemen of the Court, reached Buckingham Palace at noon from Windsor Castle. In the afternoon Her Majesty held a court which was numerously attended by the Diplomatic and General Circles, and at which were present very many ladies whose names had been previously left at the Lord Chamberlain's office, and submitted for the Queen's approval. There were also present Her Imperial Highness the Crown Princess of Germany, the Princess Beatrice, the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, and Her Royal Highness the Duchess and the Duke of Teck. The Royal Body Guard of the Hon. Corps of the Gentlemen-at-Arms were on duty in the state apartments under the command of their Captain, the Earl of Coventry, and the Royal Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard in the Palace, under their Captain, Lord Skelmersdale. A second Drawing-room was held on Thursday. A State Ball will be held at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, the 22nd instant, and the first state concert of the season on Wednesday, the 29th instant. It has also been announced that the Queen will visit Aldershot on Monday for the purpose of reviewing the troops quartered there. Under the circumstances greater interest than usual will attach to the visit, as no inconsiderable portion of the troops is composed of the Army and Militia Reserves, who have only joined the colours during the past three weeks. As they are all seasoned soldiers, however, they will have had time to renew their acquaintance with the exigencies of military duty.

The Prince of Wales with the Princess and the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark are still in Paris, making the most of their necessarily brief visit, and seeing as much as possible of the Exhibition, which as day after day passes is gradually assuming a grander as well as a more business-like appearance. Among other distinguished visitors to the French capital must be mentioned Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, and the Marquis of Lorne. By the way, the banquet given by the Royal Commission in honour of its indefatigable President was a conspicuous success, but what has rendered the occasion more noticeable than it would have been under ordinary circumstances was the exceedingly friendly terms in which His Royal Highness, in proposing the toast of Prosperity to France and its Exhibition, spoke of the country. He said he trusted that the two nations might be drawn together more closely than ever, and that the prosperity of France might go on more prosperously than heretofore. The speech has attracted general notice on the part of the French newspapers, and with one or two exceptions they have all spoken in the warmest terms of the Prince's kindliness of manner. Next week we shall see His Royal Highness back again in London, as on Friday, the 17th instant, he will, by command of the Queen, hold a Levée at St. James's Palace, when presentations to the Prince will, by the express desire of Her Majesty, be deemed equivalent to presentations to the Sovereign.

One of the two Houses of Parliament, to wit, the House of Commons, has resumed its meetings after the Easter holidays. The Speaker once again presided as usual at four o'clock on Monday, and after the regular formal business had been disposed of, the Marquis of Hartington, as leader of the Opposition rose, and asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer for any information he might be in a position to furnish on the subject of the Eastern Imbroglio. The Chancellor's reply did not contain much that was new—that, of course, was out of the question, seeing that the negotiations are still in progress—but the little that he did say was of a very hopeful character; more hopeful, indeed, than the short statement he made at the last sitting before Easter. This, however, did not content the extreme Radical section of the House, and Mr. Fawcett rose at once for the purpose of challenging the conduct of the Government in connection with the despatch of Indian troops to Malta. Sir G. Campbell and Sir W. Harcourt also offered some remarks on the same subject, after which the Chancellor of the Exchequer rose and defended the conduct of the Government. The discussion, however, was continued, among the other speakers being Mr. E. Jenkins and Mr. Rylands, who both condemned the step, and Sir Robert Peel, who upheld it. The House then went into Committee of Supply. On Tuesday, Mr. Chamberlain gave notice of his intention to move a resolution condemnatory of the Government, and said that on Thursday he should ask Sir Stafford Northcote to arrange for some day to be set apart for the discussion of his resolution. The other business calls for no particular comment. The afternoon sitting of Wednesday was occupied in discussing the question whether the County Courts Bill should be read or not a second time. A motion to that effect was made by Mr. Cowen, but it was opposed by Mr. O. Morgan, who proposed that it be read a second time that day six months. In the end the motion and amendment were withdrawn. A new writ for Oxford University, owing to the elevation to the peerage of Mr. Gathorne Hardy, by the title of Viscount Cranbrook, has been issued, and the nomination is fixed for Monday. The polling will last five days.

It is to be hoped that the fatal accident which recently occurred to Sir F. Goldsmid, M.P. for Reading, will induce railway directors to have continuous platforms for their carriages, and so constructed that they will run as nearly level and as close as possible to the station platforms, so that the chance of any person falling between the two, as did poor Sir F. Goldsmid may be reduced to a minimum. The sad event happened last week. Sir Francis was coming into town as usual, and the train had entered Waterloo Station, when, according to one version, one of the porters opened the carriage door, and Sir Francis at once left the carriage, but, in stepping out, he fell, and was drawn between the carriage and the platform, and received such terrible injuries that only forty minutes after he had been taken to St. Thomas's Hospital the poor gentleman expired. The usual inquest was held, and the jury returned a verdict of accidental death. The funeral took place on Wednesday, in the cemetery of the West London Synagogue, Ball's Pond. About forty mourning coaches followed the remains, and there were also many private carriages sent by

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Julian Goldsmid M.P., who has succeeded to his uncle's title, Messrs. A. and G. Goldsmid, Baron de Stern, Viscount Sidney de Stern, Mr. E. Mocatta, Mr. N. Montefiore, Mr. Serjeant Simon, M.P., &c., &c. The late baronet was greatly loved and respected for his many virtues, and, not least, for his great munificence. He was the first member of the Jewish faith who was admitted to the Bar, and received the rank of a Q.C. in 1858. The mournful day was observed with every mark of respect in Reading, and a vote of condolence to his widow, Lady Goldsmid, was voted by the Mayor and Corporation of the town.

On Wednesday Sir Stafford Northcote paid a hurried visit to Oxford, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of a new debating hall in connection with the Oxford Union Society. Though there was no political character attached to the ceremony, opportunity was taken by the Working Men's Association to present an address to the Right Honourable Baronet, and on the arrival of the train, Mr. Hall, the Conservative Member for the city, introduced the deputation, and a convenient position having been found, the address was presented and acknowledged in a suitable speech. Having then been conducted from the station to the site of the new building, the stone was declared by Sir Stafford to have been well and truly laid, and the Right Hon. Baronet delivered a lengthy and pertinent speech on the value of the building about to be erected, and the purposes to which it would be devoted. Lunch followed in the Corn Exchange, the principal toast, that of "the Union," being given by Sir Stafford Northcote.

Our warlike preparations are still continued with the same vigour as ever. The troops are being rapidly drilled, and officers at Aldershot have received orders to consider themselves as under orders for foreign service, so that leave cannot be had. Twelve thousand Martini-Henry Rifles have been ordered to be taken from the stores, it is believed, for despatch to the Indian force now on its way to Malta. Telegrams have been recived from Aden to the effect that some of the vessels conveying the expeditionary force from Bombay have already passed Aden. The ironclad Defence has arrived at Port Said.

The annual dinner of the Royal Literary Fund was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Wednesday evening, under the presidency of the Dean of Westminster. Among the guests and well-wishers of the Fund were the Bishop of Bath and Wells, Lord O'Hagan, Mr. Justice Fry, the Dean of Lichfield, General Sir W. Codrington, the Rev. Canon Farrar, Mr. E. Dicey, Mr. Henry M. Stanley, &c., &c. In proposing the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Royal Literary Fund," the Chairman spoke very eloquently on the beneficent influence of literature, and the advantage of having such a society to support literary men who had fallen into difficulties. The evening passed off most admirably.

The political news is a little less gloomy than it was last week. Count Schouvaloff the Russian Ambassador here has left London for St. Petersburgh, and previous to his departure, His Excellency had an interview with the Prime Minister, so that he might be thoroughly well informed as to the views of Her Majesty's Government. The Count is expected to arrive in St. Petersburg to-morrow (Sunday), so that we shall not have long to wait ere we get something more definite in the way of news. Meanwhile, the Turks are drilling their armies, and becoming stronger and stronger every day. An urgent demand has been made by the Russians for the surrender of Varna, Schumla, and Batoum, but the Porte hesitates, and the reason it gives it will be difficult for the Russians to controvert. The Mussulman insurrection still goes on, and is extending over a still wider area. The Roumanian difficulty is still as prominent as ever, but hopes are entertained that the troubles in Thessaly may be brought to a speedy, and perhaps a satisfactory conclusion. Prince Labanoff, who has already occupied the post before, is the new Russian Ambassador at Constantinople, and Chakir Pasha will go to St. Petersburg in the same capacity for Turkey. In fine, matters look decidedly more hopeful.

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A report of the installation meeting of the Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406, reaches us as we are going to press. It shall appear next week.

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1556—Addiscombe, Surrey C

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45—Strong Man, Old Rodne
174—Sincerity, Railway Tav
180—St. James's Union, Unb
186—Industry, Bell Tavern,
546—Wellington, White Swar
704—Camden, Red Cap, Cam
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hal
1306—St. John of Wapping,
1366—Highgate, Gate House H
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1489—Marquess of Ripon, Perm
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75—Love and Honour, Royal
104—St. John, Ashton House,
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, N
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' H
262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shr
292—Sincerity, Masonic Temph
297—Witham, New Masonic Ha
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall,
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Re
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New
589—Druid's Love and Liberalit
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Ly
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dart
893—Meridian, National School
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hal
Barrow-in-Furness.
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hc
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chai
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel,
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sa
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Ha
1502—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel,
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel,

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46—Old Union, Westminster Pal
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hot
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chamb
167—St. John, Holly Bush Taver
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Ha
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon,
753—Prince Frederick William, L
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern,
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermy
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gre
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, St
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonvill
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hal
1744—Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel,
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51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Co
93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, No
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Tru
184—United Chatham of Benevole
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Mai
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room,
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertf
406—Northern Counties, Freemas
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidst
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel,
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel,
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak,
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel,
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic R
1314—Bromley, Bell Hotel, Bromle
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenc
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuc
1509—Maoce, Queen's Hotel, Portm
1583—Royal Naval College, Ship H
1678—Tonbridge, New Masonic Ha

WEDNES

174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern,
193—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern,
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, D
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Gro
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tave
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Popp
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, W
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gr
1270—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Hawcho
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Ta
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmo
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29—Royal Kent of Antiquity, San
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildin
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart, B
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall,

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199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
209—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
469—Stortford, Chequer's Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
501—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
802—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
883—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
874—Holmesdale, Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.
909—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1066—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1441—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans.
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Horncastle.
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes.

## THURSDAY, 16th MAY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
813—New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1274—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1613—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro. (Instruction.)
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin.
521—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon.
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town.
1532—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1343—St. John, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.

## FRIDAY, 17th MAY.

Annual General Meeting R.M. Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1443—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
K.T.—Kemeys Tynte, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.
416—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.

## SATURDAY, 18th MAY.

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

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

306—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
298—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
401—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

TUESDAY.

405—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
663—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.
1322—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
R. A. 295—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

234—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
308—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial street, Morley.
357—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1318—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
1045—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

THURSDAY.

275—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
394—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
980—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

FRIDAY.

461—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Staithburn.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1034—Ecclesfield, Freemasons' Hall, Ecclesfield.
1144—Mount Olivet, Masonic Rooms, 2a Paradise, Sheffield.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 887—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
K. T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.
TUESDAY—1—Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.
WEDNESDAY—109—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 82 Nicolson-street.
THURSDAY—18—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
" R. A. 152—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 98 Constitution-street.
FRIDAY—R. A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820.**—The installation meeting was held on Wednesday last, at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond. In the absence of the W.M. Brother Thomas Weaver, the Lodge was opened by Bro. W. H. Myers P.M., who called on Bro. Wm. Foster Reynolds, the Secretary, to read the minutes of last meeting, which duly received confirmation. The Audit Committee's Report was then submitted, and a very long discussion ensued; it was thought advisable that certain matters therein referred to should be still further considered, and to effect this a committee was appointed, and requested to further report at the next meeting of the Lodge. Bro. T. Weaver having now arrived, the chair was vacated in his favour by Bro. Myers, and Bro. Wright, a candidate for the second degree, was examined. He showed that his knowledge of the first degree warranted the step he now took in asking for advancement, and Bro. Weaver passed him to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Chesswas was then raised to the sublime degree by Bro. P.M. Myers, who gave a careful and impressive rendering of the ceremony, the solemnity of which was greatly enhanced by the musical accompaniment of Bro. Young, who acted as Organist. Bro. Charles Hubbard, the W.M. elect, was then presented to Bro. Myers, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and the obligation was formally taken. The brethren not entitled to remain in Lodge were then requested to retire, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Hubbard regularly placed in the chair of King Solomon. The brethren were then re-admitted, the customary salutations were given, and the appointment of officers made, as follows:—Bros. Wells S.W., Lamb J.W., Giles P.M. Treas., Reynolds Sec., Kyezor S.D., Young J.D., Phillips I.G., Cook S. Steward, Page Deane J. Steward, Myers P.M. D.C., Gilbert Tyler. Bro. Myers then delivered the addresses, and completed his labours, amidst the applause of all present. A motion by Bro. Koch P.M. to the effect that the visiting fee at ordinary meetings be raised from 10s 6d to 12s 6d, and at installation meetings from 15s to 21s, after some discussion was withdrawn. A P.M.'s jewel was then presented to the retiring W. Master, Bro. Weaver, and having been gracefully acknowledged by that worthy Brother, the Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent and well-served banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured,—Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., replying for that of "The Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present"—the W.M., in proposing that of the Masonic Institutions, referred to the enormous benefits they conferred, and concluded a neat and effective speech by associating with the toast the name of Bro. Charles Lacey. Bro. Lacey, in reply, fully confirmed the W. Master's statement, and pointed out that there were, in the three together, not very far short of 700 persons who were either educated and maintained for a term of years, in order that they might be fitted for the battle of life, or, having fallen into a state of penury, received substantial assistance in their declining years. He spoke also with pride of the large amount—about £40,000—which was now annually subscribed towards their support. Our worthy brother concluded as follows:—

> "Let it not be said when we are gone,
> We lived but for ourselves alone;
> But let our wives and children find
> Some blessings we have left behind."

The toast of the Visitors was acknowledged by Bros. Phillips, Lacey, Lay, and Walters. The health of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M., and the former, in acknowledging the compliment, took the opportunity of passing a well merited eulogy on Bro. Myers P.M., to whom he said he was indebted for the knowledge he had acquired of the Royal Art. Bro. Myers was always ready to impart the knowledge he possessed, and was as well known for his courtesy as for his ability as a Mason. In his further remarks the W.M. said he should rely with confidence on his Officers to assist him in the fulfilment of his duties, and he trusted his year of office would furnish evidence that in electing him to fill it, the brethren had not misplaced their confidence. With the toast of the Past Masters was associated the name of Bro. Wearer I.P.M., who accordingly acknowledged it in a suitable manner, and the list of toasts was closed by that of the Tyler. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. Stedman, and gave unqualified satisfaction; but we deprecate the system, which we have noticed is adopted by other Lodges also, of including among the artists gentlemen who are not Masons. There is always the risk that the old alarm, "It rains!" may have to be sounded. We wish, also, we could say that the "Lily of Richmond," which we sincerely trust may have a long and prosperous career before it, is at the present moment in as flourishing a condition, financially, as its many friends could desire. However, by the exercise of a little economy, by courageously lopping off all expenditure which is not absolutely necessary, there is no doubt whatever that the balance between the receipts and disbursements may be redressed, and that where there is now a deficiency, there will very shortly be an excess. We have gone slightly out of the beaten track in making these remarks, because we take the liberty of placing ourselves in the category of the Lily's sincere friends and well wishers.

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**Kent Lodge, No. 15.**—A regular meeting of this ancient, and of late years very prosperous Lodge, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. Bro. J. H. Cambridge W.M. was in the chair, C. Ginman S.W., C. E. Ball J.W., W. P. Dukes P.M. Hon. Sec., E. P. Barlow P.M. Steward, W. Levy S.D., S. B. Lipscombe J.D., E. A. Wells I.G., A. Posener D.C., Beckett P.M. Tyler. There were also present Past Masters S. Wharman, Jas. Pinder, Sennett, a number of brethren, and the following visitors:—W. T. Christian W.M. 1662, H. L. Goodall P.M. 784, W. T. Howe P.M. G.P., W. W. Phillips 471, E. Cocks 1339, C. Coleman 186, and E. Gottheil P.M. 185. The work, which consisted in raising Bro. Hurst and initiating Mr. Henry Andrews Elms, was conducted with remarkable efficiency. The W.M. has evidently been under the tuition of those who strive to free the ritual from its incongruities. The minor Officers, although some not so well up as could be desired, on the whole performed their duties creditably, but special mention should justly be made of Bro. A. Posener, the D.C., who acted as Deacon with masterly proficiency, eliciting universal approbation. Banquet was served at the "Holborn," where the indefatigable Bro. Hamp, the popular manager, exerted himself to the utmost in securing comfort and enjoyment. We must not forget Bro. Barlow, the Steward, who took good care, not only that everybody should be well, but plentifully served. After banquet grace was said, and the W.M. at once proceeded with the toasts; he observed that, as the hour was late, he would combine the Loyal and Masonic toasts into one, by giving them "Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Best Interests of the Craft," coupling therewith the name of Bro. Howe, Grand Pursuivant, who, in his response, said his name was so frequently coupled with this toast that he wished he could respond to it more ably. He had the honour on this occasion of representing the Grand Officers, and to respond on behalf of highly distinguished brethren who had the welfare of the Craft at heart. Even H.R.H. the Grand Master, when presiding at the last Grand Lodge, as he had no doubt all had heard or read, expressed his regret that other duties prevented him from attending Grand Lodge as frequently as he could desire, but hoped in future to be able to be present at lesser intervals. The Pro Grand Master Lord Carnarvon, and the D.G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, are at the head of affairs, than whom more worthy brethren it would be impossible to find. As to the rest of the Grand Officers, their value was well appreciated throughout the Craft. He was unable to be present on the last occasion, when his old friend Bro. Cambridge was installed, but was proud and delighted to see him in his high position, and, moreover, with the excellent manner in which he performed his duties. He could not refrain from giving due meed of praise to the Officers, and especially to the brother who acted as Deacon, in a manner that could not possibly be excelled. He would conclude by thanking the W.M. for his kindness, and the Lodge for its generous hospitality. To the toast of the Initiate Bro. Elms replied, and expressed a hope that, having been permitted to become one among them, he might prove worthy of their esteem. He appreciated the objects of the Institution, and although in a general way it was a sound principle that "Charity begins at home," still at times that should not be taken in too literal a sense. He would be very happy at once to subscribe the sum of £10 10s in order to become a Life Governor of one of the Institutions. (Applause). Bro. Wharman I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M., whom he thought the brethren would never regret having placed in the chair, not only because of his general worth, but because his work was satisfactory in every sense of the word. Bro. Cambridge expressing his thanks said, It was just six years ago when, on the night of his initiation, he stood there at the right of the then W.M.; he then resolved he would make it his aim to reach the position of Master. He had succeeded, and was proud of the position, and considered his efforts amply repaid. Besides his ambition, he had not forgotten other duties. He was already Life Governor of two of the Institutions, and ready to serve Steward for the third, and represent the Kent Lodge. Before concluding, he would thank Bro. Howe for his kind words, and would just mention that their acquaintance dated from the time of his entering the first Lodge of Instruction he ever visited. He would now propose the health of the Visitors; unfortunately they had only seven this time, on the last occasion there were nineteen. Kent Lodge was always very pleased to receive visitors; the more the better. Bro. Christian on behalf of the visitors expressed hearty thanks, and Bros. Cocks, Phillips, and Gottheil followed suit. Bro. Sennett responded for the Past Masters. Prosperity to the Charities was the next toast, for which Bro. Howe responded, and in the course of his remarks feelingly referred to the late loss the Girls' Institution had sustained by the death of Bro. Little. The W.M. again referred to his intention of representing Kent Lodge. The following brethren announced a wish to subscribe £1 1s each upon his list, namely—C. A. Sennett, B. Goldberg, Dr. Dukes, Joseph Bonn, Barlow, Wharman, Stinnson, C. A. Ball, John Ball, W. Levy. To the toast of the Officers each severally replied. After the Tyler's toast the brethren separated. The evening's proceedings were enlivened by the vocal efforts of Bros. Wells, Godfrey, Green, Pinder, Elms, &c.

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**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—Held its meeting on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Old Rodney's Head, No. 12 Old-street, Goswell-road. Present—Bros. R. Pearcy W.M., J. Stock S.W., W. Cook J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Sillis S.D., W. Rowley J.D., Cuthbert I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Kidder, Crawley, J. Millington, H. R. Hallam sen., A. Rowley, Simmonds, Wilding, Killick. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in his usual masterly style, Bro. J. Millington acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Simmonds gave proof of his proficiency. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a very impressive manner. The W.M. gave the traditional history. Bro. Stock was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed.

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**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.**—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on May 7th. Present—Bros. Brown W.M., Sayer S.W., Maidwell J.W., Forrest S.D., Harvey I.G., Hollands Secretary. Visitors—Daniel, Gernet, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Daniel candidate. Bro. Daniel answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Daniel was duly passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and closed down. Bro. Maidwell rehearsed the charges in the installation ceremony in a very creditable manner. Bro. Sayer was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday.

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**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 8th May, at the Railway Tavern, Railway-place, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. G. Kennett Harris W.M., G. L. Walker S.W., T. W. C. Bush J.W., J. K. Pitt Sec., A. W. Smith S.D., Pitt J.D., J. E. Fells I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Burgess, Moss, Andrews, G. Harris. Business—Bro. D. Moss was passed, and the first section of the lecture was worked. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Harris candidate. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. G. K. Harris for his able conduct in the chair, and Bro. Walker was appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

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**Pomfret Lodge, No. 360, Northampton.**—The brethren of this Lodge had a very successful meeting on Thursday last. There was a good attendance, and the working of the Lodge was excellent. Bro. Butler Wilkins D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts, in the absence of the W.M., raised Bros. E. Haynes and Sadler to the sublime degree; and Bro. J. T. Green P.M. passed Bro. T. Chapman. Bros. Wilkins and Green, F. Gadsby S.W., H. W. Parker J.W., T. R. Wood Deacon, performed their various duties in a manner that gained the commendation of the brethren present. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Wykes W.M. of the John O'Gaunt Lodge, Johnson, Morris, &c.

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**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No, 780.**—A meeting was held on Friday, 26th April, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, at 7.30 p.m. Present—Bros. Gomm W.M., Blasby S.W., Acworth J.W., Gunner Hon. Sec., Tucker (Treas.) I.G., Goss (W.M. 780) S.D., Gunner J.D., J. C. Roe P.M. Preceptor, and Bros. Savage, Kyezor, &c. Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Tucker having offered himself as candidate for Masonic light, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very able and telling manner by the W.M. Lodge was called to refreshment. Upon the resumption of labour Lodge was duly opened up to the third, and having been duly closed down, Bro. Blasby was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday evening meeting. He thanked the W.M. and brethren, and appointed his Officers in rotation, and Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer in brotherly love, and adjourned.

On Friday, 3rd May. Bros. Blasby W.M., Acworth S.W., Goss J.W., Gunner (Hon. Sec.) S.D., Costelow J.D., Gomm I.G.; Past Master J. C. Roe P.M. Preceptor, and Bros. Beckett, Talbot, May, Kyezor, &c. All formalities were complied with, and the W.M. opened up his Lodge, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Talbot as candidate. Lodge having been closed down, the initiation ceremony was rehearsed, with Bro. Beckett as candidate; the brethren congratulated the W.M. upon his style of working. The Secretary reported that he had not had so many replies as he anticipated to the circular sent to the brethren concerning the picture ballot (which is fixed for 17th May) and trusted that those who had not responded would do so without delay, to enable the preparation of the necessary lists, &c. The W.M. for the 10th instant was elected; and the Lodge was duly closed, and adjourned.

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**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—On Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sister's Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Wardell W.M., Bonner S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Forss S.D., Carr J.D., J. Lorkin I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas.; P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Brasted, Christian, Finch, Polak, Holsworth, and others. The Lodge was opened and the minutes read. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Allen candidate. Bro. Fieldwick worked the first and second, and Bro. Turquand the third and fourth sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. A vote of thanks was recorded to the W.M. for his able working in the chair. Bro. Bonner was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on Tuesday evening, 28th May, by Bro. Turquand. The Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock.

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**Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.**—The weekly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 8th May, at Bro. Hyde's, the Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street. Bros. Hallam W.M., Abell S.W., Marston J.W., Tate S.D., Pate J.D., Brown I.G., Past Master Bro. Long Preceptor, and a large number of brethren. After the confirmation of the minutes, the first two sections of the first lecture were worked. Bro. Vizzard was then interrogated as to his proficiency, and the Lodge was opened up, and he was passed to the second degree. Some sections of the lecture were worked, and the Lodge resumed. Bro. Abell S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. On the proposition of Bro. Marston, seconded by Bro. Abell, it was unanimously resolved to invite the co-operation of the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction in working the Fifteen

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Sections in this Lodge on the first Wednesday in June, under the presidency of Bro. Tate. The Lodge was then closed.

**St. Augustine Lodge of Instruction, No. 972, Canterbury.**—The whole of the Fifteen Sections have been worked by the brethren belonging to this Lodge, in regular order, commencing on the 27th March, and were completed on 1st May. The principal working was ably carried out by Bro. P.M. Welsh, Bro. Rossiter, and Bro. Pringuer, and was listened to and taken part in with great interest by the brethren, who attended in goodly numbers on each occasion.

**Hartington Lodge, No. 1085.**—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday, 1st May. Present—Bros. George Pipes W.M., Wm. Heathcote P.G.D. of C. and L.P.M., Jos. Heathcote S.W., W. B. Hextall J.W., M. H. Bobart P.P.S.G.W. Treas., J. O. Manton Sec., P. Wallis as S.D., J. E. Russell J.D., G. F. Edwards P.G.O. Org., W. Butterfield I.G. P.M.'s W. Naylor P.G. Sec., and S. Pipes P.P.S.G.D., Bros. Eaton, Popplewell, Atherstone, G. Hill, Stokes, Hefford, Baxter. Visitors—Bros. G. T. Wright P.P.J.G.W., and T. Merry W.M. 731. The circular convening the Lodge was read at 7.30 p.m. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. Mr. George Arnold was admitted to the first degree of Freemasonry by the W.M. The charge relating to the initiation ceremony was delivered by the J.W. to Bros. Hefford, Baxter, and Arnold. Voting papers of the Institution for Aged Freemasons and for Widows of Freemasons were received and signed by the W.M. Notices relating to the meeting of the Derbyshire Prov. Grand Lodge at Wirksworth Town Hall, on the 9th May, at mid-day, and other local matters, were read. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting Hall.

**Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.**—This Lodge held its usual fortnightly meeting on Friday, the 3rd inst. Present—Bros. E. Kirby W.M., A. H. Des Barres I.P.M., J. Laggett S.W., H. R. Botting J.W., S. Hinds Treasurer, T. J. Usher P.M. P.P.G.R. and Secretary, Rev. J. B. Harrison P.M. Chaplain, J. Carpenter S.D., W. Carterfield J.D., J. Westaway Organist, S. Willey I.G., J. C. Cross, H. McDermott, H. E. Webb, W. Dunn, F. Haslip, T. Spurgeon, and S. Holgate Tyler. Lodge opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Business on the agenda paper was to ballot for a joining Bro., which was unanimous in his favour; to pass Bro. Spurgeon. The ceremony was rendered by the W.M., and Bro. the J.W. gave the charge, and the S.W. the lecture. The work, being the first after the installation, was done in a most able and impressive manner, and a word of praise is due to the Officers for the trouble they have taken to perfect themselves in their various duties. A brother was proposed as a joining member. Lodge closed according to ancient form, and the brethren spent a pleasant and social hour together.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—At Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 3rd instant. Present—Bros. Hine W.M., Simmonds S.W., Smith J.W., Crouch Acting Preceptor, Townsend Secretary, Bolton S.D., Moss J.D., Lane I.G., Stroud, &c. Lodge being opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Townsend candidate. Bro. Crouch worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Moss answered the questions of the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing in a very able manner, Bro. Moss candidate. Lodge resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Simmonds was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Crouch for his services as acting Preceptor, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

**Square and Compass Lodge, No. 1336.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Wrexham, on Tuesday, the 7th inst. As this was the last assembly until September, there was a larger attendance than usual. Bros. Edward Smith W.M., J. Oswell Bury I.P.M., J. Eyton Jones S.W., J. C. Owen J.W., John Williams Sec., J. F. Edisbury Treas., Howell Davies S.D., J. W. M. Smith J.D., R. J. Williams, W. Garrett Jones Stewards, C. K. Benson I.G., Thos. Lee Tyler; Past Masters Bros. J. Oswell Bury, Wm. Low; and Bros. Wm. Sherratt, J. W. A. Cooper, E. T. Fitch, Thos. Heywood, J. B. Shirley, T. Jackson, Geo. Manly, R. M. V. Low, Geo. Bradley, Jno. Abbott Harris, Edward Lovatt, Owen Price, Evan Morris, J. Edgar. Visitors—Bros. Jas. Salmon P.M. 425, E. Bremner Smith P.M. 1432, Chas. Condlin 1477, S. Davies (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). The usual routine business having been disposed of, the ballot was taken for Messrs. R. W. Evans and G. E. Woodford, and their election being unanimous, both were initiated into the mysteries of our ancient and honourable Order. The Lodge was then advanced for the purpose of raising Bro. Manly to the sublime degree. The ritual was performed throughout by the Worshipful Master, who acquitted himself admirably, considering that he has been in the chair only two months. There is an earnestness of purpose and desire to succeed on the part of W. Bro. Smith, which we, unfortunately, too seldom see displayed by those who aspire to the exalted position he occupies. Such excellent traits as he possesses must ensure satisfaction to himself and the Lodge over which he presides, as well as enhance the welfare of the Craft. We could not do better than refer Lodges, especially those in this Province, to the zeal shown by the Officers of the Square and Compass in all branches of the Craft. The lethargy visible at too many Lodges in this district is a disgrace to our noble Order, and has a tendency to make Freemasonry nothing more than a meaningless word. The evils from which the Province suffers may arise from the indifference or incompetency of some of the Provincial G. Officers whose duty it should be to look after the wellbeing of the Craft in their jurisdiction. We have yet to learn that the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of this Province has visited the Lodges under his care and guidance once since his appointment to office. How can we expect regularity of procedure, uniformity of ritual, or harmonious working under indifference or incompetence in Prov. Grand Lodge? Those who do know their duty in their Lodges, and Prov. Grand Lodge, are the very life and soul of the Craft in Shropshire and North Wales, and without such good Masons our glorious Order would suffer to the core. The existing state of things requires the brethren to deal promptly with, and is a subject for the serious consideration of the authorities in Grand Lodge. The W.M. having worked the Lodge down, ordered the same to be closed until September. The brethren were invited to refreshment, and adjourned accordingly to the Wynnstay Arms Hotel, where a plain but substantial spread was prepared by Bro. Marless. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft, which was drunk with great warmth. The brethren singing the National Anthem. The toast following was the M.W. the G. Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Brother Smith in a very appropriate manner referred to the deep interest our Grand Master took in the Craft, as evinced by his recent speech on being re-installed as Grand Master. The toast was enthusiastically received by the brethren, and drunk with musical and Masonic honours. The next toast Bro. Smith had to propose would, he was sure, be heartily received, as the Craft was so much indebted for the very able manner in whom the Grand Lodge Officers carried on the affairs of the Order, therefore he devoted the next toast to the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Lodge Officers Past and Present. This the brethren responded to most heartily, with musical honours. The Worshipful Master, on rising for the fourth time, said: The toast I have now the honour of proposing brings us nearer home; it is that of Sir W. W. Wynn, our highly esteemed Prov. Grand Master. He is so well known that it requires nothing to exalt him higher in our esteem. In the conduct of the affairs of this Province, the able Officers who surround him are of great value to him, and with this toast be coupled the names of Bros. Bury and Salmon. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Bury returned thanks on behalf of Prov. Grand Lodge, and expressed his conviction that the name of Sir Watkin W. Wynn could not be too highly spoken of. Bro. Salmon, who is one of the most highly esteemed and popular Officers in his Province, thanked the brethren of the Square and Compass for the kind manner in which his name had been associated with the toast, and for the very cordial reception he at all times received. He expressed great pleasure in visiting the brethren of this Lodge. He trusted, through their further generous example, the fund they were so anxious to realize to do honour to the name of one they so highly regarded, who had been of such inestimable value to this Lodge and Province, would speedily become an accomplished fact. Bro. Bury explained with regard to this fund that the Square and Compass had done so much that he felt other Lodges ought to do something before their Lodge did more. Bro. Owen expressed a desire for some sort of report, showing what each Lodge had done. Bro. Smith announced that the Annual Provincial Picnic would be held, by the kind permission of their Prov. Grand Master, at Nant-y-bellan, Wynnstay Park, under the management of the members of the Square and Compass. The brethren would be pleased to hear that the fair sex, and any of their friends, would be heartily welcome to join. Bro. Bury, on taking the gavel said: He had permission of the W. Master to propose the next toast. It was a very pleasing duty which devolved on him to propose the health of the W. Master. Bro. Smith had so favourably progressed in the Craft as to occupy the high position he does amongst us. During his short term he had initiated three candidates, and we have this evening seen him confer the third degree in a manner which sufficiently indicates his ability; his many good qualities as a Brother ensure his being an excellent Master. This must have been a very pleasing night for our Worshipful Master;—the absence of every indication of discord. There was plenty of work to be done, and he was sure Bro. Smith would be equal to all occasions. He hoped after his year of office expired, that he would stand by them and render to the Lodge that assistance which, from his talent and goodness, would be of great value and be highly appreciated. He now gave the health of the Worshipful Master. The toast was most heartily received, with musical honours. The Worshipful Master in responding said: As a Mason he had always conscientiously endeavoured to do his duty, and the knowledge of the important office he filled would be an additional incentive to him to do so to the end. He hoped when his term of office expired, he should be proved worthy of the post and the confidence of the brethren. The hard work he had gone through was amply compensated for by the approval and indulgence of the Lodge; it was his earnest wish that all difficulties and unpleasantness should pass away. He trusted his efforts for the promotion of the good of the Lodge, and the welfare of the Order, would have the support and co-operation of the Lodge unitedly. He was greatly obliged to the I.P.M. for proposing, and to the brethren for receiving so cordially, the toast just given. The Worshipful Master rose to propose the next toast; he said: We now come to a toast which he was sure would receive a warm response. A good Past Master is a pillar of strength to us; his services are invaluable to the Master, and of great value to the Lodge. Our Immediate Past Master has been and is a great working power among us, and through his exertions in promoting the interests of the Craft and our Charities, and from his other good traits, he has endeared himself to us. This toast was also drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Barr, in responding said; Although he was a double Past Master of theirs, he could never feel that he had done too much for the Craft, or become too tired to render all the assistance in his power for the welfare of Freemasonry. In the execution of his duties as a Mason, he felt, as every one should feel who loved the Order; he recognised the necessity of

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having everything done properly and regularly. It is needless to add that Bro. Bury's remarks were listened to with great attention; he has the correct Masonic idea and tone in everything he does. Bro. Bury, in proposing the health of the newly Initiated Bros., and our newly raised Brother, expressed the pleasure he had experienced in making their acquaintance outside the Craft, and the great pleasure he had in greeting them Masonically. The toast was appropriately replied to by Bros. Manly, Evans, and Woodford. The Worshipful Master, said he came now to the last toast, but although the last on the list it was not by any means the least honoured by the brethren of the Square and Compass. It was a matter of regret that so many visiting brethren had to leave at an early hour, but time and trains wait for no man. They were always glad to see visiting brethren among them; to-night we are pleased to see Bro. Davies, from London, who had come to visit us as the reprepresentative of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, a journal devoted to Masonic literature and events. With the toast of our visiting brethren, he would couple the name of Bro. Davies. The toast was enthusiastically drunk, and Bro. Davies returned thanks. The Tyler then brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren dispersed.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1586.**—At the Havelock Hotel, Dalston. Bros. Maples W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., M'Millan J.W., Dignam S.D., H. Meyer J.D., Martin I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, G. Ferrar Treasurer, E. Dietrich Secretary, and Bros. R. Olley, Truman (184), C. Lorkin, O. Dietrich, Crane (975), &c. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Olley was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Fieldwick, assisted by Bro. J. Lorkin, worked the first section of the lecture. The Lodge was resumed, and the first and second sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. Meyer, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Meyer assisted Bro. Fieldwick to work the third section of the lecture. Bro. J. Lorkin was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Bros. Truman (184) and Crane (975) were elected members. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on the 29th, instead of the 15th inst.

**Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.**—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bros. H. Miller W.M., M. Spiegel S.W., H. Hyams J.W., L. Auerbaan Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., Blanks as S.D., J. Wynman J.D., Baker I.G.; P.M.'s L. Lazarus, A. G. Dodson, S. Hickman, H. M. Levy, L. Alexander; Bros. Benjamin, Bean, Langley, Martin, Benjamin, Verden, Dewsnap, &c. Visitors—Bros. Littell P.M. 860, H. Reed P.M. 193, 1287, Capt. Perrott 349. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Names of candidates were on the agenda paper, but the gentlemen were not present. The 1st and 2nd sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. M. Spiegel S.W., assisted by the members. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of slight refreshment. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. responded for the Grand Officers. Bro. L. Alexander P.M. V.P. responded to the toast of the Benevolent Fund, and informed the brethren that it had now reached £1400; he was pleased to say that for eighteen months no application had been made; and hoped it would be long before any application should be received. Bro. A. G. Dodson P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M.; he was the right man in the right place, and he hoped they would, before he left the chair, see his capability for working. The W.M. thanked Bro. Dodson for his kind expressions; he hoped on future occasions the candidates might be present. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Visitors, said they were honoured by the presence of Bros. H. Reed P.M. 193 and 1287, J. Littell P.M. 860, and Capt. Perrott 349; they were pleased to see these brethren. After replies from each of the Visitors, Bro. E. P. Albert, in returning thanks for the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, regretted the former brother had been obliged to leave, but he assured the members that their Treasurer's heart and soul was with them. The W.M., in proposing the Wardens, said the working of Bro. Spiegel was well known in Lodges of Instruction, and he was sure he would in due course occupy the chair. The same remarks might with equal justice be made of the J.W., who was equally capable. Bros. Spiegel and H. Hyams severally responded, Bros. Benjamin and Blanks returned thanks for the Junior Officers. The Tyler's toast was then given. Some excellent harmony emanated from Bros. Martin, Littell, Dodson, L. Alexander, Benjamin, Blanks, and Captain Perrott. The brethren separated early.

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## A FRENCH VIEW OF THE RECENT RESOLUTIONS OF OUR GRAND LODGE.

IT was to be expected that the French Masonic Journals would lose no time in considering the recent action of our Grand Lodge, condemnatory of the radical change made last autumn by the Grand Orient of France in the first article of its Constitutions. Accordingly, our contemporary *le Monde Maçonnique*, for the month of April, contains an article from the pen of Bro. Caubet, editor of that journal, and one of the Vice-Presidents of the Council of the Grand Orient, in which, after noting the resolutions passed at our Quarterly Communication in March, and the most important portion of the speech in which our Pro Grand Master submitted them to Grand Lodge, our worthy brother proceeds as follows: "The proposals of the Committee were adopted unanimously, and without discussion, but while they will cause no feeling of surprise among French Masons, they will excite no little astonishment in the minds of those who labour under the belief that the Reformation has set free the minds of men from the trammels of bigotry and has developed a just spirit of liberalism. A while since, and the Romish Church launched its anathemas against Freemasonry, and the Anglican Church has now followed its example. But what is still more extraordinary is the fact, that French Masonry is now denounced by the Freemasons of England. True, the latter, devoted as it is to the throne and the altar, has, owing to the force of circumstances, seen developing itself within its bosom a sectarian and exclusive spirit, which to-day is far less liberal than it was in the eighteenth century, and that absolute liberty of conscience is directly opposed to its principles. The following remarks will abundantly prove this. Meanwhile, it is necessary to bear in mind that these decisions of the Grand Lodge of England bear the impress of the greatest irresolution, and consequently that they are entirely wanting in frankness and perspicuity. For instance, what necessity is there for proclaiming that they are applicable to all foreign visitors, when the sole motive for passing them is the resolution adopted by the Grand Orient of France, and it is clear they are aimed only at French Masons. Let us note further, that the Grand Lodge of England has never officially recognised French Freemasonry, and that at no period has one of its representatives ever been accredited to our Grand Orient. Consequently, it had no business to meddle with our affairs; and, to say the least, it was a most ungraceful act to meddle with them, and recognise our Grand Orient only for the purpose of denouncing us.

The Grand Lodge delares that it has no intention of interfering with the jurisdiction of a foreign Grand Lodge. But what value can attach to such a declaration, when it intervenes at the very moment it announces it is not intervening, and when the sole inducement to interfere is, the modification of an article in the French Constitutions, and the suppression of a formula which is not contained in its own.

We shall say nothing as to the singular measures which the English Lodges are invited to adopt in respect of French visiting brethren. We imagine the number of those who will submit to the ordeal of such proposed inquisition—if we except those whom personal interests may induce to disregard all considerations—will be very restricted. Nor will we say anything as to that respect for tradition which is so often and so carelessly invoked by English Masons, for the simple reason that we have again and again had occasion to express our views on the subject. The traditions of Masonry are essentially liberal. English Masons would assuredly not have denied this in the eighteenth century. The predecessors of those who to-day rule and direct the destinies of English Masonry never had the slightest idea of protesting against the initiation of Helvetius, of Holbach, of Laland, and of thousands of other freethinkers who have been an honour to the Society. Never would they have condescended, before admitting them into their Lodges, to demand of them a confession of their faith in God and the immortality of the soul. So far, indeed, from the Grand Lodge of England having been faithful to tradition, it has just now been guilty of a grave dereliction of duty in this respect. It has proved itself intolerant and sectarian; it has entered on a career of retrogression, and has gravely compromised the interests and dignity of Freemasonry. We do not profess a blind and absolute respect for tradition. Determined partisans of the cause of progress, we have no difficulty in adapting the ideas and usages of tradition to notions which are more enlightened and customs which are more rational; but for our own satisfaction, and that of all true Masons, it is necessary that these changes should indicate, in a manner which is unmistakable, a real landmark in the road to progress. Every change which throws us backward, instead of advancing our cause, is to be detested, and will prove fatal to our Institution.

In short, the Grand Lodge of England has just inflicted the severest blow on the cosmopolitan and universal character of Freemasonry. It has divided our body into two camps. In one are those who accept entire liberty of conscience, in the other those who subordinate liberty to religion. We are in favour of absolute liberty of conscience, and such is the excellence of our cause that sooner rather than later we shall overcome all obstacles, and unite all Masons under our banner. Meanwhile we say to those who attack us, to the Grand Lodge of England as well as to the Grand Lodge of Ireland,—Launch your anathemas against us, close your Lodges against us, excommunicate us, our Lodges will none the less be open to all English and Irish Masons; in fact, to Masons from every part of the world, and to whatever rite they may belong. To the best of our ability we will endeavour to repair the wrong your intolerance has inflicted on our beloved Institution. But if you imagine for one moment that your menaces will induce us to renounce our trust in liberty of conscience, undeceive yourselves at once, acquit yourselves of so grievous an error. Nothing can possibly weaken our confidence in the value of the principles which actuate us, nothing can possibly destroy the certainty of our near and approaching triumph, nothing will serve to quench our hope of seeing Freemasonry emerge from the present crisis stronger, grander, more worthy of men's respect, and above all better adapted to promote the true interests of justice and humanity. We have the unshaken faith which animated our fathers when on the ruins of the old society of France they proclaimed the rights of man and of the citizen. Our task, however, is easier. Masonry has been diverted from its legitimate scope, and our object is to recall it. Like our fathers we deplore the blindness of those who mistrust our labours, but like our fathers also, we are determined on considering only the justice of our cause, and will be deterred from pursuing our task by no obstacle and no opposition.

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A meeting of the Committee for securing the election of Bro. F. R. W. Hedges to fill the office of Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Wednesday last, when further arrangements were made.

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## THE ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

BEFORE entering on our usual task of noting in detail the result of the Festival of the Girls' School, we will first offer to all interested in the welfare of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—and the "all" in this case includes the whole Craft throughout England—our hearty congratulations on what, under existing circumstances, must be considered a most satisfactory result. True, the amount subscribed last year was exceptionally great, and amounted to, in round figures, £9,757, with twenty-three lists still outstanding, while this year it is only £8,392 2s 9d, with sixteen lists yet to come in; but the political and commercial anxieties of the moment have had in this, as in other cases, the most depressing effect, and, as we dare say a total of close on £9,000 will be reached, we consider so excellent a result is in the highest degree creditable. And so pass we to our analysis, which, as is customary, we consider under the three heads of Metropolitan, Provincial, and Miscellaneous. In the first of these there were ninety-four Stewards, representing eighty-eight Lodges and three Chapters. The amounts handed in by these up to the present time represent a sum of £4,266 2s. The 110 Provincial Stewards have raised amongst them thus far a total of £3,996 17s 9d; while the balance is due to the exertions of seven Stewards, who are entered on the list under the head of Miscellaneous. The highest individual list in the metropolis is that of Bro. W. Stephens, of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, Notting Hill, who collected the very handsome total of £276 5s. Following this, we find another young Lodge, the Kilburn, No. 1608, contributing, by the hands of Bro. George Everett, the sum of £176 8s, and besides these there are two other three-figure amounts, that of the Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, as the representative of the Friends in Council, No. 1383, whose amount reached the sum of one hundred and ten guineas, and that of Bro. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, who, as Steward for the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, handed in the sum of one hundred guineas. Last year, our worthy Friends in Council gave, by the hands of Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell Clerke, over £282, and as recently as the Festival this year of the Benevolent, we find it contributed through the same representative £202. Thus the honour of heading the Metropolitan Lodges lies wholly west on this occasion, either directly west, or north-western or west central. Among the Lodges contributing to this Festival Nos. 2, 5, 8, 18, 21, 22, 23, 28, 33, 256, and 657 have figured in the last eleven lists, while others, like Nos. 10 and 179, have done their duty admirably on ten occasions, and others on nine, eight, seven, &c. It is worthy of note that of the Lodges who sent representatives, no less than eight have been warranted since the commencement of 1877, and one of these does not even figure in the Calendar for the current year.

Turning to the Provinces we find that twenty-nine out of the forty-four Provinces or districts in which there is no Provincial Grand Lodge were represented, the fifteen absent being Bedfordshire, Bristol, Cornwall, Cumberland and Westmoreland, Durham, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire and Hunts, Northumberland, Notts, Staffordshire, Worcestershire, the Channel Islands, Jersey, and the Isle of Man. Out of these Beds (five Lodges), Worcestershire (ten Lodges), and Isle of Man (three Lodges) have been unrepresented at the eleven Festivals we have been privileged to record. As regards the others, all have figured more or less frequently since we entered on our career as a journal. The majority indeed, have done their duty liberally—Lincolnshire, Northumberland, &c. being cases in point, but one—Cambridgeshire (four Lodges)—appears now for the first time in the past four years, and though the amount is only small, still we trust it may be taken as indicating a revived interest in our glorious Institutions. Dismissing thus briefly the absentee Lodges, we now turn to those who have been represented in the present instance. First in Order comes Berks and Bucks. It boasts sixteen Lodges, six of which were represented, the aggregate of their contributions amounting to £217 5s. The contributing Lodges hailed from Reading, Newbury, Windsor, Wolverton, Abingdon, and Stony Stratford. This Province gave over £157 to the Benevolent in February, to all three Festivals in 1877, to the Schools in 1876, and to all three Institutions in 1875. Cambridgeshire, as we have said, figures for the first time since January 1875 in the list of Stewards, and though the amount is small, we take it as an omen of good for the future. Cheshire, which our readers know full well has an Educational Institution of its own, is nevertheless represented by six of its thirty-nine Lodges, one Crewe, one Chester, one Birkenhead (with two Stewards), and the Sale, the Lymm, and the Parkgate Lodges. The total contributed is £134 8s. In February it gave over £172, and has only been absent once out of the last eleven Festivals. Derbyshire (eighteen Lodges) has one representative, in the case of one of the Derby Lodges. The list is small, but at the Benevolent Festival in February it was represented by the Marquis of Hartington, its Provincial Grand Master, and one other brother, who together contributed a sum of £170, while in 1875, 1876, and 1877 it was duly represented at, at least, one of the three Festivals. Devonshire, with its forty-six Lodges, was represented by the St. George's, No. 112, the amount being a little under £30. It figured in the Benevolent List, in February, for £110, and in 1877 it gave very little short of £600 to the same Institution; and, indeed, has only been absent once since January 1875. Dorsetshire is comparatively a small Province, with only thirteen Lodges, but its energy in connection with the Charities is in the highest degree creditable. On this occasion its Provincial Grand Superintendent, Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, acting as Steward for the Royal Arch Masons—so, at least, we feel justified in inferring from the statement in the list—has placed £116 11s to the credit of the Girls. In February, as Steward for the Benevolent, he took up £150. He will represent his Province again at the Boys' School. In 1877 the Province contributed over £560 to the three Institutions together, and its liberality was as conspicuous the two previous years. The Southend Lodge No. 1000—the Priory—does duty for Essex (sixteen Lodges), and subscribed to the extent of over £40. The same was one of the three Lodges represented at the last Benevolent Festival, and has been in nine out of the last eleven Festivals. Gloucester (fourteen Lodges) sends Stewards from three, who together figure for £229 16s 6d, the three being No. 82 of Cheltenham, No. 855 of Wotton-on-Edge, and No. 1067 of Newnham-on-Severn. It gave £118 to the Benevolent this year, and over £500 to the three Institutions last year, while it supported the Boys' in 1875 and 1876. Four of the thirty Lodges in Hants and the Isle of Wight sent Stewards, who, among them, totalled up £117 12s. In February last, its contribution of £70 helped to swell Bro. Terry's total, and last summer, when its Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Beach, M.P., presided at the Festival of the Boys' School, it supported him to the extent of over £220. Indeed, it has been represented at ten out of the last eleven gatherings. Hertfordshire, a small Province with only ten Lodges, is represented by two of them, the Cecil, No. 449 of Hitchin, and the ever ready Gladsmuir, No. 1385 of Barnet, which together gave £68 5s. This is to its credit, as in February its contribution of £645 and odd shillings placed it at the head of the contributing Provinces. The honour of Herefordshire (four Lodges) is sustained by the Palladian, No. 120, of Hereford. This Province has not been represented in any list since the Benevolent Festival of 1876, when the same Lodge sent up a list of over £65. Kent (forty-three Lodges) sent three Stewards, each representing a Lodge—the Sandwich, the Sevenoaks, and the Chislehurst, but the return for the last only has been made, and represents a total of £77 7s. Its total contributions at the last ten Festivals is upwards of £3,431, so that its average since January 1875 is considerably over £300 per Festival. East Lancashire (eighty-six Lodges), like Cheshire, has an educational Institution of its own, and at the present time its trade is lamentably depressed, so that if it had been wholly absent, we could not have been surprised. Yet the three Stewards of the Humphrey Cheetham, No. 645, of Manchester, and Bro. Brockbank, are together down for over seventy guineas. West Lancashire (seventy-seven Lodges) is in the same predicament as its neighbour, the Eastern Division, in respect of trade, but four Lodges contribute among them £90 13s 6d. In February the aggregate of its lists to the Benevolent was over £330, while in 1877 and 1876 its contributions to the three Institutions greatly exceeded £2000. Leicester and Rutland, with its ten Lodges, has handed in the very handsome total of £233 16s. It was absent last February, but its contributions in 1877 exceeded £400. Middlesex (twenty-seven Lodges) has always been strongly represented at this particular Festival. This is not to be won-

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dered at when we bear in mind that the late Dep. P.G.M., Bro. Little, was likewise the respected Secretary of the Girls' School. This time, one Chapter and six Lodges, represented by eight Stewards, together contribute £177 3s 6d. Over £200 was the total of its contributions in February last, and taking the whole of its lists at the last eleven Festivals, we find it has averaged on each occasion not very far short of £360. Monmouthshire (eight Lodges) was an absentee at the last Benevolent Festival, but one Lodge did duty on Friday last, to the extent of fifteen guineas, while in 1877 it contributed two hundred guineas to the Benevolent. The fact that the late Watkin Testimonial, in the form of a perpetual presentation to the Boys' School, is being raised, will account for the absence of the Province of North Wales and Shropshire (twenty-five Lodges) from the Benevolent in February, and its being only represented by one Steward for a small amount on the present occasion. Oxfordshire, with only eight Lodges, sends up eight Stewards, but only five of its Lodges are represented by seven of these, and the other one appears to have been acting independently. Five lists have been returned, with totals amounting to £144 6s 6d, so that we may anticipate the general total will be considerably swelled when the others have been sent in. It has been represented at all the last eleven Festivals. Somersetshire has, of course, loyally supported its Prov. G. Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, who presided at the Festival. The Province is down for £275 2s, a very handsome sum, from its nineteen Lodges; No. 53 of Bath sends twenty-one guineas; while the Prov. Grand Master is himself the contributor of a further twenty guineas, thus, the total for Somersetshire is £318 3s. It was represented at the Benevolent, and last year figured at the Festival of the same Institution, to the extent of over £250. One Steward for the comfortable amount of £117 12s, is the representative of the Eastern Division of South Wales (eleven Lodges), while one Steward for the Western Division (eight Lodges) has sent up a list of £236 5s, and as the two are sometimes joined together, we may put down the result as very creditable to S. Wales, which has figured in one or more lists in 1875, 1876, and 1877. Suffolk, which raised over £94 in February, is again to the fore, with sixty guineas, the work of one Steward. It has nineteen Lodges, and is constant in its attention to this and its Sister Institutions, and what is likewise to be commended, it is impartial in the distribution of its favours. Surrey (eighteen Lodges), is represented by two, the Frederick of Unity No. 452, for whom Bro. J. W. Sugg as Steward, has handed in a list of £21 10s, and the St. Andrews, No. 1046, Farnham, whose contribution by the hands of Bro. H. T. Taylor amounts to twenty guineas, making a total for the Province of £42 10s. This is a small amount, but it was represented at the Benevolent in February, while in 1877 it raised over £240 for the three Institutions together, and in 1876, over 200 guineas for the Boys. A Brighton Lodge sustains the honour of Sussex, with its nineteen Lodges. The amount is small, but it was represented in February last, and at the Festival of the Boys' and Girls' Schools last year to very considerable amounts. There are sixteen Stewards for Warwickshire, all hailing from a Birmingham Lodge, the Athol, No. 74, of Birmingham, and these, among them, have sent up £207 18s. It was not represented in February at the Benevolent, but in 1877 it contributed to that Institution over £400, and at the Boys' Festival in 1876 it supported Lord Leigh, who presided on that occasion, most munificently. Wilts, with only ten Lodges, figures for £267 5s. In February, it contributed over £164, and has only been once an absentee, thus far, during the last four years. Of the twenty-five N. and E. Yorkshire Lodges, the Humber, No. 57, of Hull, alone sent up a Steward, and the amount of his list is not yet returned. We repeat what we said in February, that we think this Province might bestir itself, and be more active in its support of the central Charities. A scheme to this end, we believe, is in contemplation, and it has a Benevolent Fund of its own, so that, after all, perhaps, it may work none the less energetically because the evidence of its labours is not so conspicuous. Twenty-four Stewards representing fourteen out of its sixty-three Lodges, do duty for West Yorkshire, and the result of their united efforts is a total of £900, being the highest contribution from the Provinces. This, added to its £5,287, the product of its contributions at the last ten Festivals, gives an average for each Festival of over £562. It only remains for us to add that of the seven Miscellaneous Stewards' Lists, four, amounting together to £129 3s, have been returned, and there are three yet outstanding. We have now completed our task. We have, as usual, done our best to avoid giving offence, and we trust our efforts have not been unsuccessful.

## CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

THERE are few places in London which are richer in historical associations than the district bordering on Savoy-street, now known of all men by reason of the celebrated perfumery of Eugene Rimmel. Hard by, stood once upon a time the palace assigned as a residence by Edward the Third to John the Good of France, who was taken prisoner by Edward the Black Prince, at the battle of Poictiers. Here the French monarch resided during his captivity. Hither, after his visit to France for the purpose of inducing his Government to execute the terms of the arrangement between him and his conqueror, he returned voluntarily into captivity, and here in 1363 he died. In this same palace lived also "Old John of Gaunt, time-honoured Lancaster," and by virtue of her descent from that famous son of our third Edward, our present gracious Sovereign holds her duchy of Lancaster. But little is left of the ancient building, for the chapel which contained the tombs of Gaunt and his consort, and other interesting relics of past days, was almost entirely destroyed by fire only a few years since; and though by the liberality of the present Duchess and others, the sacred building has been re-built, it may be said that of an old historical landmark which is intimately connected with the history of London, but little or nothing now remains beyond the name. It is in this district, however, which, though completely modernised in appearance, is still respectable by reason of its old associations, that on Tuesday, the 14th instant, a new Masonic Landmark was erected, and the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744 on the Roll of Grand Lodge, was duly consecrated by our worthy Bro. James Terry, the zealous Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The hour of 4 p.m. was the time appointed for the ceremony to begin, and in due course there assembled at that hour, at Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, a strong muster of brethren, including the Consecrating Officer, and Bros. H. G. Buss G. Assist. Secretary, and Clarke Prov. G.D.C. Suffolk, who had kindly undertaken to assist Bro. Terry; Bros. J. Willing jun. I.P.M. 177, J. Douglass W.M. elect 1507, and F. H. Clemow 193, 1507, W.M., S.W., and J.W. Designate respectively; Bros. Treadwell, Stiles, Jones, Hyland, &c., &c.; and several visitors. A procession having been formed, and Bro. Terry having occupied the chair, Bros. Buss and C. Crick were temporarily appointed to the offices of Senior and Junior Wardens, and the Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, the presiding Officer addressed those present, and the ceremony of consecration was most impressively carried out with the customary formalities. This over, Bro. James Willing jun. W.M. Designate was presented to Bro. Terry, and installed in due course, after which he appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the year, namely, Bros. J. Douglass and F. H. Clemow, whose names were designated for the offices in the Warrant, as Senior Warden and Junior Warden respectively; Bros. Treadwell Treas., Stiles Sec., Jones S.D., F. J. Hyland J.D., and W. Cook I.G. A vote of thanks having been proposed by the W.M. to Bro. Terry and the brethren who had so kindly assisted him, for the admirable manner in which he and they had fulfilled their duties, the compliment was acknowledged most heartily by Bro. Terry, while the unanimously-adopted motion conferring honorary membership on the same brethren was acknowledged by Bro. Buss in his wonted genial manner. This compliment was also paid to Bro. C. K. Killick, who acted during the consecration as Inner Guard. About a dozen propositions of brethren as joining members were handed in; after which, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. J. Douglass S.W. for his handsome present to the Lodge of a Velvet Cushion, and to Bro. Cook, who had given a Bible. These brethren having expressed the pleasure they derived from so kindly a recognition of their trifling (as they described them) contributions, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and Bro. Buss responded for that of Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. The health of the W. Master Bro. Willing jun. was proposed by Bro. Terry in his usual hearty manner, and Bro. Willing having acknowledged the compliment, concluded a neat little speech by offering the toast of the Consecrating Officers and his able coadjutors at the impressive ceremony of the afternoon. To the toast of the Visitors, Bros. Buscall and Dwarber replied, the latter, who is one of the best speakers we have heard—and we may venture to say the number of those we have heard is legion—speaking, as is his wont, excellently well. The rest of the toasts were given in due order, and the Tyler's toast completed the list; after which the brethren separated, well satisfied with so auspicious an inauguration of the Royal Savoy Lodge. The musical arrangements were all that could be desired, and the professional brethren who contributed to the enjoyment of the evening were the veteran Bro. Lawler, and Bros. Cozens and Carter. The following were among the Visitors, namely, Bros. H. G. Buss Assist. G. Sec., C. B. Payne P.M. G. Tyler, J. C. Dwarber P.M. 55, C. S. Pierce 65, H. J. Webb W.M. 72, Thos. Lawler 92, Isaac Buscall W.M. 177, J. R. Stacey P.M. 180, F. H. Tomkins 201, W. W. Morgan 211, R. Pearcy J.W. 228, C. Hudson S.W. 315, Carter P.M. 382, A. Ross 435, H. Massey P.M. 619, W. Clifton Crick P.M. 657, S. E. Hayes 795, W. Bateman P.M. 820, E. Legg J.W. 861, Fred. A. Cozens 907, C. Kelso P.M. 957, J. Stock S.W. 1175, J. Gibbs 1178, Alfred Allworth P.M. 1261, C. H. Stephens 1319, A. J. Ireton W.M. 1348, W. H. Harrison 1351, J. F. Hunt-Foulston 1441, Thos. H. Cox 1441, H. Hunt 1471, T. Gilbert jun. 1507, J. W. Beningfield 1589, E. Payne 1602, W. J. Hunter 1677, C. K. Killick W.M. 1693, H. Stiles 1732.

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# ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Ninetieth Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, under the presidency of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Prov. G.M. for Somersetshire. At the conclusion of the banquet, the noble chairman proceeded to propose the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. He was gratified at seeing so many ladies present, and pleased they took such interest in the proceedings. In works of charity we could wish for no better auxiliary. Their presence necessitated doing away with all those Masonic ceremonies we might indulge in if in a closely tyled Lodge, he therefore asked the brethren to drink the health of the Queen. The toast being heartily recognised, was followed by the National Anthem. The chairman next rose to give the toast of the Grand Master. There were, doubtless, many among them who, only a fortnight since, were assembled in that Hall, and they would remember they then had the pleasure of dining under the presidency of our Grand Master. It was an unfeigned pleasure for the Craft to see him occupy the chair. He asked the brethren to drink his health, in two capacities; first, as Grand Master, second, as Patron of this Charity; and, in doing so, to join the name of one who, by her grace and kindness, has endeared herself to every man of this country. He would, therefore, give them H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Patron, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, Patroness, and the other members of the Royal Family. The toast was most enthusiastically received. The next toast was that of the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. The Chairman was sorry his noble friend Lord Skelmersdale was not present to answer for himself, but he was pleased to see so many members of Grand Lodge around him. Among them were some who also held high positions in the Provinces; these he was particularly pleased to see, as our Charities are as much indebted to the Provinces as to London for their support, the contributions being about equally divided. He coupled the name of a brother who, like himself, had had a long experience in Masonry, Bro. Pickard, Grand Chaplain. That brother in replying thanked the brethren on behalf of Lord Skelmersdale and the other Grand Officers. He could never forget that he had the privilege of initiating Lord Skelmersdale, and that he became the following year his (Bro. Pickard's) I.G., and that during his second year of office the Lodge over which he presided had the pleasure of receiving Lord Carnarvon as a joining member. Bro. Beach Prov. G.M. for Hants and the Isle of Man next rose. He was sure the brethren would be right glad to drink the toast he now had the honour of proposing. It was with peculiar satisfaction he offered the toast of the Chairman of the Day, because he was the means, many years ago, of initiating that brother into the Craft, and he had had the pleasure since that time of introducing him to nearly every grade in Freemasonry to which he has attained. We may indeed congratulate ourselves on the good work he has performed. He has always taken the greatest interest in every branch of Freemasonry. In acknowledging the toast, the Earl of Carnarvon said:—If there were any discomforts attendant upon the high office which it was his privilege to hold in the great, ancient, and illustrious body of Freemasons, he should on all occasions be more than compensated by the kindness which was shewn him. He had frequently to meet the brethren in Grand Lodge and elsewhere, and he could safely say that he had never found his Masonic brethren anything but gentlemen, and he hoped never to be thrown among any with whom it is a greater pleasure to transact business. His friendship with Bro. Beach had dated back many years, but nothing had ever occurred to disturb that friendship. He was indebted to him for many good offices, but the best was when he initiated him into the first three degrees of Freemasonry. He (Bro. Beach) had spoken of the advocacy which is expected of a Chairman on these occasions, but he knew from a long experience of the liberality of the Craft that very few words were necessary from him, he would ask the brethren to drink, "Prosperity to the Girls' School." In doing so, he could but refer to the great loss they had sustained by the death of Bro. Little. During the five years he was connected with the Institution he believed they were much indebted to him for the singular attention he gave to its business. When he had presided on behalf of the great charities of this city, he had often wondered how they managed to get on. Many of them do a large work, they spend large amounts, and frequently, when their accounts are balanced, have to report a large deficit. Although it is quite true this is the case with many charities that are doing useful work, he was gratified to say it was not the case with their Institution. If they referred to the last accounts they would see a rather awkward statement of a deficit of close on £3,000, but he ventured to say that this was only a seeming deficit; the finances really were in a most satisfactory condition. The Institution had no less than £39,000 funded property; in fact, he believed this amount had been increased to £40,000. It has from Grand Lodge £150 a year, and this, with the proceeds of its funded property, gave a fixed income of over £1,300 a year; last year the total receipts, including subscriptions and donations, amounted to £11,850, still they had spent £14,690; this would give £2,849 to be made good. But how had this come to pass? The Institution had added a new wing to the building, and had also bought a piece of land. The cost of each had been defrayed out of its current income of the year. It had never been his fortune to announce an Institution as being in so prosperous a condition. He would urge them to remember that this was the 90th year of its existence, that it had steadily increased, and that at the present time they were clothing and educating 200 daughters of Freemasons. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Colonel Creaton, the Treas., to whom the Institution owes much of its prosperity. Bro. Creaton said he felt very proud to be called upon to answer for the Girls' School, of which he had just had the honour of being elected Treasurer. He was happy to be able to report that the sanitary condition of the School was much improved, and that they might now look forward to the contemplated visit of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales. The amounts collected by the various Stewards were then announced by Bro. Hedges (a complete list, corrected up to the time of going to press is subjoined). The toast of the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, various Committees and Medical Officers was next honoured, coupled with the name of Bro. Rucker. That Brother in replying referred to the duties the Medical Officers had lately had to perform, they, as well as the various Committees to whom reference had been made, were ever ready to do all in their power for the Institution. The Earl of Carnarvon next proposed Success to the other Masonic Charities. Freemasonry combines two things, profession and practice. They had that evening been toasting and praising the Girls' School, but they must not forget that it is only one of three, the other two being second to the Girls' only because it was the annual festival of the latter. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Binckes. Bro. Binckes said that the march of events had brought them to the second of our great Festivals. He congratulated the brethren on the success of the evening. He hoped at the Festival of the Boys' School, to be held in June or July next, to be able to submit to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught as grand a list of subscriptions. The health of the Stewards was next given, and acknowledged by Bro. Æ. McIntyre, and the Ladies having been toasted, the brethren adjourned to the Concert, which was given in the Temple of Grand Lodge. The whole of the proceedings of the evening passed off most successfully. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. S. Lehmeyer, who was assisted by Bro. Wilhelm Ganz P.G.O., Mesdames Tellefsen, Thaddeus Wells, and Marie Belval; Misses Elene Webster, and Adele Vernon, Mdlle. Victoria Bunsen, Bros. Faulkner Leigh and Frederic Penna, Messrs. William Shakespeare, Stanislaus, and Monari Rocca.

| LONDON. | | | £ | s | d |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lodge | 1 | E. Fenner | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| | 2 | Stephen Pearce | 23 | 2 | 0 |
| | 4 | Æ. J. McIntyre V.P. | 105 | 0 | 0 |
| | 4 | Capt. H. A. Bennett | | | |
| | 5 | J. C. Havers | 28 | 7 | 0 |
| | 6 | Capt. R. W. G. Farmer | 26 | 5 | 0 |
| | 8 | Alfred Tisley | 40 | 19 | 0 |
| | 11 | John Oakley Coles | 13 | 12 | 0 |
| | 14 | Percy C. F. Tatham | 11 | 11 | 0 |
| | 18 | W. Lovie Bremner | 45 | 3 | 0 |
| | 21 | Samuel Hill | 55 | 13 | 0 |
| Chap. | 21 | Robt. Berridge | 16 | 16 | 0 |
| Lodge | 22 | George Phythian | 28 | 7 | 0 |
| Chap. | 22 | John Jonas | | | |
| Lodge | 23 | John Palmer | 26 | 0 | 0 |
| | 28 | E. J. Stoneham | 49 | 7 | 0 |
| | 29 | Spencer J Horspath | | | |
| | 33 | Thos. Wm. Traill | 65 | 4 | 0 |
| | 46 | Charles J. Curtis | 34 | 13 | 0 |
| | 55 | John H. Dodson | 60 | 18 | 0 |
| | 60 | Capt. J. Wordsworth | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| | 60 | George Anderson | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| | 63 | L. Edmond Perken | 43 | 1 | 0 |
| | 65 | Charles Daniell | 81 | 18 | 0 |
| | 65 | W. H. Barber | 70 | 7 | 0 |
| | 66 | Henry Bishop | 38 | 17 | 0 |
| | 72 | Edwin Dodson | 67 | 4 | 0 |
| | 91 | Victor M. Laffittan | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| | 99 | Wm. B. Scott | | | |
| | 108 | Geo. A. Berkeley | 19 | 19 | 0 |

| LONDON—*continued.* | | | £ | s | d |
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| Lodge | 140 | W. B. Blackmur | 68 | 5 | 0 |
| | 145 | John Boyd | 82 | 0 | 0 |
| | 147 | Henry Bartlett | 29 | 11 | 6 |
| | 162 | Jeremiah Lyon | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| | 167 | J. T. Rowe | 34 | 2 | 6 |
| | 172 | Arthur E. Gladwell | 63 | 0 | 0 |
| | 173 | James Blyth | 73 | 14 | 0 |
| Chap. | 174 | E. C. Mather | 86 | 12 | 0 |
| Lodge | 180 | L. B. Pillin | 46 | 4 | 0 |
| | 181 | A. T. Layton | 34 | 2 | 6 |
| | 183 | A. T. Hirsch | | | |
| | 185 | J. D. Barnett | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| | 197 | Letchworth | 43 | 1 | 0 |
| | 212 | Henry May | 52 | 18 | 6 |
| | 235 | E. Emanuel | | | |
| | 256 | William Styles, J. A. Farnfield | 57 | 4 | 6 |
| | 259 | G. P. Goldney | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| | 263 | Alexander Webber jun. | 40 | 19 | 0 |
| | 435 | R. H. Secker | 39 | 18 | 0 |
| | 569, 1185 | Alfred Durrant | 46 | 4 | 0 |
| | 657 | G. P. Gillard | 88 | 14 | 6 |
| | 715 | Henry Watts | 22 | 1 | 0 |
| | 742 | R. H. Driver | | | |
| | 742 | F. A. Pullen | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| | 749 | Hy. W. Greenwood | 26 | 5 | 0 |
| | 750 | Walter Goss | 44 | 6 | 0 |
| | 780 | E. C. Woodward | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| | 822 | J. A. Wilson | 35 | 14 | 0 |

| LONDON—*continued.* | | | £ | s | d |
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| Lodge | 829, 913 | Thos. Smith | 68 | 5 | 0 |
| | 858 | Francis Egan, M.D. | 53 | 5 | 0 |
| | 861 | W. G. Hallows | 45 | 3 | 0 |
| | 898 | Benjamin Carter | 69 | 7 | 0 |
| | 907 | F. A. White | 28 | 6 | 6 |
| | 1118 | L. G. G. Robbins | 43 | 1 | 0 |
| | 1160 | P. De L. Long | | | |
| | 1155 | Geo. Bolton | 69 | 1 | 0 |
| | 1216 | Charles Fountain | 32 | 11 | 0 |
| | 1278 | G. Ward Verry | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| | 1320 | R. B. Webster | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| | 1328 | J. L. Thomas | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| | 1351 | George Wilson | 88 | 4 | 0 |
| | 1383 | R. W. H. Giddy | 115 | 10 | 0 |
| | 1420 | John T. Gibson | 42 | 0 | 0 |
| | 1446 | Thomas Cull | 71 | 8 | 0 |
| | 1537 | R. G. Clutton | 86 | 12 | 6 |
| | 1563 and 1305, 1563 | Edward White, B. H. Swallow | 92 | 5 | 0 |
| | 1586 | E. Kidman | 45 | 5 | 0 |
| | 1589 | W. E. Farington | 39 | 18 | 0 |
| | 1608 | George Everett | 176 | 8 | 0 |
| | 1612 | A. Beasley | 35 | 14 | 0 |
| | 1614 | J. Mason | 68 | 5 | 0 |
| | 1641 | Andrew Middlemass | 52 | 10 | 0 |
| | 1642 | William Stephens | 276 | 5 | 0 |
| | 1657 | A. J. Altman | 86 | 2 | 0 |

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| Lod. | 1668 | M. D. Loewenstark | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| | 1673 | F. Dobbing | 60 | 18 | 0 |
| | 1687 | Louis Beck | 23 | 2 | 0 |
| | 1704 | J. B. Scriven | 52 | 10 | 0 |
| | 1706 | W. A. Barrett | 52 | 10 | 0 |
| | 1716 | J. Kemp Colman | 50 | 8 | 0 |
| | 1724 | Captain H. Burton | 18 | 18 | 0 |
| | 1732 | J. J. Michael | 47 | 5 | 0 |

THE PROVINCES.

**BERKS AND BUCKS.**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 414 | Robert Bradley | | 78 | 15 | 0 |
| 574 | Samuel G. Hunt | | 26 | 12 | 6 |
| 771 | W. J. Goddard | | 22 | 11 | 6 |
| 840 | John Reeve | | 26 | 5 | 0 |
| 945 | E. L. Shepherd | | 42 | 1 | 0 |
| 1639 | Edward Cox | | 21 | 0 | 0 |

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 859 | C. F. M. Mundy | | 5 | 5 | 0 |

**CHESHIRE.**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 321 | Rev. C. W. S. Stanhope | | 35 | 14 | 0 |
| 425 | James Taylor | | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| 537 | Francis Henry | | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 537 | Wm. Marquis | | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 1357 | Thomas D. Simcock | | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 1565 | Charles H. Hinde | | 30 | 9 | 0 |
| 1576 | Thomas Chesworth | | 21 | 0 | 0 |

**DERBYSHIRE.**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 731 | James King | | 21 | 8 | 6 |

**DEVONSHIRE.**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 112 | John Ferris | | 29 | 10 | 6 |

**DORSETSHIRE.**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | J. M. P. Montagu (Royal Arch) | | 116 | 11 | 0 |

**ESSEX.**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1000 | Fredk. Wood | | 40 | 13 | 9 |

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 82 | Henry Godfrey J.P. | 160 | 0 | 0 | |
| 855 | Rev. C. B. Davey | 25 | 4 | 0 | |
| 1067 | R. J. Kerr | 44 | 12 | 6 | |

**HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 151 | Rev. E. W. Watts | | 44 | 2 | 0 |
| 723 | Henry Freeman | | 31 | 10 | 0 |
| 903 | G. F. Lancaster | | 26 | 5 | 0 |
| 1069 | Edwin Izod | | 15 | 15 | 0 |

**HEREFORDSHIRE.**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 120 | O. Shellard | | 10 | 10 | 0 |

**HERTFORDSHIRE.**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 449 | James Shillcock | | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| 1385 | James Cutbush | | 63 | 0 | 0 |

PROVINCES—*continued.*

**KENT.**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1206 | R. J. Emmerson | | | | |
| 1414 | J. Lucas Worship | | | | |
| 1531 | J. J. Hutchins | | 77 | 7 | 0 |

**LANCASHIRE (EAST).**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 645 | Samuel Kelley | | 63 | 10 | 0 |
| 645 | G. Marshall | | | | |
| 645 | Hy. E. Sharpe | | | | |
| | G. P. Brookbank | | 10 | 10 | 0 |

**LANCASHIRE (WEST).**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 995 | George Remington | | 23 | 12 | 6 |
| 1375 | G. D. Pochin | | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| 1473 | Harold Wyatt | | 28 | 7 | 0 |
| 1502 | H. F. Wright | | 22 | 19 | 0 |

**LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | S. S. Partridge | | 223 | 6 | 0 |
| | George Toller jun. | | 10 | 10 | 0 |

**MIDDLESEX.**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1237 | Charles Tye | | 20 | 12 | 6 |
| 1293 | E. J. Southwell | | 21 | 10 | 0 |
| Ch. 1293 | Thos. Masea | | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| Lod. 1326 | J. W. Baldwin | | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 1423 | John Faulkner | | 24 | 12 | 0 |
| 1460 | Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette | | 35 | 14 | 0 |
| 1512 | John Hirst | | 43 | 5 | 0 |
| 1512 | Henry F. Wright | | | | |

**MONMOUTHSHIRE.**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 818 | William Williams | | 15 | 15 | 0 |

**OXFORDSHIRE.**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 340 | J. J. Hughes | | 30 | 9 | 0 |
| 340 | Christopher Park | | | | |
| 357 | R. Trotter Hodge | | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| 357 | Rev. H. A. Pickard | | 24 | 2 | 6 |
| 478 | S. F. Hood | | | | |
| 599 | John Potts | | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| 1399 | Thos. B. Brown | | | | |
| | Reginald Bird | | 53 | 0 | 0 |

**SOMERSETSHIRE.**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Prov. | R. C. Else | | 275 | 2 | 0 |
| Lod. 53 | E. Turner Payne | | 22 | 1 | 0 |
| | Earl of Carnarvon | | 21 | 0 | 0 |

**SUFFOLK.**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 81 | W. P. T. Phillips | | 63 | 0 | 0 |

**SURREY.**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 452 | J. W. Sugg | | 21 | 10 | 0 |
| 1046 | Horatio T. Taylor | | 21 | 0 | 0 |

**SUSSEX.**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 315 | Rd. John Pope | | 29 | 8 | 0 |

**NORTH WALES.**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1143 | R. J. Sisson | | 10 | 10 | 0 |

PROVINCES—*continued.*

**SOUTH WALES (EAST).**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | M. Tennant | | 117 | 12 | 0 |

**SOUTH WALES (WEST).**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 671 | Aaron Stone | | 236 | 5 | 0 |

**WARWICKSHIRE.**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 74 | David Archer | | 207 | 18 | 0 |
| 74 | James Bowker | | | | |
| 74 | Joseph Fenn | | | | |
| 74 | Joseph Charles Gell | | | | |
| 74 | G. E. Mewis | | | | |
| 74 | James Moffat | | | | |
| 74 | James Muggleton | | | | |
| 74 | A. Nowles | | | | |
| 74 | John Rawlings | | | | |
| 74 | Mathew Smart | | | | |
| 74 | John Vaughan | | | | |
| 74 | R. H. Vertegans | | | | |
| 74 | Charles Lee | | | | |
| 74 | Charles Thompson | | | | |
| 74 | Michael Davis | | | | |
| 74 | F. J. Turley | | | | |

**WILTSHIRE.**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Prov. | W. Nott | | 267 | 5 | 0 |

**YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND EAST).**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 57 | Thomas Thompson | | | | |

**YORKSHIRE (WEST).**

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| | Total from the Province | 900 | 0 | 0 | |

The following were the Stewards:—

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 139 | George E. Webster | | | | |
| 139 | H. W. Lofthouse | | | | |
| 139 | John Taylor | | | | |
| 139 | H. H. Bedford | | | | |
| 139 | John Hunt | | | | |
| 139 | E. Toser | | | | |
| 139 | W. H. Brittain | | | | |
| 139 | Rev. A. W. H. Gell | | | | |
| 154 | J. Heaton Cadman | | | | |
| 208 | R. J. Cretchley | | | | |
| 290 | G. W. Farrar | | | | |
| 296 | John E. Bingham | | | | |
| 296 | Wm. Kent Marples | | | | |
| 296 | Louis Glanert | | | | |
| 302 | Alfred Robertshaw | | | | |
| 495 | Benjamin Craven | | | | |
| 750 | Rawson Kelly | | | | |
| 750 | Daniel Hopkins | | | | |
| 910 | T. W. Tew | | | | |
| 1019 | Benjamin Watson | | | | |
| 1102 | J. Ibberson | | | | |
| 1211 | Geo. F. Crowe | | | | |
| 1239 | John Broadhead | | | | |
| 1513 | John Bastard | | | | |

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| G. Baker | | | | |
| Herbert Dicketts | 21 | 0 | 0 | |
| George Kenning | 31 | 10 | 0 | |
| M. Marquis | | | | |
| Thos. Meggy | 58 | 16 | 0 | |
| J. B. Shackleton | | | | |
| Griffiths Smith | 17 | 17 | 0 | |

## CONSECRATION OF THE MONTGOMERIE LODGE, AT DISS.

*From the* EASTERN DAILY PRESS.

SINCE the Walpole Lodge No. 1500 was consecrated in September 1874, great progress has been made in Freemasonry throughout the country, upwards of 240 new Lodges having been added to the Roll of the Grand Lodge of England in the course of the past three years. The 1741st Lodge, named the "Montgomerie," was consecrated at the King's Head Hotel, Diss, yesterday, by the Worshipful Major Penrice, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk, assisted by Bros. W. A. Tyssen-Amherst Prov. G.S.W., E. Orams Prov. G.J.W., Rev. Charles J. Martyn P.G.C. of England and D.P.G.M. of Suffolk, G. Page P.G.S., C. Howes acting Prov. G.C., H. Barwell Prov. G.S., J. Dunsford acting Prov. G.D.C., George Brittain Prov. G.O., and F. Mills acting Prov. I.G. There was a numerous attendance of visiting brethren from both Norfolk and Suffolk. Among those present were Bros. E. J. Alvis P.P.G.C., R. Martins P.G.R., G. Boileau W.M. 52, H. Riches W.M. 940, G. W. Pretty P.P.G.S.B., C. S. Pedgrip 388, P.P.G.R., H. Thouless P.P.G.S.D., J. G. Churchyard W.M. 576, J. A. Gooch W.M. 213, J. G. Fardell P.P.G.S.W., J. F. Hills P.G.J.W. Suffolk, C. Havers P.M. 93, Robert Thorne P.M. 93, F. Long P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk, E. B. Adams P.M. 929, Paynton Pigott, C. H. Druery 85, J. H. Ladyman, H. W. Hacey, H. J. Martin, H. Burgess, S. B. Smith, A. J. Lacey, F. Linging, A. Berry, A. C. Swann, J. B. Botwright, J. Gaze, F. W. Doubleday, W. Haylett, F. Taylor, G. J. Berry, W. N. Smith, E. Brigden, B. Read, C. Barfoot, G. W. G. Barnard, G. F. Westmaidth, W. J. B. Johnson, J. T. Hansall 1008, H. Green 107, &c. The Lodge was opened between one and two o'clock, and the presiding officer, D.P.G.M. Major Penrice, on taking the chair, expressed the great pleasure with which, in obedience to the commands of the Prov. Grand Master, he was about to consecrate a Lodge for this important district. The Lodge was then consecrated in accordance with ancient custom, and will in future meet the first Thursday in every month. Bro. the Rev. C. Howes acted as Chaplain, and an eloquent oration on the nature and principles of the Institution was delivered by the Worshipful the D.P.G.M. of Suffolk, P.G.C., Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn. At the conclusion of the Consecration ceremony, Bro. J. C. Chittock P.P.G.S.D. P.M. 943 was duly installed the first W.M. of the Lodge, and the other Officers designate received their appointments as follow:—Bros. Cecil Molyneux Montgomerie S.W., Henry O. Lyus J.W., J. Reeve Treas., J. Evans jun. S.D., J. Hatman J.D., H. Bond I.G., J. H. M. Vyall Secretary. The musical arrangements, which were carried out under the direction of Bro. Brittain, assisted by Bros. Thouless, Smith, Alvis, and Reeve, gave general and deserved satisfaction.

The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet, supplied by Mr. Burrage in a manner that reflected great credit upon the establishment. The newly-installed W.M. Bro. J. C. Chittock ably presided, supported by the more distinguished members of the Craft present. Bros. Montgomerie and Lyus occupied the Wardens' chairs. After "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W. the Grand Master of all England" had been honoured, The Worshipful Master proposed "The Pro Grand Master Lord Carnarvon, the D.G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge Past and Present," which was responded to by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. of

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Suffolk, in an eloquent and humorous speech, conveying the best of wishes for the future of the new Lodge. "The Prov. G.M. Lord Suffield, the D.P.G.M. Major Penrice, and the new Grand Officers Past and Present," was the next toast proposed by the W.M., who complimented the Deputy Provincial Grand Master on the manner in which the Consecration ceremony had been performed. Bro. Penrice responded.

The W.M. next proposed "The Brethren who assisted in the Consecration," specially acknowledging the services of Bro. the Rev. C. Howes and Bro. J. Dunsford the acting Chaplain and D.C., whose health he coupled with the toast. Bros. Howes and Dunsford responded, expressing their satisfaction at the establishment of a Lodge in this district, and wishing it every prosperity. "The Visitors" was associated with the names of Bro. W. A. Tyssen-Amhurst Prov. G.S.W., Bro. E. Orams Prov. G.J.W., and Bro. Fardell P.P.G.S.W. who severally responded. The health of the newly-installed W.M. was proposed by the D.P.G.M. Bro. Major Penrice, and was drunk with the accustomed honors. In responding, the W.M. stated that he had accepted the position of the First Master of the Lodge from a desire to advance Freemasonry, and because he believed that there was every probability of the Lodge being a prosperous and happy one. —The W.M., in proposing "The Lodge Officers," with which he coupled the health of Bro. Montgomerie the S.W., stated that 110 years ago there was a Masonic Lodge at Diss called the "Royal Alfred" Lodge, that they possessed the old warrant and the minute-book of the Lodge, and also a copy of the sermon preached on the occasion. There were some curious entries in the minute-book. On the 8th of April 1771, it was resolved, "That the celebration of the anniversary on Thursday next be conducted with proper spirit and decorum." A guinea was to be given to a gamekeeper for a buck provided for the Lodge, the host was to provide a good dinner at 1s each—[laughter]—and the Secretary was to charge half-a-guinea for the day's celebration. There were fines for the Officers not attending the Lodge in proper time, and among them the Secretary was fined a good turkey, the said turkey to be applied for the benefit of the Lodge. [Laughter.] It appeared from the minute book that one of the early Masters of that old Lodge was the owner of the estate now the property of Bro. Montgomerie, under whose auspices this new Lodge had been established; and an ancestor of the Secretary, Bro. Vyall, was Deputy-Master. [Applause.]—The toast was responded to by Bros. Montgomerie S.W., Lyus J.W., and Vyall Secretary. With the toast of "The Masters of Lodges," the W.M. coupled the health of Bro. Colonel Boileau W.M. 52, who returned thanks in well-chosen terms. "The Prov. J.S." and other toasts followed in the course of a very pleasant evening.

We may add that the Lodge has made a very promising commencement, sixteen subscribing members and fifteen initiates being proposed At the instance of Bro. Orams, Prov. G.J.W., a collection was made to secure for the new Lodge a Governorship in one of the three great Masonic Charities (10 guineas), and amounted to £12 12s 9d.

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## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual meeting of this Institution was held yesterday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Colonel Creaton in the chair. Bro. Terry, Secretary, read the following

### REPORT.

In presenting to the Governors and Subscribers a report of the proceedings, the Committee of Management desire to express their thanks for the support which has been extended to the Institution during the past year, resulting in the largest sum having been contributed to it since its formation.

The Annual Festival was held on the 13th February last, under the presidency of his Grace the Duke of Manchester, K.P., R.W. Prov. G. Master for Northa and Hunts, supported by a Board of Stewards 225 in number. The amount announced was £11,136 13s 6d, with a few lists to come in, the total sum brought in being £11,333 1s. The Committee earnestly appreciate the kindness of his Grace in presiding, and the services so willingly rendered by the Stewards, and tender them their sincere thanks.

As candidates for election to-day, there are thirty men and forty-one widows, two candidates (one male and one female) having died since the voting papers were issued.

The deaths during the past year have been fifteen men and eleven widows. The Committee, considering the large increase made last year in the number placed as annuitants, did not feel themselves justified in materially augmenting the number this year, more especially as there was a diminution in the amount announced at the Festival. They have, therefore, determined to fill up the vacancies thus created, and make an addition to the number of widows already on the Fund by electing five extra. There will then be on the Fund 145 men receiving £40 each, amounting to £5,800, and 135 widows receiving £32 each, amounting to £4,322. There are also 11 widows receiving half their late husbands' annuities, amounting to £220: so that the Institution will, after this Election, stand committed to an annual payment of £10,342 to annuitants. The working expenses will be slightly over £2,000. There will therefore have to be raised nearly £12,500 to maintain the Institution in its present state of usefulness.

The Committee are confident that this has but to be made known, and the Craft will in the future, as it has in the past, render to the Institution their kind and generous support.

They regret that during the past year they have to report that, through the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., the bankers

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To Henry J. Strong,
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| Medicine for residents at Asylum | | | 12 | 10 | 0 |
| Matron | do | | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Rates, taxes, &c. | do | | 32 | 7 | 4 |
| Repairs and furniture, &c. | do | | 414 | 7 | 0 |
| Law charges | do | | 6 | 16 | 6 |
| Stationery, printing, &c. | | | 125 | 7 | 9 |
| Advertisements | | | 19 | 18 | 3 |
| Postages, &c., including expenses of Election | | | 130 | 9 | 2 |
| Petty expenses | | | 10 | 18 | 8 |
| Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants | | | 28 | 9 | 2 |
| Votes of thanks to Stewards | | | 19 | 10 | 6 |
| Gardening, &c. at Asylum | | | 29 | 17 | 1 |
| Powers of Attorney and Commission on transferring stock | | | 17 | 4 | 9 |
| Gratuity to Secretary and Collector | | | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Repaid donation (credited in error) | | | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Secretary for petty cash | | | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Rent of Field (Five Quarters) | | | 23 | 8 | 9 |
| Rent, &c. of Office | | | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| Deposited at Call | | | 1,000 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | 6,551 | 1 | 2 |
| Purchase of £1,125 3 per cent. Consols and Commission | | | 1,080 | 0 | 0 |
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| **Balance on this Account** | | | | 3,299 | 5 6 |

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Balance 31st March 1877 | | | 27 | 4 | 4 |
| Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds | | | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | 57 | 4 | 4 |
| Repairs | | | 10 | 8 | 10 |
| **Balance on this account** | | | | '46 | 15 6 |

## TOTAL BALANCES,

**As per Auditors' Report £5,732 17 10**

The Permanent Income of the Institution is as follows:—

MALE FUND.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Annual Grant from Grand Lodge | | | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| Do. Grand Chapter | | | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Dividends on £30,870 Stock in the Government Funds | | | 857 | 13 | 0 |
| | | | | 1,457 | 13 0 |

WIDOWS' FUND.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Annual Trant from Grand Lodge | | | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| Do. Grand Chapter | | | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Dividends on £19,530 Stock in the Government Funds | | | 546 | 11 | 10 |
| | | | | 946 | 11 10 |

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dividends on £1,000 Stock in the Government Funds | | | | 30 | 0 0 |
| | | | | £2,434 | 4 10 |

Signed J. CREATON, P.G.D., Vice-Patron, Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
8th May 1878.

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Bros. F. Adlard, J. Bellerby, and C. Dilley were elected Members of the Committee of Management, and Bros. Warren, Tattershall and Webster Auditors.

The Election of Annuitants was then proceeded with. The following is the result:—

### SUCCESSFUL.

| No. on poll | Name | Total votes polled |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Grant, William | 1669 |
| 2 | Butel, Alexander | 1420 |
| 3 | Dawson, John | 1338 |
| 4 | Collins, Edward | 1325 |
| 5 | Usher, William Charles | 1073 |
| 6 | Haberfield, John | 1058 |
| 7 | Williams, David | 1050 |
| 8 | Marlor, Robert | 1025 |
| 9 | Caswell, George Thomas | 1021 |
| 10 | Oberdoerffer, Adolphe J. M. | 1017 |
| 11 | Shoring, Joseph Richard | 1015 |
| 12 | Hewson, Thomas | 929 |
| 13 | Gifford, Walter Edmund | 914 |
| 14 | Thompson, William Henry | 913 |
| 15 | Hancock, James | 889 |
| 16 | Holt, Edmund | 888 |
| 17 | Mongar, John Thomas | 796 |
| 18 | Gernet, Peter Christian | 756 |
| 19 | Wright Henry | 727 |

### UNSUCCESSFUL.

| No. on poll | Name | Total votes polled |
|---|---|---|
| 20 | Wade, William B. | 560 |
| 21 | Palmer, William Taverner | 529 |
| 22 | Cushen, Thomas | 404 |
| 23 | Wood, William | 251 |
| 24 | Wardale, Henry | 163 |
| 25 | Morton, Hiram | 119 |
| 26 | Holdaway, Henry | 85 |
| 27 | Walker, Robert Cox | 39 |
| 28 | Wauldby, James | 4 |
| | Bennett, Joseph | 4 |

John Linter and Francis Ingham died since the voting papers were issued.

### SUCCESSFUL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Hutchings, Margaret | 1245 |
| 2 | Gower, Mary | 1161 |
| 3 | Tibbals, Sarah | 1023 |
| 4 | Burt, Elizabeth Gundry | 998 |
| 5 | Tucker, Ann | 997 |
| 6 | Stansfield, Alice | 944 |
| 7 | Brinkley, Eliza | 937 |
| 8 | Purchase, Mary | 911 |
| 9 | Wood, Betty | 900 |
| 10 | Tremble, Mary | 899 |
| 11 | Wilson, Jane | 880 |
| 12 | Billinge, Elizabeth | 871 |
| 13 | Sberry, Maria Georgina | 867 |
| 14 | Perryman, Sarah | 861 |
| 15 | Hodge, Elizabeth | 810 |
| 16 | Beale, Sarah | 809 |
| 17 | Curran, Mary | 639 |
| 18 | Fletcher, Betty | 610 |

### UNSUCCESSFUL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 19 | Thompson, Julia | 601 |
| 20 | Peters, Catherine | 324 |
| 21 | Percival, Amy | 316 |
| 22 | West, Mary Ann H. | 303 |
| 23 | Hodgson, Sarah Ellen | 252 |
| 24 | Maynard, Elizabeth T. | 227 |
| 25 | Woods, Sarah | 216 |
| 26 | Elliott, Isabella | 201 |
| 27 | Child, Elizabeth | 185 |
| 28 | Shearer, Anne | 178 |
| 29 | Allen, Sarah Ann | 164 |
| 30 | Lewis, Jane Dodge | 127 |
| 31 | Gambell, Naomi | 67 |
| 32 | Eade, Hannah Betsy | 43 |
| 33 | Child, Elizabeth Mary Ann | 33 |
| | Francis, Elizabeth | 33 |
| 35 | Findley, Mary Ann | 29 |
| 36 | Wakefield, Ann | 19 |
| 37 | Stafford, Jane | 9 |
| 38 | Crispin, Martha | 6 |
| 39 | Milnes, Mary Ann | 4 |
| 40 | Harfoot, Ann | 3 |
| 41 | George, Hannah | 1 |

Eliza Vincent died since the voting papers were issued.

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# ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION

FOR

## AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS, CROYDON.

Office — 4 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

PATRON AND PRESIDENT:

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

AT the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, 17th May 1878, W. Bro. Colonel J. Creaton, P.G.D., V. Patron, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION of 19 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 31 candidates, and 18 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 42 candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

MALES.

| | Votes | | Votes |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bro. Grant, W. | 1661 | Bro. Shoring, J. R. | 1015 |
| Bro. Butel, A. | 1420 | Bro. Hewson, T. | 929 |
| Bro. Dawson, J. | 1338 | Bro. Gifford, W. E. | 914 |
| Bro. Collins, E. | 1325 | Bro. Thompson, W. H. | 913 |
| Bro. Usher, W. C. | 1073 | Bro. Hancock, J. | 889 |
| Bro. Haberfield, J. | 1058 | *Bro. Holt, E. | 888 |
| Bro. Williams, D. | 1050 | *Bro. Mongar, J. T. | 796 |
| Bro. Marlor, R. | 1025 | *Bro. Gernet, P. C. | 756 |
| Bro. Caswell, G. T. | 1021 | *Bro. Wright, H. | 727 |
| Bro. Oberdoerffer, A. J. M. | 1017 | | |

WIDOWS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mrs. Hutchings, M. | 1245 | Mrs. Tremble, M. | 899 |
| Mrs. Gower, M. | 1161 | Mrs. Wilson, J. | 880 |
| Mrs. Tibbals, S. | 1023 | Mrs. Billinge, E. | 871 |
| Mrs. Burt, E. G. | 998 | Mrs. Sberry, M. G. | 867 |
| Mrs. Tucker, A. | 997 | Mrs. Perryman, S. | 861 |
| Mrs. Stansfield, A. | 944 | Mrs. Hodge, E. | 810 |
| Mrs. Brinckley, E. | 937 | Mrs. Beale, S. | 809 |
| Mrs. Purchase, M. | 911 | Mrs. Curran, M. | 639 |
| Mrs. Wood, B. | 900 | *Mrs. Fletcher, B. | 610 |

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election. Those marked * are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the voting papers were issued.

JAMES TERRY, Prov. G.D. Ceremn. Herts., Secretary.

17th May 1878.

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# Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

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## To the General Committee.

My Lords, Ladies, and Gentlemen,—

By the lamented death of Brother R. Wentworth Little, a vacancy has arisen in the Secretaryship of your valuable Institution, and in pursuance of a pledge I some little time since made, I beg to offer myself as a candidate for the office.

I am a Mason, 35 years of age, and married; and I trust that the Testimonials that have been given me, coupled with the names of the many eminent Freemasons who have favoured me with promises of support, will be looked on as warranting me in hoping and believing that my candidature will be successful.

The names of my supporters may now be counted by hundreds, but I am this week, by reasons of space, only able to append those of the Provincial and District Grand Masters (Present and Past) from whom I have heard in approval, and with promise of their votes.

I am,

My Lords, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

Yours obediently and fraternally,

PAUL STORR,
Retired Lieutenant R.N.,
Late J.W. and Secretary 811, 1466, and 18.

28 Conville Road, W.
18th May 1878.

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R.W. Brother The Right Hon. LORD SKELMERSDALE, D.G.M. and Prov. G.M. W. Div. Lancashire.

R.W. Brother The Right Hon. LORD SHERBORNE, Provincial Grand Master Gloucestershire.

R.W. Brother The VISCOUNT HOLMESDALE, M.P., Prov. G.M. Kent.

R.W. Brother Colonel FRANCIS BURDETT, Prov. G.M. Middlesex.

R.W. Brother The Right Hon. The EARL OF LIMERICK, Prov. G.M. Bristol.

R.W. Brother Lieut.-General BROWNRIGG, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey.

R.W. Brother Sir W. WALTER BURRELL, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. Sussex.

R.W. Brother HUGH D. SANDEMAN, P. Dist. G.M. Bengal.

R.W. Brother HENRY MURRAY, P. Dist. G.M. China.

R.W. Brother The Right Hon. VISCOUNT POWERSCOURT, Provincial G.M. Wicklow and Wexford.

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## To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors of the

# Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

My Lords, Ladies and Brethren,—

I desire to tender my sincere thanks to the numerous brethren who have so kindly assisted me in my canvass for the personal support that will necessarily be required at the forthcoming election of Secretary to the above Institution.

The qualifications below enumerated will enable those desirous of assisting me to form some idea as to my fitness for the appointment so recently held by our lamented Bro. R. W. Little.

Firstly.—I am 37 years of age, and have occupied the position of Accountant to the Thames Steam Tug and Lighterage Company Limited for the past 13 years, during which period I have acquired large and varied experience, together with a personal knowledge of many of the leading men in our commercial houses.

Secondly.—Holding, as I at present do, the office of Preceptor in two Lodges of Instruction, as well as a position both in Chapter and Lodge, will, I trust, be considered some evidence of my zeal and interest in the cause of Freemasonry.

Thirdly.—The duties I formerly carried out, for nine years, as Honorary Secretary to the St. Cecilia Choral Society, will no doubt be also a recommendation with many brethren. And

Lastly.—The training I received at Highbury College, under the Rev. C. R. Alford, late Bishop of Victoria, and the important fact of a close association with many workers in the Scholastic World must be advantageous when the special nature of the vacant appointment is considered.

May I, therefore, beg of those Life Governors whose votes and interest are yet unpledged to give me their personal support at the election; a communication to this effect will be thankfully received.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies, and Brethren,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

THOMAS CULL,
S.D. 1446; P.S. Chapter 1365;
Preceptor to the Royal Standard and Salisbury Lodges of Instruction; Steward and L.G. 1878.

City Chambers, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street,
London, E.C., 16th *May* 1878.

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# Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

Brethren,—When I announced my determination of becoming a Candidate for the Secretaryship of this Institution, it was my intention to wait upon the Electors whose addresses were sufficiently contiguous to my own residence, for the purpose of personally requesting their Votes and Interest.

Daily endeavours have been used by me to put my desire into execution, but the task is of such magnitude that I find myself compelled to solicit by letter, advertisement, or the influence of personal friends the support on the day of election of such as I may not be able to interview, earnestly entreating them to accept my apology for the seeming inattention.

It is with pleasure I continue to receive assurances of support from many influential subscribers, and hope to prove, at the election, that in coming forward as a Candidate I have not been guilty of presumption.

WILLIAM CLIFTON CRICK,
Bachelor of Sciences, Paris University,
P.M. 657, and Secretary 1733.

102 Chancery Lane, W.C., May 1878.

# Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

## To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors.

My Lords, Ladies, and Brethren,—

In pursuance of my intimation a week since, of my intention to present myself as a candidate for the Secretaryship of this Institution, rendered vacant by the lamented death of Bro. Little, I now beg to state my qualifications for that office.

I am 33 years of age and for 14 years had the entire official management of a large manufacturing business, the annual return of which *exceeded* £100,000, and for the past two years I have been in business as an Accountant and Auditor.

The Testimonials I possess are such that I am hopeful of obtaining your unqualified support.

Since my entry into the Craft I have been an Annual Subscriber to the three Masonic Charities; have served a Stewardship to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, of which I am a Life Governor; and am at the present time a Steward at the approaching Festival of this Institution, and qualifying myself as a Life Governor.

Should you do me the favour of electing me to the Secretaryship of the Institution, you may rely upon my exerting my whole energy and ability for the continued prosperity, and the further extension of the benefits of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies and Brethren,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. A. WHITE,
P.M. 907; P.S. Chapter 907; Lodges 1437 and 1716.

1 King's Arms Yard,
Coleman Street, City, E.C.
1*st May* 1878.

*** *Brethren forwarding their names as Bro. White's supporters, are invited to give their Masonic rank, so that it may be inserted correctly on his list.*

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## To the Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Brethren,—I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for the office of Secretary, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Little. Should you do me the honour to elect me, I can only say that I will endeavour to fill the office efficiently, and I hope that the manner in which I have discharged my various duties in Masonry will be considered a sufficient qualification.

W. SMALLPEICE, Assoc. Inst. C.E.
P.M. 1393, Secretary 969, Z. Cyrus Chapter 21; Secretary Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

6 Grays' Inn Place, W.C.,
And—Kingfield, Woking.

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# ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

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## Committee for securing the Election, as Secretary, of Bro. CHARLES FITZGERALD MATIER.

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The Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, L.G.
The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., Prov. G.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland, L.G.
W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hampshire and Isle of Wight, L.G.
Lt.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M. East Lancashire, V. Patron.
Baron George De Worms, L.G.
J. Whyte Melville, M.W. Past G.M. Scotland.
J. L. Hine, Chairman of Charity Committee East Lancashire, L.G.
Capt. Richard Cope, Chairman of the Charity Committee of Cheshire, V. Pres.
George Mellor, Dep. Prov. G.M. East Lancashire, V. President.

Israel Abrahams, L.G.
F. Adlard L.G.
T. J. Barnes, L.G.
E. A. Baylis, L.G.
W. B. Brand, L.G.
G. P. Brockbank, V. Pres., E. Lanc.
Henry Bulley, L.G., Cheshire.
R. Churchill, L.G.
J. G. Chancellor, V. Pres.
John Constable, V. Patron.
Thos. Cubitt, V. Pres.
J. E. Curteis, L.G., Devon.
Frederick Davison, L.G.
G. H. Daw, L.G.
Thos. Entwisle, L.G., E. Lancashire.
Richard Eve, V. Pres., Aldershot.
Egerton C. Gilbert, L.G., Cheshire.
J. Robt. Goepel, L.G., W. Lancashire.
E. Gottheil, L.G.
Dr. F. Griffiths, L.G., West Yorks.
Henry Hacker, L.G., Hampshire
Capt. Harrap, L.G., E. Lancashire.
Wm. Harrison, V.P., E. Lancashire.
John Healey, L.G.
Capt. S. G. Homfray, V.P., Monmouth.
W. James Hughan, L.G., Cornwall.
James Jackson, L.G.
Chas. Lacey, L.G.
John H. Lemgott, L.G.
H. C. Levander, L.G.
G. J. McKay, L.G., Cumb. and West.
J. D. Moore, L.G., W. Lancashire.
E. J. Morris, L.G., E. Div. S. Wales.
J. Joyce Murray, L.G.
W. H. Myers, L.G.
Chalmers I. Paton, L.G., Edinburgh.
J. P. Platt, L.G., Cheshire.
Hy. Preston, L.G., N. and E. Yorks.
Hyde Pullen, L.G.
F. Rath, L.G.
Wm. Roebuck, L.G.
J. H. Ross, L.G.
Alfred Scargill, L.G., West Yorkshire
Catterson Smith, L.G.
Walter Sowdon, V.P., Hampshire
Capt. Jas. Stalford, L.G., Dublin.
John G. Stevens, L.G.
Jack Sutcliffe, V. Pres., Lincoln.
Dr. W. H. Thomas, L.G., W. Yorks.
John Tunnah, V.P., E. Lancashire.
H. Venn, L.G.
G. H. Walshaw, L.G., N. and E. Yorks.
R. B. Webster, V. Pres.
G. E. Webster, L.G., W. Yorkshire.
J. M. Wike, V. Pres.
Jas. Winter, L.G.
T. B. Winter, L.G., Northumberland.
John Wordsworth, V. Pat., W. Yorks.
Reginald Young, L.G., Wt. Lancashire

Brethren desirous of assisting are respectfully requested to forward their names to—

Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, L.G.,
Hon. Secretary,
27 Walbrook, E.C.

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67 BARBICAN, E.C.

## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE House of Lords met again on Monday, for the first time after the Easter holidays. During the few minutes it sat, Earl Granville, on behalf of Lord Selborne, gave notice that the latter would, at an early date, call the attention of the House to the Constitutional question connected with the despatch by the Government of Native Indian troops to Malta, and on Tuesday it was arranged that the discussion should be held on Monday next, the 20th inst. In answer to an inquiry of the Premier's, it was stated there would be no division. The same evening the Bishoprics Bill was read a third time, after a division.

There has been considerable excitement in the House of Commons, and one all-night sitting, on Monday, when the House met at 4 p.m., and did not adjourn till after half-past nine a.m. on Tuesday morning. On Friday, after several questions had been asked, chiefly in relation to the Eastern crisis, an attempt was made to get into Committee of Supply, but at a few minutes after seven there was a count-out. On Monday, the Eastern question again gave rise to some angry squabbling, and the Marquis of Hartington intimated his intention of moving a resolution on the despatch of Indian troops to Malta on the first evening the Government could place at his disposal, but his Lordship plainly gave the House to understand that he in no wise sympathised with the motion of which Mr. Chamberlain had given notice, and which we may look upon as being postponed indefinitely. The adjourned debate on the third reading of the Customs and Inland Revenue was then resumed by Mr. Vivian, who was very angry with the Government, and he was followed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer who was equal to the occasion, but suave in his speech as usual. The Bill was read a third time, and, after a verbal amendment in one of the clauses, was passed. The House then went into Committee of Supply on the Civil Service Estimates. There was much wrangling, and several divisions took place. On the House resuming it went into Committee on the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors Sunday (Ireland) Bill, and as we have said the House did not rise till after half-past nine on Tuesday morning. It met again at four o'clock, and it was then arranged that the debate on the Marquis of Hartington's resolution should come off on Monday, the day appointed for a similar debate in the Lords. A motion by Sir H. James as to election of the City Recorder, the Common Serjeant, and the Judge of the Sheriffs' Court, and suggesting that the present mode of electing them was unsatisfactory, was defeated by 102 votes to 57 votes. Leave was next given to the Attorney-General to introduce a Bill, subsequently read a first time the same evening, on the Criminal Code, the learned gentleman occupying the rest of the evening in explaining its provisions. On Wednesday afternoon, the second reading of the Borough Franchise (Ireland) Bill was thrown out, by the comparatively small majority of 31, in a House of 425, exclusive of Tellers and the Speaker. The result was received with cheers by the Opposition.

Thursday was fixed for Her Majesty to hold a Council at Windsor Castle, and yesterday (Friday) evening, there was to be a State Banquet at the Castle, on the occasion of the visit of the Imperial Crown Prince to England. Next week the Queen will reach Balmoral, but there will be a State Ball at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, and the Queen's Birthday will be celebrated on Saturday, when there will be the usual illuminations at the West End, the usual military display on the Horse Guards Parade, and ministers will give full-dress banquets in honour of the event. We must not, however, overlook the visit on Monday of Her Majesty to Aldershot for the purpose of reviewing the troops stationed there. Over 13,000, men with upwards of 2,500 horses and 42 guns (two Horse Artillery and five Field Batteries), were under arms and marched past Her Majesty in grand style. The weather was not as favourable as could be wished, and consequently the brilliancy of the scene was somewhat marred; but there was a business-like air about the whole of the work, and the Queen, who was accompanied by the Princess Royal and the Princess Beatrice, the Commander-in-Chief and the Horse Guards' Staff, and the spectators were delighted with what they saw. Her Majesty has since expressed, through H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, her satisfaction to the General in command and the force under him.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will have returned to London from Paris before we go to press, yesterday (Friday) having been set apart for a *levée* at St. James's Palace to be held, by the Queen's command, by His Royal Highness, presentations to him, by special directions of the Queen, being deemed equivalent to presentations to Her Majesty. During their stay in Paris, their Royal Highnesses have been apparently making the most of their time, and this week the chief event in their honour has been the Grand Ball given by the British Ambassador Lord Lyons. Invitations were issued to 1500 guests, and the Embassy was magnificently arranged for the reception of the Royal personages in whose honour it was given. The Prince, with the Princess and her brother the Crown Prince of Denmark, have also assisted at the uncovering of the case of jewels in the Indian Collection of His Royal Highness, the case having been damaged and therefore having till the occasion referred to been hidden from the public. He also presided at the appointment of Jurors before leaving for England.

It gives us great pleasure to be able to announce that the ceremony of betrothing His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught to the Princess Louise Margaret, third daughter of Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia, was publicly held at Darmstadt this week. We trust the marriage now in contemplation will be a source of happiness both to the Duke and his fair betrothed. There are now only two of the Queen's children unmarried, namely, Prince Leopold and the Princess Beatrice.

It is with regret we announce the sudden death from apoplexy of Mrs. Bright the second wife of the Right Honourable John Bright, M.P. With her usual considerate kindness the Queen on hearing of the event at once telegraphed to the right honourable gentleman, expressing Her Majesty's deep sympathy with him in his bereavement.

There has been some very serious rioting in Lancashire, arising out of the great Cotton Strike. On Monday the Masters' Association held a special Meeting, for the purpose of receiving a deputation from the men, who attended for the purpose of submitting certain proposals for a termination of the struggle. The terms, however, were short of what the Masters had fixed, and the several arrangements proposed were rejected. As soon as this was known, the greatest excitement prevailed, and especially at Blackburn,

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Large and infuriated mobs paraded the streets, hooting and hustling the police, smashing the windows of most of the mills, while in two cases they picked out two of the masters to serve as special objects on which to wreak their vengeance, namely, Mr. Alderman W. H. Hornby and Colonel Jackson. The former's house was attacked, and the whole of the front was wrecked, while that of the latter was burnt to the ground, the Colonel having previously made his escape, and the servants being allowed a few minutes to quit the premises. An attempt to fire the mills of the latter, who is Chairman of the Masters' local Association, was fortunately frustrated by the police. The disturbances have been continued since, and the services of the military from Preston have been called in to aid in putting down the riot.

We cannot offer too hearty congratulations on the providential escape of the Emperor William of Germany from the dastardly attempt made to assassinate him on Saturday last. His Majesty, accompanied by his daughter the Grand Duchess of Baden, was returning along the Unter den Linden, from a drive, when a man named Hödel fired two shots at him, but happily neither of them took effect. The would-be murderer was arrested on the spot, while the grand old monarch, retaining all his calmness and presence of mind, returned to his Palace, and examined some important documents. When the news was spread abroad, the enthusiasm was immense. All the evening and till late at night the Palace was surrounded by crowds of people, who cheered continuously, and waited eagerly to catch a glimpse of their beloved monarch, who now and again showed himself at the window, and bowed his acknowledgments. Inside the Palace, the scene was exciting, as the Princes, the Ministers, and the Nobility all hastened to offer His Majesty their congratulations on his escape. Addresses have since been pouring in from all parts of Europe, and among them one from Queen Victoria, one from the President of the French Republic, and a third from the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London. It should be added that Kaiser William is a member of the Masonic Brotherhood, having been initiated in Berlin in the year 1840. He is Protector of all three Berlin Grand Lodges, and his eldest son, the Crown Prince, is also, like his great ancestor Frederick the Great, an active member of our Order. For these further reasons we feel sure our readers will rejoice all the more at the good old monarch's escape.

Nothing can or will be known of the result of Count Schouvaloff's visit to St. Petersburg, and people variously interpret the momentary quietness which prevails in the discussion of the Eastern difficulty. In Vienna opinions differ, inclining one moment towards peace, and the next in the direction of war. There are not wanting signs either that Austria-Hungary is resolved, at length, on adopting the same policy as England, and that she will recognise no settlement which is not sanctioned by a European Congress. Meanwhile, we hear little else than the sound of naval and military preparations, both by England and Russia; and as between the latter power and Turkey, the one is pressing for the evacuation of the remaining forts, while the other makes all the excuses she possibly can for not complying with the request. Next week, we presume, we shall know more about the way events will move.

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It is the intention of the members of the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, to present their esteemed Preceptor, Bro. George King P.M., with a testimonial, as a souvenir, in recognition of his services; and for the able and courteous manner in which he has fulfilled the duties of Preceptor. The presentation will be made on Tuesday evening next, at Bro. J. Wright's, the Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, where this Lodge of Instruction holds its meetings.

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HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Self Help.—In sickness it was a momentous matter to find an easy, ready, and reliable remedy for outward disfigurations and inward disorders before the inestimable discovery of these preparations. No invalid need now be at a loss for successfully managing ulcers, sores, tumours, boils, bruises, sprains, &c. Enveloping Holloway's medicines are very intelligibly printed directions for using them, which should be attentively studied and immediately followed by the application of his treatment. Sooner or later the sufferer will assuredly triumph over the worst diseases. This searching Ointment disperses all those malignant humours which aggravate many diseases of the skin, often prevent the cicatrisation of ulcers, and ever kindle inflammatory tendencies in the system.

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13th May 1878.

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DEAR BRO. KENNING,—Your Edi
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who wish honestly to improve;" then he names the other two classes; but listen now to his words—"It is only with the first class that we need concern ourselves to-day, though we may remark that, honest themselves, they are often made the unconscious dupes of longer heads, of greater rascals than themselves." (Fourteenth line from the bottom).

Do you sanction the use of such language in the *Freemason?* I cannot think that your Editor meant to apply such epithets to me, as I am personally unknown to you both; nevertheless, I care not for whom he meant them, while it is clear that he meant them for certain brethren whom he would stigmatise as *rascally dupes of greater rascals*. And this is the fraternal language of the Editor of the great English Masonic newspaper *par excellence!* I had no idea that English Freemasonry possessed so choice a vocabulary. *O tempora! O mores!* Your Editor closed his anonymous epistle with these words: "I stick to my text—*quieta non movere.*"

Well done, Bro. Editor! but do not hereafter ridicule that other old fossilised specimen of humanity at the Vatican when he too cries out "*non possumus! non possumus!!*" for both your aims are alike: to stop the express train of progress with your empty egg-shells.

I remain, Dear Bro. Kenning,

Yours fraternally,

H. J. BURGER.

Kingston, Jamaica, 21st April 1878.

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Our readers will see from the following letter that the Grand Orient of France has considerately resolved on placing the first floor of its Hotel, 16 Rue Cadet, at the disposition of foreign brethren during the whole time the International Exhibition of Paris is open. We are certain this act of kindness on the part of the Grand Orient will be appreciated as it deserves, and we venture, on behalf of our constituents, the English Freemasons, to express our warmest thanks for its fraternal consideration.

(TRANSLATION.)

A.·. L.·. G.·. D.·.G.·. A.·. D.·. L'UNIV.·.

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

O.·. de Paris, 10th May 1878 (V.E.)

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to have recourse to your kind offices with a view to making known to foreign brethren that, during the whole time the International Exhibition is open, the Grand Orient will place at their disposition the rooms on the first floor of its Hotel, 16 Rue Cadet. Brethren from all countries will there find not only a most cordial and fraternal reception, but likewise whatever information they may desire, and every facility for correspondence.

I shall be extremely obliged, Dear Sir and Brother, if you will kindly give the necessary publicity to this announcement in your esteemed journal; and thanking you by anticipation for this favour, I beg you will accept the assurance of my most distinguished consideration.

(Signed) THEVENOT,

Chief of the Secretariat of the Grand Orient of France.

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## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

*Will be worked as under:*

At the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, Havelock Tavern, Dalston, on the 22nd May, at 7 o'clock precisely. Bros. W. Fieldwick J.W. 1264 W.M., J. Pinder P.M. 15 S.W., Slaiter 1489 J.W., W. H. Lee P.M. 1524 I.P.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Maples, J. B. Shackleton, H. Meyer, C. Lorkin, Taylor, W. H. Lee, and Musto; SECOND LECTURE—Bros. J. Lorkin, Hewlett, McMillan, Webb, and Stephens; THIRD LECTURE—Bros. I. P. Cohen, Wallington, and Job. Bro. E. Dietrich, Hon. Sec.

At the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, Sisters' Tavern, Dalston, on 28th May.

At the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, on the 12th June.

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## GROSVENOR HALL, BUCKINGHAM PALACE ROAD.

ON Monday evening last, an entertainment, entitled "Humour and Pathos," was given at the above Hall by Bro J. A. Keable, who was assisted by Miss Blanche Grosvenor, and Mr. St. Clair Feather. The programme, a very lengthy one, was gone through in a most spirited and painstaking manner, and gave unqualified satisfaction to all assembled. Bro. Keable was most effective in "The Story of Jane Conquest," and his dramatic selection from *King John*. The recital, "A Tale of the Stage," is full of improbabilities, and, moreover, should be considerably curtailed ere it will run so smoothly as we could desire; this, however, by the way. Bro. Keable's relation of the objectionable practices daily resorted to by the blustering Major Namby seemed to be highly relished by his audience. Miss Blanche Grosvenor has a fine voice, and with a little more practice, will be heard to great advantage. Her singing of the Minstrel Boy was much applauded. Mr. Feather is an accomplished pianiste, and possesses a good voice, which he knows well how to command. His selection of buffo songs smacked rather too much of the "antique." We regret there was not so large an attendance as could be desired, as, taken altogether, a capital entertainment was provided by Bro. Keable.

**Angel Lodge, No. 51.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 14th of May, at the Lodge Room, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester. Present—Bros. Thos. J. Ralling W.M., E. Hennemeyer S.W., Isaac Harris J.W., John J. C. Turner Sec., J. Hanley S.D., C. E. Denton J.D., W. P. Lewis D.C.; P.M.'s Bros. A. E. Church, A. Welch, A. R. Clench, G. Gard Pye, W. Richey, and several other members of the Lodge. Visitors—Bros. C. Osmond St. John's 328, W. I. Spicer I.P.M. 569, and H. H. Costobadie, Oakley 694. The principal business of the evening was the election of W.M., and the choice of the brethren unanimously fell upon Bro. E. Hennemeyer, the S.W., who in a few well chosen words thanked the brethren for the confidence they had reposed in him. W. Bro. A. Cobb was then re-elected Treasurer, and the Tyler (Bro. Munson) was also re-elected. Two candidates for initiation were proposed, and the brethren adjourned to the festive board, when a most harmonious social hour was passed. At the April meeting of the Lodge, on the reading of the Report of the Committee of Grand Lodge with reference to the recent action of the French Grand Orient, the following resolution was unanimously passed, on the motion of the W. Bro. the Rev. C. L. Ackland, seconded by the W.M.:—"That this Lodge begs humbly and heartily to express its thanks to the Grand Lodge of England, for the action it has taken with reference to the French Grand Orient."

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**Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Arthur Welch W.M., Flanagan S.W., Danks J.W., Newman D.C. acting Sec., Honey Chaplain, Ferguson S.D., Blackwell J.D., Hawkes Steward, R. Dowsett I.G., Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Egginton, Weightman, Margrett; Members — Bros. Hunt, Rhind, Bailey, Sell, &c. The Lodge was opened; the minutes were read and confirmed; the candidate for raising did not put in an appearance, therefore the Lodge was not opened in either of the higher degrees. Bro. Stransom was nominated for the Treasurership. The matter of rent of the Hall was discussed, and resulted in a notice of motion by Bro. Newman D.C.—"That a moiety of the difference between that now paid and that proposed by the Lodge of Union, be offered to the members of 414,"—which, he hoped, would cause an amicable settlement of the question. P.M.'s Egginton and Margrett, suggested moderation. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed.

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**Sir Hugh Middelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.**—Held its weekly meeting at Bro. C. J. G. Wood's, the Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road, on Tuesday, 14th instant. Present—Bros. Sim W.M., W. Rowley S.W., S. Rowley J.W., A. W. Fenner acting Preceptor, Osborne Sec., Norris S.D., F. Goode J.D., J. Millington I.G.; also Bros. Wood, W. Hirst, Oxley, &c. All formalities having been duly observed, Bro. Sim rehearsed the ceremony of installation in a very able manner, Bro. W. Rowley acting as W.M. elect, after which the W.M. (Bro. W. Rowley) rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in a manner that elicited the approbation of the brethren present, Bro. Norris being the candidate. Bros. W. Hirst, of Kent Lodge, No. 15; Oxley, of Enfield Lodge, No. 1237, and J. Millington, of Finsbury Lodge, No. 861, were elected members. Bro. Oxley was elected to fill the chair next Tuesday. Bro. Sim, the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, in proposing a vote of thanks to Bro. W. Rowley, the W.M., this being the first time he had worked the ceremony of initiation, paid him a compliment on the manner he had rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Fenner, in seconding the proposition, fully endorsed the remarks made by Bro. Sim, and observed it augured well for the W.M. in the future. The proposition was unanimously carried. The Lodge was then closed.

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**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.**—Met at the Feather's Hotel, on Thursday, 9th inst., at 7.30 p.m. Bros. H. E. Tucker Treas. W.M., A. Jones S.D., W. Seward jun. J.W., W. T. Rickwood S.D., E. C. Porter J.D., J. Johnson I.G., G. Wright Steward; also Bros. Owen, Clarke, Day, J. R. Fernee, H. Stephens, Coop, Botley 780, J. W. Fisher, &c., &c. Lodge opened, and the Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Botley candidate. At the request of the W.M., Bro. J. W. Fisher delivered the Charge, acquitting himself in a very able manner. Bro. Botley answered the questions previous to passing, and retired. Lodge opened up, and the W.M. delivered the Lecture on the tracing board in the second degree. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, Bro. Day being candidate. Bro. A. Jones was elected W.M. for next meeting, which will take place on Thursday, 23rd inst.

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*Prince Bismarck, Friend or Foe?*—By the Author of "German Home Life," London: William Ridgway, 169 Piccadilly, W., comes opportunely at the moment when the whole of Europe is disturbed, and its political future must be regarded with anxiety. That Germany and England have invariably been found espousing the same side is well-known, and there is great force in the argument that the influence of the two Empires, when firmly allied together, would be beneficial, as it is almost certain it would be exercised for the benefit of Europe. But we are not quite sure there is that deep sympathy between the two Powers which would ensure such alliance. However, Prince Bismarck has said there can be no rivalry between them except in commerce and the arts of peace, and that is the kind of rivalry which England is always prepared to enter into.

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## DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1524.

HAVELOCK TAVERN, ALBION ROAD, DALSTON.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on Wednesday, the 22nd May, by Bro. Fieldwick Preceptor. Members of the Craft are invited to attend. The Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 18th MAY.

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

## MONDAY, 20th MAY.

1—Grand Masters, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6. (Instruction.)
549—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.
K. T.—Bosbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
351—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
382—Royal Union, Chequer's Hotel, Uxbridge.
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
622—St. Cuthbergа, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1206—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Dover.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1502—Israel, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
R. A. 1061—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.

## TUESDAY, 21st MAY.

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.)
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1430—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.
R. C.—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
452—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1069—Du Sherland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefin.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.

## WEDNESDAY, 22nd MAY.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1017—Montefiore, Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

872—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1119—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)

## THURSDAY, 23rd MAY.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
99—Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
109—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
754—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.

## FRIDAY, 24th MAY.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
814—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)
903—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

## SATURDAY, 25th MAY.

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

820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.
1531—Chislehurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst.
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.
140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.

MONDAY.
827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.

TUESDAY.
446—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

WEDNESDAY.
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.

THURSDAY.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
R. A. 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.

SATURDAY.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—44—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.
" 406—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—112—St. John Fisherrow, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.
THURSDAY—302—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.

# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.**—At Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday evening, 9th May. Bros. Chapman W.M., Da Silva S.W., Norden J.W., Maidwell S.D., Hewlett J.D., King I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed, Bro. Moss acting as candidate. The second section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Webb, assisted by the brethren, Bro. Hewlett acting as Preceptor. The Lodge was resumed, and the ceremony of the first degree was rehearsed, Bro. Posener acting as Candidate. The fifth section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Webb, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lamont, of Lodge 49 (Scotland), was elected a member.

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**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—At No. 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 13th inst. Present—Bros. Wing W.M., W. Rowley S.W., W. Cook J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Hallam S.D., J. W. Smith J.D., J. Millington I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Wilding, Byott, Baldry, &c. Lodge being opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Tolmie worked the first section of the second Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Baldry, a candidate for passing, gave proof of his proficiency, and was entrusted; the W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony in a very able manner. Bro. Fenner worked the second section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. On the Lodge being resumed to the first degree, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Baldry acting as candidate. Bro. J. Baldry, of Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, was elected a member. Bro. W. Rowley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week; after this Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned until Monday next at the hour of eight.

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**Merchants Lodge, No. 241.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 14th inst. Present—Bros. George Peet W.M., Jas. Winsor P.M. S.W., J. Pendleton as J.W., J. McGeorge P.M. Prov. Grand Registrar Treas., Thomas Salter Secretary, John Latta S.D., S. Jacobs J.D., George Broadbridge P.M. D.C., A. B. Ewart Organist, T. Whitehead I.G., P. Ball Tyler; Past Master J. W. Baker; and Bros. Davies, Emery, Warren, Coonan, Hawes, Bramall, Hughes, F. Shaw, Keeffe, Hewitt, J. M. Shaw, Dugman, Gorst, Jolly, Hall, Robson, Whitford, Duringer, Saxon, Pruddick, Woolrick, &c. Visitors—Bros. J. Houlding W.M. 823, J. Keet 1836, T. Hall, T. H. Cooke 1350, J. W. Wright 786, W. J. Newman P.M. 786, Dr. Kisch, and S. M. Davies. After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, Bros. Shaw, Hawes and Whitford were questioned as to their proficiency, previous to being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The examination proved satisfactory. The Lodge was then worked up to the third degree, and the W.M., in a very impressive manner, performed the ceremony. W. Bro. Peet has the excellent gift, which is so valuable in his high office, of delivering every word with that weight and influence which has such telling effect in our beautiful Ritual. The wealth, prosperity, and influence of this celebrated Lodge has been acquired, undoubtedly, by the

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appointment of such good Masters in the past as we see in its present popular and gifted W.M. The whole tone and management of this Lodge are in harmony with its past history, and all the brethren work with one object in view—*i.e.*, Freemasonry. On the Lodge being reduced to the first degree, the Secretary read a letter from Bro. Williams, to the effect that he was in a fair way of recovery to health, and hoped to be with them soon again and at his post. The message was received by the W.M. and brethren with great satisfaction, as Bro. Williams had been in a very precarious condition. The Secretary then read the circular from Grand Lodge with regard to the action taken in reference to the Grand Orient of France, and the same was copied into the minutes. Bro. Broadbridge proposed that the sum of five pounds be devoted to a benevolent object, which was seconded by Bro. Secretary, and carried unanimously. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in harmony at 8.30, and the brethren adjourned to supper. After each brother had done justice to the repast, the W.M. rose to propose the first and customary toast of the Queen, which was duly honoured, the brethren singing the National Anthem. The interval between the first and second toasts—which is the last on such occasions—was occupied with good music from Bros. Cooke and Winsor. These gatherings round the festive board are productive of much fraternal intercourse among the brethren, as there is an absence of stiff formality, and many a pleasant recollection of the past and anticipation of the future is gone into which otherwise would never be observed. During a chat with Bro. Broadbridge, the names of Bros. Constable and Binckes came up, and Bro. George Broadbridge requested that a fraternal greeting be conveyed them through the representative of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. The W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors in a very cordial manner, and expressed his conviction that the brethren of the Merchants would to-night, as they at all times have done, accord their Visitors a hearty welcome. He was always pleased to see brethren pay the Lodge a visit, and the great kindness shown him whenever he visited a Lodge made him doubly anxious that their guests should fully enjoy themselves. He spoke of the pleasure he felt at seeing a distinguished brother among them to-night, who, from his connection with the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and his experience as a Mason, acquired by seeing so many Lodges work, must be great; he could assure Bro. Davies that the Merchants stood very high in the Charities, and the Lodge was in a very happy condition. He alluded to the presence of Bro. P.M. Newman in a happy manner, also to Bro. Kisch, whose presence put him in recollection of his early Masonic days, and informed the brethren, in a very genial manner, that Bro. Wright, who had visited them that evening, would soon occupy the chair of another Lodge. In conclusion, he mentioned that there were other visiting brethren present, whose names he did not know, but offered each and all a hearty welcome, and hoped they would come again. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Davies briefly responded to the toast for the Visitors, and expressed thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed by the W.M. and received by the brethren. With reference to the experience procured by visiting, his had been considerable. He exhorted the brethren to visit Lodges as much as possible. He assured the brethren that he had heard of the good deeds done by the Merchants' Lodge, and knew the beneficial effect their noble example produced in the Province, and far beyond it. He congratulated the Lodge on its great prosperity, and the W.M. and Officers on their capital working. With reference to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, with which he was connected, the brethren had full opportunities of judging of its value to the Craft, and the highly important duties such a journal discharged. Bro. Newman followed, with a few well-chosen remarks, and Bros. Wright, Kisch, and Keet also made appropriate replies to the toast. Bro. Cooke turned his speech into a melody, for which task he is highly capable. Bros. Cooke, Kisch, Winsor, Jacobs, and Woolrick enhanced the pleasures of the evening with sweet harmony, and Bro. Salter gave a very touching recitation; Bro. Lotta was very humourous in a sketch from life. The brethren dispersed at a reasonable hour.

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**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—On Friday, 10th May, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge. Present—Bros. Acworth W.M., Costelow S.W., Gunner (Hon. Sec.) J.W., Gomm S.D., Frankel J.D., Talbot I.G., Bro. Roe I.P.M. 780 Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. Phillips W.M. 975, Alais P.M. 834, Josey 834, and Bros. Kyezor, Botley, and Blasby. Business—Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. The W.M. opened up to the sublime degree, and having closed down he vacated the chair in favour of the worthy Preceptor, who treated the brethren to the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Botley candidate. Bros. Alais and Josey were elected members, and returned thanks in felicitous terms; the W.M. having been congratulated upon his first occupancy of King Solomon's chair, and the W.M. for meeting on 31st May elected, the Lodge was closed in due form, until the 17th, when the Officers of the Mother Lodge will take their respective positions, the 24th being the regular meeting of the Royal Alfred.

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**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Bonner W.M., Slaiter S.W., Forss J.W., Carr S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Gilham I.G., Dallas Secretary, Smyth Treas., Wallington P.M. Preceptor; and Bros. Wardell, C. Lorkin, Bigg, Dignam, Brown, M. Christian, Brasted, Polak, Turquand, Bedwell, Finch, and Allen. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were read. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Weige candidate. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and after resuming Bro. Wardell answered the questions leading to the second degree, and that ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. McMillan, of Lodge 1365 was elected a member. Bro. Slaiter was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on Tuesday evening, the 28th inst.

**Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, 15th May, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street. Bro. Abell presiding. Bros. Marston S.W., Thompson J.W., Hallam S.D., Bull I.G., Long Preceptor, and a numerous assemblage of brethren. The third ceremony was ably performed by the W.M., and the sections of the lecture were worked by the brethren. Five new members were proposed and accepted, after which Bro. Marston was elected W.M. for next assembly. On the proposition of Bro. Tate, the date for working the Fifteen Sections by this Lodge, in conjunction with the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, was altered to the 12th June. By mistake, last week, the name of the Constitutional was given instead of the Metropolitan. The Lodge was then closed.

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**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—At the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday the 10th instant. Present—Bros. Simmonds W.M., Andrews S.W., Peall J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Secretary, A. W. Smith S.D., Crouch J.D., Hine I.G., also Bros. Stroud, Moss, Bolton, Lane, Kent, and others. Lodge opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Moss answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing in a very creditable manner. Bro. Fenner worked the two first sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. On the resumption of the Lodge to the first degree, Bro. Fenner worked the fourth section, assisted by Bro. Crouch. Bro. Peall of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, was elected a member. Bro. Andrews was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed.

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**Fermor Hesketh Lodge, No. 1350.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Monday, the 13th inst. Present—Bros. W. H. Cooper W.M., T. A. Collinson P.M. as S.W., W. P. Evans J.W., T. F. Cooper Secretary, T. A. Collinson P.M. Treasurer, C. P. Titherly S.D., T. H. Johnson D.C., J. H. Cooke Steward, R. Montgomery as I.G., W. H. Ball Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Collinson and Johnstone; also Bros. M. Jones, W. Gallop, J. Hodson, J. R. Storey, E. A. Sankay, T. H. Allbut, John Fraser, T. Volk, Geo. Gordon, E. C. Grundy, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the circular from Grand Lodge with reference to the Grand Orient of France was read by the Secretary, and by command of the W.M. the same was entered in the minute book. The Lodge was then advanced to the second degree. Bro. T. H. Allbut having answered the necessary questions was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the ceremony being very ably performed by the W.M. The Lodge was further advanced for the purpose of raising Bros. W. O. Blott and Wm. Halsall to the degree of Master Mason, which ceremony was undertaken by Bro. J. A. Collinson P.M. P. Prov. Grand D.C. It is very pleasing to record the energy and efficiency with which the affairs of this Lodge are carried on. No. 1350 has undergone in its brief career of existence a strange and eventful history, and to-day it lives, is prosperous, and happy. These pleasing symptoms are due to the efficiency of its Officers, Past and Present, and it is no exaggeration to say that a more thoroughly genial Master cannot preside over any Lodge than the justly esteemed Brother who holds the exalted position of present W.M. The working of Bro. Collinson was done remarkably well when we consider he has been out of office for a long time. The W. Brother, although a young man, and a young Mason, has made great progress in Masonry, and has held more than one position in Prov. G. Lodge. With such talent as Fermor Hesketh Lodge possesses in its present and past Officers, and, what is of paramount importance, such vitality and earnestness among all its members, it must become a Lodge of great power and influence. It is to be hoped that no cloud will ever for a moment darken the prosperity which Fermor Hesketh so deservedly enjoys. The Lodge being worked down to the first degree, the W.M. gave notice of motion that on the next meeting he would propose that the sum of £10 be devoted from the funds of the Lodge towards forming a Benevolent Fund in connection with the Lodge. The Lodge was afterwards closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

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**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**—At the Havelock Hotel, Dalston, E. Present—Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., McMillan S.W., H. Mayer J.W., C. Lorkin S.D., R. Olley J.D., Martin I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, G. Ferrar Treasurer, E. Dietrich Secretary. The Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Freeman, who had answered the questions, was raised in a most able manner by the W.M. The Lodge was closed down, and Bros. Fieldwick and McMillan worked the third section of the second lecture; and Bros. Fieldwick and C. Lorkin worked the fourth section of the first lecture. Bro. Stokes (1364) was elected a member, and Bro. McMillan was appointed W.M. for 29th inst., as on Wednesday next it has been arranged to work the Fifteen Sections.

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**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York on Monday. Present—Bros. T. B. Whytehead W.M., J. S. Cumberland S.W., C. G. Padel J.W., H. Jackson as S.D., J. T. Seller J.D., M. Millington I.G., A. T. B. Turner as Org., T. Cooper I.P.M., G. Balmford Treas., J. Kay Secretary, T. Humphries Asst. Secretary, P. Pearson Tyler, and other members and visitors. A successful ballot was taken for three candidates, and Bro. Husband was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The W.M. read a telegram just received from the Masons belonging to the Scots Greys Regiment at Dundalk, lately quartered at York, conveying hearty good wishes to the Eboracum Lodge. A pleasant evening was afterwards spent, enlivened by the singing of Bros. Cumberland, Lee, and Wilkinson.

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**Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.**—The installation meeting of this old and flourishing Lodge, took place on the 29th April, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Lodge was opened at 3 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. T. Halliday, assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. T. J. Armstrong W.M. 1626 S.W., R. L. Armstrong W.M. elect J.W., J. Ridsdale P.M. Treas., J. Page Sec., R. G. Salmon S.D., G. W. Lax J.D., S. M. Harris I.G., and G. S. Sims Tyler. After the usual formalities had been gone through, Bro. E. D. Davis P.M. Prov. G.D.C. took the chair, and Bro. Robert Lamb Armstrong was presented to him to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The W.M. elect having conformed to the Ancient Charges, all below the rank of P.M. left the Lodge. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, numbering nineteen, and the ceremony was most beautifully performed by Bro. Davis. Upon the brethren returning to the Lodge, they were informed that during their absence Bro. Armstrong had been regularly installed into the chair of King Solomon. The new Master was then duly proclaimed and saluted. He appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. T. Halliday I.P.M., J. Page S.W., R. G. Salmon J.W., J. Ridsdale P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Lax Secretary, Rev. S. H. Harris P.M. Chaplain, W. Munday P.M. D.C., S. M. Harris S.D., G. Dumford J.D., J. S. B. Bell I.G., Macdonald and E. Clark Stewards, G. S. Sims Tyler, no other business offering itself, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren, numbering over seventy, adjourned to the Crown Hotel, Clayton-street, were they sat down to a banquet provided by Bros. Bell and Bolom. The Chaplain having said grace, the W.M. rose to give the first toast, and said that he never had greater anxiety than at the present moment, and he hoped he might have a speedy relief; he therefore called on the brethren to drink to Her Majesty the Queen. The next toast was that of the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., in submitting which the W.M. said he was one who not only knows Freemasonry in theory, but also in practice. The W.M. then gave the Earl of Carnarvon and Officers of Grand Lodge, which was duly honoured. The W.M. then rose to propose the health of the Right Honourable the Earl of Percy Prov. G.M. and Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, coupling the name of Bro. Challener P.M. Past Provincial G.S.W. with the toast, and expressed his pleasure at seeing him amongst them. Brother Challener in reply said he was startled at having to reply to the toast, but nevertheless thanked all the brethren for the compliment done the P. G. Lodge. The toast of the Prov. G. Lodge of Durham was then submitted, and acknowledged by Bro. John Hopper P.P.G.S.W., and W. E. Franklin P.P.G. Superintendent of Works. Bro. Halliday I.P.M. then rose to propose the health of the W.M. It was with feelings of pleasure and regret that he rose to propose this toast; pleasure in having the opportunity of paying a tribute of respect to the W.M., but regret that he was not endued with more eloquence to do justice to it. He was sure all the brethren were aware of his excellent working in the Lodge, he would therefore simply give his health, wishing him long life and every prosperity. The toast was received most enthusiastically. The W.M., in answering, thanked Bro. Halliday and the brethren for their kind expression of feeling towards him; it was only five years since he was initiated, and he then thought, on looking at the Master in the chair, how long it would be before he could do as he did. He should at present only thank them for placing him in that proud position, and hoped to merit a continuance of their good opinion. Before sitting down he would give them the health of the I.P.M., and hoped he might follow in Bro. Halliday's footsteps; he would be hard to beat, but if he only came up to him he would be satisfied. Bro. Halliday expressed his thanks to the brethren for the kind way they had received the toast; it was the greatest delight to him to be of use in Masonry, and he should continue to try to be so if his life should be spared. The W.M., on rising, said he never approached a toast with greater difficulty than he did the one he now had the pleasure to submit, namely, that of the Installing Master. He had only known Bro. Davis, he was sorry to say, a short time, but since he had had the advantage of his advice, he had endeavoured to profit by it; he prayed that he might be long spared, his name was so dear to every Mason in the Province. He could only once more thank him most heartily for installing him. Bro. E. D. Davis, in most feeling terms, thanked the Master and brethren for all the kindness shown to him, and heartily prayed for their prosperity. The W.M. in submitting the toast of the P.M.'s, spoke in high terms of the services rendered by Bro. W. S. Hughes in the Lodge of Instruction, and also of the regret he felt at losing the services of Bro. P.M. Harris, who at all times gave them much instruction, whether in or out of Lodge. The toast was acknowledged by P.M. Hughes. The Officers received similar compliments, and each responded. The Visitors was given by Bro. Rev. S. H. Harris P.M., and replied to by Bro. Bolom W.M. 24. The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. Some splendid harmony was rendered by Bros. Natal (of Durham Cathedral), Keeney, and Gibbings, as well as by other brethren. The Visitors were Bros. E. D. Davis P.P.G.S.W. 695, J. Hopper P.P.G.S.W. 481, Challener P.P.G.S.W. Durham, G. Thomson P.P.G.S.W. 481, W. E. Franklin P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Durham 481, J. Bolom W.M. 24, R. Eynon W.M. 481, T. Armstrong W.M. 1626, G. I. Dean W.M. 541, J. Fishburn W.M. 1557, W. M. Bell S.W. 1557, G. Cockburn P.M. 24, Dr. Lake Armstrong S.W. 1626, J. Bell J.W. 1626, R. Simons Sec. 1626, J. Wood J.W. 48, Ord S.W. 541, W. Smith I.G. 1626, and J. Johnson J.S. 1557. The Past Masters of the Lodge present were Bros. W. Monday, W. S. Hughes, R. Knox, Rev. S. H. Harris, and J. Ridsdale. Each brother had a beautiful button hole bouquet, supplied by Bro. Chorlton, of South View Nursery.

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**Upton Lodge, No. 1227.**—The usual assembly of the brethren of this Lodge was held on Thursday last at the rendezvous, the Spotted Dog, Upton, Bro. George Brown, the W.M., presiding, and he was supported by P.M.'s Bros. R. Bolton, A. Holtham, and David Posener; Lyon S.W., W. Webster J.W., J. A. Wayland P.M. Treas., and Vincombe Sec., A. Oldroyd S.D., J. Andrews J.D., and Bro. Lane acting as I.G. There were also present Bros. T. Simpson, A. Land, W. Pearcy, A. Austin, A. W. Fenner, A. Clark, D. Tegg, &c. The visiting brethren included J. F. Fysh P.M. 1364, Geo. Hine 1687, J. Gunn 398, J. Wootton 933, H. Townsend 1366, Geo. Parker 177, Isaac Quiney 1178, W. G. Kent 1297, and J. W. Wilson 1155. The Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, Bros. C. J. Sievers, John Stroud, and W. Mason Paxton were raised to the sublime degree, and the Lodge having resumed, Messrs. M. F. Collins, Robert Hamed Durie, W. Sergeant and Charles Gieseke were initiated; the ceremonies in each instance being most admirably worked by the W.M. and his Officers. Some slight discussion arose as to the place where the Summer Banquet should be held, and eventually the brethren decided that it should be held in the month of July, at Broxbourne or elsewhere, as the W.M. and the two Stewards appointed might decide and report to the next Lodge. The business over, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where ample justice was done to an excellent repast, and the brethren separated at an early hour, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

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**Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326.**—An emergency meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the usual place of meeting, viz., the Lion Hotel, Hampton, and despite the last line on the summons intimating to the brethren that there would be "no banquet," there was a large muster. Bro. Cox the W.M., opened the Lodge in due form, and there were present Bros. Williams S.W., J. Hammond J.W., Baldwin S.D., and J. Marsh I.G. The work, which was admirably done throughout, consisted of initiating three gentlemen, namely, Messrs. S. Allen, McDowell, and Patrick Brown, the chair being ably assisted by P.M.'s Hammond and Gilbert. Bro. Williams was raised; and, by request, the W.M. courteously vacated the chair, that Bro. P.M. Walker might have the pleasure of initiating two old and valued personal friends.

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**Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642.**—The bi-monthly meeting of the above Lodge was held at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on the 9th instant, and was attended by a large number of members and visitors, upwards of 30 members of the Vestry of Kensington were present. The Officers were—Bros. George Penn W.M., Samuel H. Parkhouse S.W., Samuel Smout J.W., Wm. Stephens P.M. Treasurer, W. J. Murlis P.M. Secretary, Rev. Darby Reade Chaplain, E. M. Lander S.D., Reuben Charles Green J.D. Atkins I.G., Delevanté Organist. Bros. Roberts, Whittlesea, Rowland and Dewynter were raised to the third degree. Bros. Dr. Pocock, Heath, and Rogers were passed to the second degree. Three candidates were initiated, viz., Messrs. J. Henry Rutherglen (Clerk to Kensington Guardians), C. Manchester, and John H. May. The three ceremonies were worked by the W.M. in a most able and impressive manner. At the close of the business the brethren sat down to a magnificent banquet, admirably served by Bro. Linscott. The W.M. gave the usual Loyal toasts, with a few brief remarks to each. Bro. Murlis the I.P.M. gave the health of the W.M. who he complimented as a good and true Mason, who was fulfilling his duties faithfully and zealously. The W.M. replied, stating how earnest his wish and desire was that the Lodge should go on and prosper, and not only think of themselves but of our noble Charities which were the brightest ornaments in Freemasonry. Bro William Stephens, in responding to the toast of the Charities, thanked the brethren for the support given to him as their Steward. He once thought if he got £100 he should be satisfied; he reached that very quickly, then he thought he would raise £200, now he was pleased to say he had over £250, one member of the Lodge had that evening given him £25 to make up that sum. (Cheers.) The W.M. then gave the Visitors, and said he was pleased to see so many present, although he expected a larger number, he called upon Bros. Locock Webb Q.C. P.G.D., Sir Charles Dilke M.P., J. Jordan P.G.S., and Cunningham Glen to respond. Bro. Locock Webb congratulated the W.M. on his work, and the prosperity of the Lodge. Bro. Sir Charles Dilke followed, thanking the brethren for their hospitality; he enjoyed himself so much on a former occasion that he was very gratified to receive an invitation to attend this meeting. Bros. Jordan and Cunningham Glen also responded. Among the Visitors present were Bros. Locock Webb Q.C. P.G.D., Sir Charles Dilke M.P., J. Jordan P.M. 4, Cunningham Glen P.G.S. 197, Rev. G. K. Kendall 10, Roberts P.M. 180, Bayley 180, Manchester 1201, Adkins 773, S. J. C. Watson 749, F. Rudford 1196, Smith 1425, Jubal Webb 55, Chalfont 1425, Handover P.M. St. Luke's, Robert Harvey 1196, Geo. N. Watts P.M. 194, S. Pollitzer P.M. 1017, Fisher P.M. 834, J. Michael W.M. 1732, Gillion W.M. 1425, J. Flood 201, Bolding 173, Tarrant 834, Hy. Stevens 1732, Fisher 773, &c., &c.

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**Perseverance Lodge, No. 1643.**—A Meeting was held on the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne. Present—Bros. Jas. McCulloch W.M., Geo. Hardy S.W., Jas. Mitchell J.W., A. Campbell Secretary, P. J. Jackson Treasurer and W.M. 424, W. Eckford S.D., A. Brodie J.D., J. Marchant D.C. and P.M., W. Hewick Steward, J. Stark I.G., R. Connell Tyler; T. S. Wraith I.P.M. Visitors—Bros. Middlemiss, Bulland, &c. Business—The ballot was taken for Mr. J. R. Frazer for initiation, and it being successful, he was initiated in a most impressive style, after which Bro. Forster passed the examination and retired for preparation. The Lodge being opened in the second degree, he was re-admitted, and passed. The Lodge was then reduced to the first, when, on the motion of Bro. Jackson, seconded by Bro. T. S. Wraith, the W.M. was unanimously and by acclamation elected to represent this Lodge on the Charity Committee about to be formed in the Province of Durham. Several motions being carried, the new clothing was handed to the Officers, making a handsome completion to the other beautiful furnishings of this Lodge. After business was over, an adjournment was made to the banqueting hall, where a very agreeable evening was spent.

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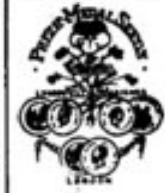

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## A MODEL MASONIC SCRIBE.

OUR readers will doubtless have seen a letter, which appeared in our columns last week, from a Jamaica Brother. It had originally been addressed to our Masonic contemporary, but being declined by that journal, was forwarded to us for publication. We, of course, readily accorded the wished-for space, as it seemed to us a bare act of justice that a Brother who considered he had been needlessly attacked should have an opportunity allowed him to resent the onslaught. As regards the letter or note which elicited the reply in question, we have not been at the pains of referring to it. Our object in making these few remarks is simply to discuss the meaning of the language used in a certain passage which was quoted by Bro. H. J. Burger. Masons are presumed to pride themselves on the scrupulous care they take not to give offence orally or verbally to their brethren. They avoid saying and writing what is objectionable, as they would have others do the same by them. However, the language used in this letter, which—rightly or wrongly we neither know nor care—is attributed to the Editor of our contemporary, is not quite in accordance with the original design of Freemasonry. The passage quoted by Bro. Burger relates to one of three classes of persons, namely, the class which comprises "those who wish honestly to improve," and of these Bro. Burger complains that any remark to the effect "that, honest themselves, they are often made the unconscious dupes of longer heads, of greater rascals than themselves," should have been made. We quite agree with him. Indeed, we go a little further, and lay it down as a rule absolute that those who cannot write sense, even to the extent of one poor sentence, should be forced to observe silence for (say) the same number of years as the disciples of Pythagoras were on joining his school, or, at all events, till they have acquired the art of writing becomingly. We shall not pause to question the writer's taste, because it is impossible the passage could have been more offensively worded. Our only desire is to convey to his mind—presuming, at least, that it is capable of appreciating good homely common-sensible advice—that, if he must write letters, he should avoid contradicting himself in the same sentence. The class of persons to whom he was referring is described briefly as "those who wish honestly to improve," and of these he says that, "*honest* themselves," they are often made the dupes of still greater *rascals*. There is, in fact, a conflict of propositions in this remarkable statement. In the first place, these people are honest; then they are the dupes of greater rascals than themselves; and consequently, the honest people are also rascals, only not such tremendous rascals as those by whom they are duped. Bro. Burger very naturally exclaims against the use of such un-Masonic language as is contained in the objectionable passage, and questions the propriety of one brother describing a class of his fellows as "rascally dupes." This is just and proper, Bro. Burger, but when you have had the same experience as ourselves, you will cease to be surprised, or rather, you will wonder how it is that more abusive letters are not written by Masonic scribes. We, therefore, do not trouble ourselves so much about the propriety or violence of the language used. We look to the sense, and our advice to brethren who cannot write one miserable sentence which has any meaning has been stated already with sufficient clearness. When a writer calls a brother an honest man and a rascal almost in the same breath, we feel inclined to describe him as—well, we leave our readers to fill up the description for themse We might, in our logical anger, say something unfrate and commit the error we complain of in the writer of quoted passage. Moreover, there is so strong a feelin sympathy between our readers and ourselves, that we we can trust them to supply the blank.

## MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 57.)

### A CESTRIAN CHIEF.

What thanks we owe
To worth like thine! What praise shall we bestow?
To thee the foremost honours are decreed.
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Be still thyself; . . . . . .
Maintain thy honours, and enlarge thy fame.

CHESHIRE is a province which must always commc itself to the earnest regard of all true Freemaso The part it has played in the annals of Britain is of c siderable historic interest. In the days when this isla of ours was a Province of the Roman empire, wh now stands the quaint old capital of the coun was stationed the camp (*Castra, unde deriva* Chester) of a Roman legion, and the presence of t Imperial conquerors of the ancient Britons is s further indicated in the final syllable of sundry towns Cheshire, to wit, Nantwich, Northwich, Middlewich, & the final *wich* being commonly set down *à vicus*. It w moreover, an important part of the Roman Province, t Cheshire borders on Wales, into the mountain fastnesses which retired the remnant of the British people who refus to live under the yoke of Rome. On this ground the p sence of a Roman *castra* is explicable. Then in the Ang Saxon days, when Britain was a Heptarchy, we read o great King of Mercia making a triumphant progress on t river Dee, his galley being rowed by six tributary king whom, in the successful wars he had waged, he brought acknowledge his supremacy. In the name of Knutsfo we can trace a reference to the days when Anglo-Sax royalty had been temporarily displaced by the terril Dane. Then there are the numerous monumental remai of the operative Masons of the olden time, with whom moderns are delighted to establish, as we can establish a have established, a direct association. Of these one on need be mentioned—the Cathedral of Chester, for the tw fold reason that it was the work of our operative pred cessors, and that the Speculative Masons of to-day ha contributed their mite in the work of restoring it to som what of its pristine beauty. Moreover, but a short tir had elapsed from the establishment of the Speculati system of Masonry, when Masons' Lodges were establish in its capital city. Our Grand Lodge was constituted 1717, and a reference to the recently-reprinted Pine's Li of Lodges in 1734, for which we are indebted to the ener of Bro. Hughan, will show that in the course of only sev years—that is, by the year 1724—two Lodges had be founded, of which one (No. 32, according to the List ju mentioned) met at the Bull, in Northgate-street, Cheste and the other, No. 33, at the Castle, Watergate-street, the same city. In addition to these we find that No. 36 Pine's List met at the Red Lion, Congleton, and must lik wise have been constituted in 1724, and that anoth

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(No. 80) was held at the Angel, Macclesfield, having been constituted in the year 1731. This county then was in the short period of fourteen years in a position to boast of no less than four Lodges, and though the oldest existing Lodge dates from the year 1754, there can be no question that Freemasonry, albeit its earliest Lodges have disappeared from the roll of Grand Lodge, was soon firmly established in this county. It is only indeed since the year 1832 that a fifth Lodge, of whose establishment we have a record, has ceased to meet, namely, the Royal Chester Lodge, Chester, founded in the year 1738, and No. 58 at the Union, No. 80 after the Union, and No. 71 in 1832. We may go further, and, without any wild stretch of the imagination, picture to ourselves some Masons from Cheshire being present in the Lodge at Warrington in Lancashire on that memorable 16th October 1646, when the antiquarian, Elias Ashmole, was made a Freemason by Mr. Richard Penket, the Warden, and the Fellow Crafts of the Lodge. At all events, the Colonel Henry Mainwaring, who was "made" at the same time with Ashmole, is described as of "Kerthingham in Cheshire;" therefore, even in those days the fame of Freemasonry had already made its way into Cheshire.

All these points we have referred to are so many reasons why the present province of Cheshire should be entitled to our regard. Yet are there other reasons equally valid. As regards the number of its Lodges, it is especially well provided, having, according to Grand Lodge Calendar for this year, no less than thirty-nine of them, to eighteen of which are attached an equal number of R. A. Chapters. It has also been unusually fortunate in the rulers who have been placed over it by our Grand Masters. The predecessor of him who is now the representative of the Grand Master in this province, was one whose name will live in history, as long as there is a history of Great Britain. He it was who, as Sir Stapleton Cotton, covered himself with glory as the Cavalry general of Wellington in the Peninsular campaigns; and he it was who, in 1826, reduced the previously impregnable fortress of Bhurtpore, and afterwards was rewarded with a peerage, by the style and title of Viscount Combermere. The memory of the late Field Marshal Viscount Combermere, is, and ever will be, dear to all Englishmen, and the memory of Viscount Combermere, Prov. G. Master of Cheshire, is, and ever will be, equally dear to all English Freemasons, and especially to his Cestrian fellows, by whom he was beloved as a brother, and respected as their ruler. In his successor, who is the subject of our present sketch, and who has held his exalted position during some thirteen years, we see one of whom the Province has every reason to be proud. He is a Mason of long standing, and during the period of his Provincial Grand Mastership no less than eleven Lodges have been added to the roll of Prov. G. Lodge But the strength of Cheshire Freemasonry must not be judged solely from a numerical point of view. The support it extends towards our great Central Charities is liberal and frequent, as a reference to the official lists of the several Institutions will show; and what is equally, or in the eyes of many brethren even more to its credit, it has an educational Masonic Institute of its own, for the maintenance and education of the children of its own indigent brethren. Thus, while in the minds of those who have given the matter any thought there never can have been any doubt that Cheshire holds a foremost rank among our Provinces, we have given the less informed brethren a sufficient batch of reasons for the proposition with which we started, namely, that the Masonic Province of Chester is dear to the whole English Brotherhood.

But it is time we began to trace the portrait of our respected brother. A few of the details of his career will suffice. When yet a student at Christ Church, Oxford, he was initiated into the mysteries of the first degree in Freemasonry. This was in the year 1831, and the Lodge in which the auspicious event took place, we need hardly say, was the Apollo University, No. 357. That he had a love for the Royal Art, and took the deepest interest in its working, may be well imagined, and though we do not find any record of his official career in connection with his Mother Lodge, yet Cestrian Masons will tell us with justifiable pride of the admirable manner in which he has fulfilled the duties of every office he has held, whether subordinate or that of W. Master. That at an early period he received Provincial honours is likewise well known, while his name will be handed down to future generations in connection with the Province he has governed so well, seeing that one of its thirty-nine Lodges, held in the neighbourhood of his country seat, is named after him. But not only has he had bestowed upon him Provincial honours; he has likewise been honoured by the G. Master himself, and rewards of this description are only bestowed on those whose prominence in the Craft will justify their bestowal. In 1859 he was appointed by the late Grand Master the Earl of Zetland to be Grand Senior Warden of England. In 1865, on the death of Prov. G. Master the late Viscount Combermere, he was appointed by the same G. Master to be his representative for the Province of Cheshire. Since then he has taken an active interest in everything that could concern the welfare of the Province. It was no light task to succeed a Provincial Grand Master who had won such splendid popularity as the late Lord Combermere; but, as years passed on, the brethren found they had a ruler who was in every respect fit for the exalted post. Among the qualities which the occupant of such an office stands most in need of, are firmness combined with tact, and energy tempered by discretion. He should likewise be one who will command respect, as much by the moderation of his counsels as by his general capacity as a counsellor. In all these respects, our brother has shown himself worthy of the great honour conferred upon him.

Nor have his labours been confined to simple Craft Freemasonry. He is, indeed, what has been described by another member of our Society, a Constitutional Mason, and we search in vain for any trace of his connection with Templar, High Grade and other Masonic bodies, but in Royal Arch Masonry he has attained as high distinction as in Craft. We need not speak of his work in subordinate Chapters, for of its merits we may judge from the high rank he holds in his Province and in the Supreme Grand Chapter; being in the former the Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Chapter —to which Office he was appointed in 1868; while in the latter he is Grand J., having been nominated to that position in 1875, when His Royal Highness was installed Grand Z., and having been annually reappointed since.

Having now mentioned the several official claims he possesses to the respect of all Craft and Arch Masons, we will notice him in connection with our several Charitable Institutions. Of each and every of these he is a firm and liberal supporter, and has filled the office of Steward for each of them. He is, moreover, President of the Prov. Educational Masonic Institution, to which allusion has already been made. Nor is he President in name only. He is one of its most liberal supporters, and takes an active and most energetic part in promoting its welfare, while his lady is one of the two lady Patronesses. But why say more? The mere enumeration of our brother's titles in Craft and Arch Masonry, and the part he has played in connection with our Masonic Charities, both central and local, are evidence of his sterling qualities, and though his career as a Mason will, at no great distance of time, extend over half a century, we trust he may yet be spared to us for many a year to adorn that society of which he has been so long a worthy and an honoured member. As a member of the hereditary House of Parliament, in his County, and as a Mason, he is loved and respected by all who are brought in contact with him. More than this can be said of no man; or rather to attempt to say more than this would be to descend from the praise which is just, to the adulation which is fulsome.

## THE SOCIETY OF FRENCH COOKS.

THE Twenty-third Annual Ball of the Cuisiniers Français was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and was numerously attended. The object of this annual gathering is—Charity; any surplus monies accruing are handed to the French Hospital and the Société Français. The assembly was a brilliant one, and the Crown and Sussex rooms were filled. A sumptuous and *récherché* supper was provided by Bro. A. Best, under the superintendence of Bro. Barlet. The tables were artistically decorated, and blocks of ice were provided by Bro. Shingleton, in the shape of Cleopatra's Needle, surrounded by ferns; imparting a delicious coolness, and, moreover, presenting a novelty. M. Vallet occupied the chair, and Bro. C. W. Parsons, in felicitous terms, proposed the health of that gentlemen. Bro. H. M. Levy proposed the health of the Stewards, coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Penet, Francois, Le Gendre, and Barlet, whose exertions had contributed to the comfort of the Visitors and to the success of the ball. M. Pierre Calkin's band discoursed most eloquent music, and the efficiency of the M.C.'s, Bros. Tripp and Harris, received full recognition. Among those present were Bros. Lakin, C. W. Parsons, Gianelli, De Bouf, Forge, Penet, Francois, Le Gendre, Bonyard, Thoumire, Borderen, Gon, Fournier, Beaver, Daton, H. M. Levy, &c.

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# PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

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THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on 17th May. The Staffordshire Knot Lodge, 726, was opened in due form by Bro. T. Chalmers, the W.M. The W.D.P.G.M., Bro F. James, and the other Provincial Grand Officers, past and present, were then admitted, and the D.P.G.M. having taken the chair, was fraternally greeted. The following brethren signed the Tyler's book:—G. S. Tudor P.D.P.G.M., S. J. Walker P.G.S.W., Charles Hickson 460 P.G.J.W., Chas. Lee 526 P.G. Chaplain, John Steen 526 P.G. Registrar, J. Bodenham 726 P.G. Treasurer, T. Cooke jun. 1,060 P.G.S.D., T. Bedsmore 1,039 P.G.O., T. M. Humphries 539 P.G. Supt. of Works, Jos. Rowlands 482 P.G.P., T. E. Fowke, T. H. Grylls, J. Mottram, S. Scott, and H. B. Livingston 726 P.G. Stewards, W. H. Hales 418 P.P.G.S.W., A. G. Prince 546 P.P.G.J.D., J. Webberly 546 P.P.G.P., T. Hall 253 P.G.J.W. (Derbyshire), G. Spilsbury 726 P.P.G.S.W., C. Newman 419 P.P.S.G.W., T. Taylor 418 P.P.S.G.W., J. Jacobs 482 P.P.G. Reg., J. Watkin 419 P.P.G.D., W. J. Whittaker 482 P.P.G.R., F. Derry 482 P.P.G.W., S. T. Tozer 347 P.P.G.C., C. Matthews 526 P.P.G.J.W., J. Swinford 503 P.P.G.J.D., G. Higham 526 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, F. N. Seydo 419 P.P.G.A.D.C., J. Rogers 418 P.P.G.J.D., W. Randall 482 P.P.G.C., J. Newman 539 P.P.G.J.W., W. J. Gothard 624 P.P.G.S.W., J. P. Hall 546 P.P.G.A.D.C., B. Lowe 539 P.P.A.D.C., A. Caddick 662 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, J. L. Gibbons P.P. Supt. of Works, F. Arkinstall P.M. 662, W. E. Parkes W.M. 482, J. Wain P.M. 418, J. Storer P.M. 726, S. Collis W.M. 1,587, J. W. Thomas P.M. 637, S. Briggs P.M. 624, W. Vernon W.M. 456, C. Graham P.M. 624, F. A. Huet P.M. 418, B. G. Hall W.M. 539, T. D. Miller P.M. 482, C. B. W. Graham W.M. 696, J. Bryan S.W. 696, J. Rowley P.M. 539, A. W. Whitehouse J.W. 696, T. Parton W.M. 662, A. E. Greenway P.M. 526, G. S. Guy P.M. 696, J. Thorburn W.M. 98, T. Turner W.M. 460, J. Ingammells P.M. 460, C. Alerton W.M. 546, J. G. Bakewell P.M. 546, B. H. Brough P.M. 546, E. H. Thorne S.D. 526, S. Clapp J.W. 662, T. Stamford P.M. 347, J. Montford P.M. 418, W. T. Copeland W.M. 637, H. Faram P.M. 637, W. T. Beetenson Sec. 637, D. Smith I.G. 637, E. Price J.D. 526, E. C. Berry P.M. 726, Herbert C. Owen 526, F. Walton Sec. 526, W. Savage P.M. 451, Chas. Brady J.W. 98, R. Hilditch S.D. 98, the Rev. T. Lloyd 418, — Emberton J.D. 98, James Powell J.W. 347, F. Payne Sec. 98, G. Skirving I.G. 696, J. H. Hawley 98, Chas. Round 347, F. B. Higginson P.M. 419, C. E. Smith P.M. 347, W. L. Armstrong 539, J. P. Ward P.M. 482, W. Tarton S.W. 419 and 662, John Henry Lowe P.M. 526, J. Charlesworth P.M. 98, Geo. Baker 526, Joseph Round P.M. 347, W. F. Smallman I.G. 662, W. Brown 347, S. J. Hamson 419, J. B. Morgan 526, A. Hickman 347, T. James 526, J. Williams 539, D. Taylor W.M. 1,520, J. H. Rowbottom 539, J. H. G. Wrighton Sec. 1,520, T. J. Barnett S.W. 526, W. Parker 539, W. Fieldhouse J.D. 696, J. Briscoe S.D. 539, E. Oerton S.W. 539, F. Greatrex 726, J. Baker I.G. 726, J. L. White 1,573, J. W. Duffill, 104, R. Tomlinson 726, W. Jackson 637, A. F. Whittome 726, W. Ormson I.G. 1,520, W. Cooper 546.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, shortly before one o'clock, Bro. Cartwright P.G.S. read the minutes of the last meeting held at Stafford in October 1876, and of the Lodge of Emergency held at Newcastle in January 1877, which were confirmed.

The W.D.P.G.M. observed that about twelve months ago, as they were aware, a quarterly meeting of the P.G. Lodge was to have been held at Burton-on-Trent, but the unfortunate death of the R.W.P.G.M. a few days before necessitated the abandonment of that meeting, the P.G. Lodge, in point of fact ceasing to exist when their lamented P.G.M. died. It would be remembered that in the end of the month of May a meeting of the brethren of the Province was held at Stafford, and a resolution was passed that a letter should be addressed to the Countess of Shrewsbury expressing their condolence with her ladyship on her sad bereavement. That not having been a meeting as a Provincial Grand Lodge, no entry had been made on the minutes; but he thought some record should be made of their expression of feeling on the subject, and he therefore proposed that the letter forwarded last May to the Countess and the reply thereto be entered on the minutes of the present proceedings. Freemasonry in Staffordshire had before now passed under clouds which had been dissipated, but as time passed on the cloud in this instance seemed to get darker. The memory of their late P.G.M. would for a long time be vividly before them, and they would long feel the severe loss which they had sustained—Bro. Tudor seconded the resolution, which was passed unanimously.

Bro. Bodenham read the Auditors' report and the Treasurer's statement of accounts, showing that at the end of 1877 the available funds amounted to £129 11s 8d. The subject of the purchase of the right to send a scholar to the Masonic School for Boys was introduced. It was stated that the sum required (£525) had been raised within a few pounds, and the life of the Duke of Connaught had been insured as a means of rendering the right permanent. It was proposed by the W.D.P.G.M. that the Shrewsbury fund should be closed, and the balance (£31 3s 9d) handed over to the general fund of the P.G. Lodge, and this was seconded by Bro. Bodenham. Bro. Jacobs suggested that it should be allowed to remain as the nucleus of a fund which would probably be raised for providing some permanent memorial of the late Earl of Shrewsbury. After a short conversation the further consideration of the subject was deferred.

The D.P.G.M. rose and expressed a hope that the motion he was about to make would meet with the unanimous consent of the P.G. Lodge, inasmuch as the appointment was one which rested entirely with the brethren. He hoped that not only would it be accepted unanimously but that it might take the form of a vote of thanks to their esteemed P.G. Treasurer Bro. Bodenham. This was seconded by Bro. Tudor P.P.D.G.M., and carried with applause. Bro. Bodenham briefly expressed his thanks, after which the P.G. Sec. was called upon to read the warrant from the Acting P.G.M., Bro. McIntyre (Grand Registrar of England) appointing the W. Bro. G. Singleton Tudor D.P.G.M. for the province. The seat of the D.P.G.M. was then occupied by Bro. Tudor, who expressed the hope that he might meet with the hearty support accorded to him when he was first appointed ten years ago. The following appointments were then made:—S.G.W. Bro. C. Graham Barton, J.G.W. Bro. George H. Hawley 546 Longton, P.G. Chaplains Bros. the Revs. W. Randall and H. Von Straubenzee 526, Registrar Bro. G. S. Guy 696 Wednesbury, Treasurer Bro. J. Bodenham 726 Stafford, Secretary, Bro. W. Cartwright 460 Newcastle, S.D. Bro. T. Standford 347 Tipton, J.D. Bro. J. Ingammels 460 Newcastle, Sup. of Works Bro. W. Needham 966 Leek, D.C. Bro. A. Ellis 451 Burslem, A.D.C. Bro. J. Smith, S.B. Bro. W. Vernon 1,587 Cheadle, Organist, Bro. Bedsmore 1,039 Lichfield, G.P. Bro. F. Huet 418 Hanley, Standard Bearer Bro. J. L. Gibbons 1,520 Cannock, Stewards Bros. Fowke, Wood, Scott, Livingstone, Mottram, and Grylls, all of 726.

The brethren adjourned from Grand Lodge to attend Divine service at St. Mary's Church, walking in procession and wearing the craft clothing and the insignia of the respective offices held by the members. The sermon was full choral, the rector intoning the prayers, and the Rev. C. Lee, P.P.G. Chaplain, the Rev. A. J. V. Straubenzee and the Rev. W. Randall, P.G. Chaplains, taking part. Bro. the Rev. C. Lee, vicar of St. Leonard's, Bilston, preached a most able, learned, and eloquent sermon from Matthew xxiii. 8, "For one is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren." The preacher sketched in a masterly manner the early history of Freemasonry, and showed strong reasons for believing that its principles were derived from Egypt, by Pythagoras, and by him introduced into Italy when he retired to Cretona, and thence was conveyed by the Romans to this country. He eloquently recalled its leading principles, and enforced on the brethren the duties which those principles involve, strengthening the appeal by a touching reference to the late Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Shrewsbury, whose devotion to Masonry, and especially to its charitable institutions, he invited all the brethren to emulate. At the close of the sermon £16 2s 8d was collected.

When business was resumed in the P.G. Lodge, Bro. James proposed a vote of thanks to the P.G. Chaplain (Bro. Lee) for his eloquent, historical, and Masonic sermon. This was seconded by Bro. Rowlands, who added to the resolution that the sermon be printed; and a suggestion was made by one of the brethren that the sermon should be published by subscription, and sold at a reasonable price, and the profits devoted to the funds of one of the Masonic Charities. The proposition of Bro. James was carried unanimously; and Bro. Lee, in acknowledging the compliment, intimated that he should be glad to add, in the form of notes, facts which would be instructive and might be interesting to many of the brethren. Of the amount which had been collected at the church, £3 3s was voted to the rector of St. Mary's towards the funds of his schools, £5 5s to the Chaplain for his schools at Bilston, and the remainder to the sum required for making up the £525 for the purchase of a right to send a boy to the Masonic School for Boys. The discussion on the subject of the disposal of the balance in hand on account of the Shrewsbury fund was resumed, and eventually it was decided to add it to the Benevolent Fund of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Institution. A committe was appointed to consider and report as to the best means of providing a memorial of the late Earl of Shrewsbury.

Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Assembly-Room, where a sumptous banquet was provided by the Misses Pontin of the Vine Hotel. The gallery at either end of the room was occupied by ladies. During and after dinner the band of the 2nd Regiment of the Staffordshire Militia played merrily. At the conclusion of the repast the W.D.P.G.M. (Bro. Tudor) gave the toasts of "The Queen," "The M.W. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the V.W. the D.G.M. the Earl of Skelsmerdale, and the Officers of Grand Lodge present and past."

Bro. Lee, in an eloquent speech, which was heartily applauded, proposed the health of the R.W. Æneas J. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, P.G.M. Staffordshire, and the W.D.P.G.M. Bro. Tudor. The W.D.P.G.M., in responding, alluded to his long absence from office in the province, the kindness he received from the brethren when he formerly held the position he again occupied, and said now that he had undertaken important duties at the urgent request of many brethren he should strive to perform those duties without fear or favour, relying upon receiving in the future as he had done in the past the support and assistance of Officers of the P.G. Lodge and the brethren generally. (Applause.)

Bro. Randall, P.P.G.C., proposed "The W.P.P.D.G.M. and the Officers of P.G. Lodge past and present." He was especially complimentary to Bro. James, who, he said, was really master of the duties which he discharged as deputy, and always manifested a kindly feeling and the courtesy of a gentleman. Bro. James made a long speech in response to the toast. He observed that there was no one present who had occasion to regret the death of their late P.G.M. more than he (Bro. James.) He had for years enjoyed the confidence of the late Earl, and he could honestly say that a more honest-minded, generous man never existed in Staffordshire than his lordship. (Applause.) By his death the P.G. Lodge also ceased to exist as a Lodge, and it was a long time before the authorities in high places resuscitated it and placed the Grand Registrar in the position of Acting Grand Master of the Province. The reason P.G. Lodge had not been convened earlier was that it was necessary to apply to the Quarter Sessions (which they were unable to do till April) for permission to meet in that hall. He hoped Bro. Tudor would make up for lost time by calling another P.G. Lodge in the autumn of this year. He went on to explain why he had retired from the position of D.P.G.M., and said that although he had not done all that he intended while in that office, he hoped to visit the three Lodges in the Province which he had not yet attended. Though he was no longer an Officer of the P.G. Lodge, he should retain a fraternal feeling towards all the brethren, and should continue to render to the craft such support as

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he was able to give. (Hear, hear.) Freemasonry was no doubt progressive, and he supposed there never was a period in the history of Freemasonry in this country when it progressed so rapidly as during the last quarter of a century. Though he was not an old man, he was old enough to remember the consecration of more than one-half of the Lodges in the province. But it was not only numerically that they were increasing. There was an increasing manifestation in that truly Masonic life and spirit which was abundantly brought to their attention in their Masonic ceremonies. If charity was the landmark of Freemasonry, he would venture to say it had two aspects. It did not consist in almsgiving alone,though if they were as Masons to be judged by that test, they could say that last year Masons contributed £42,000 to support their four great central Charities. (Applause.) In supporting these Charities no one was more hearty than the late P.G.M. whose loss they all so much lamented. (Hear, hear.) The late Earl of Shrewsbury presided at the anniversary of each of the Masonic Charities in its turn, and on one occasion he presided in the absence of Prince Leopold. There was then a larger amount of contributions than at any previous Festival. (Hear.) But that was not the side of Freemasonry by which they should alone wish to be judged. They would rather be judged by the grand principle which they endeavoured to inculate in their Lodges, of doing to others as they would be done by, and which taught them to guide their actions so that when any one was said to be a Freemason the world might know that he was "one to whom the burthened heart may pour forth its sorrows, to whom the distressed may prefer their suit, whose hand is guided by justice, and whose heart is expanded by benevolence." (Applause.) That was what they taught each other to exhibit to the world, and when that principle was acted on they need not care for the scoffs of those outside their boundaries, and who, if they were upright, free, and true men, they would gladly embrace within their ranks. The longer he lived the more heartily did he approve the principles of Freemasonry, and the more strenuous should be his endeavours to promote the interests of the craft. (Applause.) He then pointed out the difficulty of selecting the Provincial Grand Officers when there were 21 Lodges and only 11 appointments to be made every year, and there were thus so many Past Masters not only qualified but ambitious to take provincial honours. He expressed a hope that the appointments which had been made that day would give satisfaction to the brethren.

Bro. James, after a brief interval, proposed in a neat speech "The W. Masters of the Lodges in the Province;" for whom Bro. Turner, W.M. 460, responded in suitable terms.

Bro. Rodgers, P.P.G.J.D., gave the toast of "The Visitors," on whose behalf Bro. T. Hall, 250, P.G.J.W. (Derbyshire), responded. He observed that Masonry was flourishing in the province to which he belonged, as well as in Staffordshire and other provinces. Though Staffordshire possessed 21 Lodges, the population of Staffordshire was much greater than that of Derby, and it would take two Derbyshires to make one Staffordshire. Yet he had the pleasure of taking part a fortnight ago in the consecration of the nineteenth Craft Lodge in the province of Derby, and in that province there were nearly eight hundred members. (Hear, hear.) Masonry was progressing in numbers, wealth, and generosity, and he thought the time appeared to be coming when they should consider the question of decentralizing their charitable institutions; and if they established such institutions in different centres they would create a new interest and a new incentive to the generosity of the Craft. And, he asked, why should they not have a Boy's School in Staffordshire and a Girls' School in Derbyshire? If that could be accomplished a great amount of additional zeal and liberality would be evoked. (Applause.)

Bro. Derry P.P.G.W. proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities." Bro. Bodenham P.G. Treasurer, in responding, expressed his unabated interest in those Charities. He alluded to the fact that they had secured the right to have one boy in the Masonic School, and he thought that if they could establish such a right to send a scholar to the Girls' School it would be a fitting tribute to the memory of the late Earl of Shrewsbury. He also pointed out that great benefits were conferred upon the children of Masons by the Staffordshire Charitable Masonic Institution.

The remaining toasts were "The Ladies," proposed by Bro. Bodenham, and responded to by Bro. Owens, of Wolverhampton; "The P.G. Stewards," proposed by Bro. Cartwright, and acknowledged by Bro. Fowke, and the Tyler's toast.

## MEETING OF LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence met at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday evening, and was numerously attended. Bros. Clabon President, Joshua Nunn S.V.P., and James Brett J.V.P. were in the three chairs. Bros. Lord Henneker, Capt. Philips, Col. H. S. Burnley, Col. Shadwell Clerke, S. Rawson, James Glaisher, James Lewis Thomas, J. A. Rucker, Griffiths Smith, J. M. Case, Rev. W. Alfred Hill, A. L. Cole, H. Bartlett. C. P. Cobham, W. T. Howe, C. A. Cottebrune, T. J. Maidwell, Ralph Gooding, James Mason, Charles Atkins, John Hervey Grand Secretary, H. G. Buss Asst. Grand Secretary, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Stephens, and A. M. Cohen, were among the other brethren who attended. The total amount of pecuniary relief afforded to nineteen cases was £440. There were twenty-four cases on the list, but five of these were not ready.

VICTORIA (PHILOSOPHICAL) INSTITUTE.—A meeting of this Society was held on Monday last at its house, 7 Adelphi-terrace. Among the members elected several were resident in the United States and in the Colonies. A paper on "Physical Geography" was read by Mr. J. Thornhill Harrison, M. Inst., C.E., in which he gave a description of the various changes which had taken place in the position of the earth which had tended to produce its present state. A discussion ensued, in which several took part.

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### PROXY VOTING.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am sorry I should have misapprehended the tenor of Bro. Gould's remarks in his former letter, but I think he will hold me excused for having done so, under the circumstances. Bro. Constable and I had recommended "Proxy Voting" in the approaching election of a Secretary to the Girls' School, on the ground that personal voting placed the country voters at a disadvantage with the London voters. Thereupon, he suggested that, in order to be consistent, we should claim for our country brethren perfect equality with Londoners as well "*in the performance of a duty*" as "*in the exercise of a privilege.*" As he said nothing about the manner in which the former should be done, and we had proposed a plan in the case of the latter, I imagined that Bro. Gould would apply the same means in both cases. However, his letter of last week has disabused my mind of that opinion, and I regret I should have formed it; though, as I have said before, I think there was some justification for it, however slight.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

FAIR PLAY.

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*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Pray pity the sorrows of an unfortunate brother, who has made bold to suggest an alteration in the manner of voting at the election of an officer of one of our Institutions as now prescribed by law. I am one of several brethren, among whom are Bro. J. Constable who suggested the idea, and Bro. Gould who admits that Bro. J. C. and I have made out our case, who think that proxy voting might with advantage be adopted in lieu of personal voting at the approaching election of a Secretary for the Girls' School. I see, likewise, that you have been at the pains to advocate such a change, while, to the best of my knowledge and belief, no notice whatever has been taken of the matter in any other Masonic Journal. You may imagine, then, my surprise last Saturday morning when, on turning over the pages of a contemporary of yours, I found that "A Life Governor of all the Charities" had hurled at me and my companions in the suggested reform a most terrible rebuke, in the course of which he denounced the proposal, on the ground that proxy-voting was illegal, and that whether it might be wise or not "to concede such a privilege in the future under proper safeguards, and after due legislation," "its use at present" was "simply impossible." Then followed a sentence which could only have been penned by one who, to a lofty opinion of his own marvellous abilities added a supreme contempt for the suggestions of others. But perhaps I had better quote his very words. "I always think," writes this Life Governor of all the Charities, "it is a great pity that redressers of grievances and proposers of reform will not, in the first place, study the laws of the Institution which they propose to alter or set aside." I need hardly say I felt most unwell for several days after receiving this tremendous scrub. I did not, it is true, go so far as Artemus Ward, and "drown my sorrers in the flowin bole," I was wiser than he, for I thought them over, and the result of such excogitation is my present plaintive statement to you who so kindly inserted my former letters.

I have studied the laws of the Institution in question. Had I not done so, I should, in all probability, have been ignorant of the fact that proxy voting at present is illegal. It was because I knew the law that I suggested the substitution of proxy for personal voting, and I derive some comfort from the fact that one worthy brother by name, and others under various *nomes de plume*, have either endorsed or approved of the suggestion. I do not, therefore, regard the proposal as being a "wild" one, or staid members of the Craft would not have received it favourably. Then, as to the approaching election—when Bro. J. Constable first started the idea there was time to have given the requisite notice at a General Committee of the proposed alteration of the existing law, and for the remaining steps to be taken in their regular sequence, so that in the event of the amendment being carried, the successor to Bro. Little might have been elected by the system of proxy voting. At least there is nothing, as far as I can see and understand, in Laws XXX., XXXI., and XXXIV., at page 7 of the *Laws of the Royal Masonic Institutions* for Boys and Girls, &c., &c., Edition 1878, to prevent the requisite steps being taken to amend the law. Even now, indeed, there is time, seeing that Bro. Hedges who, during the whole of the protracted illness of the late Bro. Little efficiently discharged the duties of Secretary is still fulfilling them, so that the necessity for permanently filling up the office is not immediate. What is most important in connection with the matter is, that the most capable of the brethren who have offered themselves as candidates to succeed the late Bro. Little should be elected; and I need hardly point out that he who has the most interest in London or in the country is not necessarily the fittest. All the greater reason, say I, why all who have the privilege of voting should have the same facilities allowed them for exercising it. As matters stand now, the advantage will be, not with the candidate whose qualifications commend themselves to a majority of *all* the voters, but with him who finds most favour with the majority of the London voters only; and I argue that, in the interests of the School,

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this ought not to be—not, be it added, because I doubt the loyalty and good sense of the London voters, but because, in an election to this office, the Provincials are quite as much interested as the Londoners, and ought not to be put to trouble and expense in the exercise of their undoubted privilege.

This then is the head and front of my offence, which has excited the wrath and indignation of "A Life Governor of all three Charities," that I, with others, have endorsed an admittedly reasonable suggestion of Bro. Constable's. Ah! well. *Parvis componere magna solebam*. I always like to rub up my Latin, when I think of your contemporary, especially if I can express myself as well in plain honest English. A little Latin or a little French looks fine, and gives the world the idea that I must be a scholarly writer. Well. I was going to say that every one who has advocated a reform has had a good deal of abuse and indignation levelled at them, so that the case of myself and those who have expressed the same opinion is not singular. But I must not trespass further on your space. So I end as I began, by asking your sympathy with a deeply afflicted Craftsman, who subscribes himself—in sorrow, not in anger—

Your Humble Servant and Brother,

FAIR PLAY.

## NORTH WALES.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The report of the meeting of Lodge 1336, on your page 317, says, "We have yet to learn that the Deputy P.G. Master of this Province (North Wales and Shropshire) has visited the Lodges under his care once since his appointment." Certain expressions which precede this sentence—*indifference, incompetency*, to wit—may indicate an animus which is not charitable, even if the writer's supposition were well founded.

However, during the few months that the D.P.G.M. has held the appointment, he has, to my knowledge, visited, with lively interest, the *Madoc*, the *St. Eleth*, the *St. Tudno*, the *St. David's*, the *Segontium*, the *Anglesea*, and other Lodges, besides discharging numerous Masonic duties.

I was sorry to see an aspersion, even implied, against one who, in Masonry and out of it, is so esteemed and respected, not less in the Principality than in the Kingdom, as Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes.

I remain, Sir, as ever,

Above you all,

THE WREKIN.

20th May 1878.

## A "NOTE" FROM A "PRO."

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am glad you have called attention to a practice with some Lodges of calling in the services of non-Masonic artists at their banquets. It is objectionable, not only for the reason you gave last week, but also because if the services of artists are held to be imperatively necessary there are numbers of artistic brethren who would be only too glad of the opportunity of contributing to the evening's entertainment. Or, if the services of professional brethren are not to be had, and the alternative lies between no music at all or the music contributed by non-Masonic artists, then let the Lodge dispense on those occasions with the Masonic form of toast, following in this respect the plan adopted at the Festivals of the Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School, when the toasts are given as at ordinary dinners. However, as there is no dearth of brethren who belong to the musical profession, I, for one, see no just cause or impediment why we may not have, on one and the same occasion, the services of Masonic minstrels and the geniality and fervour of our Masonic toasts.

I am, fraternally yours,

"TAMBOURINE."

14th May 1878.

## LODGE VICTORIA IN BURMAH.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—The election of Bro. the Rev. J. E. Marks to the chair of Lodge Victoria in Burmah, No. 832, has been declared void by the Grand Lodge. Well, Brother Marks was installed as W.M., without waiting for the orders of the District Grand Master, and subsequently elected and installed as Third Principal in the "Royal Burmah" Chapter attached to Lodge "Victoria in Burmah," No. 832, though all the members of the Chapter, from the District Grand Superintendent downwards, were aware that an appeal against Bro. Marks' election and installation was then before the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and this because they were so self-confident that it did not occur to them that it was possible that the Grand Lodge might think differently from the D.G.M. or the W.M. of Lodge No. 832. Fortunately, I am not concerned in the result of the disputes in "Victoria in Burmah," but as a Past Master, and as a Principal of a Chapter, I wish to know how I am to act if Bro. Marks presents himself at my Lodge as a Past Master, or in the Chapter to which I belong as a Past Third Principal? Can I admit Bro. Marks in a Board of Installing Masters, or in a Board of Installing Principals? I find the District Grand Secretary indiscriminately refers to Bro. Marks as Worshipful, and sometimes as brother only; but this inexact language may be attributed to that delicacy which one Brother entertains for an

Has Brother Marks a right to sit in District Grand Lodge as a Past Master, and in the District Grand Chapter as Past Third Principal? When Brethren and Lodges will not exercise due caution, and will disobey or assist in disobeying lawful authority, with their eyes open, one can hardly sympathise with them. Yet the action of the Grand Lodge has put Bro. Marks and his following in a hole. How is all this difficulty to be cured and got over? Must Bro Marks serve as a Warden of a Lodge for a year, and then be elected and installed as a Master of a Lodge *de novo*, as if he had never been installed before? and, in the same manner, also as Third Principal of a Chapter?

I have advised submission, penitence, and a prayer for a special dispensation from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master; a general absolution, and a fiat declaring that the crooked things, events and occurrences be made straight, but this advice is of too tame a nature to be heeded; the advocates of disobedience, disorder, and rebellion have the ear of the *wise ones* of "Victoria in Burmah."

Yours fraternally,

Rangoon, 13th April 1878. A BURMAH MASON.

[We cannot do better than refer our correspondent to the article which appeared in these columns in No. 171, of the 6th April. In the last paragraph, and speaking of the consequences to our Rev. Bro. Marks of his election as W.M. of Victoria in Burmah having been declared invalid, we remarked that, though he could not be deprived of his status as a Past Master, he would not, in our opinion, be allowed to exercise any of his rights and privileges as such. In order to qualify himself to exercise the latter, we laid it down that he must serve the office of Warden for a full year, such being a *conditio sine qua non* of his eligibility to the chair of his Lodge. He must then serve as W. Master for the prescribed term, and then only will he be entitled to the rights and privileges of a Past Master. This governs the whole of the case. It follows that Bro. Marks is not entitled to be received as a Past Master in any Lodge, or as a Past Third Principal in any Chapter he may visit; that he cannot be admitted to a Board of Installing Masters or to a Board of Installing Principals; nor has he the shadow of a claim to sit in District Grand Lodge as a Past Master, or in the District Grand Chapter as a Past Third Principal. In fact, Bro. Marks is purely and simply a Master Mason who has been exalted to the R.A. degree, with this difference, however, from other M. Masons who have been exalted, that by reason of circumstances which, so far as they relate to Craft Masonry, have been declared irregular by the supreme authority, Grand Lodge, he has acquired a knowledge of certain mysteries not known to Master Masons, of which, in the nature of things, it is impossible he can be deprived. He is in the same predicament as a brother who has been irregularly initiated, passed, or raised, and to acquit himself of the taint of irregularity he must go through the ordeal again.

As regards "A BURMAH MASON'S" proposal for settling matters, we should in ordinary cases have endorsed his views, and have suggested that whatever might legally be done or dispensed with, should be done or dispensed with in order to set matters straight. This, however, is not an ordinary case, and we consider it would be in the highest degree unwise and inexpedient to grant to Bro. Marks, Lodge Victoria in Burmah, or Chapter Victoria in Burmah, *any* dispensation of *any* degree or kind whatsoever which would in *any* way release *any* of them from *any* of the pains or penalties to which they have made themselves liable. Speaking of the Lodge only, we do not hesitate to say that it has been guilty of the grossest contumacy in not having at once and unhesitatingly obeyed the orders of the Grand Master, and restored the unjustly excluded brethren to their full Masonic rights and privileges; and it is only from what we have gathered from the various statements we have received, that we fall short of suggesting that the Lodge should be erased from the List of Lodges in the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, England. So signal an instance of disobedience and contempt for the authority of the Grand Master has not occurred for many years. Yet we believe the Lodge has done loyal service in the past, and there are those among its members who are capable of rendering similar service in the future. If, then, any attempt is made still further to resist the decree of Grand Lodge, we should recommend that the conduct of those members, who advocate such a course, be brought under the notice of Grand Lodge in the usual manner, with a view to their expulsion from the Craft, and this done, that the Lodge be reconstituted, under its present warrant, so that those who are not aiders and abettors in these disloyal contrivances may not be punished for the sins of those who are.—ED. F.C.]

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## NEW ZEALAND.

### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF AUCKLAND.

The first Quarterly Communication of the District G. Lodge of Auckland, English Constitution, was held in the Lodge-room, Masonic Hotel, on the 26th March. Bro. G. S. Graham, the Right Worshipful District Grand Master, presided, and the whole of the Officers of the District Grand Lodge, except Bro. E. T. Wildman, Deputy Grand Master, were present, and nearly every Lodge under the Constitution was represented, those of Auckland and vicinity having especially large representation. There were many visitors, including Bro. G. P. Pierce R.W.P.G.M. of the Irish Constitution. The principal business transacted was the adoption of the by-laws and standing orders for the conduct of the business of the District Grand Lodge, which were read *seriatim*, as prepared by the committee, and adopted with some slight amendments. Bro. M. S. Leers was appointed President of the Board of General Purposes. We may add that the Grand Lodge Officers were decorated with the new and very handsome regalia which has been imported.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE FOR THE NORTH ISLAND (S.C.)

The first Quarterly Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland for the North Island of New Zealand was held at the Masonic Hotel, Princes-street, on March 31st. Mr. Hood had decorated the entrances and hall with evergreens, &c., in honour of the occasion, and the effect was very pretty. Bro. Whitaker R.W.P.G.M. presided, and amongst the visitors was Bro. G. P. Pierce R.W.P.G.M. of the Irish Constitution. There was a large attendance of brethren, the various Lodges holding under the Scottish Constitution of Freemasonry being well represented, and there were numerous representatives from the other Lodges. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Bro. G. S. Graham R.W.D.G.M. English Constitution, Bro. T. L. Murray P.G. Treasurer, and Bro. A. Brodie P.G.S.W. A committee consisting of the five principal Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge was appointed to draft by-laws and to prepare and adopt a design for the seal of the P.G. Lodge. A considerable amount of routine business was transacted, after which the proceedings were brought to a close in accordance with Masonic ritual.

## FREEMASONRY IN NORTH AFRICA.

**Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717, Tunis (E.C.)**—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 21st April 1878, under the presidency of Bro. A. M. Broadley, Barrister-at-Law, who is its first Worshipful Master and chief founder. The Ancient Carthage Lodge was dedicated on the 3rd day of October, A.L. 5877, on the petition of nine worthy resident brethren belonging to various Lodges under English jurisdiction. The original founders were Bros. A. M. Broadley, Dr. N. Lenghi, Rev. E. B. Frankel, J. E. L. Barker, Dr. A. Perrini, M.D., George Pentecost, E. Souillier, Henry Haylock, and P.M. Paleologo. Although so recently formed, the Lodge of Ancient Carthage already musters more than fifty members, of which number twenty-eight have been actually initiated, passed, and raised by the able and learned Worshipful Master Bro. Broadley since the dedication of the Lodge six months ago. The Rules and Regulations and Bye-Laws of this Lodge appear to have been carefully framed. The fees for the three degrees are £5 5s. The annual subscription (payable in advance) is 15s for each resident member, and 5s for each non-resident brother; no member shall be entitled to be considered non-resident who shall not, *bona fide*, have been continuously absent from the Regency for a period of six months. Brethren visiting Tunis may be balloted for as honorary members (without the right of voting) for a period not exceeding three months, at the usual rate of subscription, and after the expiration of three months they can become regular members by the payment of the usual entrance fee of 12s 6d. The ceremonies are worked by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Broadley, either in Arabic or English, French or Italian, as the case may be—according to the nationality of the candidate, the Lodge being usually opened, raised, and closed in English. Amongst its members are brethren of almost every creed, and of many nationalities: Moor and Maltese, Frenchman and German, Italian, Spaniard, and Greek are here found working together in Masonic unity with the English brethren; whilst Hebrew and Mussulman, Roman Catholic, Protestant and Greek, sink all differences of creed, and try (let us hope) to square and regulate their every action by the implements of the Craft, guided by the shining lights of our Order, in accordance with the all-embracing attributes of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. The Lodge of Ancient Carthage has its own hall, situated in the Street SIDI-ALI-AZUZ (which, being interpreted, means *the Street of the Son of God*). The funds of the Lodge are entirely devoted to good works, and, we believe, it is already a Life Governor of more than one Masonic Charity. Amongst the Officers of the Lodge may be noticed Bros. Rev. E. B. Frankel S.W. (Chaplain to H.B.M.'s Consulate General, Tunis), Barker J.W. (Chief Engineer to Muhammad Es-Sadak, the reigning Bey of Tunis), Stevens' Sec. (Her Majesty's Vice Consul), Perrini, M.D., and George Pentecost Deacons, and Haylock Steward. Amongst active members not yet in office are Bros. Tulin de la Tunisie (Consul General of the German Empire), Eugene Cassas (Vice Consul of France), Gardener (Agent of the Tunisian Railway Company), Legali (Station Master at Tunis), Dr. Lenghi LL.D., Angelo Blanch, and Paleogo, &c. The business transacted on the evening of 21st April was of an interesting character; a Maltese gentleman, resident in Tunis, was duly initiated into our mysteries in a very impressive manner by the W.M., the ceremony being conducted in French. One candidate was afterwards balloted for and accepted, and another candidate was balloted for, with an adverse result. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the supper room of the Lodge, where a frugal little repast awaited them. Supper being finished, the usual toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured. The toast of the Visiting Brethren was coupled with the name of Bro. Ecroyd P.M. of the Royal Brunswick, No. 296, who in reply complimented the W.M. on his selection of Officers, who knew their work, and who go through it as if they had been in Masonic harness for a number of years instead of only for six months. May the Great Architect of the Universe prosper our Tunisian brethren, and keep them all from petty rivalries, so that they may individually and collectively continue to work for the good of Freemasonry in general, and their own Lodge of Ancient Carthage in particular.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF M.M.M. OF CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES.

THE Annual Meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the above Province, was held at the Masonic Rooms, Birkenhead, on Monday, the 20th inst. Present—Bros. the Hon. W. Egerton M.P. P.G.M.M., Geo. Higgins P.G.S.W., W. Mathews P.G.J.W., Rev. J. W. Tanner P.G. Chap., C. H. Coates P.G. Treas., R. Newhouse P.G. Sec., James Salmon P.G. Reg., L. Ellis P.G.J.O., John Pemberton P.G.J.D., George Morgan P.G.S.B., R. Gracie P.G.M.O., J. W. Burgess P.G.I.G., S. Mattison P.G. Steward, J. Worthington P.G. Tyler, J. P. Platt P.G.J.D. Eng., J. Sillitoe P.G.M.O., Thomas Ambler P.P.G.J.O., F.K. Stevenson P.P.G.S.B., and P. J. Pearson Sec., T. Grey Reg., John Dutton J.O., R. Thomas J.D., J. Jones I.G., T. C. Thornburn, William Bennett, and N. McNernoy, of Joppa Lodge, No. 11. Visitors—Bros. J. R. Goepel P.G.S.O. Eng., H. Bulley P.G.J.O. Eng., J. A. Crabtree, John Corbett, D. Hokins, D. Fraser 196, E. Friend 165 P.P.G.D.C., W. Warren, R. C. Griffiths 196, J. F. Rounthwaite 196, J. R. Ross 165, R. Preece 165, W. Gibson Stamper 148, W. S. Stanton P.P.G.S.D., F. L. Bolton P.P.G.J.D., H. Lloyd 196, H. H. Gibbons, J. W. Paton W.M. 165, J. Wood P.P.G.S.B. West Lanc. The Joppa Lodge was opened in due form at 2.15 p.m. sharp, under whose banner Prov. Grand Lodge was held, Bro. G. Morgan acting W.M., Pemberton S.W., Sillitoe J.W. The Provincial Grand Officers, on entering the Lodge, were received and saluted in ancient form. Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 2.30, V.W. Bro. J. P. Platt, Past G.J.D. Eng., acting as Deputy Prov. G.M. On the call of the roll, each Lodge was responded to, and letters of regret for non-attendance were read from absentees. The minutes of previous Grand Lodge having been read, the Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. Rev. Spencer Stanhope D.P.G.M., G. Higgins P.G.S.W., F. K. Stephenson P.G.J.W., R. Banks P.G.M.O., S. Mattison P.G.S.O., R. W. Townsend P.G.J.O., C. H. Coates P.G. Treas., R. Newhouse P.G. Sec., D. Fraser P.G. Reg., F. Motterhill P.G.S.D., J. R. Ross P.G.J.D., R. Baker P.G.D.C., H. Williams P.G.A.D.C., A. Gill P.G.S.B., H. Griffiths P.G. Std. Br., J. Harrison P.G. Supt. of Works, J. Dutton and A. Cattanach P.G. Stewards, G. Warren P.G.I.G., J. Worthington P.G. Tyler. There was a sum of ten guineas voted from the fund of Prov. G. Lodge towards the Mark Fund of Benevolence. Sundry business being disposed of, the R.W.P.G.M. Master heartily congratulated the brethren present on the progress of the order in the county and Wales. He expressed a wish that his services might be brought into requisition during the ensuing year to consecrate a few more Lodges, and although in the past his time had been greatly trenched upon by private and public demands, he hoped that upon all occasions when his services were required for the furtherance of the Order, he might be present, and he trusted he would be able to visit the various Lodges in the Province as often as possible. In concluding his address the R.W. Brother exhorted the brethren to still greater zeal and liberality in their various spheres, as the great feature of the Order was Charity. The Provincial and Mark Lodges having been closed in harmony, the brethren adjourned to banquet, the Hon. W. Egerton Prov. G.M. presiding. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair, and heartily responded to. The pleasures of the evening were greatly added to by the good singing of a number of the brethren. The catering of Bro. Fairhurst, of Liverpool, which was of the most *récherché* character, gave unanimous satisfaction to the brethren. The next Prov. G.L. will be held at Llandudno in May next, under the banner of St. David's Lodge.

## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

*Will be worked as under:*

At the Industry Lodge of Instruction, the Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctors' Commons, E.C., on Monday next, 27th inst., at half past 6 p.m. After which the Lodge of Instruction will adjourn to the first Monday in September.

At the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, Sisters' Tavern, Dalston, on Tuesday next, 28th May, at 7 o'clock precisely. Bros. Turquand W.M., Ives S.W., Pinder J.W., Wallington I.P.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. M. Christian, Dallas, Wardell, Brasted, Andrews, Pinder, and Clegg; SECOND LECTURE—Bros. J. Lorkin, Fieldwick, McMillan, Ives, and Turquand; THIRD LECTURE—Bros. C. Lorkin, Allen, and Wallington. Bro. Richard Dallas, Hon. Sec.

**At the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, on the 12th June,**

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## PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

TWO prettily-told stories, "Ivy," and "A River Story," grace the pages of *Cassell's Family Magazine*, in addition to the serials, which continue to be as interesting as ever; and there are two or three sets of tuneful verses, such as the lines on "The Lily," by W. C. Bennett, and the two sonnets entitled "Perfection," while the song, "Sweet Spring Time," the words and music of which are by Humphrey J. Stark, is very pleasing. As being especially appropriate to the season must be mentioned a short, yet interesting, essay by Mr. J. E. Taylor, F.L.S., on "May Flowers," directions as to "Soups for Spring," by Mr. A. G. Payne, one of our best known and safest guides in the culinary art, and what is no doubt intended as a short introductory chapter to a series of descriptive notes by "Our Special Correspondent" on the Paris Exhibition. There is an excellent notice of Parker Gillmore's ride through Natal, the Orange State, &c., as recorded by him in his latest work, "The Great Thirst Land." We are afraid the sensible advice of "A Family Doctor" on "Keeping Late Hours," will be accepted in theory, but rejected in practice—at least by those to whom it is especially addressed, namely, the votaries of pleasure and men of letters. We all have a firm belief in the truth of the old proverb, "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise," but all have not the courage to act upon its precepts. But if the well-meant, as well as sensible advice, of this medical instructor is not always treated as respectfully as it deserves to be, no doubt he will be lenient in his censure. When we have acquired the wisdom which mature age alone can bring us, we shall be penitent enough and obey his precepts most loyally. There is also another useful article of domestic interest, in which "Love and Order in the House" are treated in a business-like way. "A Conversazione of Telegraph Engineers," by J. Munro, C.E., a description of "The Civic Robes of London," a paper on "Home Contrivances," and a sketch of "St. Helena in 1877," with the "Gatherer's" Notes, and the "Chit-Chat on Dress," &c., &c., complete the number.

We have received Part I. of a new serial publication by Messrs. Cassell, Petter and Galpin, to be entitled *The Magazine of Art*. The frontispiece is an illustration of "The General's Head Quarters," from the picture by J. F. Pettie, &c. The other illustrations include "It Might Have Been," full page, from the picture of Louise Jopping, in the Dudley Gallery; "The Queen of Prussia and Napoleon Bonaparte," from Mr. Ward's Academy picture last year, and the "Last Sleep of Argyle," a fresco by the same artist in the House of Commons corridor; two views of the Paris Exhibition, namely, "The Trocadero Building," and "The Prince of Wales's Position." All are worthily executed. The articles are varied in character, and contain information which is both valuable and interesting. It is quite natural that "the Paris Universal Exhibition," which will necessarily exercise a most beneficial effect on everything connected with art, should claim the first attention, the article being, moreover, the first of a series which will appear in the pages of this magazine. Then follows a paper on "Artists' Haunts," Cornwall, being the first which is treated. This likewise will be continued as a series, and we are promised in the next number a description of "Prague." A notice of the Dudley Gallery, a Biographical Sketch of Mr. E. M. Ward, R.A., the first of a series of sketches of "Our Living Artists," a very interesting paper by Mr. R. H. Soden-Smith on "Vicissitudes of Art Treasures," "Half Hours in the Studios," with Art Notes, Art Sales, &c., complete the present number. Next month we are promised for a frontispiece, "Two Fair Maidens," an original drawing on wood by J. E. Millais, R.A., a biography of Sir Francis Grant, with portrait, and copies of two of his most characteristic works, articles on "Art in Metal," and "Colour in Precious Stone," by J. Hungerford Pollen and Professor Church respectively, with much else that will be highly attractive in the way of reading and illustration. *The Magazine of Art* deserves to be, and no doubt will be, duly appreciated by the public, with whom these several publications are invariably popular, for the sufficient reason that so much care is taken to ensure that good work and good work alone is submitted to public criticism.

Of the *Countries of the World*, by Dr. Brown, we have spoken already in terms of praise. Let it suffice to note that in the present number is commenced a description of "Central America," at first, generally as to its geography and climate, and then particularly and serially, Guatemala, Belsize, &c., coming first in order, while of Honduras we shall read next month. The chief illustrations, "A thicket of Cactus (*Cereus Dickii*), in Guatemala" for the Frontispiece, of which we will simply remark that we do not envy those who have to penetrate such uncomfortable looking places; two views in Guatemala, on the "Rio Dulce," and "Rio Polochic," respectively; and one of "Gatun Village, Chagres River, Panama;" a full page engraving of a party "Exploring a Tropical Forest," "Ancient Idol and Altar at Copan, Guatemala," "A view on the Spanish Main," "View of the Village of Pansos, Guatemala," "British Barracks at Orange Walk, Belsize," and "View of Bay Islands, Honduras."

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*Masons' Vows.*—Words by Bro. James Stevens, P.M. P.Z. Music by Bro. J. Randle Fletcher, Prov. Grand Organist, East Lancashire, and P.P. Gr. Org. R. Arch, East Lancashire. Bury: J. Randle Fletcher, Music Repository, 29 Fleet-street.

THIS song, which is dedicated by permission to Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. G. Master, East Lancashire, is very far above the average of Masonic songs. That is not, perhaps, saying much, when we call to mind the twaddle which passes for such, but it is. James Stevens has, in truth, written a song which has in it both sense and poetic feeling, and the lines of which read tunefully. Bro. Fletcher is evidently a sound musician, and Bro. Stevens has every reason to congratulate himself on the music to which his words are set, as they match each other admirably. Bro. Fletcher, indeed, has accurately expressed the meaning of Bro. Stevens's verses, and his rendering is quite as tuneful as they are. *Masons' Vows* deserves to be popular, and we doubt not it will become so, wherever it is sung with becoming spirit. We are happy to have had this opportunity of bearing testimony to its merits.

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A pamphet on the *Origin of Freemasonry*. By C . . . . M . . . ., London: George Kenning, 198 Fleet-street, &c., &c., is evidently the result of close and careful reading, and will deeply interest those of our readers who delight in the more abstruse points of Freemasonry. Appended is a summary of the Evidence on "the Great Pyramid," as to its measures and purpose, to which, in the writer's opinion, must ultimately be traced the origin of the Masonic Rite and tradition. Here, likewise, is much that cannot fail to attract the attention of the reader.

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The recent election to the Benevolent Institution presents no feature of novelty or special interest. As regards the Male List, we notice that, of the applicants last year, all three failed on this occasion, while between the last of the successful and the first of the unsuccessful candidates, there was a difference of nearly 170 votes. In the case of the Female List, four out of the eight unsuccessful applicants last year succeeded in obtaining places at this election. Here, likewise, we find much closer voting, the difference between the votes polled for Nos. 3 and 16 respectively being slightly over 200, while as between No. 18, the last successful, and No. 19, the first unsuccessful, the former scraped in by a bare majority of *nine*. From No. 19 to No. 20 there is a drop of 277 votes, and then there is a gradual diminution till we reach the last of all, No. 41, who was honoured with *one* vote. In the case of the Males, the misfortune of being last was shared by two applicants, for each of whom four votes were recorded. Beyond these few points there is, as we have said, little that is noteworthy.

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The first meeting of the Stewards for the eightieth Anniversary Festival for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was held on Thursday, the 23rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. S. Rosenthal, was voted to the chair. Bro. F. Binckes announced that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught K.G. P.G.S.W. had fixed the 8th July, for the Festival, and approved of the meeting being held at the Alexandra Palace, and that ladies should be present. There were already 229 Stewards on the list.

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Bro. Lieutenant Alfred Durrant has been gazetted Captain, and Bro. Ensign W. I. Spicer Lieutenant, in the Honourable Artillery Company of London.


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## To the Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

BRETHREN,—I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for the office of Secretary, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Little. Should you do me the honour to elect me, I can only say that I will endeavour to fill the office efficiently, and I hope that the manner in which I have discharged my various duties in Masonry will be considered a sufficient qualification.

W. SMALLPEICE, Assoc. Inst. C.E.
P.M. 1305, Secretary 969, Z. Cyrus Chapter 21
Secretary Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

6 GRAYS' INN PLACE, W.C.,
And—KINGFIELD, WOKING.

## To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors of the

# Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—

I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a candidate for the post of Secretary to your valuable Institution, rendered vacant by the lamented death of our esteemed Brother R. WENTWORTH LITTLE.

I have been a Freemason upwards of Nine years, during which time I have taken a very active interest in the Order. I am a P.M., and have been for some time past, Secretary of my Lodge, and Scribe E. of my Chapter.

I am now the Secretary of an Orphan Asylum, a position which I have held nearly four years, and am therefore thoroughly acquainted with the practical working of a Public Institution.

I am thirty-three years of age, and in good health, and previous to receiving my present appointment, I was engaged in business with a Marine Insurance Broker at Lloyds'.

Soliciting the favour of your kind interest and support,

I have the honour to be,
My Lords, Ladies and Brethren,
Yours obediently and fraternally,

WILLIAM WORRELL,
P.M. and Sec. No. 766. P.M. 1339.
P.Z. and S.E. Chapter No. 766.
P.M. and Sec. Macdonald Mark, 104.
and Past Grand Organist (Mark).

67 KNOWLE ROAD, BRIXTON, S.W.
*May* 1878.

## To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors of the

# Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

MY LORDS, LADIES AND BRETHREN,—

I desire to tender my sincere thanks to the numerous brethren who have so kindly assisted me in my canvass for the personal support that will necessarily be required at the forthcoming election of Secretary to the above Institution.

I further beg those Life Governors whose votes and interest are yet unpledged to give me their personal support at the election. Every communication to this effect will be thankfully received.

I have the honour to be,
My Lords, Ladies, and Brethren,
Yours faithfully and fraternally,

THOMAS CULL,
S.D. 1146; P.S. Chapter 1365;
Preceptor to the Royal Standard and Salisbury Lodges of Instruction;
Steward and L.G. 1878.

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# ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS,

## Wood Green, London, N.

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PRESIDENT:—H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

VICE-PRESIDENTS (ex-officio):

RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF CARNARVON, M.W. Pro Grand Master.
RIGHT HON. LORD SKELMERSDALE, R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

THE 80th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on Monday, 8th July 1878.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, K.G., P.G. SENIOR WARDEN, Has graciously consented to preside.

The Building at Wood Green has been enlarged. The number of Boys educated, clothed and maintained will, in August next, be 211.

It is hoped that the efforts made by Stewards and their friends, in connexion with the ensuing Anniversary, may be attended with success sufficient to enable the Committee to defray the cost of the Extension, and to raise the Funded Property from its present amount £8,000 to that at which it stood in 1861, previous to erection of present Building, £13,100.

The names of Brethren desirous to serve as Stewards will be gratefully received by

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*COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN.*

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The Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.D.G.M., Grand Master Elect.

## INSTALLATION OF M.W. GRAND MASTER.

THE SUMMER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION of this Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C. on Tuesday, the 4th of June 1878, when and where all Grand Officers (past and present), W. Masters, Past Masters and Overseers of private Lodges are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present. Grand Lodge will be opened at Five o'clock p.m. The Banquet will be provided at Seven o'clock. Tickets 15s each, inclusive of wine.

Brethren intending to be present are requested to send their names to the Grand Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary, not later than Saturday, the 1st of June.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,
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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

IN the House of Lords, last Thursday, the Factories and Workshops' Act was read a third time and passed, and the opportunity was taken of referring to the Lancashire riots. The case of the wives and families of the Army and Militia Reserve men was then brought under the notice of the House by the Earl of De la Warr. On Friday, the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill passed through Committee. On Monday their Lordships sat late discussing the great Constitutional question, whether in time of peace the Crown can move the native Indian troops out of India to other parts of the British possessions without the consent of Parliament. Lord Selborne argued that this could not be done, and Lord Chancellor Cairns that it could. Among the other peers who took part in the discussion were the Earl Granville and the Earl of Beaconsfield, and when the latter resumed his seat the discussion closed. The House was crowded, and the attendance in the galleries set apart for ladies was considerable, among those present being the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Imperial Crown Prince and Princess of Germany. On Tuesday there were brief conversations over the Eurydice, and Competitive Examinations in the Army.

The House of Commons has been very busy with the Civil Service Estimates in Committee, and further progress was made on Thursday, after which the House went into Committee on the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill, and passed Clause 1. On Friday there was an afternoon sitting, at which Sir M. H. Beach gave notice of the amendment he intended to move to the Marquis of Hartington's motion about the movement of Indian troops to Malta. The riots in Lancashire and the appointment of Colonel Wellesley as Military *attaché* at Vienna were also noticed, a motion by Mr. Benett-Stanford, objecting to the latter, being defeated by 250 votes to 83. On re-assembling in the evening, there was found to be present an insufficiency of members to form a quorum, and the House therefore adjourned. On Monday the great debate on the Marquis of Hartington's motion *re* the Crown and its Indian forces being employed outside India without the consent of Parliament was commenced, and at the time of going to press is not yet brought to a conclusion. Among the speakers on Monday were the Leader of the Opposition, Sir H. M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., Sir C. Dilke, Sir W. Vernon Harcourt, and Mr. G. Stanhope. On Tuesday Mr. Fawcett, the Attorney-General, and Mr. Gladstone spoke, and the debate was adjourned on the motion of Mr. Cross. On Wednesday, the motion for the second reading of the Rating of Towns (Ireland) Bill was defeated by 224 votes to 117 votes.

The Queen gave a state banquet at Windsor Castle, on Friday, on the occasion of the visit of the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany. Covers were laid in the Waterloo Gallery for seventy, and among the guests present were the Princess Beatrice, the Duke of Connaught, the Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig Holstein, the German Ambassador and the Countess Münster, the Marquis of Hertford, the Duchess of Wellington, the Lord Chancellor and Lady Cairns, the Earl of Beaconsfield, the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury, Viscount and Viscountess Cranbrook, the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk, &c., &c. Three toasts were given, those of the Duke of Connaught and Princess Louise Margaret of Prussa, the Emperor of Germany, and the Queen. On Monday, the Queen, with the Princess Beatrice, and the Princesses of Wales, left Windsor for Balmoral, arriving there the following evening. Her Majesty's reception at the several places the train stopped was very gratifying. Previous to her departure, the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany took leave of Her Majesty, and then left for Buckingham Palace, where they will stay during their visit. On Friday last, the Prince held a *levée* at St. James's Palace, which was very numerously attended. In the evening, His Royal Highness dined with the Hon. Corps. of Gentlemen-at-Arms, the chair being taken by Captain the Earl of Coventry. On Wednesday, there was a State Ball at Buckingham Palace, whither the Prince and Princess drove under escort of a detachment of 2nd Life Guards. The Royal circle included, in addition to their Royal Highnesses, the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany, the Duke of Connaught, the Prince and Princess Christian, Princess Louise (Marchioness) and the Marquis of Lorne, the Duke of Cambridge, and Princess Mary (Duchess) and the Duke of Teck. The Diplomatic and General Circles were well represented. Next Wednesday there will be a State Concert, and on Monday, the 3rd June, the Prince of Wales will hold another *levée* by command of Her Majesty. Previous to leaving Paris His Royal Highness gave a thousand francs towards the relief of the sufferers by the Grenoble firework explosion in that city.'

We rejoice to state that the riots in Lancashire, which are the outcome of the present dispute in the cotton trade, are very nearly at an end, though the disturbed centres are becoming quieter, thanks to the energetic measures which the Home Secretary directed should be taken. We trust that peace will be entirely restored at an early date, and that the strike may likewise be brought to a speedy conclusion. The damage done during the recent scenes of violence is very considerable, and the sum to be paid as compensation, therefore, will be proportionately great. If the men are wise they will accept the terms offered by the masters as just under the existing depression of the trade.

The fifteenth anniversary festival of the Newspaper Press Fund was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Saturday. The Marquis of Salisbury occupied the chair, and there were present to support his lordship among other distinguished guests, the Prince Imperial, Lord Houghton, the President of the Fund, Count Beust, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador, Lord Napier of Magdala, the Earl of Dunraven, Lord Colchester, Sir W. Codrington,

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Lord Ventry, Lord Clarence Paget, Lord Gerald, Mr. Henry M. Stanley, and Mr. Alexander Forbes. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been given, the noble chairman gave that of Prosperity to the Fund, and in doing so spoke very eloquently on its behalf, urging its many claims to the public esteem and support, and lauding most justly the energy and abilities of those connected with it. Among the other toasts were those of the Foreign Ministers, which was acknowledged by Count Beust; of the Visitors, to which the Prince Imperial responded; and of the Chairman, to which a brief but suitable reply was given. In the course of the evening the Treasurer announced a list of subscriptions amounting to about £1200, including one of £25 from the Marquis of Salisbury.

The Bagot will case has at length terminated, the jury after a prolonged consideration returning what amounted to a verdict for the plaintiff. Notice of appeal was at once given. We hope if the appeal is granted the trial will not be heard for some time to come. The public has had enough to read in the papers of such nasty cases. On Monday, the defendant in the case of the Queen v. Tanfield came up for judgment in the Queen's Bench. Mr. Tanfield is publisher of the *Whitehall Review*, and as our readers doubtless remember was convicted some months since of libelling a Mrs. Thornton, housekeeper to a late Mr. Wood, who had committed suicide. After reviewing all the circumstances, and giving due weight to the several affidavits which had been submitted to him, the Lord Chief Justice sentenced the defendant to pay a fine of £250.

Several Parliamentary elections have taken place. Lord Lewisham has been returned without opposition for West Kent, in the place of Mr. Talbot. Mr. Talbot was on Saturday declared by an overwhelming majority to be the successor in the representation of the University of Oxford of Mr. Gathorne Hardy, now Viscount Cranbrook, and by a majority of nearly 1,400 the Conservative Viscount Castlereagh has won the seat for County Down, rendered vacant by the death of Mr. Sharman Crawford.

The vacant seat in the Court of Aldermen, caused by the death Mr. Alderman Carter, has been this week filled by the election of Mr. R. F. Fowler, a prominent member of a well-known firm of London bankers.

Lord Salisbury has declined to received a deputation, consisting of the Dukes of Westminster, Rutland, and Bedford, the Marquis of Bath, the Earl of Shaftesbury, Earl Cowper, and other gentlemen, who were desirous of waiting upon his Lordship for the purpose of directing his attention to a petition to Parliament against war, bearing nearly a quarter of a million signatures.

Count Schouvaloff has reached London on his return from St. Petersburgh, and from several Continental capitals we hear that the supposed result of his different interviews with the Czar is regarded as most favourable in the interests of peace. Both on his way out and home, His Excellency had interviews with the Emperor of Germany and Prince Bismarck, and on his return journey he held a conference of an hour's duration with Lord Odo Russell, the British Ambassador at Berlin. Thus at the moment of writing, the prospects would appear to be brighter than they have been, and the general belief is that the Conference will now be held. This is satisfactory. Yet, there are still serious difficulties to be overcome, and at Constantinople the situation is reported to be highly critical, the difficulties being greater in the Turkish capital as they look brighter elsewhere. General Todleben is said to be bringing the greatest pressure to bear on the Porte, with a view to have the fortresses of Shumla, Varna, and Batoum surrendered forthwith. He has likewise moved his troops nearer to the Turkish lines, and this has caused great excitement, orders having been given to the more advanced of the Turkish troops to hold their ground. Then there has been an *émeute* at Constantinople, and a supposed attempt to carry off the ex-Sultan Murad. The rising in the Rhodope Mountains is extending. The difficulties with Roumania have not been settled. The Lazis are becoming more and more troublesome about Batoum, and resist all the Russian attempts to obtain possession of that port, and there is fighting in Crete. Meanwhile, our native Indian Troops are passing the Suez Canal, and soon, no doubt, will have already arrived at Malta before these lines meet the eye of our readers. But though the clouds are still heavy, there is a wee bit of sunshine to relieve it. Let us hope the latter will in the end be strong enough to dissipate the former.

# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 25th MAY.

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

1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.
1531—Chislehurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst.
1551—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.

## MONDAY, 27th MAY.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.
45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
188—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
M.M. 146—Moore, Athenæum, Lancaster.

## TUESDAY, 28th MAY.

14—Tuscan, 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.)
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 7.0. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.
R. C.—Palestine, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
309—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1368—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
1369—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield.

## WEDNESDAY, 29th MAY.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1324—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1611—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1666—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
R.C.—Philips, Athenæum, Lancaster.

## THURSDAY, 30th MAY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 786—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.

131—Restoration, Freemason's Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.
807—Caldwell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.

## FRIDAY, 31st MAY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1053—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts.

## SATURDAY, 1st JUNE.

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

1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1468—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester,

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## WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

MONDAY.

R. A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

WEDNESDAY.

804—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, St. George-street, Leeds.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
1283—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R. A. 1314—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.

THURSDAY.

904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.

FRIDAY.

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—349—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY—181—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, 429 High-street.
" R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.

FRIDAY—223—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—At No. 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday the 20th inst. Present—Bros. W. Rowley W.M., Hallam S.W., Symons J.W., Pearcy Acting Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, J. Millington S.D., Gibbs J.D., Willison I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Wing, Stock, W. Cook, &c. After all formalities had been recognised, Bro. Fenner answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bro. Rowley vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wing, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising in a very excellent manner, including the traditional history, Bro. W. Rowley as candidate. Bro. Rowley resumed the chair. Bro. Pearcy worked the second and third sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being resumed to the first degree, Bro. Pearcy worked the first section of that Lecture, assisted by Bro. Gibbs. Bro. Willison, of the Finsbury Lodge No. 861, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Hallam was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

**Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.**—At the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, this Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, 21st May. Bros. Soper W.M., Baker S.W., May J.W., Sandle S.D., Panter J.D., Tranter I.G., Bingemann P.M. Preceptor, Dickins Sec.; Bros. Coren, J. H. Dodson, J. B. Dodson, J. S. Brown. All formalities complied with, Bro. Bull was raised to the degree of M.M. The first, second, and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Dickins. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Baker was unanimously elected W.M. for ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned to Tuesday, 28th May, at the hour of seven.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—Through inadvertence a report of the meeting of this Lodge which was held on Wednesday, the 15th instant, at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., did not reach us. On that occasion, Bro. Walker presided, and worked the ceremony of the third degree. Bro. Walker is an old and experienced hand, and as a matter of course his duties were most creditably performed. At the meeting on Wednesday, the 22nd instant, Bro. T. W. C. Bush was W.M., Biddle S.W., Walker J.W., A. Moss S.D., Fells I.G., Gottheil P.M., J. K. Pitt Sec., Anderson candidate. This being what is termed an optional night, Bro. Bush announced his intention to rehearse the first and second ceremonies. In a former report, when remarking upon the proceedings of this Lodge under the presidency of the same brother, we pointed to the excellent qualities that he then displayed, and stated that if properly directed, they could not fail to develop into efficiency; at the same time, continual and close practice was recommended. This advice must surely have been followed; for although to be strictly truthful, it must be said, that his work still lacks the smoothness and polish of the masterly hand, still the improvement was very marked and perceptible. An apt pupil of this kind must be most encouraging to the instructor under whose tuition Bro. Bush is progressing so favourably, and calculated to stimulate him to continue his laudable exertions. The Lodge intends to continue its regular meetings throughout the summer months. On the next occasion Bro. Biddle will preside, and he intends again to rehearse the ceremonies of the first and second degrees.

**Royal Union Lodge, No. 382.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, the 20th of May, at the Belmont Hall, Uxbridge. Present—Bros. Samuel Holliday W.M., Wells S.W., Cook J.W., William Coombes P.M. Secretary, Nicholson as S.D., Lonsdale J.D., Cobley I.G., Longstaff Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. T. C. Swallow, C. Davis, Woodward, Weedon, Fehrenbach, Coulton; and several visitors. In conformity with the request of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Col. Francis Burdett, the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning, for the late D.P.G.M. Bro. R. W. Little. According to the agenda paper there was a goodly amount of work to be done, but from various causes, several of the candidates were unable to attend. The Lodge was opened, and Bro. Coombes read the minutes of the last meeting, which duly received confirmation. Bro. Smith, a candidate for the third degree, was then examined, and this resulting satisfactorily, he was raised in a most impressive manner by the W.M., Bro. Holliday. Matters in connection with the Lodge were then discussed, and it was proposed, seconded and carried, that a vote of condolence be sent to the widow of the late Bro. Little. The banquet was served at the Ram Inn, and a capital repast was done ample justice to. The W.M. gave the routine Loyal and Masonic toasts. In replying to the health of the Prov. G.M. and Prov. G. Officers, the Secretary, Bro. Coombes P.P.G.S.B., informed the brethren he had just received the appointment of Quartermaster of the 50th Brigade Depôt. We congratulate Bro Coombes on this appointment, which carries with it Her Majesty's commission, and enables our worthy brother to rank with officers in the regular army; we trust he may yet find time to fulfil the duties he has hitherto so ably carried out with such advantage to the Royal Union Lodge, and in so eminently satisfactory a way to the brethren. The I.P.M., Bro. Swallow, was most happy in proposing the health of the W.M., and the compliment was briefly acknowledged by Bro. Holliday. After some other toasts the brethren separated. Bros. Davis, Nicholson, and others helped to enliven the proceedings with songs and recitations.

**Royal Union Chapter, No. 382, Uxbridge.**—The Companions met on Saturday last, at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. There were present the following:—Sir C. Palmer M.E.Z., Sherwell H., J. R. Stacey J., Matthew Cook Scribe E., E. C. Woodward S.N., J. Cook P.S., Riley Janitor. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The election of Principals for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Sherwell M.E.Z., Stacey H., Woodward J., J. Cook was appointed S.N., Richards A.S., M. Cook S.E. The Chapter was closed, and the Companions repaired to banquet, at the Chequers Hotel, where Comp. Sherwell presided, and was supported by his Principals. E. Comp. Sir Charles Palmer was presented with a jewel. The banquet was capitally served by Bro. Moore, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**Panmure Chapter, No. 720.**—The fourteenth installation meeting of this Chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday, the 13th inst. The Officers present were the M.E.Z. Comp. G. H. N. Bridges, Ex-Comps. George Waterall H., Mark S. Larlham J., James Stevens P.Z. and Scribe E., H. C. Levander P.Z. and Treas., and Comps. T. Poore N., R. N. Field P.S., A. C. Burrell 1st A.S., S. Poynter 2nd A.S., F. W. Levander D.C., and Thos. Meggy Steward. Ex. Comps. Henry Smith P.Z., and R. H. Harvey P.Z., Comps. Gibbs, Harrison, and other members; and Visitors Comps. Arthur Styan, Macdonald 1216, and Louis Hirsch, Mount Zion 22. The Chapter having been duly opened, the Principals elected for the ensuing year were presented to Ex. Comp. James Stevens P.Z., and were severally installed: Ex. Comp. George Waterall M.E.Z., Mark S. Larlham H., and Thomas Poore J. The thanks of the Chapter were voted to Comp. Stevens for his services as Installing Principal, and he was invested for the tenth occasion as Scribe E. Comp. Field was invested Scribe N., and Comp. Burrell P.S., who appointed Comps. Poynter and F. W. Levander his Assistants. In consequence of the severe, and, it is feared, serious illness of Comp. the Rev. W. B. Church, his election as Treasurer was, at his earnest request, set aside, and Ex. Comp. Henry Smith P.Z. having been nominated was duly balloted for, declared unanimously elected, and invested as Treasurer accordingly. Comp. Thos. Meggy was invested D.C., and Comp. Edward Mitchell was appointed Steward. A letter of regret and sympathy was ordered to be addressed to Ex-Comp. Church P.Z. The sanction of the Chapter was given to Comps. Stevens and Poore for the formation of a Chapter of Instruction at Brixton, to work under the title of "Panmure 720." A P.Z. jewel was presented to the retiring M.E.Z. Ex-Comp. Bridges. The audit report and balance sheet was read, and disclosed a satisfactory result. After notice of motion for alteration of one of the bye-laws the Chapter was closed in ancient form, and the Companions dined together. During a most agreeable evening, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The Visitors expressed their great gratification with the proceedings generally, and all present vied with each other in promoting social harmony and good fellowship. This Chapter may certainly add one more to its undisturbed score of successful installation meetings.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—On Tuesday evening, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bro. Slaiter W.M., Forss S.W., Carr J.W., J. Lorkin S.D., Gilham J.D., Darnell I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., Allen Preceptor. Also Bros. McMillan, Weige, Brown, Wardell, Polak, Finch, Henderson, Brasted, Wyman, and others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. M. Christian answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. McLean answered the questions leading to the third degree, and that ceremony was also rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Dallas worked the first, and Bro. Allen the third sections of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Forss was elected W.M. for Tuesday, 4th June. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday evening next.

**Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.**—At the weekly meeting of this Lodge, held at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street, on 22nd May. Bros. Marston P.M. 1599 as W.M., Thompson S.W., Hallam J.W., Ball S.D., Lee J.D., Vizzard I.G., Long Preceptor, and about twenty other brethren being present. The cere-

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mony of initiation was very ably performed by the W.M., Bro. Brown being the candidate, after which the sections of the first lecture were worked by the brethren. Bro. Thomson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and two new members were enrolled, after which the Lodge was closed.

**Lord Warden Lodge 1096.**—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 17th inst., at Walmer. Bros. E. Kirby W.M., A. H. Des Barres I.P.M., T. Ayling P.M. P.G.S., J. Leggett S.W., H. R. Botting J.W., S. Hinds Treas., T. J. Usher P.M. P.P.G.R. Sec., Rev. J. B. Harrison P.M. Chaplain, J. Carpenter S.D., W. Carterfield J.D., J. Westaway Organist, S. Willey I.G., G. Chandler and F. R. England Stewards; H. R. Robinson, H. Bartholomew, H. McDermott, W. Dunn, R. N. Spratling, J. B. Miles, S. Holgate Tyler. Lodge opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge advanced to the third degree and closed down. Bro. J.W., in accordance with the notice he gave at the previous Lodge meeting, proposed that the Lodge of Instruction property be made Lodge property, and the expense be defrayed out of the Lodge funds; the amount would be about £21. This was carried unanimously. The W.M. announced that the Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary had been appointed, and the Bye-Laws were printed; they would be in the hands of members in a day or two. It is intended to carry on the Lodge on the same principle as the London brethren conduct their business, work first and pleasure afterwards. The Lodge was closed according to custom, and the brethren spent a most pleasant and social hour together.

**Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216.**—Installation meeting. This most successful Lodge, established in April 1868, at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, in Camberwell, has, during the past ten years, had a career of almost unexampled prosperity, and has taken high rank in the Craft, as well for its admirable working as for its liberality to the Institutions of the Order. From its formation to the present time, its presiding and subordinate Officers have all been found equal to their duties, and it would appear to be useless on the part of any member of the Lodge to aspire to Office unless he gave assurance that he would in due time not only discharge his duties in each respective appointment, but also fit himself for the position of W.M., and leave that dignified situation as Installing Master. This being generally acknowleged in the Masonic world, it was no surprise to us to find a large gathering at the Lodge rooms on the 9th inst., to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Lodge, and welcome the incoming W.M. Amongst those present were Bros. Henry Hammond W.M., T. Woodbridge Carnell S.W., Charles Fountain J.W., the Rev. C. C. Dunville Chap., Arthur Styan Treas., D. A. Ross S.D., T. A. Harper D.C., F. J. Cozens Org., W. C. Hall I.G., E. Eldridge Steward; and Past Masters A. L. Irvine (Major First Surrey Rifles), James Stevens (originator of the Lodge), S. H. Wagstaff, George Waterall, G. H. Newington Bridges, W. J. Messenger Secretary, and Mark S. Larlham; also Bros. Capt. Wire, Clay, Rossignol, Cranch, Bradley, Fitzer, Woodcock, Goggs, Rugg, Turner, Harvey, Hutchins, Price, Goldring, Henry Bridges, Foster, J. J. Curtis late secretary, Yonge, Carpenter, Style, Henton, Youngman, Bewley, Stacey, Jarman, Mann, Dunford, Hildreth, and many others. Visitors—G. Potter 177, Dr. Brunton W.M. 1060, Fisher 1185, Dunbar 1538, Taylor 586, Strachan, Middlemass W.M. 1641, Herbert Puckle 176, Eastwood Past Master 317, Simons 1185, Theodore Distin, Cowan Worshipful Master 1572, Jarvis 14, &c. The Lodge was opened promptly at the hour appointed, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the W.M. passed Bro. Rossignol to the degree of F.C. He then proceeded to the installation of his successor, and in a most able manner completed the duties of his year of office by inducting Bro. T. Woodbridge Carnell into the chair of K.S. The first act of the newly-installed W.M. was a graceful acknowledgment of the excellent working of his predecessor, in all the ceremonies of the Craft degrees, whilst in office, and this was cordially received by the entire Lodge. The Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested in the following order, viz.:—Bros. C. Fountain S.W., D. A. Ross J.W., Rev. C. C. Dunville Chaplain, A. Styan Treas., W. J. Messenger P.M. Sec., T. A. Harper S.D., W. C. Hale J.D., E. Eldridge I.G., Bradley Steward, Steed Tyler. A ballot was taken for Mr. Herbert Cuff, as a candidate for initiation, and Bro. Carnell at once gave evidence of his ability by initiating that gentleman into the Order in a most perfect manner. The report of the Audit Committee was received, and told a flattering tale, exhibiting moderate expenditure in house bills, large charitable donations, honourable testimonial gifts, and a balance in hand of above one hundred pounds, with furniture and good subscriptions due, to swell the sum total of general prosperity. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Major A. L. Irvine P.M. called the late Secretary Bro. J. J. Curtis to the front, and in a most brilliant speech recited the many invaluable services rendered by that brother to the Lodge during ten years' Secretaryship, a post which he had surrendered only to enable him to attend to the numerous duties connected with his late appointment as Quartermaster to the corps. Referring incidentally to a former presentation after the first three years of Lodge working, Bro. Major Irvine now asked the acceptance by Bro. Curtis of a Life Governorship of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and of an illuminated address, setting forth the acknowledgments of the members of the Lodge, and an expression of their high esteem and great regard for him. The address of Bro. Irvine was listened to with marked attention, and, at its conclusion, prolonged applause testified the appreciation of the members therewith, and the popularity of the recipient of the address, whose familiar cognomen is a household word as well in the Lodge as in the corps. Bro. Curtis briefly, but very effectively acknowledged the honourable testimony of brotherly feeling and reward, honourable alike to givers and receiver. Propositions for initiation having been received, and some further detail business disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the spacious mess room of the corps for banquet. A large number of members and visitors, principally in uniform, and more or less decorated with Masonic Orders, graced the elegantly furnished tables, which glittered with massive silver trophies from Wimbledon and elsewhere, won by the "shooting members." Amongst these were conspicuous the "Macdonald Challenge Cup," a handsome shield presented by Major Irvine, lofty candelabra, and numerous smaller but valuable prizes, the whole giving the banquet table a most attractive appearance. On the cloth being cleared, grace was sung by Bros. T. W. Simons, F. H. Cozens, H. Taylor, and Theodore Distin, and these brethren, with Bros. Cranch and Hildreth, under the direction of Bro. Cozens, admirably entertained the company throughout the evening. The W.M. gave the loyal toasts in well chosen terms, and these were, as usual in "Macdonald," honoured with even more than customary enthusiasm. The toasts connected with Grand Lodge were of course as well received. The health of the W.M. was cordially drank, and in response, Bro. Carnell expressed the hope that his intentions to equal his predecessors in office might be successful. He had a high standard of work to follow, but having kept well "in school" as a pupil, he now trusted he would be able to hold his own as a Master. He concluded by proposing the health of the Past Masters, extolling their several performances, and decorating the I.P.M., Bro. Hammond, with the handsome P.M.'s jewel of the Lodge. Bro. Major Irvine responded on behalf of the numerous P.M.'s, the whole of whom, with but one regretted exception, were present. Bro. Middlemass W.M. 1641 responded for the visitors in very complimentary terms. The newly initiated brother was received with "Macdonald" fire, and by his response thereto proved that the Lodge had enlisted a good recruit. The Officers of the Lodge was the penultimate toast, and after much excellent harmony, which included admirable glees and solos by the professional brethren, a most successful and enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—At Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 17th inst. Present—Bros. Hine W.M., Townsend S.W., A. W. Smith J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Crouch S.D., Bolton J.D., Lane I.G.; also Bros. Peall, Simmonds, Gieseke, Pearcy, &c. Lodge opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge advanced to the third degree, and resumed to the second. Bro. Peall having given proof of his proficiency, was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Fenner worked the second and third sections of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Gieseke, of the Mother Lodge, was elected a member, and Bro. Townsend was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Hervey Lodge of Instruction, No. 1260.**—The members of this Lodge of Instruction spent a very pleasant and convivial evening on Friday, the 17th instant, at the Punch's Tavern, Fleet-street. A capital supper was served by Bro. Beeton, who personally superintended, and the assembled guests did ample justice to the repast. Bro. J. H. Southwood, the respected W.M. of the Mother Lodge, presided, and the Senior Warden's chair was filled by Bro. Goodacre. On the removal of the cloth, the toasts customary on these occasions were fully honoured, and the brethren did not separate till a late hour.

**Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the West Derby Hotel, West Derby, Liverpool. Present—Bros. John Capell W.M., F. B. Bramham S.W., Thos. Fisher J.W., J. P. Bradford Secretary, Peter Macmuldrow P.M. Prov. Grand Senior Deacon Treas., W. S. Bennett S.D., Wm. Hiles J.D., Wm. S. Vines P.M. Prov. G.D.C. D.C., Wm. Avis I.G., J. Robinson Tyler; Past Master Wm. Jones, and Bros. Bradford, Bloomer, Lonsdale, Brown, Crosby, &c. Visitors—S. M. Davies, J. Handford 823, H. Tunston, &c. After the usual formal business, the ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Lewis for initiation, and he was unanimously elected. Bros. Clegg and Vines were balloted for as joining members, and declared elected. Mr. T. Lewis was duly initiated by the W.M. There was a vote of one guinea towards the Hamer Ben Fund from the funds of the Lodge, which was then closed in harmony. The brethren adjourned to partake of supper. After the usual Loyal and Patriotic toasts the W.M. gave the toast of Our Rulers, Supreme and Subordinate, coupling the name of Bro. Macmuldrow P.S.G.D., who in response to the toast expressed the satisfaction he felt in the state of the Province, and the high appreciation of the services of their esteemed Prov. Grand Master. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge, alluded to the fact of the oldest Past Master of 1299 being with them that evening; he knew his presence would be very highly appreciated every Lodge night. He proposed the health of Bro. Crane, which was most cordially received. Bro. Crane responded, and in a very fraternal manner thanked the brethren for the reception given his name, and informed them that it was not lack of interest in the welfare of the Lodge or love for the Order that kept him away, as he had both deeply at heart. Bro. Jones, as a P.M., recollected with many feelings of pleasure his position as a very Junior Officer, when Bro. Crane as Master ruled the Lodge. He hoped to be a regular attendant for the future, and predicted prosperity for the Lodge. The W.M. proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Vines, who in response said he had risen so often to that toast that he was at a loss to know what to say, but as he was on his legs he had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. The brethren had every chance of seeing how ably Bro. Capell filled the chair, and how very capable he was of discharging his duties. The toast was very warmly received, and the W.M. replied in a manner which conveyed to the brethren how deeply he felt the responsible position he occupied. On rising to propose the health of the visitors, the W.M. expressed the pleasure he felt in according a hearty welcome to all who visited them, and with the toast joined

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the name of Bro. Davies of London. Bro. Davies thanked the W.M. and brethren, and expressed his belief that there was ample vitality in the Lodge to ensure its success. He exhorted the Past Masters to stand to their posts and render the valuable assistance which, from their great experience, they were so capable of imparting to all, especially young Masons. The pleasures of the evening were much augmented by the capital singing of Bros. Handford, Tunston, Avis, Bennett, and Jones. The brethren dispersed at an early hour.

**Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360.**—Held at Bro. J. Wright's, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, on Tuesday evening, 21st inst. Bros. Collins W.M., Carter S.W., Westmore J.W. Ratcliffe S.D., Maddox J.D., Fane I.G., G. King P.M. Preceptor A. Withers Hon. Sec.; Lee, Jones, Forss, Featherstone, and several others were present. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. The W.M. having worked the second and third degrees, the Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when Bro. Collings, in a very impressive speech, thanked the worthy Preceptor, Bro. King, for his great kindness, and eulogised the ability he had always shown in instructing the members; he knew, in saying this, he was echoing the thoughts of all brethren, present and absent, who belonged to the Lodge. Individually he had received instruction from him, and he was sure they all concurred in hoping to see him among them for years to come. He then presented Bro. King with a testimonial, subscribed to by the brethren of the Lodge, consisting of a beautifully illuminated address, together with a purse of money. The arrangements for the testimonial had been ably conducted by Bro. A. Withers, and the Illuminated Address, which was mounted and handsomely framed, was much admired by all present. The inscription was as follows:—

"Presented, on the 21st May 1878, to Bro. George King P.M., by the Members of the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, together with a purse of money; as a souvenir, in recognition of his services; and for the able and courteous manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of Preceptor.

"Bro. A. WITHERS (No. 211), Hon. Sec."

Bro. King, in acknowledging the gift of the members, was quite overcome; from his heart he thanked the brethren for their great kindness. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

**Marquis of Ripon Lodge of Instruction.**—Held at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, Monday 20th May. Present—Bros. McDowall W.M., Blunt S.W., E. Bishop J.W., Jacob S.D., Giles I.G., Slaiter Secretary; also Bros. Aspinall, Lockett, &c. Lodge was opened in ancient form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. McDowall carefully rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, and Bro. Aspinall, being candidate, was made an entered apprentice in due form. Bro. Aspinall then assumed the chair, and worked the ceremony of passing, Bro. McDowall being candidate. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and afterwards closed in the third and second degrees. It was unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks be recorded to Bro. McDowall for the able manner in which he had occupied the chair in the earlier part of the evening, being his first attempt. It was also resolved that the votes of the Lodge be given to Bro. T. Call, of Lodge No. 1446, who is a candidate for the office of Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Blunt was appointed W.M. for the ensuing two weeks. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and adjourned to Monday the 27th inst. at 7.30.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**—Held at the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday evening, 22nd instant. Present—Bros. W. Fieldwick Preceptor W.M., J. Pinder S.W., Slaiter J.W., W. H. Lee I.P.M., G. Ferrar Treasurer, E Dietrich Secretary, H. Meyer S.D., Maples J.D., Truman I.G., Hogard, Bristowe, Musto, Borer, Dignam, Stokes, Taylor, McDowell, J. Lorkin, J. Aspinall, Webb, McDonald, I. B. Cohen, Wardell, Hewlett, C. Olley, R. Olley, Brasted, McMillan, and Stephens. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the W.M. worked the Fifteen Sections, assisted by the following brethren:—Bros. Maples, E. Dietrich, H. Meyer, Brasted, Taylor, W. H. Lee, Musto, J. Lorkin, Hewlett, McMillan, Webb, Stephens, I. P. Cohen J. Pinder, Job. The following brethren were elected members:—Bros. Taylor 554, McDowell 948, McDonald 1445, I. P. Cohen 205, Stephens 1623, Bristowe 1364. Votes of thanks were recorded to the W.M. and the brethren who assisted.

**Crusaders Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677.**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, on Thursday evening, 16th May. Bros. Holliday W.M., A. Goode S.W., W. Rowley J.W., Simmons S.D., Cummings J.D., Upton I.G., Hunter Preceptor, Calderwood Treasurer, T. Goode Secretary, and several others. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Moorhouse being the candidate. Bro. F. Goode answered the usual questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Lodge was then resumed to the first degree. Bro. W. Rowley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer. This Lodge of Instruction, which has only been formed six months, numbers already nearly a hundred members, amongst whom are many whose names are well and honourably known throughout the Craft. One of the most pleasing features in connection with this Lodge is the evident desire amongst the members practically to carry out the principles of true Freemasonry, not only by consistent working of the ceremonies, but by a strong and active support of the several Charities in connection with the Craft. In addition to the balance of the receipts at the end of the year being given to the Charities, the brethren have formed a fund amongst themselves, which is balloted for as often as it reaches the amount of five pounds, and is then paid over to whichever of the three Institutions the brother who is successful may request. Already forty-five pounds have been thus balloted for, and before the year expires no less a sum than a hundred and twenty pounds will be dealt with in this manner. It is seldom we have the privilege of noting a more pleasing fact in connection with the Craft, and we venture to suggest that the example of this young Lodge of Instruction might be advantageously followed by others.

**Everton Lodge, No. 823.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 15th inst. Present—Bros. J. Houlding W.M., Wm. Wilson I.P.M., H. Ashmore S.W., J. S. Cuthbert J.W., W. J. Lunt P.M. Treas., P. W. Oglesby Sec., J. Webster S.D., J. Boyle J.D., W. Boulting P.M. D.C., J. Brough Org., T. H. Carefull I.G., Wm. Ball Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Cottrell, Shaw, Holland; Bros. Benedick, Pentin, Kent, King, Callow, Coulbrig, Arrowsmith, Morgan, Fishlock, Ellis, Webster, Robinson, Maddox, Brassey, Roxburg, Evans, Lowe, Statis, Gotham, Griffiths, Bagnall, Hynes, Bewley, Johnson, Crosby, Sinclair, Williams, Handford, Pennell, King, Hipson, Corris, Cunningham, Mawdesley. Visitors—Bros. Geo. Peet W.M. 241, Thos. Sammons W.M. 1393, J. W. Burgess W.M. 1325, W. Vines P.M. 230 P.G., D. C. Jackson P.G.A.D.C., R. Bennett P.M. 1299, Rev. R. T. Leslie 1713, R. Reader, W. R. Twist, and C. R. C. Twist 292, Hunt 1182, Swift 477, Lawson 667, Kelly 673, Hiles 1299, Eccles 1576, Jones 597, Swift 445, Walters 721, J. E. Foot 12 N.B., S. M. Davies 231, G. R. C. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). The usual preliminary business having been disposed of, the W.M. initiated Capt. William Sumner into Freemasonry. The Lodge was then advanced to the second degree for the purpose of passing Bro. Sinclair. This ceremony was likewise performed by W. Bro. Houlding. The working of the W.M. is certainly carried out with care and ease. Bro. Houlding has a method which gives confidence to the candidate, and a delivery which makes a firm impression on the memory of his hearers. The Everton Lodge is undoubtedly a popular one among the brethren of Liverpool. Its meetings are always well attended by its own members, and a crush of visitors. Probably there is nothing in the career of a Lodge which stimulates its members, and particularly its officers, to good government and Masonic zeal as a goodly muster of visitors on the benches. In the Craft generally there is not half enough visiting. All the officers of 823 work remarkably well. During the business of the evening, Bro. Lunt P.M. proposed, and Bro. Holland seconded, that a sum of £5 5s be given to the Masonic Hall Relief Committee out of the funds of the Lodge. This proposition met with the hearty approval of the W.M., and was carried unanimously, and in connection with this fund it was proposed, seconded, and carried, that the W.M., S.W., and the J.W. for the time being, act as the representatives of the Lodge on the Committee. Bro. Callow gave notice that he should make a proposition next regular meeting that a sum of money be devoted by the Lodge to the annual picnic. Bro. Cottrell P.M. also gave notice that he should make a proposition that twelve guineas be given from the funds of the Lodge for a P.M.'s jewel. The Lodge was closed in harmony at 8.30, and the brethren, by command of the W.M., adjourned to the large hall to partake of a substantial supper. After the cloth had been removed, the W.M., on rising, gave the first toast—the Queen—which was duly honoured, the brethren singing the National Anthem. On rising to propose the toast of H.R.H. the Grand Master, Bro. Houlding referred to the exalted position of the Prince of Wales in the realm, and expressed his conviction that to the deep interest taken by His Royal Highness in the Craft, its prosperity was greatly due. The toast was drunk with musical honours. The next toast proposed was our Masonic Rulers, Supreme and Subordinate. The W.M., in allusion to the Prov. G. Master, bore testimony to the devotion which characterised Lord Skelmersdale in all Masonic matters in the Province; the services of so able a Mason must be invaluable, occupying, as he does, the exalted position of Dep. Grand Master of England. He expressed the pleasure he felt in having two representatives of Prov. Grand Lodge among them that night. With the toast the W.M. coupled the names of Bros. Vines and Jackson. Bro. Vines responded on behalf of Prov. Grand Lodge, and expressed his pleasure in being present to witness the excellent manner in which the Officers of the Lodge did their duty. He felt grateful for the honour of having his name associated with a toast in which the health of their justly esteemed Prov. Grand Master was proposed. The genial disposition of Lord Skelmersdale, which endeared him to the Craft, was characteristic of his lordship in everyday life, and the regard they evinced for his name in drinking his health with such enthusiasm was truly due him; he trusted that his time might be long among them, and that for many years he might enjoy his deservedly exalted position in the Craft. Bro. Jackson also responded, and expressed his pleasure and satisfaction in visiting the Everton. He was pleased to say the working of the Officers, collectively and severally, was good. Bro. Holland, on taking the gavel, said: The important office held by the W.M. of the Lodge has been held by many illustrious brethren, but in their progress they had not had a Master who had taken a deeper interest in the Craft or his Lodge than Bro. Houlding. He had now the pleasure to propose the health of the W.M. The W.M., in responding, said:—Brethren, Bro. Holland has proposed my health in a very feeling manner, and you have responded to the toast with your accustomed cordiality. This night, which brings us nearer the close of my year of office, recals many happy and pleasant evenings spent within these walls. During the past twelve months, we have tried to do our duty in Lodge, after which we have adjourned to refresh ourselves. The greatest enjoyment I have experienced in my Masonic life has been during the year 1877-78. I feel almost a regret that my term of office will expire shortly. I have heard some brethren in a simila-

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position express themselves in quite a different way. It has been a source of gratification to me that from the time you elected me to the chair I have known nothing but hearty co-operation and unanimity on the part of the Lodge. The cordial assistance rendered by the brethren has greatly lightened my duties, and the success of the Lodge is owing to the harmonious feeling prevailing. Allow me to return you my heartfelt thanks for such kindnesses in the past and on the present occasion. The W.M. rose, and gave the toast of the Visitors, and in doing so said that the brethren of Everton Lodge always accorded a hearty welcome to their visiting brethren. That night they were greatly honoured, as they had among them some of the most distinguished brethren of the Province, many P.M.'s of eminence, and a few Presiding Masters of Sister Lodges. They were also honoured with the presence of brethren from America, and many others, all of whom he need not say, were truly and fraternally welcome. He would connect with the toast the names of Bros. Peel, Sammons, Leslie and Bennett. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, and with musical honours. Each of the brethren named responded, and expressed the true sentiments of the Visitors in their pleasure at being present to see the excellent manner in which the brethren of Everton managed things in and out of Lodge. The W.M. rose and informed the brethr n that they had present a brother from Canada, who, from his great experience and connexion with the Masonic press, would please and instruct them with a few remarks. Bro. Davies was making a tour of the Province, and had come amongst them to see the working of Liverpool. In the name of the brethren of the Everton Lodge he accorded him a cordial and fraternal greeting. Bro. Davies returned thanks for the mark of respect shown him as the representative of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and freely accorded the commendation the W. Master, Officers, and Brethren of No. 823 so justly deserve. The W.M. after giving the toast of the newly initiated Brother, who briefly replied, rose to give the next toast, namely, the Officers of the Lodge, and in doing so spoke in the highest praise of the punctuality, efficiency, zeal, and co-operation of each. With such a staff he said it was a pleasure to work. The toast was duly responded to by the S.W. and J.W. in a very appropriate manner, after which the brethren retired. All present were much indebted to Bros. Handford, Hiles, Twist, Cattrell, and Wilson, for enlivening the evening's proceedings with some capital songs.

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**Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.**—This Lodge held its last meeting of the present Session on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, London, W. Present—Bros. W. H. Gulliford W.M., J. Lazarus S.W., Solomons J.W., E. P. Albert P.M. P.G.P. Hon. Sec., Jacobs Treas., E. Ellis J.D., Goldberger Steward, Levy I.G., Smith Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Victor Myer, Eskell, De Solla, Abrahams, Grunebaum, Pollitzer. Visitors—Bros. Lott P. Prov. G.S.W. Jersey, Prov. G. Org. Middlesex, A. Brattlebank 72, F. Damoireau, Bedford Tidmarsh 1671, J. Stedman Old Concord 172, T. E. Miles 180, W. W. Morgan 211, Bigley 1298. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting duly received confirmation. The candidate for passing was unable to be present, consequently no ceremonial work was undertaken. An appeal from a distressed brother, lately a member of Lodge No 30, was entertained, and he was relieved with a small amount. The Lodge was then closed till October. The banquet was served by Bro. Nicols, the proprietor of the Grand Café Restaurant Royal, and the repast was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. On rising to give the toasts, Bro. Gulliford intimated that he should not occupy the time of the brethren in introducing them by long speeches, as they had some talented singers present, who were able and willing to entertain the company. He then briefly gave the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, with which he coupled "Prosperity to the Craft." The National Anthem was sung, the solos being admirably given by Miss Julia Sidney. The health of the M.W. the Grand Master followed, and then came that of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, coupled with the name of Bro. E. P. Albert, Past Grand Pursuivant, who acknowledged the compliment in his usual happy manner. Bro. Victor Myers now took the gavel, and in a few pithy and well chosen sentences proposed the health of the W.M., whose sterling qualities and capacity for business were well appreciated by the members of the Lodge. It needed no eulogy from him to commend the toast; the W.M. was always considerate for their comfort, and ample testimony of this was before them in the brilliant entertainment he had provided. Bro. Gulliford acknowledged the kind remarks of Bro. Myers. He trusted, in the future, he might have a little more work to do in the Lodge than had fallen to his lot that night. He was proud to be in his present position, as Master of a Lodge which had ever been foremost in advocating the true spirit of our Institution, and assured the brethren he would spare no pains to maintain the reputation of the Montefiore Lodge. Before resuming his seat he would give the health of the Visitors, whom he severally named, and called upon Bros. Morgan and Lott to reply. However, before these brethren did so he would request Bro. Morgan to favour them with a recitation. This request having been complied with, Bro. Morgan was called on for his response, but he pointed out that the task he had just accomplished had been somewhat fatiguing, and suggested that Bro. Lott should precede him, after which he would add a few words. Bro. Lott thereupon thanked the members for the way they had received the toast, and expressed his gratification at having been able to add to their entertainment; he trusted this might not be the last occasion he should have the pleasure of being a guest at the Lodge. Bro. Morgan referred to the estimation the Lodge was held in, not only amongst the Masons of this country, but on the Continent, and indeed all over the world. He trusted it would continue its career of usefulness, and be as prosperous in the future as it had been in the Past. With the toast of the Past Masters was associated the name of Brother Eskell, who remarked that while they had the services of such Masters as the one who at present held sway in the Lodge, there was no fear they would lose their *élan*. No worthier Mason had ever occupied that chair. However, should their present, or any other Master, ever get into trouble he doubted not the Past Masters would be ready to help him out. Bro. Eskell then paid a graceful compliment to the brethren for the kindness evinced by them in the manner in which they had received the toast. The W.M. then gave the health of the Senior and Junior Wardens. He congratulated each of those brethren on the way in which they performed their duties. He called on all to honour this toast, and personally he thanked the brethren for the way they supported him on every occasion. Bro. S.W. replied: All he could do to gain the esteem and regard of his brethren would be to him a labour of love. These sentiments were fully endorsed by Bro. J.W. In giving the Junior Officers, the W.M. said that Bro. Levy the I.G. had exerted himself most energetically to further the interests of the Lodge. Bro. Goldberger, in reply, said he never before had had occasion to speak in public; however, he could assure them he appreciated the honour they had paid him. This, with the exception of the Tyler's toast, closed the list. The musical party provided by the W.M. comprised Miss Julia Sidney and Miss Viall, and Bro. J. Stedman, Bro. Lott, throughout the evening, acted as accompanyist, and the ability displayed by the fair artistes gained the applause of all assembled. Miss Sidney was artistic and happy in the songs she selected, while Miss Viall's, "The Birds were telling one another," was most charmingly rendered.

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**Egyptian Lodge, No. 27.**—At Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday evening last. Bros. I. P. Cohen W.M., Grammer S.W., Slater J.W., Maidwell S.D., Harvey J.D., Da Silva I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremonies of the second and third degrees were rehearsed, Bro. Ball acting as candidate; also the initiation ceremony, with Bro. Moss as candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Webb, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Quincey of Nos. 1178 and 1668, was elected member. Bro. Grammer will preside next week.

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**York Mark Lodge (Time Immemorial).**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday last. Present—Bros. T. B. Whytehead W.M., Thos. Cooper P.M. as S.W., Rev. W. Valentine J.W., J. Hollins M.O., J. Tissiman S.O., George Simpson as J.O., George Garbutt Sec., J. S. Cumberland S.D., M. Millington J.D., A. T. B. Turner I.G., L. Banks Org., R. W. Hollon P.M., and several other brethren. A successful ballot was taken for several candidates, after which Bros. Appleyard and Abbey, of the Eboracum Lodge 1611, T. G. Hodgson, of the York Lodge 236, and F. Smith and Wolstenholme, of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge 837, were advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. The W.T. were given by Bro. T. Cooper P.M., and the charge by Bro. J. Hollins M.O. The W.M. appointed Bro. Rev. W. C. Lukis Chaplain of the Lodge, and Bros. I. F. Taylor and T. Humphries Stewards. Letters were read from Bros. the Earl of Limerick, Lord Skelmersdale, the Rev. G. R. Portal, and F. Binckes, thanging the Lodge for the honour done them in being elected honorary members, and the letters were ordered to be entered on the minutes. The brethren afterwards met at supper, and a very pleasant evening was passed. At 3 p.m. on the same day, the first meeting of the Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge (attached to the York Lodge) was held, and several candidates were admitted. Present—Bros. T. B. Whytehead W.C.N., Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett J., T. Cooper S., Rev. W. C. Lukis Chaplain, M. Millington Scribe, J. S. Cumberland S.D., A. T. B. Turner Guardian, J. Redfare Warden.

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## THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

NOT many weeks hence and the last of the Festivals of our Charitable Institutions will have been held. True we are only this day entering on the month of June, and the Festival in question will not take place till the 8th of next month. But the announcement that the first meeting of the Board of Stewards was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., and the statement that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who will occupy the chair this year, had fixed the day for this annual gathering must have reminded our readers, if they needed any such reminder, that the time for considering the preliminary arrangements, as well as for forming some estimate of the degree of success which may result from the Festival is at hand. It is possible to put off the preparations till what should be the completest regularity and order becomes inevitably a perfect chaos; but, on the other hand, it is well-nigh impossible to make too early a beginning. We have every confidence that the Stewards who have already signified their intention of acting in that important capacity, and their indefatigable Honorary Secretary, will exert themselves with the same energy and zeal as at previous Festivals of this Institution; but we are likewise anxious that the brethren should have the earliest opportunity afforded them, so that they may bring their valuable assistance to bear in supporting the Boys' School. There are several reasons, indeed, why we think it desirable that attention should be called to the anniversary of this Institution even at an earlier date than usual. In the first place, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has graciously signified his intention of presiding, and it is well known that the many claims on his Royal Highness's time prevent him from taking so active a part in the business of Freemasonry as he could wish. Therefore the Craft owe it as a duty to His Royal Highness, and to themselves, that they should exhibit more than their usual energy, in order the more worthily to second his efforts on behalf of the School. Again, the occasion will possess an unusual degree of interest in one particular respect. The day selected happens to be the thirteenth anniversary of the opening of the present School building. Brethren, therefore, may glance with just pride at the magnificent success which has been achieved in that brief term of years, and regarding this as ominous of good for the future, they will doubtless resolve upon making still more determined efforts in support of a School which has fulfilled its important duties so admirably. There is, however, a third, and, if possible, a still greater reason why a supreme effort should be made this year for the Boys' School. The Governors have greatly extended its sphere of usefulness, and in a very short space of time there will be 211 boys borne on the strength of the School. Its funded property, however, is limited, and must be of little or no account in the event of any great emergency. Before the new buiding was constructed, the invested Funds of the Institution amounted to £13,100 stock, which was sold towards defraying its erection. The successes of the last two or three Festivals have enabled the Governors to invest £8,000. It follows, then, that a further sum of over £5,000 is necessary in order to raise the amount of the investments to what they were somewhat over thirteen years since, and if the Craft work well, there is, in spite of the general commercial depression, and the weighty political anxieties of the moment, no reason why the amount should not be forthcoming, especially when we bear in mind the unusually favourable circumstances under which the Festival will this year take place. Nor must we leave out of the reckoning one other and most important consideration. Last year, owing to the almost overwhelming number of candidates who presented themselves for election at each of the half-yearly ballots, and the very limited number of vacancies for which they competed, it was resolved on building additional premises, with a view to raising the number of pupils to about 215 or 216. For this purpose it was determined to expend a sum of £3,200, such being the estimated cost of the additions proposed. This of itself constitutes an important reason why, if we had been unable to enumerate those we have already mentioned, the assistance of Craftsmen should be forthcoming more abundantly at this year's Festival than in ordinary years. We trust all these circumstances will be taken into account and weighed seriously as they deserve to be; and if the Craft will but bestir itself, as it can do when the emergency is great, we shall have no fear as to the measure of success which it will be our duty to announce some time during the first half of July.

It remains for us to say a few words as to the arrangements made, or in contemplation, for the auspicious day. As at the later Festivals of this Institution, ladies will dine with the brethren, and the place chosen is the Alexandra Palace. Bros. Bertram and Roberts, with the liberality which distinguishes them, have kindly consented to place at the disposal of the Stewards the Concert Room, in which the dinner will be served, and which is capable of accommodating a thousand persons; the Italian Garden, which will be opened for the recreation of the visitors; the Conservatory, in which tea and coffee will be served; and the Picture Gallery, in which the guests will assemble. In the evening the Garden and Conservatory will be brilliantly illuminated, and there will be both vocal and instrumental music on the occasion, to enliven those gathered together. There will, in fact, be a garden *fête* to supplement the Festival proper, while, though primarily and essentially a Masonic assembly, there will be no display of Masonic paraphernalia. The gentlemen will be in ordinary morning dress, and the ladies are to wear bonnets. That, as far as possible up to the present time, all the preliminary steps have been taken in order to make the Anniversary Festival of 1878 a grand success cannot for one moment be doubted. Further details will, of course, be given as the day approaches, but the arrangements, even as they are now defined, will, in their general aspect, remain unaltered. That is, the scheme will remain, though the details here and there may undergo some slight modifications.

We trust we have said enough to excite in the minds of our readers, a just amount of enthusiasm for the approaching event. The Institution is one which, of course, like its two sister Institutions, must commend itself to the friendly offices of all worthy Craftsmen, and at all times. But since the memorable year in which the Prince of Wales presided, there has been no such conspicuous piece of good fortune awaiting the Boys' School as, it may be anticipated, will result from the kindly presidency of the Duke of Connaught. Hence it is we speak somewhat earlier than usual, so that brethren who think it possible they may be able to find an opportunity for contributing their assistence directly or indirectly, may, at all events, have sufficient time allowed them for making one. There are now 222 Stewards, and if this number is increased, as it can and should be, to 300, then the Eightieth Anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will stand a mag-

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nificent chance of eclipsing all previous efforts on these occasions. We will content ourselves with adding, that an average of five shillings per Craftsman, if we set down the number in England at 80,000, means £20,000, which will just suffice to replace the stock, pay for the additional premises, and clear the year's expenses.

## LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE practical working of the Lodge of Benevolence having lately undergone discussion, a summarised account of the various regulations adopted from time to time by the Committees of Charity of the rival (English) Grand Lodges, prior to the "Union," which we are enabled to place before our readers this week, may be found interesting.

GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND (*Regular Grand Lodge*).

COMMITTEE OF CHARITY.*

1725. 21st November.—Three years' membership of the Craft required of a petitioner; £3 only to be disbursed without consent of Grand Lodge; a standing committee of five—viz., Grand Master, D.G.M., S.G.W., for the time being, and two other members of Grand Lodge, to be named by the Grand Master; contributions to be paid quarterly and voluntarily.

1727. 24th June.—A Committee of seven.

1729. 27th December.—Every new Lodge for their Constitution shall pay two guineas towards the general Charity of Masons.

1728. 28th August.—Twelve Masters of contributing Lodges to be added to the Committee; that the first twelve on the printed list shall be succeeded by the next twelve, and so on.

1731. 14th May.—The Committee empowered to give £5.

1732. 21st November.—All former and present Grand Officers, with twenty Masters, added to the Committee.

1733. 13th December.—*All* Masters of regular Lodges to be members.

1741. 3rd December.—A petitioning brother must, *at the time*, be a member of some *regular* Lodge. (This restriction was evidently levelled at the seceding brethren, who afterwards assumed the appellation of "ancient" Masons.)

GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND, *According to the old Institutions* (*Seceders.*)

REGULATIONS FOR CHARITY.†

1795. York Regulations.—All present Grand Officers—Treasurer and Secretary, with the Masters of eight regular Lodges—who are summoned and obliged to attend in their turn. The method is, four of the oldest and four of the youngest Masters are summoned monthly to hear all the petitions, &c., and to order such relief to be given to distressed brethren as their necessity may appear, and prudence may direct.

1807. Regulations same as above, except that *five* oldest and youngest Masters summoned, instead of *four*.‡

The following regulations were adopted at the Union, viz.:—

THE FUND OF MASONIC BENEVOLENCE.§

The fund appropriated to the object of Masonic Benevolence shall nor be infringed on for any purpose, but shall be kept strictly and solely devoted to Charity.

The distribution and application of this charitable fund shall be made monthly, for which purpose a Committee or Lodge of Benevolence shall be holden on the third Wednesday of every month, which Lodge shall consist of thirty-six Masters of Lodges—within the London district—three members of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, and nine Grand Officers, one of whom shall act as President; the said Masters of Lodges, Grand Stewards, and Grand Officers to be summoned by the choice and direction of the Grand Master, or his Deputy, one week at least prior to the day of meeting—not by rotation, but by discretion—so that the members shall not be subject to canvass or to previous application, but shall have their minds free from prejudice, to decide on the merits of each case with the impartiality and purity of Masonic feeling. No member, therefore, shall vote upon the petition of any person to whom he is related, or who is a member of the Lodge to which he himself belongs, though such brother may be heard on the merits of the petition. No Master of a Lodge shall be summoned a second time until all the Masters of the Lodges in the London district shall have been once summoned.

Since the Union, many alterations have taken place in the administration of the funds of the Lodge (or Board) of Benevolence, whilst still more have been proposed and negatived in the "United Grand Lodge of England."

The following is a sample of the latter, and occurred in 1844:—

"Proposed alteration in the constitution of the Board of Benevolence. ||

"That it should consist of twenty-five members, the President and ten thereof to be nominated by the Grand Master, and the remaining fourteen by the Grand Lodge."

[History sometimes repeats itself.—ED.]

In the Constitution of 1867, p 97, the following appears:—

"Three Grand Officers shall be specially summoned to each meeting, by direction of the Grand Master, and the brethren so summoned shall act as the Master and Wardens. If either be absent, the brother senior in rank then present shall supply his place."

This gave way in 1869 to the existing usage, viz., a President appointed by the Grand Master, and two Vice Presidents elected by Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in each December.

* Anderson's Constitutions, 1738, 1756, 1784.

† *Ahiman Rezon*, Ed. 1795, p 59.

‡ *Ahiman Rezon*, Ed. 1807, p 65.

§ Constitutions of the *United* Grand Lodge of England, First Edition, p 67, A.D. 1815.

|| *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*, vol. xi. p 304.

## THE FREEMASONS' LIFE-BOATS.

### SERVICES OF THE "ALBERT EDWARD."

IT will be remembered that at a special meeting of Grand Lodge held more than a year ago it was decided that the sum of £4000 should be voted to the Royal National Life-boat Institution, for the purpose of founding two Life-boat stations to commemorate the thankfulness of the Freemasons of England for the safe return from India of the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

On this decision being communicated to the Life-boat Institution it at once submitted to the Officers of Grand Lodge two places needing Life-boats, namely—Clacton-on-Sea, on the Essex coast, and Hope Cove, near Salcombe, on the Devonshire coast. The Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Donoughmore, Lord Skelmersdale, and other members of the Craft fully approved of the selection of these two places for the memorial Life-boats.

Three or four months ago both stations were reported officially by the Institution to be in working order, and ready to be publicly inaugurated, but, considering the season of the year, it was suggested that that ceremony might advantageously be postponed till the first or second week in July next. Meanwhile, both Life-boats being on their stations, were ready to render at a moment's notice any service that might be required of them by a ship-wrecked crew. Thus the Clacton Life-boat, the "Albert Edward," has had an early opportunity of saving nine persons from a watery grave. The event clearly shows the wisdom of placing her on that important station previous to the public demonstration in July; and, we may add, the wisdom also of selecting such appropriate and active memorials to commemorate an event that will ever be dear to H.R.H. the Grand Master and the Craft at large.

Through the courtesy of Bro. Richard Lewis, Barrister, the well-known Secretary of the National Life-boat Institution, we are enabled to place the following particulars of the service before our readers—particulars which show in this way alone how admirably and systematically the work of our great and National Life-boat Institution is carried on.

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFE-BOAT INSTITUTION.

LIFE-BOAT "ALBERT EDWARD," STATIONED AT CLACTON-ON-SEA.

RETURN OF SERVICE ON THE 23rd DAY OF MAY 1878.

DATES AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE.

The brig "Garland," laden with 500 tons of coal, bound from South Shields to London, went ashore on the Gunfleet Sands, about S.S.W. of Clacton-on-Sea Pier, in the early part of the morning of 23rd May. The wind was blowing hard, and although no signals of distress were hoisted by the brig (owing to her having none on board), the representatives of the Local Committee considered it necessary for the Life-boat to put off to her, feeling almost sure that she would not come off the sands again, and that the crew must leave her. The "Albert Edward" was launched about 10 a.m., and reached the brig about 1 p.m., and found her fast filling with water and breaking up. About 3 p.m. the crew, six men and three boys, abandoned her, and were safely landed at Clacton-on-Sea Pier at 5 p.m. A large number of persons were on the pier to welcome the return of the Life-boat.

| QUERIES. | ANSWERS AND REMARKS. |
|---|---|
| 1 Name of Vessel, and where belonging to? | The "Garland" of South Shields. |
| 2 Name of Master, and of Owners? | George Gibson, George Gibson sen. |
| 3 Rig, Tonnage, Number of Crew, and Persons on board the Vessel? | Brig, 283 Tons Register; Nine. |
| 4 Where from? Where bound to? | Tyne to London. |
| 5 What Cargo? or in Ballast? | Coal, 500 Tons. |
| 6 Probable Value of Ship and Cargo? | About £2500 to £3000. |
| 7 Wind, Weather, and State of Sea? | S.S.W., Strong Wind, Sea Short. |

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|---|---|
| 8 Time of Day? State of Tide? | About 3 o'clock, a.m., about High Water. |
| 9 Exact spot where Wrecked? | Gunfleet Sands, about S.S.W. of Clacton-on-Sea Pier. |
| 10 Number of Lives Saved by the Life-boat? | Nine. |
| 11 Number of Lives Lost? | None. |
| 12 Supposed cause of Wreck? | Thick and Squally Weather. |
| 13 Was it a total Wreck, or Stranded, or Sunk? | Likely to become a Total Wreck. |
| 14 Time of Launching Life-boat? | About 10 a.m. |
| 15 Time of reaching Wreck? | About 1 p.m. |
| 16 Time of returning ashore? | 5 p.m. |
| 17 How did the Boat behave? | Capitally. |
| 18 By whose authority was she ordered out? | The Committee's. |
| 19 Was any Damage done to the Boat? Extent of Repairs required? | No. |

20. State the Names of the Crew of the Life-boat on this occasion, and number of times these men have been off in a Life-boat to a Wreck; noting (in the third column) any special case of individual exertion.

| Names of Crew | Number of times afloat in the Life-boat | Special Risk, if any |
|---|---|---|
| Robt. Legerton | 4 | Nil |
| Wm. Willis | 3 | " |
| Robt. Osborne | 4 | " |
| John Tye | 4 | " |
| Joseph Cross | 4 | " |
| John Green | 4 | " |
| Harry Hill | 3 | " |
| Benj. Ardiss | 4 | " |
| Isaac Root | 3 | " |
| Maurice Nicholls | 4 | " |
| Robt. Seaman | 1 | " |
| Joseph Pearce | 1 | " |

21. Amount, if any, of Reward received locally or from elsewhere. None.

22. Amount, if any, of Salvage. None.

(Signed) ROBERT LEGERTON, *Coxswain-Supt.*
(Certified) FRED. J. NUNN, *Honorary Secretary.*
Date, 23rd May 1878.

CASE OF THE WRECK OF THE "GARLAND."

A return of the expenses incurred by the "Albert Edward" Life-boat, on the 23rd of May 1878, in rendering assistance to the Crew of the "Garland" as per annexed Wreck return.

NATURE OF EXPENSES.

| | £ | s | d |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1.—Life-boat's Crew of 12 Men for service on the 23rd of May, by saving, in S.S.W. wind, the Lives of 9 persons from the "Garland," wrecked on Gunfleet Sands, at 10 shillings each man | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 2.—20 persons for assisting to launch and haul up the Life-boat, at 2 shillings each person | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 3.—The hire of 6 Horses, or other means, for transport of the Life-boat to site of the Wreck, at 3s 6d each Horse, and 3 Men with Horses, at 1s each | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Total | £9 | 4 | 0 |

We hereby certify that the Services above stated were actually performed, and that the items specified are correct.
Given under our hands this 24th day of May 1878.

(Signed) FRED. J. NUNN, *Honorary Secretary.*
GEO. W. DUNN, *Officer of Coastguard or Customs.*
ROBERT LEGERTON, *Coxswain of Life-boat.*

*To the Secretary of the Royal National Life-boat Institution.*

REMARKS, &c., BY THE HONORARY SECRETARY, OR THE LOCAL COMMITTEE, ON THIS SERVICE.

Crew behaved well, and had some rough work to encounter. The Coxswain is thoroughly master of his boat, and the Crew speak in high terms of him and the "Albert Edward."

MINUTE OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN LONDON ONLY.

1878.
25th May Received and acknowledged.
27th " Forwarded draft for £9 4s to Local Honorary Secretary.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

1740.—Southern Cross Lodge, Cordova, Argentine Republic.
1741.—Montgomerie Lodge, Diss, Norfolk.
1742.—Lodge of Concord, Roseau, Island of Dominica.
1743.—Lodge of Perseverance, Holborn Viaduct.
1744.—Royal Savoy Lodge, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden.
1745.—Farringdon (Without) Lodge, Holborn Viaduct.
1746.—Fraternity and Perseverance, Benares, Bengal.
1747.—Transvaal Lodge, Pretoria Transvaal, South Africa.
1748.—Castlemartin Lodge, Pembroke, South Wales.
1749.—Palmerston Lodge, Palmerston, Otago, New Zealand.
1750.—Coleridge Lodge, Clevedon, Somerset.
1751.—Palm Lodge, Bassein, British Burmah.
1752.—Ogmore Lodge, Bridgend, Glamorganshire.
1753.—Lodge of Obedience, Okehampton, Devon.
1754.—Windsor Lodge, Penarth, Glamorganshire.

# QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

GRAND Lodge will meet on Wednesday next, 5th June. The following is the business to be transacted:—

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th March will be put for confirmation.

2. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 24th April will be put for confirmation.

3. The M.W. GRAND MASTER will move—
"That this Grand Lodge agree in a vote of congratulation to His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Germany, Grand Protector of Prussian Freemasons, on his happy and Providential escape from the recent attempt on his life."

4. The M.W. GRAND MASTER will move—
"That this Grand Lodge do grant the sum of One Hundred Pounds to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes for the assistance of the members of the Igualdad Lodge, No. 653, in the Island of Curacoa, West Indies, who have suffered from the hurricane which occurred there on the 23rd September 1877."

5. The M.W. GRAND MASTER will present the Report of the Committee appointed at the last Grand Lodge, on the 6th March 1878, to inquire into and report upon the whole of the financial and banking arrangements of Grand Lodge—and will move thereon.

6. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.

7. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.

8. Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."

9. 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 South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, Lewes | £75 | 0 | 0 |
| A Brother of the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 194, London | £125 | 0 | 0 |
| The Widow of a Brother of the South Norwood Lodge, No. 1139, South Norwood | £50 | 0 | 0 |
| The Widow of a Brother of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, London | £75 | 0 | 0 |
| A Brother of the Lodge of Three Grand Principles, No. 208, Dewsbury | £75 | 0 | 0 |

10. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

*To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.*

The Board of General Purposes beg to report as follows:—

1. Several matters of Masonic complaint have been brought before the Board since the last Quarterly Communication. These have, however, either been withdrawn or so disposed of as not to necessitate a specific report to Grand Lodge.

2. An Application from Mr. Thomas Bacon, the lessee of "Bacon's Hotel," for a new lease on the expiration of the existing one, at the end of the present year, was referred to the Premises Committee for consideration and report; and the Board of General Purposes unanimously agreeing with the recommendtaion of that Committee now advise Grand Lodge that a new lease for 7 years from the expiration of the existing lease be granted to Mr. Thomas Bacon at the present rental, subject to the proviso that such lease be not alienable on death or otherwise.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
*President.*

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON,
21st May 1878.

At the Meeting of the Board, held on Tuesday, the 21st instant, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, it was unanimously resolved:—

"That the thanks of the Board are due, and are hereby tendered to the V.W. Brother John B. Monckton, the President, for his attention to all matters of business that have been brought forward during the past year; for the ability with which he has conducted the proceedings, and for his courteous bearing to all the Members of the Board."

(Signed) HENRY C. LEVANDER,
*Vice President.*

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of May instant, shewing a balance in the hands of the late Grand Treasurer of £3,543 13s 9d; in the London and Westminster Bank £2,145 7s; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for Petty Cash, £75; and for Servants' Wages, £96 15s.

11. The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 17th of May 1878, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

12. Proposed motion by W. Brother Benjamin Head, P.G.D.:—

"That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the 'Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons,' to supply the Residents of the Institution at Croydon with Coals during the winter season."

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## PROV. GRAND LODGE, EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the above was held in the Town Hall, Bury, on Thursday, 23rd May, and was numerously attended by the Prov. G. Officers and brethren of the Province, the total number present being upwards of 400, amongst whom were Bros. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie R.W.Prov. G. Master, George Mellor Dep. Prov. G. Master, Edmund Ashworth jun. Prov. S.G. Warden, Albert Dickins Prov. J.G. Warden; and J. L. Hine, S. D. Lees M.D., Thomas G. Parker, C. R. N. Beswicke Royds P. Prov. G. Wardens; Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw and Rev. E. H. Aldridge Prov. G. Chaplains; Rev. Thomas Radley P. Prov. G. Chaplain; James Hall P.G. Treas.; Joseph Handley and T. J. Hooper Past Provincial Grand Treasurers; Charles Heywood and J. A. Elliott P. Prov. G. Registrars; John Tannah Prov. G. Sec.; John Smith Prov. Sen. G.D.; F. Thomas Prov. Junior G.D.; Edward Ashworth, John Chadwick, J. S. Yeevers, G. P. Brockbank, Peter Royle M.D., W. O. Walker, and A. Wolstenholm P. Prov. G. Deacons; Edmund Hartley Prov. Grand Supt. of Works; Thomas Entwistle, Wm. Almond, and John Pilling P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works; J. H. Sillitoe Prov. G.D.C.; Robt. Whittaker, W. H. Hopkins, C. M. Jones P. Prov. G. Directors of Ceremonies; John Wood Prov. G. Assist. D.C.; Thos. Grime P. Prov. G. Assist. Director of Ceremonies; B. Stephenson Provincial Grand Sword Bearer; Frederick Anderton, Henry Maiden, Lawrence Booth, Wm. Barlow, James Holroyd, W. Whewell, and Thomas Taylor P. Prov. G. Sword Bearers; J. L. Goodwin, Prov. G. Organist; J. W. Taylor and Thomas Hargreaves P. Prov. G. Organists; Henry Greenwood Prov. Grand Pursuivant; William Roberts and W. H. Cunliffe Past Provincial Grand Pursuivants; R. C. J. Duckworth and Westray Benn' P.P.G. Assist. Pursuivants; Samuel Ashworth, S. B. Priestley, J. L. Thorpe, Thos. Barker, Samuel Lord, Prov. G. Stewards; Thomas Mitchell, Prov. G. Tyler; and representatives from eighty-five of the eighty-six Lodges in the province, there being only one Lodge not represented. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. James Terry Prov. G.D.C. Herts, Sec. of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows; George Barrows P. Prov. G. Deacon Cheshire; John Vertegans P. Prov. G.A.D.C. Derbyshire.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened at about one o'clock in the afternoon, the minutes of the preceding meeting, held at Accrington, in November 1877, were submitted to the meeting and confirmed.

The Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts for the year ending the 31st March 1878, which had been duly audited by the auditors appointed at the preceding meeting, were submitted and confirmed.

The abstract of these accounts showed that the balance in hand at the beginning of the year was £750 7s 3d. The dues of Lodges, fees of honour, and other fees amounted to £568 5s 6d. Income from investments and bank interest £101 8s 3d, thus making the total £1,420 1s. The payments during the year amounted to £1,052 5s 9d, including a donation of £300 to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, and a donation of £300 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows. The balance remaining in the bank at the end of the year being £367 15s 3d.

Bro. Geo. A. O'Neill, P.M. 191, Bury, was elected Prov. G. Treas. for the ensuing year, and was thereupon invested.

The R.W. Prov. G. Master appointed and invested the following brethren as Prov. G. Officers, viz.:—

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| Bro. Edward Ashworth | Prov. S.G. Warden. |
| „ W. O. Walker | „ J.G. Warden. |
| „ Rev. E. H. Aldridge, „ Rev. W. Chator | „ G. Chaplains. |
| „ T. Sonmer Ainsworth | „ G. Registrar. |
| „ John Tunnah | „ G. Secretary. |
| „ Edwin Hardon | „ S.G. Deacon. |
| „ Edmund Heywood | „ J.G. Deacon. |
| „ J. W. Kenyon | „ G. Supt. of Works. |
| „ John W. P. Salmon | „ G. Director of Ceremonies. |
| „ John Tennant | „ G. Assistant „ |
| „ John Halliwell | „ G. Sword Bearer. |
| „ J. Randle Fletcher | „ G. Organist. |
| „ Charles Wood | „ G. Pursuivant. |
| „ George Pilling | „ G. Assist. „ |
| „ John Redfern, „ Charles Brierley, „ T. Ramsbottom jun., „ Wm. Barritt, „ Wm. Hy. Hoyle, „ John C. Ainsworth | „ G. Stewards. |
| „ Thomas Mitchell | „ G. Tyler. |

Bro. J. L. Hine P. Prov. G. Warden, chairman of the Charity Committee, read the minutes of the proceedings of the Committee, which were submitted to the meeting and confirmed.

Various alterations which had been made in the Bye-laws of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution were submitted and confirmed.

Several alterations (of which due notice had been given) were made in the Prov. G. Lodge Bye-laws, including alterations in the constitution of the Charity Committee, also extending the powers of the Committee so as to enable them to make grants for relief from the Prov. G. Lodge fund not exceeding twenty pounds in any one case; also altering the Bye-laws so as to provide for only one meeting of Prov. G. Lodge in the year (excepting in cases of emergency), and increasing the grant from the Prov. G. Lodge fund towards the expenses of such meeting to such sum not exceeding fifty pounds as the R.W. Prov. G. Master might consider reasonable.

Bro. Chas. Heywood Hon. Sec. to the Callender Memorial Fund reported that up to the present time about £160 had been subscribed to that fund. The names of several brethren from various parts of the Province were added to the Memorial Committee, with the object of obtaining subscriptions from their various districts.

All business being concluded, the Prov. G. Lodge was closed in due form and with prayer at 3.15 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, at the Athenæum, which was attended by upwards of 200 brethren, under the presidency of the R.W. Prov. G. Master supported by the Prov. G. Officers. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to by the brethren. An efficient glee party, consisting of Miss Topliffe, Mrs. Murray, and Bros. Kershaw, Stafford, Dumville, Bailey Wroe, W. H. Bailey and Peers, enlivened the proceedings, the accompanyist being Bro. J. Randle Fletcher Prov. G. Organist.

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The Treasurer's Statement of Account for the Province of East Lancashire, for the year ended 31st March 1878, shows a very satisfactory state of things. The opening balance on 1st April 1877 was £750 7s 3d, and the receipts from all sources—chiefly from Lodges for dues, fees, &c., and from the P.G. Officers in the shape of fees of honour—raise the total Charge to £1,420 1s. The Expenditure amounted to £1,052 5s 9d, of which sums of £200 and £100 were voted to the Male and Female Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution respectively, and £300 to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, while small grants of benevolence were made, amounting in the aggregate to £42 10s. Thus three-fifths of the year's expenditure was devoted to Charity. The account is certified as correct by the Auditors, and was adopted at the recent meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. The following, as showing the strength and distribution of Masonry in this Province, will, no doubt, be of considerable interest to our readers. This, as regards the number of its Lodges, is the strongest of all our Provinces, there being no less than eighty-six Lodges, of eighty-four of which returns of the number of members are given in this statement of account. The other two Lodges, Nos. 1697 and 1723, are new, and as yet no returns are possible. The total of the subscribing Masons in East Lancashire for the eighty-four Lodges is 4,221, which gives an average of 50 per Lodge. Integrity, No. 163, Manchester, musters 113 members, while Merit, No. 934, Shaw, has only eighteen. The Lodges and members are as follow:—Manchester, seventeen Lodges, 907 members; Bury, five Lodges, 256 members; Bolton, four Lodges, 190 members—Lodge No. 1723, one of the two new Lodges, is located in this town; Salford, five Lodges, 188 members; Ashton-under-Lyne, four Lodges, 177 members; Rochdale, four Lodges, 158 members; Oldham, two Lodges, 154 members; Blackburn, two Lodges, 147 members; Burnley, two Lodges, 110 members; Accrington, two Lodges, 99 members; Haslingden, two Lodges, 94 members; Todmorden, two Lodges, 82 members; and one Lodge at each of the following—Denton, 98 members; Cheetham, 88 members; Blackley, 77 members; Newchurch, 74 members; Ardwick, 72 members; Levenshulme, 71 members; Bacup, 68 members; Radcliffe, 65 members; Kersley, 63 members; Hulme, 59 members; Middleton, 58 members; Openshaw and Lower Broughton, each 53 members; Heaton Norris, Over Darwen and West Gorton, each 50 members; Stoneclough, 49 members; Whitworth, 46 members; Newton Heath, 43 members; Beswick, 41 members; Colne, 40 members; Clitheroe and Heywood, each 38 members; Clayton-le-Moors and Littleborough, each 37 members; Mossley, 33 members; Prestwich, 31 members; Clayton-le-Dale, 27 members; Padiham, 26 members; Whitefield, 25 members; Wardle, 21 members; Ramsbottom, 19 members; and Shaw, 18 members.

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We learn from the last election of Officers of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, that the following brethren were chosen:—Bros. G. Baird G. Master, J. W. Arbuckle Dep. G. Master, C. J. Faulkner S.G. Warden, J. H. Williams G. Treasurer, O. S. Long G. Secretary, S. B. Bendell Grand Lecturer, C. G. Manchester G. Chaplain, G. W. S. Moore S.G. Deacon, W. G. Bennett J.G. Deacon, W. H. H. Flick G. Marshal, and T. W. Bliss G. Tyler.

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Tuesday, the 20th ult., was the day for holding the twenty-fourth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania. The day following, the election of Officers was to take place, and on Thursday, after the Parade and Review in the morning, the Grand Officers were to be installed.

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## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH BURMAH.

A T a Quarterly Communication holden at the Masonic Temple, Cantonment, Rangoon, on Tuesday, the 12th March 1878. Present —R.W. Bros. S. H. Krauss D.G.M., J. Dawson D.D.G.M., E. G. Man D.G.S.W., Major G. Knox P.D.G.P. as D.G.J.W., B. Samuel D.G. Treas., W. A. Nicol D.G. Reg., W. H. Porter D. G. Sec., W. Ford D.G.S.D., Capt. G. O. Smith D.G.S.B., W. H. Wootton D.G. Org., C. T. Baxendale D.G. Purs., C. Preston, J. H. White, R. H. Pilcher and W. G. Jackson D.G. Stewards, J. W. Clarkson D.G. Tyler. Representatives of Lodges :—Social Friendship, No. 497, Star of Burmah, No. 614, Victoria in Burmah, No. 832, Rangoon, No. 1269, &c.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 6.15 p.m., and the summons convening the Communication, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The District Grand Secretary reported receipt of apologies for absence from several brethren, and then read the report of the proceedings of the meeting of the District Grand Lodge Committee, held at the office of R.W. Bro. H. Krauss D.G.M., on the 5th March 1878, containing amongst other matters—

The D.G. Treasurer's accounts since the date of last audit (3rd December 1877), showing a balance in favour of the District Grand Lodge Fund of Rs. 343 7 0, and of District Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence Rs. 232 14 0.

Report by D. Grand Sec. :—(1). That a reply to the reference made to the Grand Secretary, relating to the reception by Lodge Greenlaw, No. 1095, Toungoo, of a serving brother as a subscribing member, to which allusion had been made in the Proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of 27th December 1877, page 4, had been received in the following terms :—"The question has been mooted here again and again, but it has always been ruled, that although a serving brother was willing to pay up the fees to which he would have been subjected, had he been initiated in the ordinary way, that the law was too decided to be overruled."

(2). That a communication had been forwarded to the G. Sec., London, to obtain the sanction of the M.W.G.M. to the alteration in the D.G. Lodge Bye-Laws, at page 19, increasing the number of the members of the D.G.L. Committee from *five* to *seven*, proposed at the Quarterly Communication of the 26th June 1877, and adopted at the Quarterly Communication of the 11th September 1877.

(3). That the G.S., London, had forwarded copies of the Resolutions of the United Grand Lodge of England, dated the 5th December 1877, on the appeal of Bros. A. L. Vaillant, T. N. Seymour, J. C. Jordan, E. T. Dover, and J. Marsh, against the W.M. of Lodge Victoria in Burmah, No. 832, excluding them from the said Lodge, and against the orders of the D.D.G.M. rejecting their appeals, also that on the 14th January 1878, Bros. A. L. Vaillant, T. N. Seymour, and J. Marsh, complained that they had been refused admission to their Lodge. The R.W. the D.G.M. had called upon the W.M. of Lodge Victoria in Burmah, No. 832, for an explanation, which had been submitted and accepted. The R.W. the D.G.M. had directed the brethren to be summoned to the next regular meeting of the Lodge, and if they presented themselves, be received therein. W. Bro. C. T. Baxendale had since raised the question whether, as Bro. the Rev. J. E. Marks's election as W.M. of No. 832 had been declared illegal, and as he was appointed to the office of S.W. by Bro. the Rev. J. E. Marks, his, W. Bro. Baxendale's, appointment was not illegal also, and his election illegal, intimating that till this was decided by the G.L. of England he would not open his Lodge. The R.W. the D.G.M. had ruled that W. Bro. Baxendale had legitimately been elected to the Mastership of his Lodge, and that W. Bro. Baxendale being a Past Warden of Lodge Astræa, No. 1376, Thayetmyo, was also eligible for election in that capacity.

The R.W.D.G.M. having addressed the Lodge, commenting briefly on the various matters referred to in the report of the D.G. Lodge Committee, it was proposed and carried that the report be adopted. On motion duly seconded, the D.G. Sec. was directed to place himself in communication with the G. Sec., London, and to intimate that in the recent appeal of Bros. A. L. Vaillant, T. N. Seymour, J. C. Jordan, E. T. Dover, and J. Marsh to the M.W.G.M. of England, that the G. Sec. had omitted to give notice to the D.D.G.M., whose decision was called into question, as required by the article headed 'of Appeal,' page 95, of the Book of Constitutions.

W. Bro. J. Dawson proposed, and W. Bro. E.G. Man seconded the proposition,—"That the D.G. Lodge subscribe for three Life Governorships in the Greenlaw Masonic Orphan Fund, at rupees 64 each, and that the District Grand Treasurer be authorised to disburse the same," this was carried unanimously. Worshipful Bro. B. Samuel then made a few remarks deprecating the depletion of the D. Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, it was uncertain when a demand would be made on that fund, which was a fund for distressed Masons and their widows. In this Bro. Samuel was supported by Bro. W. H. Porter, and to a large extent by the R.W. the D.G.M. Bro. Samuel did not wish to be misunderstood, he was not antagonistic to the Greenlaw Masonic Orphan Fund; he had given that Fund his sympathy and support on all suitable occasions, but he did not wish to see the D.G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence, brought to a low ebb.

W. Bro. W. H. Porter proposed, and W. Bro. Samuel seconded the proposition, "That when a vacancy occurred in the D.G. Lodge Committee, whether by retirement from the Committee, from Membership of any Lodge in the district, or leaving Rangoon permanently, it shall be competent for the R.W. the D.G.M. or his Deputy, on the vacancy being ascertained and declared, to elect a new member thereto."

Bro. Porter shortly explained the intent of this proposed addition to the bye-laws, which was necessitated by the ever changing conditions generally of Indian society, and yet more strongly in Burmah. If such an addition were not made to the bye-laws, the D.G.L. Committee might before the end of the Masonic year find its members too few in number to form a quorum. The R.W. the D.G.M. directed the proposition to be laid before the D.G.L. Committee for consideration and report. Other business having been transacted, the D.G. Lodge was closed in ample form.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

*We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.*

*We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.*

*All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.*

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### LODGE VICTORIA IN BURMAH.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The Order of the Grand Lodge of England to the Worshipful Master of Lodge "Victoria in Burmah," No. 832, Rangoon, to receive or re-admit Bros. A. L. Vaillant, T. N. Seymour, J. C. Jordan, E. T. Dover, and J. Marsh, to their Masonic privileges, was received by the W.M. on the 10th January 1878. A meeting was held on the 11th idem., when these Brethren presented themselves at the Lodge and were refused admittance. It is now stated that the Brethren were not refused admittance in *open* Lodge. The evasiveness of such a plea needs no further notice. Well, the W.M. decided on not opening his Lodge till he had told Grand Lodge or the Grand Secretary what *he* thought of both.

A Lodge was called for the 29th March, I send you the summons, and would call your attention to the agenda :—"To consider a communication from the Grand Lodge regarding the re-admission of Bros. Vaillant, Dover, Seymour, Marsh and Jordan."

Now the Grand Lodge made an Order on the 5th December 1877 that these brethren should be admitted ; there was no room for *consideration*, but *obedience* was simply required.

The five excluded Brethren were summoned to attend this meeting but they did not go, because the Lodge was going *to consider a communication from the Grand Lodge regarding their re-admission*, and because the brethren had knowledge of the *confidential* circular of the 1st February, of which you have a copy, wherein *some* of the brethren were invited to say that they had conscientious scruples, and could not in conformity with their obligation sit in Lodge with these brethren. I say *some of the brethren* were to give their decision on the subject, under *sealed* cover and *without delay*. I earnestly believe that another Masonic community could not be found who would act as the officers and members of Lodge "Victoria in Burmah" have done, nor have submitted to all this wrongdoing. The cry has been, *Perish Lodge "Victoria in Burmah" rather than that we shall obey the edict of the Grand Lodge and receive these brethren* who have not committed an offence, moral or otherwise.

At the meeting of the 29th March one brother enquired why the Confidential Circular was not sent to him? and was told by the W.M. that he was not a fit person to receive it. Brethren who had shown these circulars to others were called *Traitors*. A cut and dried letter to be sent to the Grand Secretary was produced for approval, and hurried through. This letter is couched in offensive language, and will be treated by the Grand Secretary as it deserves to be. It will more than confirm all I have stated regarding the insane resistance made to the Grand Lodge.

It has been proposed, *not in open Lodge*, that if a majority of signatories be obtained the Warrant should be surrendered to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. I mention this to show that you have not without reason charged the officers of "Victoria in Burmah" with ignorance, and that they have not studied the Book of Constitutions, or that if they have done so they have not received any advantage in increased knowledge in doing so. Of course there is a minority in the Lodge which will work it, notwithstanding the desire of some 18 brethren to destroy the Lodge; that is, if the Lodge is not, for its contumacious disobedience to the G.L., erased from the Roll of Lodges. I am compelled to address you, because no sooner is one wrongful act pointed out, than, like a bird hopping from branch to branch, a new offence is discovered, and other acts of wrong doing perpetrated. It is contemplated now that as soon as the five brethren shall present themselves at the Lodge that the W.M. shall either close his Lodge or the Masonic phalanx under him shall walk out and leave the five brethren, or any one or more of them, in possession to do their own wicked will. What new folly may be perpetrated, to provoke erasure, I am not prepared to state or even surmise, but I sincerely trust that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master will not fail to remember that there are brethren in "Victoria in Burmah" who do not approve of the doings of the Lodge for the last two years, and who are unwilling that a Lodge which has heretofore done good Masonic work, and has so large a voice in our Masonic Charities should become a wreck through the ignorance and obstinacy of the Master and mutiny of some of the crew.

Yours faithfully,

Rangoon, 13th April 1878. A LOOKER ON.

### PROXY VOTING.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to add to what I said in my letter of last week, that, if my memory serves me rightly, there was, at the last revision of the laws of the two Masonic Schools, a great diversity of opinion as to the manner in which the votes at the election of officers should be recorded. I may mention further that I have consulted two or three brethren of undoubted experience as to the

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statements I made in the letter in question, to the effect that it was possible to have substituted proxy for personal voting at the election of a successor to the late Bro. Little, and they fully agree with me. Now that the date of election has been fixed, of course any change will be impossible.

Fraternally yours,

FAIR PLAY.

## JAMAICA.

THE Annual Installation of Officers of the Hamilton Lodge, Spanish Town, took place on 2nd May, when the following were duly installed :—The Wor. A. J. J. Lyon Master, Bros. A. Abrahams Senior Warden, W. G. McFarlaine Junior Warden, W. D. Byles Treasurer, A. G. French Secretary, A. F. Rickards Senior Deacon, A. R. Incey Junior Deacon, G. Levy Inner Guard, J. R. De Leon Tyler.

The Installing Officer was the Right Worshipful Hon. Dr. R. Hamilton, District Grand Master of East Jamaica, assisted by the following Past Masters :—Wor. Bros. J. McGlashan, W. T. Jamieson, of the Hamilton Lodge; J. Tompsett, C. W. Tait, of the Sussex Lodge; S. H. Watson, B. M. Dias, L. G. Knox, of the Glenlyon Lodge; A. M. D. Levy, D. N. Berwick, of the Caledonian Lodge; and G. French, of the Westmoreland Lodge.

At the close of the ceremony, the brethren retired to a banquet, were the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded too. The brethren retired at a very late hour.

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**Royal Lodge, No. 207, Kingston.**—The installation meeting was held on 8th May, at the Friendly Hall, Hanover-street, presided over by W. Bro. Andrews W.M.; Bros. G. Sargeant S.W., Duff J.W., &c., &c., when the Worshipful Master handed over the Oriental chair to the Right Worshipful Bro. Dr. Hamilton, District Grand Master of East Jamaica, as the Installing Officer, when he was assisted by the following Past Masters :—Wor. Bros. C. H. Davis, R. Langley, and Andrews, of the Royal Lodge; Bros. Tait and Francis, of the Sussex Lodge; Bros. Barnes, Hollar, and Fenn, of the Phœnix Lodge; Bros. Burke, Dias, Knox, and Watson, of the Glenlyon Lodge; A. J. J. Lyon, of the Hamilton Lodge. The following Officers were duly installed :—Wor. Bros. G. J. Sargeant W.M., J. Thirlwell S.W., G. A. Campbell J.W., M. T. Lawrence Secretary, Stelfox Treasurer, W. Duff S.D., F. G. Garsia J.D., T. M. Simpson I.G., Pewter and Ryder Stewards, G. Magnus Tyler. An address was read and presented to the District Grand Master, complimenting him on his safe return to this island, and wishing him long life; signed by all the members of the Royal Lodge. The District Grand Master made a suitable reply. An address was reported by the Worshipful Master, prepared to be presented to the R.W. Bro. J. W. Whitebourne, Past Deputy District Grand Master for East Jamaica, expressing the regret of the members of the Royal Lodge on their having heard of his resignation as Deputy District Grand Master; but, on account of ill health, the W. Bro. could not attend. A Committee of five P.M.'s of the Royal Lodge, and the Wardens, were appointed to present the address. The Right Worshipful District Grand Master then read an address at the request of the members of the Royal Lodge to Wor. Bro. Andrews, on his retirement from the chair, which he had occupied for two years, regretting that in a few days they will have to separate from him, as he will have to leave for the Mother Country. He also decorated the Wor. Bro. W. Andrews with a Past Master's Jewel, presented by the members of the Royal Lodge. Bro. Andrews made a very touching reply. A letter from the G. Secretary Bro. John Hervey, with regard to the resolutions passed in the Grand Lodge of England in reference to the matter of the G. Orient of France, were read and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The usual Masonic silence was observed on account of the death of two brethren of the Lodge, and letters of condolence were directed to be written to the nearest relatives. After the routine business, the Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was served, and the good things provided were done ample justice to. The several Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to, especially the toast, "To the District Grand Master of East Jamaica, and the Wor. Master installed." The applause was repeated several times. A band was present, and played several lively airs, and the brethren retired at the small hours of the morning. About 150 to 200 brethren sat at the banquet table. This is the oldest Lodge in the province, and will shortly get the Centennial Jewel.

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**Phœnix Lodge, Port Royal.** — We reported that in the month of April Bro. G. P. Myers was elected Master, and on a protest being entered and forwarded to the District Grand Master, informing him that that brother had not served twelve months, according to constitution, he cancelled the election, and a fresh election will take place in June. At the ordinary meeting held in May, a few minutes silence was observed by the members in memento of the sudden death of Bro. Hull. Bro. Hull belonged to the navy, and was chief carpenter of H.M. Dockyard, and had only been out here a few months. Bro. Hull was a very young Mason, but in so short a time had won the esteem of the brethren. His illness lasted only forty-eight hours; he died from yellow fever. His brother officers and the members of the Lodge have agreed to raise a tablet to his memory.

**Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780.**—We have frequently had to record successful gatherings of the members of the Royal Alfred, and to-day it is our pleasure to give particulars of one of the most successful meetings held since the Lodge was consecrated. For some time past the requirements of the brethren have taxed, to the uttermost, the capabilities of the "Star and Garter" to find sufficient accommodation to enable them to transact the business of the Lodge, and yet to provide for the necessary requirements of the inner man. Kew, where the brethren of this Lodge hold their meetings, is described in an old Gazetteer we occasionally look into as "a pretty little village near unto Old Brentford; famed for its pure atmosphere, and possessing a seat which belonged to the late Prince of Wales." The little village of Kew may now almost be said to have merged itself into the great village of London, as there is scarcely a break in the continuity of houses that have been erected in the main road. Bro. Stanbury, fully conscious of the disadvantages he labours under, and, moreover, ever desirous to study the comfort of those who patronise him, intimated to the members of the Lodge, at their meeting in March last, that it was his intention to erect a new Banquetting Hall, and that it was his further intention to have it ready for their May meeting. On questioning our worthy brother, he declined going into particulars; but remarked, it should be a room worthy for a prince to dine in, and, moreover, that it should be completed and furnished in the short period that yet remained for him to get the work done. Some of the more sceptical of his supporters put inquiries,—Was he about to erect an Aladdin's Palace? Had builders' strikes for ever ceased? and other pertinent questions. All of these received the one reply,—Wait till your May meeting. Well, the day at length arrived, and on Friday, 24th ult., at the "Star and Garter," Kew Bridge, the Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Walter Goss, who was supported by Bros. Charles May S.W., W. Gomm J.W., W. Hilton P.M. Sec., J. Smith P.G.P. Treas., B. Blasby S.D., Erwin J.D., C. Costelow I.G., and Gilbert Tyler. There were also present Past Masters J. Chambers Roe, Lloyd, Littlewood, Brown, Gardiner, Potter, &c, a goodly array of the members, and the following Visitors, besides several others whose names we were not able to procure :—Bros. Delevanté, Jacobs, S. Page 1326, W. Vassila 1326, A. H. Smith 56, A. Collins late 780, J. J. Michael P.M. 1107, 1507, and W.M. 1732, E. J. Acworth 1612, C. D. Hume, W. Nye, E. Woodbridge 1612, Attlee, E. Mathews, Robertson, G. S. Wright, J. Hodges, H. Norton, M. Levenston, Walter Joyce, W. Game P.M. 511, Thomas Bryett J.D. 834, R. Clarke P.M. 1158, C. Phillips 820, John Humming P.M. 534, A. G. Dodson P.M. Joppa, D. Betts S.W. 1563, J. H. Cummings P.M. 534, J. H. Shand S.D. 1563, S. R. Lamble P.M. 27, G. H. Tipper, Seymour Lucas, H. E. Tucker 1612, J. O. Carter, W. Hamilton, Hill P.M. 209, G. W. Lay 569, W. W. Morgan, &c. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Goss proceeded with the ceremonial portion of his duties. This comprised the raising of Bro. William Eydmann, who, thanks to the efficient coaching of Bro. P.M. Clarke, again passed a most satisfactory examination; the passing of Bro. Botley; and the initiation of Messrs. Robert Crawford, A. T. Secker, and John Edward Sharp. In each of the ceremonies Bro. Goss evinced the care he had bestowed in acquiring a perfect knowledge of his duties, and impressed the candidates with the importance of the obligations they were entailing on themselves. On the completion of the ceremonies the W.M. invested Bro. Tarling P.M. with the collar of Wine Steward, this office being at his disposal in consequence of the resignation of Bro. Hale P.M. Bros. Akhurst and Franckel were also invested with the collars of D.C. and A.D.C. respectively. After the discussion of home affairs, the Lodge was closed. The brethren now repaired to the New Banquetting Hall, which is indeed a handsome and substantial building. It measures thirty-six feet by thirty-four, is fifteen feet high, and is decorated by eleven handsome mirrors in elaborate but chaste frames. It is lighted by gas pendants all round the room, with elegant chandeliers for gas at extreme ends, while a substantial glass chandelier for candles adds a brilliant lustre to the general effect. The Hall, moreover, is furnished with a splendid carpet, which has been specially fitted for the occasion. All the guests were unanimous in their expression of approval, and Bro. Stanbury, the proprietor, and Bro. Lamble, the builder, could not but feel gratified at the hearty congratulations that were tendered them. The repast was admirably served, under Bro. Stanbury's personal superintendence, and although the new building had entailed entire re-arrangement of the *cuisine* department, not a complaint was to be heard. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Goss proceeded with the toasts. After the health of Her Majesty had been given, with which the W.M. associated Prosperity to the Craft, the National Anthem was sung by Bro. Morgan, Bro. Delevanté playing the accompaniment. The toasts of the M.W.G.M., and the Earl of Carnarvon next received due honour. With that of the D. Grand Master and the Grand Officers was associated the name of the Worthy Treasurer, Bro. J. Smith, Past Grand Pursuivant. After a song—"The Friar of Orders Grey"—by Bro. Hamilton, Bro. Roe I.P.M. in felicitous terms proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Walter Joyce here recited a descriptive account of the historical Balaclava Charge, imparting to his delineation a vigour that was much appreciated. Then came the reply of the W.M., who expressed his satisfaction at the brilliant assembly. Bro. Goss remarked that Bro. Stanbury had worthily fulfilled the promise he had made on the occasion when last they met. The foundation stone of the building they were at present assembled in had been laid only seven weeks ago, and they now had a structure perfect in all its parts. He the speaker, had only been a Mason but a few years, but he was proud to know that the Lodge over which he had the honour to preside was so prosperous as to need the erection of such a building in which to hold its meetings. He then thanked Bro. Roe for the kindness he had displayed in proposing the toast, and the brethren for the way they had honoured it. Before resuming his seat he would ask them to drink to the health of the Initiates. This toast then received due honour, and a song from Bro. Eydmann is the next feature of the evening we are

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called on to notice. Next came the replies of the new members, which were brief, and uttered with a due regard to the importance of the responsibilities each had undertaken. With the toast of the Visitors were associated the names of Bros. Carter P.G.D. Berks and Bucks, Betts P.M. St. Clements Danes Lodge, and S. R. Lamble P.M. 27; each of these brethren replied. After a song—"The Bay of Dublin"—which Bro. Goss sang most artistically, the health of the P.M.'s was given, and briefly acknowledged by Bros. Roe, Littlewood, Lloyd, Gardiner, and Brown. Then came the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, which gave Bro. W. Hilton an opportunity to make some happy remarks in reference to the prefix Royal which was attached to the name of the Lodge. The W.M. then rose to give what he suggested might be accepted as the toast of the evening—the health of their host, Bro. Stanbury, who had exerted himself so successfully to promote their comfort that evening. After a song from Bro. Botley, Bro. Stanbury rose: He felt he stood in a very peculiar position. The way in which the toast had been given and received was to him extremely gratifying. He was pleased to notice that on this occasion his name had been placed before the toast of the Charities, and before the builder who had so worthily worked out what he contracted to do. As a business man, he (Bro. Stanbury) had only done what any business man should have done under the circumstances. He appreciated the support of those who were around him, and he made them certain promises, which he had striven might and main—he hoped he might say successfully—to fulfil. He thanked the W.M. and members of the Royal Alfred for their kind expressions of approval, and personally he took the opportunity of publicly acknowledging the obligations he felt under to Bro. Lamble for the energy he had displayed in carrying out the work. He then assured all present that if they felt he had done well in the past, they might take it as an earnest of his desire to exert himself in the future, and to do all in his power to make them comfortable. In response to a special call, Bro. Lamble remarked he hardly knew how to add anything to what Bro. Stanbury had said. However, he could look with feelings of pride on what they had jointly accomplished. He would merely add, that he trusted it would not be long ere the new Hall would have to be enlarged, and that he might be favoured with the contract. The remaining toasts were then fully honoured, and in due course the final one—To all Distressed Masons—was given, and the brethren separated. In addition to those already named, several other brethren favoured the company with songs, and Bro. Delevanté was, as usual, most courteous in tendering his services as accompanyist.

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**William Preston Chapter, No. 706.**—The Convocation for installation of Principals was held on Thursday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel. The Chapter was opened by Comp. George Newman M.E.Z., Aug. Braun H., and H. E. Frances as J., Wm. Worrell P.Z. S.E., B. H. Garrod P.Z. Treas., W. F. Newton S.N., John Gibson P.S.; there were also present Comps. Pilditch, Hiscox, Joseph, Sinclair, Barker, Miller, Rüssmann, Steinmann, Williams, Partridge, Rickwood, Barns, &c. Visitors—Jonathan Taylor Z. 933, S. D. Ewins W.M. 766 and Chap. 192, H. E. Frances 857, P.G.D.C. Surrey, H. F. Thompson 185, W. W. Morgan 141, James Stevens P.Z. 720, and M. Klenck 1339. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. Walter Young, of the Earl Spencer Lodge, No. 1420, was balloted for, and being approved, was in due course exalted to the R.A. degree. The ceremony of installing Comps. Aug. Braun, Dr. W. H. Kempster, and J. T. Gibson, as M.E.Z., H., and J. respectively, was then proceeded with, Comp. Garrod P.Z. officiating as installing officer. The following, with one exception, were then invested as the Officers for the ensuing year, namely, Comps. Garrod P.Z. Treasurer, Worrell P.Z. Scribe E., Dr. Cutmore (unavoidably absent, but who will fill the office of) Scribe N., Hiscox Pr. Soj., and Joseph and Pilditch as 1st and 2nd Assist. Sojourners respectively. The report of the Audit Committee, which was then submitted, showed that the finances of the Chapter were in a most satisfactory state. A P.Z.'s jewel was then unanimously voted, and presented to Comp. G. Newman on his retirement from the chair of first Principal. Sundry communications having been read, the Chapter was closed with the usual formalities, and the Companions adjourned to the banquet, which, considering that Comp. Rand had a voice in the arrangements, our readers will judge was of unusual excellence. In the course of the evening the customary toasts were given, and among them may be mentioned that of the Installing Officer, Comp. Garrod, who expressed the pleasure he always felt in undertaking the duties of that office. The toast of the M.E.Z. was most cordially received and heartily acknowledged by Companion Braun. Companion Worrell, whose name was associated with the toast of the P.Z.'s, and of whom many kind things were said in the course of the evening, replied in a very manly speech, and in allusion to his candidature for the vacant Secretaryship of the Girls' School, he mentioned incidentally, that the day fixed for the contest happened to be the anniversary of his birth-day, and he regarded this as a very favourable augury. He said also that he had had the pleasure of meeting several of his competitors; he had found them, one and all, most companionable fellows. The toast of the Press was acknowledged by Comps. Massey and Morgan. At intervals during the evening several songs were sung, and Comp. James Stevens delivered himself with much emphasis of his latest contribution to Masonic literature, in the shape of the song we had so much pleasure in noticing last week, namely, *Masons' Vows*, set to music by that able musician, Comp. J. Randle Fletcher, of East Lancashire. In fact, the gathering was one of the most enjoyable it has been our good fortune to be present at. We have omitted to mention that the members of the Craft appeared in mourning, out of respect to the late Comp. Dr. W. Alban Attwood, and that a vote of condolence with his widow was unanimously agreed to, Scribe E. being directed to communicate the resolution to her officially.

## MOHAWK MINSTRELS—Bro. THOMAS'S BENEFIT.

THE Annual Benefit of Bro. R. G. Thomas, the courteous manager of the Mohawk Minstrels, was held on Wednesday evening, and proved a brilliant success. A special programme was provided, every portion of which went excellently well. The first part, which was of the usual character, included three ballads by the *bénéficiaire* himself, namely, "Don't Forget the Little Ones," sung by Mr. H. Florence; "Down where the Rippling Waters Flow," sung by Mr. C. Temple; and "Sweet Cuckoo, sing again," by Mr. G. Eustace. These formed a very pleasing feature in this portion of the entertainment, being, as they were, admirably rendered by the artists to whom they were severally entrusted. The comic songs, "She danced the Grey Cachuca," "That's what makes me Grin," and "Taffy was a Welshman," by Messrs. F. Duriah, Ted Snow, and W. Freeman respectively, were received with well-merited applause, and Mr. F Dolby in his National Song "The Call to Arms," was as usual most effective. Mr. James Francis's new whimsicality, entitled "Branigan's Band," created quite a *furore*, the Mohawks being on this occasion reinforced by thirty of the 1st Life Guards Minstrel troupe and band, who appeared by special permission of Colonel Keith Fraser. Their great stature and the extraordinarily grotesque costumes they appeared in caused shouts of laughter, and as the curtain fell on the whimsicality the audience expressed their approval most rapturously. Part II. opened with the wonderful entertainment of Prof. Peterson, specially engaged for the occasion, and his celebrated Dogs. Then followed a Glee by the Mohawk Minstrels choir, and the entertainment of Mr. Sidney Franks, vocalist and mimic. A trio by Messrs. Styles (clarionet), Wotton (bassoon), and Lawson (horn) of the 1st Life Guards, on a theme from *Robert le Diable*, was a great performance, and gave immense satisfaction. Bro. James Francis followed with his amusing Temperance Lecture. The Rawlings Family, the well-known campanologists, who were specially engaged, appeared in their admirable entertainment, and the whole concluded with Julius's Promenade Concerts, in the last item of which—the British Army Quadrilles—the war songs of all nations were introduced, that of Russia being most cordially hissed, and those of France and Turkey being as cordially applauded. In this, the combined bands of the Mohawks and Life Guards played together most effectively, and the audience, or at least the greater part of it, departed in every way delighted with their entertainment. The Hall was then cleared, as rapidly as circumstances would permit, for the ball which was to follow, and this, with the Life Guards Band to furnish the music, and Mr. Jarvis to render his valuable services as Master of the Ceremonies, was a most agreeable conclusion to a very brilliant evening. The floral decoration of the Hall showed great taste on the part of those charged with it, the supper was well served, and the guests, who numbered about 170, would have been very hard indeed to please had they not been able to enjoy themselves most thoroughly.

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A brother has asked us if a Lodge of Instruction working under the warrant of the Mother Lodge can change its place of meeting with the consent of the W.M. of the latter, or if the proposed change must be referred to the Mother Lodge for its approval. The question is not one as to which any direct information can be gathered from the Constitutions, nor does Oliver, in his *Masonic Jurisprudence*, take notice of such a contingency. All we can say in reply is, that, in our opinion, the sanction of the W.M. for the removal is sufficient.

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We have been asked by several of our readers as to the qualifications of voters for the Secretary of the Girls' School, and also as to the mode of voting. In reply, we refer our readers to the recently-issued edition of the Laws of the Masonic Schools, where they will find the needful information. We may, however, state that the election rests with the General Committee of the Institution, and, as our readers are aware, this Committee is composed of the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors, together with twelve brethren annually elected from the Life and Annual Subscribers. This, then, is the constituency with which rests the choice of the new Secretary. As to the method of voting, brethren who are anxious to record their votes will have to attend the General Committee, a special meeting of which has been fixed for Thursday, the 11th July, and vote in person.

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At the meeting to be held this day (Saturday) of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the House Committee for the year 1878-9 will be elected. The following is a list of the candidates, twelve of whom will be chosen by ballot, namely, Bros. J. G. Chancellor (nominated by Bro. Leopold Ruf), A. Durrant (nominated by Bro. H. T. Thompson), and Bros. B. Head, H. W. Hunt, W. F. C. Moutrie, J. J. Murray, W. Pass, W. Hyde Pullen, W. Roebuck, S. Rosenthal, G. J. Row, R. W. Stewart, and S. Wood (nominated by Bro. L. Ruf). The following will be elected, without ballot, on the Finance and Audit Committee, namely, Bros. J. Boyd, J. W. Dosell, E. B. Grabham, B. Head, W. Mann, D. W. Pearse, J. Turner, A. Wallace, and R. B. Webster.

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# Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

## ELECTION OF HOUSE COMMITTEE.
**SATURDAY, 1st JUNE 1878.**

BROTHER CAPTAIN ALFRED DURRANT,
P.M. 1185, M.E.Z. ELECT 1185,

Having been nominated at the last meeting of the General Committee to fill one of the vacancies on the House Committee for the ensuing year, respectfully requests the votes of the VICE PATRONS, VICE PRESIDENTS and LIFE GOVERNORS at the Ballot, which will be taken at the Office of the Institution, Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday next, from four to five o'clock.

Brabançonne, Wood Green,
28th May 1878.

# GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS
OF
## ENGLAND AND WALES
AND THE
*COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN.*

The Right Hon. the EARL OF LIMERICK M.W. Grand Master.
The Rt. Hon. LORD SKELMERSDALE, R.W.D.G.M., Grand Master Elect.

## INSTALLATION OF M.W. GRAND MASTER.

THE SUMMER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION of this Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C. on Tuesday, the 4th of June 1878, when and where all Grand Officers (past and present), W. Masters, Past Masters and Overseers of private Lodges are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present. Grand Lodge will be opened at Five o'clock p.m. The Banquet will be provided at Seven o'clock. Tickets 15s each, inclusive of wine.

Brethren intending to be present are requested to send their names to the Grand Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary, not later than Saturday, the 1st of June.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,
FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G.J.W.,
Grand Secretary.

Office—2 Red Lion-square, Holborn, W.C.
21st May 1878.

# GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS
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*COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN.*

The Right Hon. the EARL OF LIMERICK, M.W. Grand Master.
The Right Hon. LORD SKELMERSDALE, Grand Master Elect.

A MOVEABLE GRAND LODGE will be held under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland, at the COURT HOUSE, KESWICK, on FRIDAY, the 14th of JUNE next. Grand Lodge will be opened at One o'clock, *precisely*.

BUSINESS.

Consecration of "Fletcher Lodge, No. 213," and "Henry Lodge, No. 216,"
AND
Installation of Worshipful Masters thereof, by the M.W. Grand Master, assisted by his Grand Officers.

The Banquet will take place at the Keswick Hotel, at Three o'clock.

Tickets 7s each, exclusive of wine.

Application for which to be made to Bro. P. de E. Collin, P.G.S., Maryport; Bro. G. J. Mackay, Kendal; or the W. Masters Elect.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,
FREDERICK BINCKES,
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## To the Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

BRETHREN,—I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for the office of Secretary, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Little. Should you do me the honour to elect me, I can only say that I will endeavour to fill the office efficiently, and I hope that the manner in which I have discharged my various duties in Masonry will be considered a sufficient qualification.

W. SMALLPEICE, Assoc. Inst. C.E.
P.M. 1305, Secretary 969, Z. Cyrus Chapter 21
Secretary Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

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# ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.
## ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

THE Votes and Interest of the General Committee are respectfully requested in favour of

BROTHER W. CLIFTON CRICK,

(Bachelor of Sciences Paris University), P.M. Canonbury Lodge 657, and Secretary Sunbury Lodge 1733.

102 CHANCERY LANE, W.C.

# ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

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**Committee for securing the Election, as Secretary, of**
BRO. CHARLES FITZGERALD MATIER.

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The Right Hon. the EARL of DONOUGHMORE, L.G.
The Rt. Hon. the EARL of BECTIVE, M.P., Prov. G.M. Cumberland and Westmoreland, L.G.
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Brethren desirous of assisting are respectfully requested to forward their names to—

BRO. STEPHEN BARTON WILSON, L.G.,
Hon. Secretary,
27 Walbrook, E.C.

## To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors of the
# Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—

I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a candidate for the post of Secretary to your valuable Institution, rendered vacant by the lamented death of our esteemed Brother R. WENTWORTH LITTLE.

I have been a Freemason upwards of Nine years, during which time I have taken a very active interest in the Order. I am a P.M., and have been for some time past, Secretary of my Lodge, and Scribe E. of my Chapter.

I am now the Secretary of an Orphan Asylum, a position which I have held nearly four years, and am therefore thoroughly acquainted with the practical working of a Public Institution.

I am thirty-three years of age, and in good health, and previous to receiving my present appointment, I was engaged in business with a Marine Insurance Broker at Lloyds'.

Soliciting the favour of your kind interest and support,

I have the honour to be,
My Lords, Ladies and Brethren,
Yours obediently and fraternally,

WILLIAM WORRELL,
P.M. and Sec. No. 780. P.M. 1339.
P.Z. and S.E. Chapter No. 780.
P.M. and Sec. Macdonald Mark, 104,
and Past Grand Organist (Mark).

67 KNOWLE ROAD, BRIXTON, S.W.
*May* 1878.

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# Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

## ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

BRETHREN desirious of Supporting the Candidature of Bro. Hedges are respectfully solicited to forward their names to Bro. Alfred Tisley, St. Dunstan's Vestry, Fleet-street, E.C.

**To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors of the**

# Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

MY LORDS, LADIES AND BRETHREN,—

I desire to tender my sincere thanks to the numerous brethren who have so kindly assisted me in my canvass for the personal support that will necessarily be required at the forthcoming election of Secretary to the above Institution.

I farther beg those Life Governors whose votes and interest are yet unpledged to give me their personal support at the election. Every communication to this effect will be thankfully received.

I have the honour to be,
My Lords, Ladies, and Brethren,
Yours faithfully and fraternally,

THOMAS CULL,
S.D. 1446; P.S. Chapter 1365;
Preceptor to the Royal Standard and Salisbury Lodges of Instruction; Steward and L.G. 1878.

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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THERE has been only one sitting of any length in the House of Lords since we wrote last. On Friday, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon announced that it was his intention to introduce several important amendments into the Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill. Consequently he only moved that the Bill should be committed *pro forma*, so that it might be reprinted with the amendments, and their Lordships have an opportunity of judging of their value. This course was agreed to. On Monday, in reply to Lord Cardwell, the Marquis of Salisbury was able to announce that the prospects of the Congress meeting had increased during the previous two or three days. The House then went into Committee on the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Bill. More than one division took place in the course of the consideration of the different clauses, but ultimately the Bill passed through Committee. After a brief sitting on Tuesday, the House adjourned till yesterday (Friday), Thursday being Ascension Day.

On Thursday, the great debate on the Indian troops question was brought to a conclusion, and, on the division, the Government secured a majority of 121, the numbers being, for Ministers 347, and for the Opposition 226. There were also eleven pairs, so that, with the Tellers and Speaker, we can account for 600 out of the 658 members of which the House is composed. Only one Conservative member, Mr. Newdegate, voted away from his party, while twenty Liberals and Home Rulers helped to swell the ministerial majority. On Friday, Mr. Fawcett put a series of questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer as to the movements of Indian troops, and declared his intention of moving a resolution on Monday, the day fixed for Committee of Supply on the Supplementary Naval and Military Estimates for the pay and transport of these troops. Mr. J. Barclay then moved a resolution, to the effect that the present system of taxing the succession to property is partial and unjust, and, in the opinion of the House, ought to be readjusted. Mr. Barclay found 107 to support him, but the opponents of the resolution mustered 150, and therefore he was defeated by 43 votes. Soon afterwards the House went into Committee of Supply on the Civil Service Estimates, and sat till a very late hour. On Monday, the House went into Committee on the Supplementary Estimates, Military (£350,000) and Naval (£398,000), in connection with the despatch of Indian troops to Malta. There was a long and desultory debate, and the money was not voted without a division, though the Marquis of Hartington refused to countenance the Opposition that was offered. In the end the Ministry carried the day by 214 to 40, or a majority of 174. The House went into Committee, and the moneys were voted. On Tuesday, nothing worth recording was done, and the House was counted out shortly after half-past seven. On Wednesday afternoon, the greater part of the sitting was occupied in Committee on the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday (Ireland) Bill, considerable progress being made with it.

On Saturday the Queen's fifty-ninth birthday was publicly celebrated in the usual manner. The ceremony of trooping the colours on the Horse Guards Parade was witnessed by a more than usually numerous gathering of spectators, and had it been possible, four battalions of the Guards would have taken part in it; but this would have curtailed the space available for the public, and therefore only some half-dozen strong companies, with a squadron of Life Guards were present—together with the several bands of the foot regiments. The Princess of Wales, the Crown Princess of Germany, the Duchess of Teck, and the Prince Imperial witnessed the ceremony from the Horse Guards, and among those present with the Duke of Cambridge at the inspection were His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Germany, the Duke of Teck, Lord Napier of Magdala, and other officers of distinction. The Prince of Wales was unable to be present, being confined to the house by a severe cold. In the evening Ministers gave full dress Parliamentary banquets in honour of the occasion, and the event was celebrated at the West End with the customary illuminations, which drew crowds of sight-seers, being more numerous and likewise more effective than usual. There was a parade of troops at Aldershot. At Woolwich there was a field-day, two battalions of the Rifle Brigade under H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and about twelve batteries of horse and field artillery being on the ground. At Plymouth, Portsmouth, Dover, and in the Phœnix Park, Dublin, there were also the usual military displays, and the numbers of troops which were reviewed was very considerable. The Volunteers likewise turned out in considerable numbers, while at the headquarters of the Honourable Artillery Company there was a muster of 320 (horse, foot and artillery), and the royal salute and *feu de joie* were fired as usual. Indeed, we do not remember for many, many years to have witnessed so much enthusiasm.

The Prince of Wales has, as we have already mentioned, been confined to his house by a severe cold. However, the Princess of Wales has been moving freely about, going to the theatre and opera, and riding, driving, and taking an interest in passing events. On Wednesday, she had a narrow escape from an accident when riding in Rotten Row, owing to her horse slipping. However, the animal quickly recovered itself, and the Princess's habit was not even soiled. The State Concert which was to have taken place on Wednesday, has been postponed, owing to the sudden death, at an early hour on Saturday morning, of the Duchess of Argyle. This, of course, has cast a shadow over the festivities of Court circles, as the deceased lady was the mother-in-law of the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne). On Wednesday, the Crown Prince of Germany, the Duke of Cambridge, Lord Napier of Magdala, and General Lysons visited Aldershot, for the purpose of witnessing a sham fight of the troops quartered there. The weather was most unpropitious, and at one time there seemed to be a question of postponing the review, but his Imperial Highness's engagements were such that he could not have arranged for a visit any other day, and, therefore, the party set out as arranged, and the fight took place, after which the troops marched past, and the Royal party returned to town, after having partaken of luncheon. During the day an accident occurred to the charger which Lord Napier of Magdala was riding, Colonel Dillon's horse kicking it so severely that it had to be killed on the field.

On Wednesday afternoon, Lord Justice Thesiger presided at the forty-sixth Anniversary Festival of the United Law Clerks' Society. The guests numbered about three hundred, and included the Attorney-General and a strong array of other Queen's Counsel. In response to the toast of the

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evening, it was stated that the amount of the subscriptions to the festival was a fraction over £612. The health of the Chairman, proposed by the Attorney-General, was drunk with enthusiasm.

Though the event must have been anticipated for some time past, the death of the venerable Earl Russell has caused deep regret in all circles, and among all classes of politicians, Tories as well as Whigs, Conservatives as well as Liberals. Though for some years past, indeed we may say since his retirement from the office of Premier in the Summer of 1866, his Lordship has ceased to take any active part in politics, but though the influence he had possessed has long since ceased to be felt, to any appreciable extent, still he has lived so long among us, and, in his time, has taken so active a part in the politics of the country, that his death, even at the almost patriarchal age of 86, will be felt by all classes. Lord John Russell, the third son of the fifth Duke of Bedford, was born in August 1792, and after the usual scholastic training, he was sent to Edinburgh, where he was placed under the care of Professor Dugald Stewart. In 1813, he was returned to the House of Commons, as member for the family borough of Tavistock. In 1819 he proposed his first scheme of Reform. In 1828 he brought forward his bill to repeal the Test and Corporation Acts, and though the minister opposed it, his lordship was, to the surprise of every one, successful. In Earl Grey's ministry of 1830 Lord John Russell had to put up with the minor office of Paymaster of the Forces, though he was entrusted with the charge of the Reform Bill; indeed, it is with this measure that his name will be chiefly associated. In Lord Melbourne's Ministry, 1837-41, Lord John held the seals of office as Home Secretary. On the defeat of Sir R. Peel's second Administration in 1846, he became Prime Minister, and continued in office till February 1852, when the late Earl of Derby succeeded him. In the Coalition Ministry which was formed on the defeat of the Conservative Ministry, Lord John held a seat in the Cabinet without a portfolio, having, however, the leadership of the House of Commons placed in his charge. On Mr. Roebuck's motion in the beginning of the Session of 1855, Lord John anticipated matters by resigning office. When the debate came on, he spoke of the mismanagement of the campaign, but his attempt to exonerate himself at the expense of his colleagues was unsuccessful, and in the ministerial arrangements which followed the break-up of the Aberdeen ministry, he was left out. Then came the Vienna negotiations, which brought upon him so much odium. In 1858, Lord Derby held office a second time, but only till the summer of the following year, when Lord Palmerston became Prime Minister, with Lord John Russell at the Foreign Office, and shortly afterwards he was raised to the peerage as Earl Russell. On the death of Lord Palmerston, in the autumn of 1865, Lord Russell became a second time Prime Minister, but his tenure of office was brief, the Reform Bill of the Government being defeated on Lord Dunkellin's motion, and for the third time the late Earl of Derby became Prime Minister. Since then the appearance of his Lordship in the House has been of rare occurrence, and latterly his enfeebled state kept him for the most part confined to his house, Pembroke Lodge, Richmond Park, where he expired on Tuesday night.

The Horse Show at the Alexandra Palace was opened last Friday, and remained open till Wednesday. The number of entries was under the average, but in respect of quality the animals were admirable specimens. Both the Coaching and the Four-in-Hand Clubs visited the grounds. the latter turning out in very considerable strength on the closing day, among the teams being those of the Marquis of Worcester, the Duke of Beaufort (President), and the Marquis of Waterford, Mr. Eaton's, Lord Tredegar's, Count Munster's, &c., &c., &c. The ladies mustered in considerable force, and having lunched the party witnessed the jumping, and then returned by the same route homewards. An accident to a valuable horse belonging to a Mr. Taylor, of Yorkshire, occurred during the period of the visit. The animal, in opposition to the rules, was ridden at the water jump from the opposite direction and broke its leg. It had consequently to be destroyed there and then.

As regards the political situation, the answers given on Monday evening by the Marquis of Salisbury in the House of Peers, and by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the House of Commons, have been regarded most hopefully by the public, and there are rumours that invitations to the Congress have already been issued from Berlin. This may or may not be premature, but there can be no question, if the various reports from Berlin, St. Petersburg, Paris, and Vienna have even a shadow of foundation in fact, that we are on the road to establish a means whereby a peaceful settlement may be arrived at. It by no means follows that peace is assured because the Congress meets, nor will it be possible for us to relax in the slightest degree in our naval and military preparations. Still the Congress will bring the Powers together, and it is something even for that to happen, especially after the gloomy aspect which affairs had assumed before Count Schouvaloff visited St. Petersburg. Of other news bearing on the question there is little to note. A strong fleet will rendezvous off Portland next week, and the native Indian Contingent is rapidly landing at Malta. The Russians are making a great fuss about fitting up their Corsair Fleet, and troops are still being marched into Turkey. As to the Turks, the force around Constantinople becomes stronger every day, but what the recent change of Ministers may portend, no one has yet had an opportunity of forming an opinion. Let us hope that next week we may have an even more hopeful account to render. Our only advice to people is, that they must not be too sanguine.

## COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, and was presided over by Bro. Colonel Creaton. The meeting was the largest one that has yet been held, there being about 250 brethren present. The cause of the large assemblage was the election of the House and Audit Committee, and the presentation of the Report of the Sub-Committee on the qualifications, duties, and emoluments of the Secretary, whose post is now vacant. This report, which was read by Bro. Hedges, was in the following terms:—

That all Candidates for the office of Secretary be Master Masons of three years standing.

That no brother shall be eligible to become a Candidate whose age exceeds forty (40) years.

That the office hours be from 10 o'clock a.m. to 5 o'clock p.m. daily, except Saturday, and on that day, from 10 o'clock a.m. to 2 o'clock p.m.

That the Secretary shall give the whole of his time and attention to the duties of his office, and hold no other appointment, with or without pecuniary consideration.

That he shall keep the accounts of the Institution in a methodical manner, and file all bills, receipts, certificates, and other papers in regular order at the Office, that the same may be inspected at any time by the respective Committees.

That he shall in all respects conform to the rules, laws, and regulations of the Institution, and follow the instructions of the House Committee.

That he shall prepare the quarterly accounts, and lay the same before the House Committee at their meeting immediately preceding the quarterly Audit Committee.

That he shall strictly conform to the laws of the Institution.

That the salary be £350 per annum.

The Committee then adopted the report, and referred the matter to the House Committee, to advertise the vacancy, receive, and examine testimonials, and to report to the General Committee of 27th June; that Committee to be then adjourned to the 11th July, on which day, at two o'clock, the election of Secretary shall take place. On the motion of Bro. Tattershall, seconded by Bro. W. Stephens, it was resolved that the salary of the late Secretary be paid to his widow up to Michaelmas next. After the consideration of the petitions, of which there were nine, Bro. Benjamin Head informed the Committee of the presentation to Mrs. Mouckton of her portrait. The following brethren were then elected the new House Committee:—

| | Votes | | Votes |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bro. John Boyd | 184 | Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Peters | 130 |
| „ Joshua Nunn | 149 | „ Griffiths Smith | 130 |
| „ Benjamin Head | 144 | „ Edmund C. Mather | 129 |
| „ John A. Rucker | 139 | „ Thomas W. White | 128 |
| „ Henry A. Dubois | 135 | „ Peter de Lande Long | 124 |
| „ Alfred H Tattershall | 134 | „ Edward Letchworth | 117 |

The election of the Audit Committee resulted as under:—

| | Votes | | Votes |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bro. Henry C. Levander | 177 | Bro. William Roebuck | 129 |
| „ Joshua Nunn | 172 | „ Thomas Kingston | 118 |
| „ Herbert Dicketts | 165 | „ William Bailey | 114 |
| „ Robert B. Webster | 156 | „ Charles Jardine | 111 |
| „ John G. Chancellor | 148 | | |

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 1st JUNE.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
742—Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
1233—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

## MONDAY, 3rd JUNE.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, 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.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Trodegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road.
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors).
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
190—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
385—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
633—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1060—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
1061—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1064—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
1077—Witton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
R. C.—St. Hilda, Queen's Hotel, York.

## TUESDAY, 4th JUNE.

Grand Lodge M.M.M., Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C.
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.)
654—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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1902—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
130—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
134—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
393—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
946—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1382—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.

## WEDNESDAY, 5th JUNE.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall. At 6 for 7.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1324—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
298—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
320—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.
1167—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
1184—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1187—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.
1306—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

## THURSDAY, 6th JUNE.

5—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)
M. M.—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Guildhall, Canterbury.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
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.
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
456—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
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.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1613—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

## FRIDAY, 7th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1360—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road, N.
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
700—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
998—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool.
1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1367—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.

## SATURDAY, 8th JUNE.

1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
869—Gresham, Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1637—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

### SATURDAY.

R. A. 306—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.

### MONDAY.

184—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan, Halifax.
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.

### TUESDAY.

275—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

### WEDNESDAY.

R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

### THURSDAY.

260—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemason's Hall, Sheffield.

### FRIDAY.

242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelhall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1045—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

### SATURDAY.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—179—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.
TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 68 Constitution-street.
THURSDAY—97—St. James, St. James' Hall, Writer's-court.
FRIDAY—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship Hotel, 5, Register-street.

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## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.**—At Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, on Thursday evening last. Present—Bros. Grammer, W.M., Slaiter S.W., Norden J.W., Campbell S.D., Nemo J.D., Maidwell I.G., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremonies of the first and second degree were rehearsed, Bro. Forss as candidate. Bro. Hollands P.M. then took the chair, and Bro. Maidwell W.M. No. 27 gave a portion of the Installation ceremony, after which Bro. Grammer resumed his position as W.M. Bro. Forss, No. 554 Lodge, was elected a member, and the Lodge was closed.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—At 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 27th May. Present—Bros. Hallam W.M., Wing S.W., J. Millington J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Stock S.D., Hyland J.D., J. W. Smith I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Pearcy, Baldry, W. Cook, Currey, Wilding, S. Hallam, Dybdahl, &c. Lodge being opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. W. Cook candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the first, the W.M. the second, Bro. Fenner the fourth, and Bro. Tolmie the fifth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. R. Nicholls and H. A. Barnes, both of the Mother Lodge, and Bro. Hyland, of the Savoy Lodge, were elected members. Bro. Wing was voted to the chair for next Monday. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

**Sincerity Lodge of Instruction. No. 174.**—Held its weekly meeting on Monday, 27th May, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. A. Ellis W.M., F. Brown S.W., J. S. Fraser J.W., A. Ellis Secretary, P.M. Lacey Treasurer, J. Fraser S.D., Webb J.D. Visitors—Bros. Burchell, Cull, Jones, Campbell, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Maidwell answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The W.M. worked the first section, assisted by the brethren. Bro. F. Brown was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form. The business of the City Masonic Benevolent Association was then proceeded with. Bro. Newton (Hon. Sec.) said he had the pleasure to announce that the Treasurer (P.M. Verry) had sufficient funds in hand to ballot for three Life Governorships. The ballot was taken, and prizes were drawn for Bros. J. S. Fraser Lodge No. 174, Jones No. 174, and Horsley No. 933. A vote of thanks to the Chairman (Bro. Webb) closed the proceedings.

**Joppa Chapter, No. 188.**—The regular convocation was held on Monday, the 27th May, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Comps. W. Littaur Z., L. Jacobs H., P. Dickinson J., H. Gulliford S.E., H. P. Isaac as P.S.; P.Z.'s S. M. Lazarus, E. P. Albert, J. Lazarus, S. Pollitzer, and H. M. Levy; Comps. I. P. Cohen, W. A. Barrett, Riebold, L. Brall, Mann, Botibol, Haines, J. Davis, Myers, Buderus, N. Baum, L. Auerhaan, L. David. The Chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bro. E. Goldberger, No. 1017, was balloted for and duly exalted into R.A. Masonry, it is almost needless to say perfectly and impressively. The election for Principals, Treasurer, Junior Officers and Janitor took place, and resulted as follows:—Comps. W. Littaur M.E.Z. was re-elected, P. Dickinson H., L. Lazarus J., H. Gulliford S.E., I. P. Cohen S.N., H. P. Isaac P.S., W. A. Barrett, Musical Doctor, W.M. Orpheus Lodge, Assistant Soj., and Smith Janitor. Comp. Chevalier Pollitzer P.Z. proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes, and that a sum be voted from the funds of the Chapter for the purpose of presenting Comp. Littaur with a testimonial, for his skill and ability, and for the able and efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties. This was carried unanimously. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to banquet, provided by Comp. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. Silver. Grace having been said by the Rev. M. Myers, the M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. In proposing the health of the newly exalted, he gave a beautiful illustration of the duties incumbent on R.A. Masons. Comp. Goldberger responded. Comp. E. P. Albert P.Z. P.G.P. proposed the toast of the M.E.Z. In testimony of the respect in which he is held, he has been re-elected; under his careful direction the Chapter would continue to prosper. The M.E.Z. replied in eloquent terms, in conclusion remarking that he had not anticipated the honour of being re-elected; however, he would do all in his power for their comfort. The toast of the Visitors was then given. Each severally responded. The perfect working of the M.E.Z. was a pleasure to listen to; the same remark would apply to each Officer. In speaking to the toast of the P.Z.'s, the M.E.Z. referred to the manner they had performed their duties while holding office. Individually, he was sure he would always have their support. The health of the H. and J. came next, and Comps. Jacob and Dickinson responded. The rest of the Officers were not overlooked, and the M.E.Z. then summoned the Janitor. The following is a list of the Visitors:—Comps. E. R. Cutler 21, J. Cox 507, C. K. Killick P.S. 228, Dr. W. Bull, H. Jarrett (Kilwinning), W. H. Fisher, and L. Jacobs late 188.

**Buckingham Lodge, No. 591.**—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the George Hotel, Aylesbury, on Wednesday, the 15th May. Present Bros.—George T. de Traine W.M., J. Adams S.W., J. Lawson as J.W., T. Horwood P.M. Treas., J. Williams P.M. Sec., G. A. Jefferies S.D., L. Poulton J.D., T. W. Robinson I.G. The minutes of the last Lodge, and Lodge of Emergency were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for a candidate; it proved unanimous, and he was initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. John Lawson P.M. gave the charge. Bro. J. Adams was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. T. Horwood Treas., and Bro. T. Cheshire Tyler. All business ended, the Lodge was closed in ancient and solemn form and adjourned.

**Alliance Lodge, No. 667.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 21st ult. Present—Bros. John Ellis W.M., J. S. Willings I.P.M., H. Firth S.W., J. H. Gregory J.W., Thos. Peake Sec., D. Lloyd S.D., A. Bucknall J.D., R. Foulds I.G., Jas. Bailey Steward, Peter Ball Tyler. Past Masters Bros. J. E. Jackson P.G.J.D., John Devaynes; and Bros. Bond, Willings, Wood, Brocks, Barker, Stewart, Loyd, Williams, Jones, Beck, Hudson, Jackson, Lees, Bowyer, Elliman, Buchanan, Broadbent, Hall, David Jones, Callow, B. Callow, Fowler, Mason, Formby, Ellery, Taylor, M. Davies, Swan, Creak, Francis, Rood. Visitors—Bros. Foster 724, Kelly 673, D. Callow 823, S. M. Davies 22 G.R.C., J. Massey, Thomas Grant 823, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the usual business gone through, Bros. Jackson, Barker, Willings, and Broadbent were passed to the F.C. degree. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bros. Beck, Brooks and Stewart were raised. The Lodge was then resumed to the first, and there being no further business, was closed in harmony with solemn prayer. By request of the W.M. the brethren adjourned to supper. In the course of the evening the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and severally replied to. A couple of hours round the festive board was pleasantly passed, and the brethren were indebted to Bros. Lloyd, Willings, Jones, Callow, and Williams, &c., for some good singing.

**Panmure Lodge, No. 720.**—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, the 20th ult., and was well attended. Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. D. Trusler, supported by Bros. C. P. McKay S.W., W. R. Sheadd J.W., James Stevens P.M., H. Payne P.M., Thomas Poore P.M. and Secretary, W. Smith S.D., W. McMurray J.D., E. Mitchell I.G., A. Blogg Org., M. Spiegel D.C., G. Lambert W.S., W. Steedman Tyler; also Bros. Gunner, Mulley, Treves, Max Brenner, Pascall, Syer, Whittaker, G. Lilley, Glenister, Laver, Anthony, Richardson, Ash, Mellaish, Kerr, &c.; and Visitors Bros. C. Stuart Barker P.M. 1632, Henry Baldwin 1632, A. G. Creake W.M. 159, J. Coe W.M. 1339, J. Read P.M. 720, E. Kidman W.M. 1586, C. Pugsley 1586, W. Hope Kirk P.M. 179, J. Newton P.M. 1238, H. Fowkes 108, and Joseph Wright P.M. 1446. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. The Lodge was raised and resumed, and Bro. Thomas Poore P.M. having taken the chair as installing Master, Bro. C. P. McKay was presented and installed W.M. for the ensuing year with the usual ceremony. The Officers were appointed and invested as follows, viz.:—Bros. D. Trusler I.P.M., W. Sheadd S.W., E. Mitchell J.W., T. Poore P.M. Treasurer and Secretary, M. Spiegel S.D., W. Gunner J.D., A. Blogg Organist, G. Lambert I.G., F. C. Pascall D.C., G. Mudey W.S., and W. S. Steedman P.M. Tyler. The addresses, W. N. and E., were then delivered by the Installing Master, and the Lodge resumed to second degree. Bro. Laver proved his proficiency and was raised to the third degree by the newly-installed Master, who acquitted himself in a most effective and perfect manner. Lodge having been closed down, propositions for initiation were taken. The sanction of the Lodge was given to the proposed formation of a general Lodge of Instruction under the title of the Lodge, and to be held at Brixton. Other routine business having been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to banquet, and under the presidency of the new W.M., who ably conducted the proceedings, a very agreeable evening was spent in good fellowship and harmony.

**Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.**—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening last, at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road. Present—Bros. Ives (Treasurer of the Lodge) W.M., Pringle S.W., Clegg J.W., Robinson S.D., Andrews J.D., Jones I.G., Breden (W.M. of the Mother Lodge) Sec., Turquand Preceptor; also Bros. Ould, Warner, Westcott, and other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was worked in a most efficient manner by the W.M., the other Officers being well up in their respective duties. Four sections of the lecture were then worked, the first and second by the J.W., third by Bro. Ould, the fourth by Bro. Andrews, in each case assisted by the brethren. Bro. Pringle was duly elected to the position of W.M. for the next meeting of the Lodge. He, in acknowledging the compliment, expressed the hope that he would be found worthy of the honour which had thus, for the first time, been conferred upon him. On the 26th prox., the Annual Banquet will be held, tickets for which may be had of the Secretary, or any member of the Lodge, 3s 6d each. Any brother who may honour the Lodge with his company on that occasion will receive a cordial welcome.

**New Concord Lodge of Instruction. No. 813.**—Held at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Wednesday, 29th May. Present—Bros. Saul W.M., Pearcy S.W., Gibbs J.W., Tolmie acting Preceptor, Main Sec., Slaiter I.G.; also Bros. Fenner, Hallam, Ames, Swales, Elliston, Brandram, Stock, Cusworth, Hobbs, Byng, Trewinnard, Isaac, Halford, &c. Lodge being opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge advanced to the third degree, and resumed to the first, when the following brethren assisted to work the Fifteen Sections:—1st Lecture: Bros. Gibbs, Hallam, Fenner, Pearcy, Stock, Saul, and Tolmie. Second Lecture: Bros. Byng, Tolmie, Pearcy, H. P. Isaac, and Pearcy. Third Lecture: Bros. Cusworth, Halford, and Stock. Bro. Slaiter, Carnarvon Lodge 804, Brandram, Eclectic 1201, were elected members of the Lodge. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded Bro. Saul for working the Sections; also to Bro. Tolmie for his able assistance,

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both these brethren were unanimously elected honorary members. The thanks of the Lodge were voted to those who had assisted in working the Sections, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned. Bro. Main, the energetic Secretary of this Lodge of Instruction, desires us to inform our readers that the Lodge has removed from the Rosemary Branch, Hoxton, to the above address, where in future all meetings will take place. We have pleasure in making this announcement, as the spacious rooms at Bro. Fysh's are admirably adapted for Masonic meetings.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.** — The Fifteen Sections were worked in this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday last. Bro. Turquand P.M. 890, 1556 presided, and was supported by Bros. Ives 781 as S.W., Pinder P.M. 15 as J.W., while Bro. Wallington P.M. 860 acted as I.P.M. The Sections were worked by the following brethren:—1st Lecture—Bros. Carr, Dallas, Wardell, Brasted, Webb, Pinder, Clegg. 2nd Lecture—Bros. J. Lorkin, Fieldwick, McMillan, Ives and Howlett. 3rd Lecture—Bros. C. Lorkin, Webb, and Wallington. The evening's proceedings were admirably conducted by Bro. Turquand, who though but a young Mason, has, by his perseverance and energy, obtained a foremost place amongst our Masonic instructors. He was rewarded on this occasion by the hearty congratulations of the members, who conferred on him the honorary membership of the Lodge, in addition to a vote of thanks; the latter compliment was also paid Bros. Ives and Pinder, with those brethren who had assisted in the work. There were several additions made to the roll of members, and after a pertinent reply from Bro. Turquand the Lodge was closed. The members of this Lodge of Instruction meet every Tuesday evening; we advise those of our readers who desire instruction to pay the Lodge a visit.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—At Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday the 24th ult. Present—Bros. Bolton W.M., Kent S.W., Peall J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Secretary, Moss S.D., A. W. Smith J.D., Hine I.G., also Bros. Crouch, Stroud, Richmond, Gieseke, Posener, &c. Lodge was opened, minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Richmond candidate. Bro. Posener answered the questions, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Both ceremonies were rehearsed by the W.M. in a very excellent manner. On the Lodge being resumed, Bro. Fenner worked the fourth section of the lecture, assisted by Bro. Crouch afterwards the first section, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Richmond of Israel Lodge No. 205 was elected a member of the Lodge. Bro. Kent was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

**Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.**—Held at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday last. Bros. Slaiter W.M., E. Bishop S.W., Jacob J.W., Aspinall S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., R. Bishop I.G.; also Bros. Grist, McDowall, Caithness, Lockett, Mann, Trowinnard, McMillan, F. Badkin, &c. All formalities regarded, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Caithness candidate. Bro. McDowall answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted and passed. Bro. Aspinall now assumed the chair, and ably rehearsed the ceremony of the third degree, Bro. McDowall again acting as candidate. Bro. Trowinnard S.W. Lodge 1693 was unanimously elected a member. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

**Lodge of Israel, No. 1502.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Monday, the 20th ult. Present—Bros. Alex. Jones W.M., L. Courtney as S.W., Rev. H. Marks J.W., Maurice Hart I.P.M. Secretary, J. De Freece Treasurer, S. J. Wareing S.D., S. J. Henochsberg J.D., Rev. J. Prag Chaplain, W. G. Veale Organist, R. Robinson P.M. D.C., J. Saber Steward, M. P. Tueski I.G., W. H. Ball Tyler; P.M. Bro. A. J. Henochsberg. Visitors—Bros. Reader 292, Alexander 203, L. Hart, Thomas 1647, and Davies. After reading the minutes of the previous meeting, and passing to other routine business, Bro. M. Hart, the energetic I.P.M. and courteous Hon. Secretary, gave the lecture on the Tracing Board in the second degree in capital style. There had been anticipation of working in the third degree, but the candidate was unavoidably prevented from attending. This was a matter of great regret on the part of Bro. Davies, who had visited expressly for the purpose of witnessing the ceremony. The working of Israelitish Lodges generally is admirably carried out. Intelligent Masons will perceive that our beautiful ritual, properly rendered by our Israelitish brethren, brings the ancient past into close sympathy and identity with the present. Lodge No. 1502 has a very excellent roll of members, amongst whom there is great ability, energy, and fraternity. That it is and will be prosperous cannot be questioned. A very pleasing feature in the business of the evening was the announcement of Bro. A. Lyons, Treasurer of Ball Committee, that the net proceeds of the recent ball amounted to over £33, and the same would be applied to Fund of Benevolence of the Lodge. Cordial votes of thanks were tendered the Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, and Committee, for the able and satisfactory manner in which everything connected with the recent ball had been carried out. By command of the W.M., the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and the good things provided were approached according to ancient rite, and enjoyed by the brethren. The W.M., on rising to propose the first toast, said the brethren of the Craft in every clime responded to the toast of the Queen most heartily, and he need not add another word to ensure its loyal reception by all present. It was drunk with enthusiasm, the brethren singing the National Anthem. The next toast, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family, adding thereto our Masonic Rulers, Supreme and Subordinate, was most heartily drunk, the brethren singing God Bless the Prince of Wales. Bro. Hart, by permission, took the gavel, and said he had the great pleasure to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. On occasions like the present, when they met round the festive board, they endeavoured to show their esteem to one who was so thoroughly deserving. The arduous duties of a W.M. were tolerably well known to all present, and the members of the Lodge knew well W. Bro. Jones had discharged those duties, by his ability, kindness, and zeal, to the satisfaction of all. He now gave them the toast of their Worshipful Master, which was most cordially drunk, with musical honours. Bro. Henochsberg, in the interval, gave a capital recitation, after which the W.M. rose to respond to the toast. He said: it is a very great honour for the W.M. to have his health proposed in such a truly fraternal spirit, and greater still to witness the cordial manner in which the brethren received the toast. He regretted not having had any work to do, especially as they all felt equal to the occasion. He thanked the officers for their promptitude in attending to their duties, and expressed himself anxious to do his duty at all times, and trusted to be able to do so for some time to come. Bro. Klinkowstain favoured the brethren with a classical selection, accompanied on the piano by Bro. Veale. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the visitors, and, in doing so, informed his guests that they were exceedingly welcome, and he trusted to have the pleasure of their company whenever they could make it convenient to visit No. 1502. He called on the brethren to drink to their visiting brethren, with their usual enthusiasm, which was eminently done. Bro. Isaacs kindly gave the next song, after which Bro. Davies, Reader, and Morris responded on behalf of the visitors, and thanked the W.M. and brethren for the very hearty manner in which Bro. Jones gave the toast, and the truly Masonic way in which the brethren had drank their healths. Bro. Courtney delighted his hearers with a recitation, in his usual splendid style. The W.M. rose to propose the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge, and in doing so paid a high tribute of praise to the abilities of Bros. Robinson and Hart, the former brother was ever present to render his valuable assistance to the W.M., and in his capacity of D. of Cer., kept the Lodge in perfect order. Then Bro. Hart, acting likewise in a double capacity, as Secretary and as I.P.M., rendered invaluable assistance by his indefatigable exertions. They both work so effectively and silently, in and out of the Lodge, for the welfare of the Craft in general, and particularly the Israel Lodge, that the heartiest thanks are due them. Bro. Hart, at the request of the W.M., sang one of his capital melodies. Bro. Robinson in responding to the toast of the Past Masters, thanked the W. Master and the brethren for the kind manner in which his name had been given and received. He assured them that he was more than compensated for the duties he performed in being able to come amongst them to enjoy their pleasant society. Bro. Hart sincerely thanked the W.M. and brethren for the mark of esteem shown him, and stated that in all his proceedings he was actuated by the sole desire to promote the welfare of the Lodge and the general interest of the Craft. Bro. Smage favoured the brethren with a song. The W.M. rose with great pleasure to propose the health of the Officers of the Lodge; he regretted the absence of the S.W., but nothing except very urgent business could have kept him from his post. He alluded to the satisfaction he had in the constant attendance of his talented J.W., who came to his Lodge at great inconvenience. He paid a tribute of just commendation to the worthy Treas., who had acted in that capacity ever since the Lodge was established; he had done his duty faithfully. He next referred in the same kind manner to the other Officers; before he concluded, he must inform all that with such talented and energetic Officers his duties were made really light and pleasing. Bro. Robinson greatly amused the brethren with a song. Bros. Marks, Frece, and Courtney severally expressed their high appreciation of the kindness of the W.M. in proposing their health, and thanked the brethren for the reception of the toast. Bro. Jacobs responded to the wish of the W.M. for the last song, after which the Lodge was called to resume labour, and was closed in harmony in due and antient form.

**Sir Hugh Middelton Lodge, No. 1602.**—This Lodge has only been two years in existence, it has, however, paid its liabilities and has a benevolent fund, and has already sent up six stewards to the Charities. The installation meeting was held on Friday, the 24th May, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. Bros. E. G. Sim W.M., T. J. Coombs S.W., A. F. Rowley P.M. J.W., J. Osborn Secretary, J. Weston Senior Deacon, W. Norris Junior Deacon, W. F. Poulton Inner Guard, R. G. Thomas Org., Somers I.P.M., and Bros. Field, Dawson, Oppenheim, S. Rowley, H. Lund, Furlong, Parslow, E. Abrams, Tallant, Gibbs, Allison, Greenfield, Payne, Pearcy, J. Francis, Rimell, W. Francis, &c. The Lodge opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. The report of the audit committee was adopted, it showed the funds were in a flourishing state, and Bro. Furlong, as one of the auditors, testified to the able manner in which the accounts were kept by the Secretary. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. G. Henri and Jas. Brewer, who were initiated into the Order by the W.M. The W.M. in the name of the Lodge then presented a very elegant and artistically designed jewel to the worthy Secretary Bro. J. Osborn, and in addition an inscription on vellum, in testimony of the esteem and regard in which he is held. For this Bro. Osborn returned thanks; he hoped the valuable gift would be handed down to his children. A board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. T. J. Coombs S.W. and W.M. Elect was installed into the chair by the retiring Master, whose perfect rendering of the ceremony was much admired. On the readmission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom, and he appointed his Officers: Bros. E. G. Sim I.P.M., A. Rowley S.W., J. Weston J.W.; the Treasurer, Bro. Payne, was unable to attend on account of illness; J. Osborn Sec., W. Norris S.D., W. F. Poulton J.D., Field I.G., Rimell W.S., Parslow Asst.

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W.S., J. H. Oppenheim D.C., R. G. Thomas Org., Steedman P.M. Tyler The resignation of two brethren was accepted, with regret, particularly so in the case of Bro. Knight, whose ill-health precluded his attending. The W.M. remarked that he now had a very pleasing duty to perform; to present the retiring P.M. with the Jewel he so well merited, and he hoped Bro. Sims would be spared many years to wear it; and ever be blessed with health and prosperity. Bro. Sim thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the valuable gift, which was too great a recompense for such slight services as he had been able to render; however, he would do all in his power for the comfort of the Lodge, and his best exertions would always be at their disposal. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Grist, whose catering gave great satisfaction. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the toast of H. M. the Queen, who had endeared herself to all her subjects. To-day was her birthday,—and it was an eventful day for him (the W.M.) to be installed into the chair. He was sure all Her Majesty's subjects, wish her long life. Individually, he hoped he might live among them for many years to celebrate this eventful day. The toasts of the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the Pro G.M., and the D.G.M., were enthusiastically received. Bro. Sims I.P.M. then rose; he had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. Bro. Coombs; he was sure he was expressing their feelings when he hoped he might have this toast to propose at the expiration of his year of office; and that he might have the satisfaction of knowing that Bro. Coombs had done his duty. The W.M. thanked Bro. Sims for proposing, and the brethren for so cordially responding to the toast; he was sure the members would assist him to carry out the duties of the chair faithfully and zealously. As one of the founders he would, with the guidance of the Past Masters, do all required of him. He hoped to carry out the duties of the chair as successfully as had been done during the two years the Lodge had been in existence. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates, Bros. Henri and Brewer; they were pleased to see them among them. The Lodge was proud to receive them as members. Bro. Parslow here sang a very excellent song; he was accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Thomas. Bro. Brewer returned thanks, and Bro. Henri also responded. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. There were nineteen present, and he, the W.M., as well as every member of the Lodge was proud to see them; he would couple with the toast the names of Bros. H. Massey, H. M. Levy, and W. B. Kidder. The brethren named expressed their satisfaction at the admirable manner the various ceremonies had been performed, and the hospitality afforded them. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters. At present there were but two, still he hoped they would live long to see the Lodge flourish. Bro. Somers responded; and was followed by Bro. Sim, who thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kind reception of his name. The members had recognised his services as W.M. kindly and considerately, and he hoped for many years to be among them. By the permission of the W.M., he would now propose the toast of the Masonic Charities. Bro. Sims spoke of the benefits conferred by the three Institutions, and he hoped their funds would increase. He regretted the absence of Bro. Terry, who was in Manchester. Bro. Rimell had represented the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Norris had consented to act as Steward for the Anniversary Festival of the Boys; he hoped on every occasion they would send a Steward from the Lodge. Bro. Rimell, who replied, said: As a young Mason he was pleased to represent the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; he hoped on a future occasion again to serve as Steward, and hoped to get large contributions. Bro. Norris was pleased to represent the Lodge at the next Festival of the Boys; he hoped the brethren would liberally subscribe. He had attended the meeting of the Stewards; H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught would take the chair on the 8th July, at the Alexandra Palace, where ladies would be present. He called attention to the excellent arrangements that had been made by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, who offered every accommodation to the brethren, and he trusted every member of the Lodge would support him. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. The former brother was unavoidably absent from illness. The Secretary, Bro. Osmond, had had his services appreciated by the presentation made him; no man was more worthy. Bro. Osmond said for two years he had acted as Secretary, and he hoped he had given them satisfaction. He never expected to receive so elegant and valuable a testimonial; his duties had been a labour of love, and what he did was for the comfort of the brethren. He again thanked them for their elegant gift. He regretted the absence of the Treasurer, but he trusted that brother would be present on future occasions. The W.M. said he thought he had made a good selection of the officers he had appointed; in time he hoped to see them successively occupy the chair of the Lodge. Bro. A. Rowley S.W. returned thanks; and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. Amongst the visitors were—Bros. Kew W.M. 179, Clare 1507, W. B. Kidder P.M. 12, H. Massey P.M. 619, W. Rowley 917, Carter 1687, Bateman P.M. 820, Wood 1288, Weaver P.M. 820, W. Wilcs P.M. 173, G. Edwards 907, Pearcy 228, Reason 1260, Gibson P.M. 1420, Purkis 946, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c.

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**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.**—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, at York. Present—Bros. T. B. Whytehead W.M., T. Cooper I.P.M., J. S. Cumberland S.W., C. G. Padel J.W., G. Balmford P.M. Treas., J. Kay Sec., J. T. Seller J.D., T. Humphries Asst. Sec., M. Millington I.G., T. D. Smith and A. T. B. Turner Stewards, P. Pearson Tyler; and Bros. Beanland P.M., G. Walker, W. P. Husband, Ware, Wilkinson, &c. The chief business consisted of an initiation and a passing, after which the W.M. said he had a pleasing duty to perform, which was to present to the Lodge, on behalf of Bro. R. W. Hollon, an old engraving of Sir Christopher Wren, one of the traditional Grand Masters of the Craft. This was the second gift of the kind that had come from Bro. Hollon, and he thought it very gratifying that the oldest Past Master of the York Lodge, No. 236, and one who had attained the dignity of Grand Lodge honours, should show such a keen interest in the well-being of the younger Lodge. The gift was received with hearty applause, and the Secretary was instructed to write to Bro. Hollon, conveying the best thanks of the Lodge. Pursuant to notice, the W.M. brought forward the subject of the contemplated visit to York, in July, of a party of Masons from Philadelphia. He said that Bro. Meyer, Grand Recorder of Pennsylvania, had written to him on the matter some time ago, and had requested him to make arrangements for their viewing any objects of interest in the city, and he thought that it would be a good opportunity of extending to the visitors the hand of fraternal fellowship. It was proposed to hold a meeting of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory 101 (K.T.) on the day of the visit of the Americans, who had expressed a wish to see that degree worked, and probably a luncheon would be given them under the banner of the Preceptory. If the brethren of the Eboracum Lodge chose to take any steps, either in conjunction with the Preceptory or alone, to welcome their Transatlantic friends he should be glad of it. As the Americans were bringing ladies with them, he thought it would be both appropriate and pleasant to seize the opportunity of admitting ladies to the entertainment whatever form it might take. Several brethren spoke in terms of approval of the ideas thrown out, and eventually a committee was appointed to consider the matter and report to the next regular Lodge. Subsequently the brethren met at refreshment, and a social and pleasant evening was spent, enlivened by solo and part singing. A quartette, consisting of members of the Lodge, comprising Bros. J. S. Cumberland, J. E. Wilkinson, T. Humphries, and G. C. Lee performed several glees in masterly style.

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**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.**—Met at the Feathers' Hotel, on Thursday, the 23rd ult. A. Jones W.M., H. E. Tucker Treas., W. Seward jun. S.W., E. C. Porter J.W., Le Grys S.D., Coop J.D., Clarke I.G., J. Johnson Steward, Alais P.M. 834 acting as P.M. for the evening; also Bros. Josey 834, H. Stephens, Ackworth, Botley, Owen, &c. Lodge opened, and minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. At the request of the W.M., who was unwell, Bro. H. E. Tucker took the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Botley being candidate. The Lodge was then opened up to the third degree, and Bro. Tucker rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. E. T. Brown being candidate. The Traditional History and Lecture on the Tracing Board in this degree were given by Bro. Alais, and the ceremony having been finished by the W.M., the Lodge was resumed to the second. The W. Master gave the Lecture on the Tracing Board in that degree. A special vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Alais for the assistance and instruction he had rendered the Lodge. On returning thanks, Bro. Alais congratulated the W.M. on the manner he had worked the ceremonies, and said he had enjoyed the evening so much it would not be long before he repeated his visit. Bro. W. Seward jun. was elected W.M. for 6th June. The Lodge used their own working tools and tracing boards on this occasion for the first time. These have been purchased out of the funds of the Lodge.

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**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—Met on Wednesday, the 29th inst., at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C. There were present—Bros. Biddle W.M., Walker S.W., Bush J.W., Gottheil P.M., J. K. Pitt Secretary, Sayer S.D., R. Harris J.D., Metcalf I.G.; Anderson, A. Posener, G. Harris, Webb, Woodward. As had been announced at the last meeting, the first and second ceremonies were rehearsed. Bro. Biddle's work was scarcely up to his usual mark. We would advise more sustained application, and greater attention to what may appear unimportant detail, but which, nevertheless, is essential to make up what is understood to be efficient work. Bro. Harris's Deaconship requires improvement, but Bro. Sayer as Senior Deacon did his work with care. Several of the brethren were lax (a not unusual occurence) in their mode of standing to order. This indifference, even in a Lodge of Instruction, is most reprehensible, as laxity begets slovenliness, and, consequently inferior workmanship. Bro. Metcalf of the Mizpah Lodge, who was elected a member, in thanking the brethren for having accepted him, said, that unfortunately his time was circumscribed by his avocations, and he therefore was unable to attend to Masonic duty as frequently as was desirable, but holding the position of S.W. in his Lodge, he would strive to visit this Lodge as often as possible, as from its reputation he was convinced that it was the place to receive the instruction he was in search of. Bro. Walker was elected W.M., but expressed his willingness to give way to any other Brother who on next Wednesday might express a wish to preside in his stead.

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**Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.**—The first regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, on Tuesday, the 28th May. Bros. J. Willing jun. W.M., Douglass S.W., Clemow J.W., Treadwell Treas., Stiles Sec., Jones S.D., Hyland J.D., Smith I.G., Barham, Tomkins, Jaques, Sillis, Deller, Holt, and many others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the W.M., by permission of the W.M.'s of 45 and 177, raised Bros. Lowe and Baldrey. Messrs. Arthur Douglass, Mabey, Philpott, Hixon and Lloyd were impressively initiated into Freemasonry, and seventeen brethren were balloted for and admitted as joining members. The Bye-Laws were proposed, discussed, and agreed to, so as to be submitted to Grand Lodge for approval, and arrangements for a summer festival were discussed. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, which Bro. Mitchell ably served. The only hitch that occurred arose from the waiters being foreigners, and this occasioned some little delay between the courses. The Lodge will meet again on the fourth Tuesday in June.

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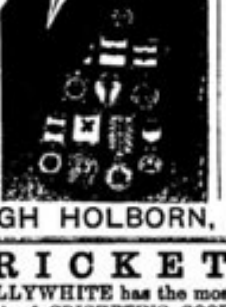

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## THE CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

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Only one application was made during the year for assistance, and the Committee rightly consider this a proof that greater care has been exercised by the Lodges in the admission of candidates. At the same time it is pointed out that this may be a very exceptional circumstance, and therefore brethren are urged to continue, and, if possible, increase their contributions. The Committee further express their thanks to the Prov. G. Master for having placed his nomination to the Boys' School at the service of the Institution, by which act of kind consideration a son of the late Bro. Meacock, P.M. of the Mersey Lodge, is being educated at the School at Wood Green. They likewise note with extreme pleasure that Bro. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, and Grand Senior Warden of the Province, has, by a contribution of Twenty Guineas, constituted himself a Vice-President; that a sum of Five Guineas, being the proceeds of an entertainment in the Parkgate district, has been received from the brethren of the Dee Lodge; that a further sum of £10 has been received from the Committee of management of the amateur performance at Birkenhead; and that the Stockport brethren have given ten guineas, being the proceeds of their annual ball. They note, lastly, the loss the Institution has sustained by the death of Bro. Robert Anderson, P.M. of the Zetland Lodge, who had given his valuable services as Solicitor gratuitously from its foundation. As to the Treasurer's statement of account, we note with pleasure the following particulars:—The opening balance of the year was £476 6s, and the receipts from all sources, including in addition to the sums already mentioned above, £328 11s 6d, as fees, donations, and subscriptions from Lodges and Chapters, and £117 5s 3d, as interest on invested property, amount to £499 13s 9d, making a total on the charge side of the account of £975 17s 9d. The discharge includes, besides minor expenses for printing reports and circulars, stationery, postage, &c., &c., £97 5s 5d for the education of sixteen children, £24 9s 7d for the advancement of five, £350 for the purchase of Mersey Dock Bonds, and five guineas for one share Great Western of Canada, making together a sum of £511 17 1d. Thus the balance at the close of the year amounted to £464 0s 8d, of which £306 6s 8d was in the North and South Wales Bank awaiting investment, and £157 14s in the Treasurer's hands. The funds of the Institution, including the aforesaid balances at bankers, and in hand, now represent a total of £3,202 2s 6d. We take leave to congratulate our Cheshire brethren on the very flourishing condition of their Masonic Institution, which we doubt not, under the auspices of such brethren as the respected Prov. Grand Master in the capacity of President, and Viscount Combermere Past Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Sir Watkin W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of North Wales and Salop, the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.D., Dep. Prov. G.M., Captain Cope, P. Prov. S.G. Warden, Bro. Æ. McIntyre, Prov. G.S. Warden, and Bro. J. P. Platt Past Prov. J.G.W. as Vice Presidents, will go on increasing in prosperity. It should be added that an annual subscription constitutes the donor a Life Governor with one vote, and an additional vote for every additional five shillings; a donation of five guineas constitutes the donor a Life Governor, with a vote for each guinea subscribed, while one of twenty guineas makes him a Vice-President. Every Lodge and Chapter contributing twenty guineas at one time, or in the course of three years, is entitled to twenty votes during its existence. A subscribing Lodge or Chapter has the same privileges as a subscribing member. A minister of religion, who is a Freemason and advocates the cause of the charity from his pulpit, and has a collection on its behalf, becomes a Life Governor with five votes. Children for admission must be over seven and under 15 years of age, except in the case of a child whose parents are both dead, when the minimum age is reduced to six years; nor can they receive the benefits of education after sixteen years of age. The father of a candidate must have been a subscribing member to his Lodge for at least three years. Candidates for advancement must be over twelve and under eighteen.

## MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 58.)

### A HARBINGER OF PEACE.

A mind in wisdom old, in lenience young,
From fervent truth where every virtue sprang;
Where all was real, modest, plain, sincere,
Worth above show, and goodness unsevere:
Viewed round and round, as lucid diamonds throw,
Still as you turn them, a revolving glow,
So did his mind reflect, with secret ray,
In various virtues, Heaven's internal day.

WE have more than once remarked, in former articles or sketches, that one of the greatest and most acknowledged beauties of Freemasonry is its comprehensiveness, not only with reference to its cosmopolitan character or the universality of its system in regard to religious faiths, but likewise from its inclusion of men of all ranks in society. The days have long since departed when, except in the most bigoted countries, it was impossible for men of different creeds to meet together on terms of amity. Men of different nationalities have always found a way of mixing freely together, though there can be no question that Freemasonry has established among them a mystic bond previously unknown of men. But though religious and national animosities have been growing continually less and less embittered, so that except in the most emergent times men of the most diverse faith and origin now recognise they are of the same great human family, and have a common interest, how opposed soever to each other may be their several views, that kind of jealousy which has almost invariably existed in the relations towards one another of the different grades of society still, we regret to say, survives to a very considerable extent, and it is one of the chiefest boasts of the Freemason that the Society of which

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he is so proud to be a member includes within its scope the commingling together, in one body, of men of every social grade. All men who are Masons, be they persons of rank and station, of great influence by reason of their abilities or wealth, or be they simply private individuals or of the great middle class of hard working men who live by the sweat of their brow, all these, within the precincts of our Order, meet together on a perfect footing of equality. We do not withhold the respect that is due to princely rank or fortune. We are perfectly well aware that social distinctions, in some shape or form, will continue to exist as long as there is a world to live in, and that the idea of a perfect equality among men is the mere dream of a visionary. Yet none the less is it true that all Masons are, *ipso facto*, equal, in the sense that all are bound by the same obligations to carry out, as far as in them lies, the beneficent design of Freemasonry. A fuller explanation of what constitutes Masonic equality will not be necessary among Craftsmen, while the non-Mason has no right to expect that we should go out of our way to be more explanatory. For them the story we are about to narrate must be a sufficient illustration of our meaning. Thus, in the series of Portraits which have appeared from time to time in these columns, we have sketched noteworthy men of every rank in the social scale, and this fact alone should, to our minds, be conclusive that Masonic equality is the reality we have proclaimed it to be, not the fiction which many who regard us with jealousy are anxious the world should consider it. In our last sketch we portrayed a peer of the realm who is the Masonic ruler of his Province. This week, our portrait is of one who belongs to the English middle class, who, in all the relations of life, has played his part well, and who, in his Masonic career, has filled a position of honour or of trust in every section of the society with which he is connected. There is, moreover, a most important characteristic by which this respected Brother of ours is distinguished. He is essentially a man of peace, that is to say, he is not only peacefully inclined himself, but he is also the promoter of peace among others. Whenever he hears that discord has arisen or is likely to arise among neighbours or among brethren, he exerts all his influence in the restoration of peace. The apple of discord is not a fruit which finds any favour with him, and with him for its guide a Lodge should always close in "peace and harmony." If it were any part of our duty to describe the profession or calling he follows, we should, perhaps, experience some difficulty in doing so. He simply belongs to that fortunate class of men who not only have enough and to spare of the goods of this world, but are prepared likewise to employ it to good purposes. However, we believe he is in some way connected with the management of those places of healthy recreation for the public which, in an over-populated metropolis like ours, are indispensable. This, however, is a matter which concerns us not. Our task is to record his labours in the field of Masonry, and we think our readers, when they have read the following particulars, will agree with us that those labours reflect upon him the highest possible degree of credit.

The details of his Masonic career are certainly interesting, and will serve as well "to point a moral" for other brethren to mark and carefully consider its significance as to adorn the story of a worthy Craftsman. The features by which our brother's connection with Freemasonry has been principally distinguished are, in the first place, an utter absence from his work of all ostentation. What he has done has been done from sheer love of the Craft, not from love of self-exaltation. There has been no parade of his abilities, no undue eagerness to win the praise of his fellows. On the contrary, he has gone about his duties in a quiet and businesslike, yet thoroughly effective, manner. It is now nearly sixteen years since he was admitted to the benefits of Masonic light, and in that time he has made more than one mark with which his name will be associated long after he has been gathered to his fathers. Then he has been a studious Mason, and one who has ever made it a point to be regular in his attendance at Lodge and Chapter; and what is still more to the point, he is a practical Mason, by which designation, of course, we mean that he carries out in practice the obligations he has contracted. There may, in short, be nothing brilliant about his achievements, but he has laboured earnestly and with a large heart, and he has long since found his reward in the esteem and respect with which his brethren regard him, including even those who are but slightly acquainted with him. But to our task of relating his Masonic history. He was initiated in the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174, on the 15th October 1862. Having passed through the minor offices, he at length became one of the rulers of the Lodge, and in January 1869, was rewarded by being elected to fill the Master's chair. In this capacity he did good service, and his presidency over the Lodge was so warmly appreciated, that on retiring, in due course, from his post, the members voted him a Past Master's Jewel. In October 1871, he joined the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, of Waltham New Town, in the Province of Herts, and in three years' time he filled the chair of his Lodge, receiving, as in the case of his Mother Lodge, a similar recognition of his merits on retirement from the cares of office. In December 1872, he was installed the first W.M. of the Langthorne Lodge, No. 1421, Stratford, of which he has the honour of having been the founder; and in 1876 he founded, and in the month of August was installed the first Worshipful Master of the Tredegar Lodge, No. 1625, Bow. A Past Master's Jewel was in each of these cases deemed only a just recognition of his valuable services by those whom he had presided over during the first year, and therefore, in many respects, the most critical period of the Lodge's existence. We have already mentioned his affiliation in 1871 to the King Harold Lodge, of Waltham New Town, in the Province of Herts, and that in October 1874, he was elected its Worshipful Master. But even before the latter office had been conferred upon him, his worth as a brother had received recognition at the hands of the Provincial authorities, for at the installation in August 1874, of the present Provincial Grand Master of Herts, our respected brother was appointed and invested a Provincial Grand Deacon.

So much for his achievements in Craft Masonry. As regards the Royal Arch, he was exalted in the Sincerity Chapter, No. 174, in October 1867, and was installed M.E.Z. in the same month of the year 1875. When his term of office was completed, he received a P.Z.'s jewel, as a slight token of the appreciation in which he was held by his Companions. He was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Thistle Lodge, No. 8, in October 1869, and was duly installed its W. Master in December 1876. On vacating the chair at the expiration of his year of office, the Thistle Mark brethren presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel. His zeal in connection with this branch of Masonry may be judged from the fact that even before he had been chosen to fill the chair of his mother Mark Lodge, he had won for himself the honour of being one of the founders, and was the first S.W. of the Temple Mark Lodge, No. 173, which was consecrated at Stepney in 1873. In 1874, our worthy brother was unanimously elected as W.M., and on laying aside the insignia of his office when his term had expired, he was presented with a P.M.'s jewel. If further evidence of his worth as a M.M. is needed, it will be found in the fact that he is a P.G. Officer of the Mark G. Lodge. These then are the details of his Masonic career so far as they relate to his membership of various Masonic bodies, and the various important offices he has filled. If, as we have said before, there is nothing dazzling about what he has done, there is no doubt he has rendered good service. Not the least gratifying circumstance in connection with this portion of his career is the fact that in all the seven bodies—the four Craft and the two Mark Lodges—as well as in his R.A. Chapter, he has in each case attained to the highest honours it was in the power of his fellow members to confer upon him. He has the further satisfaction of knowing that his name will always be associated with two Craft Lodges and one Mark—so long, of course, as they continue in existence—in the case of the former as the founder and first Master, and in the case of the latter as a founder and the first Sen. Warden. A further source of gratification must be the knowledge that by reason of his admirable work in the one Provincial Lodge of which he is a member, he has been rewarded with Provincial honours. It is quite possible for him to make still further progress in Freemasonry. He, indeed, would himself be the last to affirm that he had reached the topmost rung of the ladder. In such case, however, he will simply have the honour of surpassing himself. He has done what in him lies to merit the distinctions conferred upon him, and the respect which is entertained towards him. Other titular honours he may receive in the days to come, but these will confirm, though they cannot enhance, his fame.

We have said that he is a practical Mason, and gives effect indeed to the principles which were enjoined upon him at his Masonic birth. Well, he is Life Governor, and has

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served two Stewardships in the case both of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He is a Vice-President of, and has served four Stewardships for, the R. M. B. Institution. Moreover, his wife and son are enrolled among the Governors of the Girls' and Boys' Schools, while the former is a Life Governor of the Female, and the latter of the Male Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. But this is far from representing the full extent of his labours in the cause of Charity. He has played a conspicuous part in connection with those Charity Associations which we have mentioned repeatedly in these columns, and which in a quiet substantial way are the means of raising very considerable amounts in aid of the funds of our several Charities. It would be difficult to reckon the number of Life Governorships to one or other of our Institutions which our respected brother has had his full share in creating, nor, indeed, is it necessary we should make the attempt. He is not one of those who would lay any stress on a duty adequately performed because it proved somewhat more productive of good in his own case than in that of some other Craftsman. He has played his part in these Associations, and the knowledge he has done so, is the most suitable reward he can possibly have.

Such, in outline, but here and there with greater or less fulness of detail, is the story of our brother's Masonic life. It reflects the greatest credit on him, as our ever-generous readers will probably be the first to admit. We have noted likewise, but necessarily briefly, the qualities by which he is professionally distinguished; to speak of them at length would be an impertinence. As to his social qualities, they lie on the surface of his character, and possess this further recommendation, that they are deeply rooted in his heart of heart, so that what is noticeable by his fellows is, if we may be permitted so to speak, the rich product of goodly seed which has been carefully sown in a well-tilled soil, and as carefully tended in the various stages of its growth. In short, our brother is a man of sterling worth, albeit—or it would be more accurate to say, because—in disposition he is quiet, reserved, and unostentatious. Thoughtful for others, conscientious in the performance of his duties, and zealous in the cause of Charity, he has earned for himself the love and respect of his associates in private life, in his calling, and in Freemasonry. He is the good exemplar whom the old and the young Mason alike may follow with advantage, and we hope and trust that his many and great virtues will long continue to exercise their just influence among Craftsmen.

## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BENGAL.

ACCORDING to the *Masonic Record of Western India*, the regular Quarterly Communication of this District Grand Lodge was held on the 19th January, at Freemasons' Hall, Bentinck Street, Calcutta. The R.W. the Hon. J. Pitt Kennedy District Grand Master presided, and was supported by Bros. J. B. Knight Dep. District Grand Master, T. Jones District G. S.W., H. H. Locke Past Dep. D.G.M. as District G. J.W., W. H. Fitze District Grand Treasurer, W. C. Bonnerjee District Grand Registrar, G. C. Farr District Grand Secretary, and other District Grand Officers, together with the representatives of several Lodges, and a number of visitors and Past Masters. The minutes of the previous Quarterly and a Special Communication having been confirmed, the District Grand Master briefly addressed the brethren, the only matter worthy of note to which he referred being the fact that "Lodge Energy and Fidelity," No. 1484, Dehri-on-Sone, owing to the insufficiency of members in the station, had been compelled to return its warrant. Bro. Kennedy, however, expressed a hope that the Lodge would not long remain in abeyance. The Report of the Committee of General Purposes was then read, when the following statements of account by the Grand Treasurer for the quarter to 30th November were submitted, namely: General Fund—Receipts, 541 Rs., Disbursements, including debit balance of 633 Rs., 1,912 Rs. leaving a debit balance of 1371 Rs. Freemasons' Hall Fund — Receipts, including balance brought forward, 3,700 Rs., Disbursements, 1,433 Rs., Balance, 2,267 Rs. Gas Account — Receipts, including balance, 189 Rs., Disbursements, 127 Rs., Balance, 62 Rs. Musical Instrument Fund—Receipts and Balance together, 509 Rs., Disbursements, 203 Rs., Balance, 306 Rs. Fund of Benevolence—Receipts and Balance together, 1,690 Rs, Disbursements, 1,132 Rs., Balance 558 Rs. As regards the last two Funds they possess 500 Rs. and 7,500 Rs. respectively in government paper. As to the repairs of the punkahs and renewal of the mats throughout the Hall, after some discussion a resolution that the repairs be proceeded with, the amount expended not to exceed 500 Rs., was carried. In respect of the portrait and testimonial to Past D. G. Master Hugh D. Sandeman, it was announced that the frame, which Bro. D. J. Zemin had promised to present D. G. Lodge was ready, and that the portrait would be placed in it by the next meeting of D. G. Lodge. A Committee was then appointed consisting of Bros. H. T. Prinsep, W. B. Mactavish, W. C. Bonnerjee, D. J. Zemin, and H. H. Locke, with a view to seeing that so much of the proposed testimonial to Bro. Sandeman as was still unfulfilled, namely, the purchase and presentation of a service of plate was carried out. The report of the Committee of the Bengal Masonic Fund of Benevolence having been read, the officers for the ensuing year were invested so that the roll of Dist. Grand Officers is now as follows:—Bros. Hon. J. Pitt-Kennedy Dist. G. Master, Hon. H. T. Prinsep Dep. Dist. G.M., Hon. C. A. Turner Dist. S.G. Warden, W. C. Bonnerjee Dist. G.J. Warden, Rev. A. H. Etty D. Grand Chaplain, W. H. Fitze D. T. Treasurer, J. G. Apear D.G. Registrar, G. C. Farr D.G. Secretary, H. S. Sparks Dist. G.S. Deacon, G. J. Scott D.G.J. Deacon, Major J. C. Hay D.G. Supt. of Works, Capt. E. G. Lillingston D.G.D.C., J. Mumford D.G. Sword Bearer, N. C. Bural G. Pursuivant, A. Le Franc Custodian of the Hall, and C. H. Emmett, C. Liddell, G. H. Maflin, H. T. Beatts, J. R. Angus, E. H. Mulleny Dist. G. Stewards. The Committee of General Purposes for 1878 having been announced, and the sum of 84 Rs. collected for the Fund of Benevolence having been handed to the Dist. G. Treasurer, the Dist. G. Lodge was closed.

We have gleaned the following particulars as to the Report of the Punjab Masonic Institution for 1877 from the columns of the *Masonic Record of Western India*. The annual general meeting was held on the 14th January at Freemasons' Hall, Lahore, R.W. Bro. Major M. Ramsay, Dist. G. Master and President, occupying the chair. The balance at the commencement of the year was 422 Rs., and the receipts, including subscriptions, donations, and interest on capital being 5,472 Rs., the total charge amounted to 5,894 Rs. The expenditure, including 1,958 Rs. for School fees in respect of the eight children on the Fund, and 3,508 Rs. for the purchase of Government paper, reached 5,726 Rs., so that there remained a balance in hand on 31st December 1877 of 168 Rs. The invested capital, consisting of 18,500 Rs. Government Paper, 1,600 Rs. Dalhousie Hall share, and 150 Rs. Meean Meer do., amounts to 20,250 Rs. For the year 1878 it was proposed to raise the number of pupils on the Fund to ten, and the budget estimate was as follows, namely—Receipts: estimated subscriptions, 1,378 Rs.; donations, 2,000 Rs.; interest, 909 Rs., and grant from Pratt Fund, 720 Rs., giving a total of 5,007 Rs. Expenditure: Bishop Cotton School, six boys, boarders, 2,160 Rs.; Lahore High School, one boy, day scholar, 100 Rs.; Young Ladies' Seminary, Simla, day scholar, 144 Rs.; Mrs. Oertel's Seminary, Murree, one boarder, 300 Rs.; and Young Ladies' High School, Lahore, one boarder, 240 Rs., making together 2,944 Rs. The son of Bro. Griffiths and the son of the late Bro. Hill having been elected to the Fund, and it having been announced that the boy J. Asquith, apprenticed to the Railway Workshops last year, was doing well, and that Herbert and Wood, two of the boys at Bishop Cotton School, had passed the entrance examination to the Calcutta University in the first division, the meeting was brought to a close. The Report is in every way satisfactory. There are eighteen Lodges in the District, and the subscriptions and donations for 1877 exceeded 5,700 Rs., or an average of upwards of £20 per Lodge, while the invested funds exceed £2,000. Well done, Punjab!

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases of the skin.—No case of disease of the skin, be its nature what it may, has failed to be benefited when these potent remedies have been properly applied. In scrofulous and scorbutic affections they are especially serviceable. Scurvy and eruptions, which had resisted all other modes of treatment and gradually become worse from year to year, have been completely cured by Holloway's cooling Ointment, and purifying Pills, which root out the disease from the blood itself and leave the constitution free from every morbid taint. In the nursery Holloway's Ointment should be ever at hand; it will give ease in sprains, contusions, burns, scalds, and infantile eruptions, and may always safely be applied by any ordinary attendant.

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## THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday evening, the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, in the absence of the Prince of Wales, occupying the chair. There were present R.W. Bro. John Fawcett Prov. Grand Master, Durham, who occupied the chair of Deputy Grand Master, Lord Henniker Grand Senior Warden, Sir Harcourt Johnstone Bart., M.P., G.J.W., Lieut.-General J. S. Brownrigg Prov. Grand Master Surrey, Colonel Burdett Prov. G.M. Middlesex, Montagu J. Guest Prov. G.M. Dorset, S. Rawson P.D.G.M. of China, Æ. McIntyre Grand Registrar, John Hervey Grand Sec., Sir Albert Woods Grand Director of Ceremonies, Rev. Bros. H. A. Pickard and H. A. Hill Grand Chaplains, Bros. Erasmus Wilson Grand Senior Deacon, Captain Philips P. Grand Deacon, J. C. Parkinson Past G. Deacon, H. A. Buss G. Assist. Secretary, Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain, Alderman Hadley, Dr. Jabez Hogg, John Wordsworth P.G. Steward, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.D., T. Cubitt, Joshua Nunn, Raphael Costa G.J.D., P. de Lande Long P.G D., John A. Rucker President Colonial Board, H. C. Levander, Brackstone Baker, W. E. Gumbleton, S. Rosenthal, Rev. C. M. Arnold P.G.C., Rev. Sir J. Warren Hayes, W. Hyde Pullen, B. Head, &c., &c., &c. The minutes of the last Quarterly Communication and of the Grand Festival having been confirmed, the Pro Grand Master rose for the purpose of moving the resolution of which he had given notice, and which stood originally as follows, namely: "That this Grand Lodge agree in a vote of congratulation to His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Germany, Grand Protector of Prussian Freemasons, on his happy and providential escape from the recent attempt on his life." His Lordship, however, pointed out that since his notice had been placed on the agenda paper, a second attempt, and with far graver results, had been made on the Emperor's life. He was, as on the former occasion, driving through the streets of his capital when shots were fired at him, and he was seriously wounded, at a time moreover, when his life was of the greatest value in the councils of Europe. Generally, in these cases, the bullet or the dagger of the assassin had been providentially turned aside, and in this instance all must fervently pray that the life of the august Emperor would be spared. His great age, the signal services he had rendered to his country, his anxiety for the welfare of his people, his love of German unity, all ought to have pleaded in his behalf and saved him from such attacks. Throughout Germany there prevailed a feeling of horror and indignation at the crime, the same feeling was experienced throughout Europe, and last but not least in this country. It was not the habit of English Freemasons to mix themselves up with political affairs, but an event of this character was above the ordinary political level. Moreover, unlike many other sovereigns, his Imperial Majesty had not only not been afraid of Freemasonry, but he had identified himself with it, and was Grand Protector of Prussian Freemasons. Having stated thus much his Lordship announced that under the circumstances he should submit his motion in an altered form so as to express the abhorrence of the Grand Lodge of England at the foul attempts made upon the life of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Germany, Grand Protector of Prussian Freemasons, and the hope that the Great Architect of the Universe would be pleased to spare the life of one so valuable in the Councils of Europe. R.W. Bro. J. Fawcett P.G.M. Durham, having seconded the motion, it was carried with acclamation, on which Lord Carnarvon stated that His Royal Highness the Grand Master would have the record of the vote submitted to him for signature, and that it would then be forwarded.

A grant of £100 out of the Fund of General Purposes was then made towards assisting the members of the Igualdad Lodge, No. 653, Curaçoa, West Indies, who suffered from the hurricane on the 23rd September last. The report of the Committee appointed at the last Communication, to enquire into the financial and banking arrangements of Grand Lodge was then submitted, and the Pro Grand Master stated that, by reason of a technical error, it would be impossible for the Grand Lodge to entertain the report. He might state however, that the Committee, of which he had acted as the Chairman, had come unanimously to the conclusion that the current account of Grand Lodge be kept at the Bank of England in the names of the Grand or Pro Grand Master, the Dep. Grand Master, and Grand Treasurer, who should give an authority to pay cheques, signed as heretofore, and countersigned by the Grand Secretaryship. It would be necessary for the reason he had stated that the consideration of the Report should be postponed till the next Communication of Grand Lodge, but, under the circumstances, it was his Lordship's duty to submit a resolution embodying the above recommendation of the Committee of enquiry with the omission, however, of "Grand Treasurer," as for the present, no one had been appointed to fill that office. This resolution which, be it remarked, will necessitate an alteration in the Constitutions was seconded by Bro. John Fawcett and carried. The Earl of Carnarvon then stated that owing to an engagement he was under the necessity of vacating the chair, and his Lordship having invited Bro. John Fawcett to preside in his place, quitted Grand Lodge in company with Sir Harcourt Johnstone G.J.W. Col. Burdett then took the chair of Dep. G. Master, and Captain Platt that of Grand J. Warden.

Grand Lodge next proceeded to the election of members of the Board of General Purposes, the Colonial Board, and the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The following were appointed Scrutineers:—Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, Jas. Terry, H. Bartlett, H. Garrod, W. H. Lee, Jos. Smith, John Newton, Edwin Bare, W. J. Murlis, W. Hilton, James Willing jun., and Walter Hopekirk, and the result of the scrutiny will be found appended to this report. The Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter was submitted, and the several grants, as enumerated in these columns last week, were confirmed. The Report of the Board of General Purposes, to which was subjoined a Statement of Grand Lodge Accounts, and the Annual Report, dated 17th May 1878, of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution were then submitted; and Bro. B. Head's motion, to the effect that the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes for the purpose of supplying coals during the winter season to the residents of the Institution at Croydon having been agreed to, and Bro. Fawcett having announced that the G. Master had nominated Bro. J. B. Monckton as President of the Board of General Purposes, and Bro. John A. Rucker as President of the Colonial Board, Grand Lodge was closed in the usual manner.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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| J. B. Monckton, PRESIDENT | Ralph Gooding, W.M. |
| Sir Albert Woods (*Garter*) | Robt. Turtle Pigott, W.M. |
| Erasmus Wilson | G. Pitt-Lewis, W.M. |
| Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke | H. R. Cooper Smith, W.M. |
| James E. Saunders | J. Knight Stead, W.M. |
| Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C. | D. Betts (154 votes) P.M. |
| John A. Rucker | H. C. Levander (128 votes) P.M. |
| Thomas Fenn | Chas. Atkins (108 votes) P.M. |
| P. de Lande Long | John G. Stevens (100 votes) P.M. |
| Joseph Smith | H. Bishop (100 votes) P.M. |
| Thos. G. Ballen, W.M. | Frank Green (98 votes) P.M. |
| A. B. Cook, W.M. | C. F. Hogard (97 votes) P.M. |

COLONIAL BOARD.

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| John A. Rucker, PRESIDENT | James Brett |
| Hugh D. Sandeman | J. Gibson |
| Joseph Smith | R. F. Gould |
| Brackstone Baker | Griffiths Smith |
| D. Betts | John G. Stevens |

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, R.M.B.I.

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| E. J. Barron | James Brett |
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| R. H. Giraud | William Clarke |
| Jabez Hogg | Thomas Cubitt |
| Capt. N. G. Philips | J. A. Farnfield |
| W. F. Nettleship | H. G. Warren |
| Joshua Nunn | C. F. Hogard |
| P. de Lande Long | A. H. Tattershall |
| W. Hyde Pullen | J. G. Stevens |
| Joseph Smith | James Willing jun. |

## GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

BY far the largest and most important gathering of Grand Mark Lodge since the establishment of the Order of Mark Masonry took place on Tuesday, the 4th inst., for the purpose of installing the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master of English Freemasonry, into the exalted position of Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Order. The Present and Past Grand Officers, and Worshipful Masters and members of the several Lodges entitled to attend, assembled in considerable numbers at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., at the appointed hour, and Grand Lodge was opened at five o'clock in the afternoon by the M.W. Grand Mark Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Limerick. Amongst those present were the M.W.P.G.M. the Rev. George Raymond Portal, R.W.D.G.M. Lord Skelmersdale; the R.W. Bros. the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G.M.M. Stafford and Warwickshire, W. H. Giddy, P.G.M.M. South Africa; the V.W. Bros. Lord Henniker, D. M. Dewar G.S.O., the Rev. P. M. Holden, and F. W. Thoyts G. Chaplains, F. Davison G. Treas., H. C. Levander G. Registrar, F. Binckes G. Sec., J. R. Else G.J.D., W. Wigginton G. Supt. Works, R. Berridge G.D.C., W. Spencer G.A.D.C., W. Belcher G. Org., Thos. Poore G.I.G., Speight G. Tyler, J. Tomlinson, Dr. Ace, and O. H. Pearson Stewards; also V.W. Bros. Capt. N. G. Philips, W. E. Gumbleton, and J. S. Brownrigg Past Grand Wardens, G. Mellor, S. Dibdin, James Stevens, Thomas Meggy, and R. Goepel Past Grand Overseers, the Rev. F. F. Ravenshaw and D. Shaboe P.G. Chaplains; W. Bros. E. T. Inskip, W. Griffiths, and Thos. Hargreaves P.G. Deacons, George Neall P.G. Supt. Works, T. J. Sabine, Thos. Trollope, and S. Rosenthal P.G. Directors of Ceremonies, W. Worrell, F. H. Cozens and W. A. Barrett P.G. Organists, J. H. Spencer P.G.I.G., Alfred Williams, H. Massey, J. H. Piggott, and C. Pulman P.G. Stewards. There were also present a large number of Provincial Grand Officers and private members of Lodges, whose names we were unable to obtain; and the list of apologies for absence was lengthy, and still further testified to the great interest taken in the meeting. The proceedings were opened by the confirmation of the minutes of the previous Grand Mark Lodge meeting, and the report of the General Board was then read and the several recommendations therein contained discussed. Amongst the most important of these was a proposal to increase the number of nominations for the office of Stewards, the application of a portion of the Benevolent Fund towards the education of orphans and children of Mark Master Masons, and the investment of a sum of money in bonds on account of the General Fund. The installation of the M.W.G.M. elect was then proceeded with, and the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale was presented by the M.W.P.G.M. the Rev. G. R. Portal, who took occasion to refer to the fact, that the appointment of the noble Lord formed one more link in the chain of unity between the Mark degree and the Grand Lodge of England, of which his Lordship is the Deputy Grand Master. The M.W.G.M.M. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Limerick then ably inducted his successor, addressing him in most appropriate terms in respect of the duties of his office, and congratulating him on the position which the Order has attained in the ranks of Freemasonry. The M.W.G.M.M. having been saluted in ancient form acknowledged the honour conferred upon him, stating it to be the highest he could hope to obtain of the many dignities in connection with Freemasonry, and expressing his devotion to the Order and his intention to endeavour to promote its interests

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in every respect. He concluded by extolling the labours of the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick during his three years of Grand Mastership, and in the name of Grand Lodge presented that noble Lord a very handsome and substantial jewel in recognition thereof. The Earl of Limerick in thanking Grand Lodge, in most cordial terms acknowledged the assistance rendered to him by his Grand Officers, and gracefully complimented them. The Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested as follows, viz., the Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore R.W. Deputy Grand Master; V.W. Bros. Lord Henniker G.S.W., Thos. F. Halsey P.M. G.J.W., Thos. J. Sabine G.M.O., Reg. J. Mure G.S.O., R. H. Thrupp G.J.O., Revs. J. H. Hatch and Thos. Radley G. Chaplains, Fredk. Davison G. Treas., H. C. Levander G. Reg., Fredk. Binckes G. Sec.; W. Bros. Benj. Smith and Alfred Williams G.S. Deacons, R. G. Smith and Capt. G. Watson G. J. Deacons, W. D. Bright G. Supt. of Works, Robert Berridge G.D.C., Martin Kemp A.G.D.C., Capt. Chas. Hunter G.S.B., J. B. Shackleton G. Std. B., R. M. Belcher G. Org., D. M. Dewar A.G. Sec., J. Salmon G.I.G., C. Speight G. Tyler; W. Hammond, Rev. D. Ace, G. Higgins, O. H. Pearson, S. H. Knaggs, H. W. Charrington, Murley, W. Barfoot, S. Jones G. Stewards The following brethren were nominated by the M.W.G.M.M. to serve on the General Board, viz.—M.W. the Rev. G. R. Portal President, and W. Bros. Meggy, Rosenthal, Dibden, Matier, Stidolph, and Cubitt; and Grand Lodge elected W. Bros. Sabine, Mure, Shackleton, H. O. Pearson, and Wigginton. Notice was given of the intention to hold a moveable Grand Lodge under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland, at the Court House, Keswick, on Friday, the 14th June, when the Fletcher Lodge, No. 213, and the Henry Lodge, No. 216, will be respectively consecrated. Grand Mark Lodge was then closed in solemn form, and the members adjourned to banquet, which was, in the unavoidable absence of the M.W.G.M.M., presided over by the Earl of Limerick.

## COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at the Freemasons' Hall last Saturday afternoon. Bro. Henry Browse, P.G.D., presided. The meeting was very largely attended, the election of the House Committee being on the day's paper of business. After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, Bros. Webster, H. Cox, Willing, Cubitt and Jardine were appointed Scrutineers of votes for the election. The petitions of the friends of five candidates were then considered, and the five children were placed on the list for October. The salary of the Assistant Matron was raised from £40 to £50 a year, and Bro. Binckes reported that Bro. Pluckuett, the Treasurer, had received from Mr. Turquand, as representing the estate of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., £730 0s 3d, paid by the Hants and North Wilts Bank as a composition at the rate of 9s in the £1 on the balance of this Institution in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co. at the date of their failure. Bro. Binckes said there was an amount of £75 4s 4d to the credit of the Institution on the Sustentation Fund, but this would probably be paid in full out of the private estate of Bro. Samuel Tomkins. Bro. Binckes read a resolution of the Lodge of Harmony, 298, Rochdale, congratulating the Institution on its success at the last Cambridge Local Examination. Outfits were granted to four late pupils, who had obtained situations, and were conducting themselves with satisfaction to their employers. £100 was voted from the General to the Sustentation Fund, and Bro. Benjamin Head reported the presentation of Mrs. Monckton's portrait. Dr. Jabez Hogg having suggested the desirability of providing workshops at the Institution, for the cultivation of a knowledge of Mechanical Arts among the pupils, the subject was referred to the House Committee, to consider and report upon to the next Quarterly Court. The following brethren were elected the House Committee:—

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| Bro. J. Gyles Chancellor | with 80 votes. | |
| „ Benjamin Head | „ 78 | „ |
| „ Henry Wallis Hunt | „ 76 | „ |
| „ W. F. C. Montrie | „ 78 | „ |
| „ J. Joyce Murray | „ 78 | „ |
| „ William Paas | „ 78 | „ |
| „ W. Hyde Pullen | „ 79 | „ |
| „ William Roebuck | „ 80 | „ |
| „ Sigismund Rosenthal | „ 76 | „ |
| „ G. J. Row | „ 79 | „ |
| „ R. W. Stewart | „ 78 | „ |
| „ Stephen Wood | „ 75 | „ |

The following brethren, nominated on 4th May 1878, being the number required for the Finance and Audit Committee, were duly elected without ballot:—

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| Bro. John Boyd | Bro. D. W. Pearse |
| „ J. W. Dosell | „ Jesse Turner |
| „ E. B. Grabham | „ Alex. Wallace |
| „ Benjamin Head | „ R. B. Webster |
| „ W. Mann | |

## PRESENTATION OF A TESTIMONIAL TO DR. STRONG.

THE usual Quarterly Visit of the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was paid at the Asylum at Croydon on the 31st ult., and after the business of the day was over, a few friends were invited to meet Dr. Strong, the Honorary Surgeon to the Institution, and Mrs. Strong at dinner, whereat Col. Creaton, Vice-patron and Trustee, presided as Chairman. Bro. Terry, Secretary to the Institution, took the Vice-chair, and the other ladies and gentlemen present were Bro. Samuel Rawson, Bro. Raynham Stewart, Bro. J. A. Farnfield, Bro. Morgan, Bro. George Forster, Bro. H. Massey, Bro. James Adams, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Terry and Mrs. Hunt, and Bro. Norris, Warden. The occasion of the party was to witness the presentation of a handsome silver service of plate, of the value of 100 guineas, which, on the motion of Bro. Raynham Stewart, the Committee of Management—as reported in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE—voted to Dr. Strong, as Honorary Surgeon of the Institution. After dinner, Col. Creaton first proposed "The Institution," which Bro. Terry acknowledged, and said he hoped it would maintain its present proud position of being at the head of the three Institutions in the amount of its annual receipts. It was now paying to 280 aged brethren and widows £10,300 a year; and last year its receipts amounted to the grand total of over £16,000. When Dr. Strong first became Honorary Surgeon to the Institution its income was only £2000 or £3000 a year. The Chairman, in presenting Dr. Strong with the testimonial, said Dr. Strong had done good suit and service to the Institution for many years, and his services had not been forgotten by the Committee. At the last meeting of the Committee a hundred guineas were voted for the purpose of providing a testimonial to him, and though this was but a small recognition of his eminent services, Dr. Strong would take it in the spirit in which it was meant. It was not only the Committee, but all the inmates of the Institution, who were fully alive to the care and attention he paid to them. The inscription on the salver, which was a portion of the testimonial, was:—"Presented, together with a service of plate of the value of one hundred guineas, by the Committee of Management, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to HENRY JOHN STRONG, Esq., M.D., Past Prov. Grand Warden Surrey, in recognition of the great attention and valuable services rendered by him to the residents of the Institution at Croydon during a period of 17 years as the Honorary Surgeon. 31st May 1878." He trusted that Dr. Strong would live many years to pursue his life of usefulness, and, together with Mrs. Strong, look upon this testimonial with feelings of satisfaction. Dr. Strong, who was visibly affected, in reply—after apologising for his inability to return thanks adequately—said, that it was true he had been connected with the Institution for more than seventeen years, but still he trusted that it might be many years before his connection with it was severed. It was also his hope that the connection between the Chairman and the Committee might long continue, and that the brethren might long see an extended course of the career of usefulness which had resulted to the Institution from that connection. What he had done for the Institution was a labour of love. The Institution was a hobby of his, and he always endeavoured, both in the building and abroad, to do the best he could for it. The other Masonic Institutions had no doubt great claims on the Craft, but he held that to solace the aged and afflicted was the primary duty of Freemasons. That was the object he had in view, and he had always tried to give effect to it. Time had wrought great changes in the Institution. The number of its annuitants had greatly increased since he was first its Honorary Surgeon. Bro. Terry had said that they were now spending £10,000 where they, seventeen years ago, spent £3,000; and as this was the case, it was a proof that even greater exertions on behalf of the Institution were required than heretofore. The handsome present just made to him would be an encouragement to him to go on in the future as he had gone on in the past. He looked upon it as an exceedingly kind and considerate thing that the testimonial should have been presented to him in the very building where his labours had been carried on, where he was surrounded by those brethren and widows to whom he had endeavoured to be of service. He tendered his best thanks to Bro. Raynham Stewart for proposing to the Committee of Management that this testimonial should be voted. This was not the first time his services had been recognised, for in January 1877 the inmates of the Institution presented him with the handsome watch he was now wearing, a cabinet of microscopical instruments, and the elegant locket which his wife now wore. He concluded by thanking the brethren, and hoping that if he had not said sufficient the company would ascribe it to his inability to say all he felt. "The health of the Chairman" was proposed by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, and Col. Creaton, in reply, expressed what great pleasure it had given him to present the testimonial to Dr. Strong. "The health of Dr. and Mrs. Strong, with many happy returns of the day," was proposed by Bro. Terry, the following day being the anniversary of their wedding day. Mr Hunt returned thanks for the toast of "The Visitors," and testified, as an old resident in Croydon, to the usefulness of Dr. Strong as a public man. Some other toasts were afterwards honoured, and the brethren returned to town after spending a delightful evening.

**Hilda Chapter, Rose Croix.**—The regular Meeting of this Chapter was held at the Queen's Hotel, York, on Monday last, at 3 p.m. Present, Bros. T. Cooper M.W.S., C. J. Banister 33°, S. G. Inspector General for the Northern District, J. W. Woodall 31°, W. H. Britain 31°, T. B. Whytehead Intend. General, J. S. Cumberland Marshal, M. Millington Raphael, A. T. B. Turner Recorder; J. Ward Capt. of Guards, G. Simpson D. of Ceremonies, P. H. Rowlans Org., &c. Bros. S. Chadwick, and J. Winfindale, having been regularly approved, were duly perfected. Votes of thanks were passed to Bros. M. Millington and A. T. B. Turner for several very valuable gifts presented by them to the Chapter. Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister 33° expressed his gratification at having been enabled to be present, and see the Chapter so efficiently worked as it had been that evening. A banquet was subsequently held.

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### AN OLD DOGGREL.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In turning over the leaves of an old Bible (date 1611) the other day, I discovered the enclosed M.S. doggrel verses, which in spite of their rude construction may possibly be considered worthy of a corner in your pages. There are one or two curious allusions bearing apparently on Masonic legends. The verses, judging from the style of the writing and faded condition of the ink, were probably penned about the end of the last century, and the watermark of the paper has the date 1791. Probably they are the effort of an operative Mason inspired by thirst.

I am, yours fraternally,

T. B. WHITEHEAD.

York, 5th June, 1878.

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Most noble Master, glad we are to see you come this day,
In health, to view your lofty Tower, and Workmen to survey,
The garden walls goe on apace, but still we pine and fret,
For fear the ale from Rushyford be spoiled by the heat.
While many people fear the same, in vain their lungs they waste,
For how should we their doubts resolve unless we should it taste.
If you this joke accept but well, and grant us this small favour,
Great Sir, you would revive the Heart of the old Mason Labourer.
A cup of this right Stingo, Sir, would make us quite alert,
And to get forward with the work we'll all ourselves exert.
I'll my Three Masters mild commands do without hesitation,
May all their plans attract your Eye, and meet your approbation.
When your fair Consort by your side accompanys you here,
She'll stand surpriz'd for to behold how quick the Walls we rear:
But Gratitude claims our best wish, so for donations past
May God protect you through this Life and crown you at the last.
Your most obedient, noble Sir, adhere unto this Wonder,
Adam has spoke from of the Tower, with voice as loud as Thunder.
I am afraid my feet will slip and I again shall fall,
Because there is no soldering ale put in the lead at all:
When reinstated on my stand happy I thought my fate,
And understood the Masons would my joys congratulate;
These souls would quaff from hand to hand, had they but your donation;
And sing and wish I firm may stand in former situation.
Have statues sence? have stones got ears? some censuring critick cries;
Sure Joshua's Stone* heard Israel's God, or else the Scripture lyes.
Whether or no, it matters not, we'll thank you for the favour,
Hope you'll accept this as a joke from your poor Mason Labourer.

* Joshua xxiv. 26 and 27.

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### THE VACANT SECRETARYSHIP.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Among the number of candidates all equally eager to secure the vacant post of Secretary to the Girls' School, there is scarcely one who is in any way conspicuously known in the Craft. I well remember when the late Bro. Little sought the suffrages of the Life Governors under similar circumstances, although at the time only holding an inferior position on the staff of Grand Lodge Officials, he had already made his mark, and was well known for urbanity, learning, gift of thought, and general Masonic abilities, not only in London, but equally so in the provinces. Again, genial Bro. Terry, when he aspired to succeed the late Bro. Farnfield, had long secured for himself a wide-spread reputation for possessing the qualities necessary for the efficient discharge of the important duties of such an office. I have no recollection of the election of Bro. Binckes, but for many years past he has afforded ample opportunities for judging that he must have possessed all the power and energy which has enabled him to ensure the undeniable success of the Institution of which he is the guiding spirit. But who are the men who now stand forward? I have no desire, and far be it from my very thoughts to say one single disparaging word against any of them. Yet it seems to me the Craft is more than justified in demanding to know something of him to whom the guidance of one of its cherished institutions is about to be entrusted. In every kind of important election, candidates make it a point to meet constituents, and frequently not only principles, but manner and matter of speech go far to influence a decision. Even an aspirant to a civil service clerkship, the emolument for which probably does not reach far above the magnificent sum of one hundred pounds per annum, has to submit to harassing and often laborious competitive examinations. Why, in this instance, where such high interests are at stake, should success depend not upon capacity, but upon the good fortune of being able to secure the greatest number of friends among those entitled to vote, and whose leisure or avocations will enable them to be present personally on the day of the poll. For proxy voting seems entirely out of the question, and consequently vast numbers will be debarred from recording their vote altogether. Many ways might be suggested to bring about a meeting of candidates and voters, but there is one which possesses the rare merit of efficacy combined with economy Most regular Lodges are closed this time in the year, but Lodges of Instruction are open every evening in the week. An announcement that one or more of the candidates inten to be present at a given place and date for the purpose of advocating their claims for support, would infallibly result in a large gathering of voters whose judgment may be relied upon, and, therefore, the fittest man would have the best chance of success. This mode of testing the merits of candidates is suggested by the W.M. of the Tranquillity Lodge, and many Past Masters and influential brethren have spoken to me to the same effect. As the matter stands at present considerable dissatisfaction is expressed, which it might be wise for the authorities to take note of. I am sure no one will dispute that, at this juncture, the greatest precaution is necessary that no step be taken which might in any way prove disadvantageous to the Institution.

Fraternally yours,

E. GOTTHEIL.

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## SUMMER BANQUET OF THE FORTITUDE AND OLD CUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 12.

MANY Lodges have now closed their doors for regular meetings until October, but of late years it has become popular to hold summer banquets; this enables the brethren to enjoy a day's outing, and acts as a connecting link to remind them of the social hours passed in Lodge. The members of the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, look forward to these Summer gatherings; last year they dined at the Ship, at Greenwich, on which occasion H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master was the guest, at the same establishment, of the Officers of the Prince of Wales's own Norfolk Regiment of Militia, and the ringing cheers given him on his departure testified the loyalty of the members. Under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Nicols, and through the exertions of Bro. L. Ruf P.M. and Treas., it was arranged that the meeting this year should take place at the Star and Garter, Richmond, and a prettier spot could not have been selected. On this occasion, however, nearly every house in Richmond shewed a symbol of mourning as a mark of respect to the late Earl Russell, whose funeral had been fixed for the same day. Luncheon was served at the residence of the W.M., at Surbiton. The brethren then repaired to the Star and Garter, Richmond. The dinner was served in the Old Coffee Room of this establishment, the only room that escaped the ravages of the fire which occurred some few years ago. It overlooks the river, and a splendid view of the magnificent scenery which surrounds the house can be obtained here. The dinner, dessert and wines were all that could be desired, and were supplied by the Company, under the able direction of the Secretary and Manager, Bro. G. Rudolph Hunt. The W.M. Bro. D. Nicols occupied the chair, while the Wardens' chairs were filled by Bros. J. W. Mower and Coombs. The Chairman proposed the health of the Queen and the rest of the Royal Family. Bro. W. B. Kidder I.P.M. then rose: he had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M., whose good qualities were well known to all. He was ever mindful of the calls of charity, and his liberal contributions to the Institutions evidenced his interest in their welfare. Bro. Nicols, in reply, said it was a great privilege to occupy the chair of so distinguished and ancient a Lodge; he was proud that day to be honoured by the presence of the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex. He thanked the brethren for their expressions, and hoped that his efforts to please them had given satisfaction. Bro. W. B. Kidder I.P.M., with the permission of the W.M., proposed the health of their distinguished guest,—the R.W. Bro. Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; we all know his great qualifications and his zeal in the cause of Masonry; we know him also in connection with his distinguished relative, the Baroness Burdett Coutts, whose name is a household word in every charity; he would ask them to give a hearty reception to the toast. Bro. Col. Burdett thanked Bro. Kidder for his kind expressions, and for the hearty reception his name had been received with. The Prov. Grand Officers he had appointed during the ten years he had been Prov. G.M. of Middlesex had always done their duty; he was proud of them. In speaking of his illustrious relative, Col. Burdett said she had done good service for Masonry, and she was proud of the Lodge named after her. Whenever she was asked to contribute to the Three Charities, she was always ready and willing. For himself, ever since he had occupied the chair as Prov. G.M. for Middlesex, he had received every kindness, and it was to him a great amount of pleasure to see how the Province had prospered. He thanked them for their hearty recognition of the toast. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Visitors, and called on Bro. Curlier, No. 11, to respond. This brother thanked the W.M. for the hospitality he had shown, not only on this, but on many other occasions; he knew the Visitors appreciated his kindness; he had provided them a most enjoyable day. Bro. W. B. Kidder replied for the Past Masters. It was an honour to respond to this toast; the P.M.'s were always anxious to do service and exert themselves for the benefit of the Lodge. The W.M. said there was one toast that ought not to be omitted, and that was the health of Bro. Leopold Ruf; he was the Treasurer of the Lodge, and to him was due the success of the day. He always looked after their creature comforts in the Lodge, and was ever a good and kind Brother; he would ask all present to give him a hearty greeting. Bro. Ruf thanked the W.M. and the brethren for their reception of the toast. This was the thirteenth year he had served the office of Treasurer. He had been twenty-one years a P.M., and whatever he had done for the Lodge was for its benefit. He was Father of the Lodge, and had been connected with it for twenty-eight years. In replying for the Officers, Bros. Mower, Coombs, and E. E. Kidder made excellent speeches, and the brethren then separated, after passing a most

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enjoyable day. Among those present were Bros. A. Snelgrove P.M. Sec., W. B. Kidder, Sidney Rolls, Dudley Rolls, Angold, R. W. Stewart, G. Snelgrove, Lilley, Matthews, H. Mower, A. Porter, E. E. B. Kidder, T. W. Elliott, G. Hudson, Walker, Crouch, Krehl, Buttenbach, &c.; while among the Visitors were Bros. Col. Burdett Prov. G.M. Middlesex, Dr. Barringer, Dr. Carpenter, Dr. Ramsay, Dr. Saunders Green, Paul Storr, Winn, Fountain Meen, Ward, Curlier, Randley, A. Glaser, H. M. Levy, &c.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE.

BRO. William Kelly, F.R. Hist. Soc., Provincial Grand Mark Master, presided at the annual communication of Mark Master Masons of this Province, at the Freemason's Hall, Leicester on the 23rd ult. The Provincial Grand Lodge assembled under the auspices of the Fowke Lodge No. 19, and the veteran Provincial Grand Master Brother Kelly was warmly received and well supported. The Mark Lodges were fully represented, and the reports from the worshipful masters descriptive of a prosperous year, with a marked increase in members. Brother Robert Waite was unanimously elected Treasurer, and a cordial vote of thanks tendered for past services. The Provincial Grand Master appointed the following brethren to the grand offices, and invested those present—Bros. S. S. Partridge, D.P. G.M., J. T. Thorpe, S.W., William Sculthorp, J.W., Rev. William Langly, M.A., chaplain, C. A. J. McBride, M.O., R. A. Barber, S.O. Dr. Henry Meadows, J.O., R. Waite, Treasurer, Clement E. Stretton, R.M., J. M. M'Allister, Secretary, R. Taylor, S.D., Thomas Worthington, J.D., A. H. Burgess, D.C., Dr. R. B. Smith, A.D.C., William Vial, I.W., Dr. J. Hunt, S.B., William M. Randall, S.B., T. A. Wykes, Organist, Samuel Knight, J.Y., T. R. Pickering, S. J. Simpkin and Edward Newton jun., stewards. At the conclusion of the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the interesting ceremony of installing Bro. R. A. Barber in the chair of the Fowke Lodge, was ably performed by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master Bro. Kelly, who is ever ready to use his best exertions in promoting the welfare of the province over which he has presided since it was constituted in 1858. Bro. Kelly is now the senior Prov. Grand Mark Master in England, and that he may long be spared to direct the business is the desire of every brother. Bro. R. A. Barber, newly installed W.M. invested with the collar and jewel of their offices—Bro. Wm. Sculthorpe, I.P.M., T. A. Wykes, S.W., G. W. Stratham, J.W., J. Young, M.O., R. Taylor, S.O., J. Farndale, J.O., G. Odell, Treasurer, T. Worthington, Secretary, J. O. McDonald, R.M., J. O. Law, S.D., Dr. Thos. Macaulay, J.D., S. Knight, D.C., W. T. Rowlett, Organist, W. H. Chamberlin, I.G., S. S. Partridge P.M. and T. R. Pickering, Stewards. There were also present:—Rev. C. H. Wood, J. H. Biggs, J. Nugent, J. C. Duncombe, J. H. Hale, J. E. Beazeley, E. H. Butler, A. G. Chamberlin, Henry Eagle, Dr. Clifton, W. L. Ball, George Toller jun.; and the Grand Lodge of England was represented by the Mayor, Bro. Clement Stretton, Past Grand Steward, and Bro. William Barfoot, Grand Steward. Bros. John Harrison and Joseph Read were advanced to the degree of Mark Master, and Bro. Barber, W.M., ably presided at the banquet which followed.

## THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE half-yearly meeting was held on Wednesday, at the Assembly Rooms, Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough, the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, Prov. Grand Master, in the chair. A very good attendance of brethren was present, amongst others being Brothers G. Toller jun., Past G.S.B. of England, Rev. W. Langley, P.P.S.G.W., S. S. Partridge, P.P.S.G.W. and P.G. Sec., T. Macaulay, P.P.J.G.D., Dr. Grant, W.M. of the Harborough Lodge, J. H. Douglass, Rev. J. Halford, Beaumont Smith, P.S.G.W., Rev. F. H. Richardson, Prov. G. Chaplain, Dr. Hunt, of Thurnby, W.M. of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, S. Cleaver, Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, and many members of the local lodges, and from the Leicester and Melton lodges. The Grand Lodge was opened at three o'clock and the business transacted included the adoption of a lengthened report presented by the Charity Committee. A vote of thanks for his services as Steward of the Masonic Girls' School Festival, was unanimously given to Brother Partridge, and a sum of money to a brother, who, from losses and illness, was recommended by the Charity Committee. At the conclusion of the business the dinner was served under the presidency of the popular Prov. Grand Master. The D.P.G.M., Sir H. St. John Halford, Bart., was prevented being present through illness.

We learn from *le Monde Maçonnique*, that the Lodge *Les Sages d'Héliopolis* of the Orient of Bucharest, has just contributed the handsome sum of 6,450 francs (£258), one moiety for the relief of the soldiers wounded during the war, and the other for the benefit of the widows and orphans of those who have fallen victims to its ravages. It has also remitted to the Grand Orient of France 100 francs, as a subscription towards the celebration of the Centenary of Voltaire, and 150 francs as its contribution for the years 1878, 1879, and 1880, to the Masonic General Orphanage at Paris.

It will be seen from our advertisement columns, that in order to give every facility to Mark Masons to be present at the Moveable Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons which will be held at Keswick on Friday next, the 14th inst., the following arrangements have been made with the London and North Western Railway Company, by which brethren will be conveyed from London to Keswick and back in first Class Saloon Carriages on the following terms:—for fifty and upwards, at the rate of 53s 4d each; for twenty-five and under fifty, at the rate of 64s. The train will leave Euston Station at 10 a.m., on Thursday the 13th June, and return from Keswick on Tuesday, the 18th June. Brethren who propose to avail themselves of these terms, are requested to inform the Grand Secretary at his offices, 2 Red Lion-square W.C., not later than Tuesday next, the 11th inst., in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

The installation meeting of the Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742, was held at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Thursday last. Bro. Charles D. Hume, P.M. Etonian Lodge, was duly installed by the outgoing Master, Bro. R. Roberts. Full report in our next.

The new and commodious Head Quarters of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, in Southwark Bridge Road, were opened on Saturday last by Sir Jas. M'Garel Hogg, M.P., Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works. The building, which was formerly known as Winchester House, forms the largest Fire Brigade Station in the world. The freehold has cost £38,000, and the establishment £32,000, but the Board of Works will be recouped to the extent of close upon £20,000. The premises include a spacious engine station, stables, smithy, several fine outbuildings, a courtyard, and apartments for Captain Shaw in the front portion of the old House. Watling Street Station, the old head quarters of the Brigade, will not be closed, and, indeed, it was said by Mr. Edwards, Chairman of the Fire Brigade of the Board of Works, that the city will be better protected than ever under the new arrangements. At present twenty-eight married, and twenty-six single men are accommodated in the station. Both Sir J. Hogg, and Mr. Edwards bore testimony to the ability and energy of Captain Shaw, and it is only just to add that Bros. Hook and Oldrey, builders, of Westbourne Park, who were entrusted with the arrangement of the premises, have done their work admirably.

We read in the *Masonic Jewel* for last month that the Sixteenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee was held at the Masonic Hall, Nashville, on the 3rd and 4th May, under the auspices of Nashville Commandery, No. 1, the members of which had made the most extensive preparations for the reception of the visiting Commanderies. The following are the principal Grand Officers elected for the ensuing year, namely, Sir Knights Wilbur F. Foster Grand Commander, G. C. Connor Dep. Grand Commander, Joseph H. Fussell Grand Generalissimo, Rev. T. J. Duncan Grand Prelate, Will. D. Robinson Grand Capt. General, Benjamin F. Haller Grand Senior Warden, Will. P. Robertson Grand Junior Warden, N. S. Woodward Grand Treasurer, Morton B. Howell Grand Recorder, Geo. W. Albers Grand Std. Bearer, and Harry Wilcox, Grand Sword Bearer. The prize for competitive drill, offered by Nashville Commandery, No. 1, was awarded to St. Elmo Commandery, No. 15, Memphis. It consisted of a beautiful gold medallion, with appropriate emblems embossed on it, and the presentation took place in the dining-room of Maxwell House, in the presence of a large concourse of ladies and Knights Templar. The next Annual Conclave is fixed for the second Thursday in May 1879, at Pulaski.

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APPOINTMENT OF A SECRETARY

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The Election will be by Ballot, of the Governors and other Members of the General Committee, to commence at 2 o'clock p.m., and close at 5 o'clock p.m. precisely.

CANDIDATES must have passed the Third Degree for a period of Three Years, to be verified by the CERTIFICATE of the GRAND SECRETARY, and not exceed Forty Years of Age.

APPLICATIONS and TESTIMONIALS, addressed to the Chairman of the House Committee, are to be delivered at the Office of the Secretary of the Institution by 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 12th day of June, and Candidates are required to be in attendance on the day following at 4 o'clock p.m. precisely.

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# ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

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BRO. STEPHEN BARTON WILSON, L.G.,
Hon. Secretary,
27 Walbrook, E.C.

**To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors of the**

# Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—

I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a candidate for the post of Secretary to your valuable Institution, rendered vacant by the lamented death of our esteemed Brother R. WENTWORTH LITTLE.

I have been a Freemason upwards of Nine years, during which time I have taken a very active interest in the Order. I am a P.M., and have been for some time past, Secretary of my Lodge, and Scribe E. of my Chapter.

I am now the Secretary of an Orphan Asylum, a position which I have held nearly four years, and am therefore thoroughly acquainted with the practical working of a Public Institution.

I am thirty-three years of age, and in good health, and previous to receiving my present appointment, I was engaged in business with a Marine Insurance Broker at Lloyds'.

Soliciting the favour of your kind interest and support,

I have the honour to be,
My Lords, Ladies and Brethren,
Yours obediently and fraternally,

WILLIAM WORRELL,
P.M. and Sec. No. 766, P.M. 1339,
P.Z. and S.E. Chapter No. 766.
P.M. and Sec. Macdonald Mark, 104, and Past Grand Organist (Mark).

67 KNOWLE ROAD, BRIXTON, S.W.
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BRETHREN,—I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for the office of Secretary, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Little. Should you do me the honour to elect me, I can only say that I will endeavour to fill the office efficiently, and I hope that the manner in which I have discharged my various duties in Masonry will be considered a sufficient qualification.

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BROTHER W. CLIFTON CRICK,

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# Royal Masonic Institution for Girls

**ELECTION OF SECRETARY.**

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**To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors of the**

# Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

MY LORDS, LADIES AND BRETHREN,—

I desire to tender my sincere thanks to the numerous brethren who have so kindly assisted me in my canvass for the personal support that will necessarily be required at the forthcoming election of Secretary to the above Institution.

I further beg those Life Governors whose votes and interest are yet unpledged to give me their personal support at the election. Every communication to this effect will be thankfully received.

I have the honour to be,
My Lords, Ladies, and Brethren,
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A MOVEABLE GRAND LODGE will be held under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland, at the COURT HOUSE, KESWICK, on FRIDAY, the 14th of JUNE next. Grand Lodge will be opened at One o'clock, *precisely*.

BUSINESS.

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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE House of Lords did not sit on Thursday last, nor did its session the day following occupy half an hour, as a question about the loss of the German ironclad Grosser Kurfurst, which was answered by Lord Elphinstone, and one by Lord Granville, whether the Government had taken any steps towards recognising the political services of the late Earl Russell, to which the Premier gave a reply in the affirmative, together with the second reading of the Telegraphs Bill, were the only matters which deserve notice. On Monday, the Marquis of Salisbury had the satisfaction of being able to announce that the Government had that day received an invitation from Count Munster, the German Ambassador, in which, in the name of the Emperor William, he invited England to a Congress at Berlin for the purpose of discussing with the other signatory Powers to the treaties of 1856 and 1871, the stipulations of the preliminary Treaty of San Stefano between Russia and Turkey. His Lordship stated, that in reply he had accepted the invitation on the part of the Cabinet on the understanding that the invitation to the other signatories had been couched in the same terms, and that in accepting it they were prepared to assent to the terms stated in his Excellency's note. This announcement was received with cheers, and Earl Granville congratulated the Government on the success thus far of their policy; but on the question whether the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister were to be Her Majesty's representatives to the Congress being answered in the affirmative, the noble Earl expressed some dissatisfaction with the appointments which, he said, were without precedent, and because it was unnecessary and likewise very undesirable that the two principal members of the Ministry should be absent together, especially if questions should arise on which it might be found expedient to consult the rest of the Cabinet. The Earl of Beaconsfield fully admitted that the case was unprecedented, but he said it was necessary at times to create precedents, and he further argued that so far from the absence of the two ministers named lessening the importance of the other members of the Cabinet, it would give them greater prominence than ever. The noble Earl concluded by saying that the appointments had been deemed the best that could be made, and pointed out that the Government were fully sensible of the responsibility they incurred and were prepared to meet it. The conversation was continued a little longer, after which, in reply to Earl Granville, the Marquis of Salisbury said that the condition of the Emperor William, whose life had been attempted the day previous was satisfactory, and he expressed a hope that His Imperial Majesty would speedily be restored to perfect health. A question about the raising of the Eurydice having been answered their Lordships shortly afterwards adjourned. On Tuesday, the Eurydice was the subject of a further question, after which the House went into Committee on the Public Health Act (1875) Amendment Bill, the several clauses of which were, after some discussion, agreed to, and the Bill was ordered to be reported.

The House of Commons had a very protracted sitting on Thursday, and an unseemly squabble for some time prevented the House from resolving itself into Committee of Supply on the Civil Service Estimates, but when it did so a considerable number of votes was agreed to, but in some cases not without a division. On resuming, the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) and the Exchequer Bonds (No. 2) Bill passed through Committee, and the House went into Committee on the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday (Ireland) Bill, and after a long and desultory and sometimes heated conversation, its opponents agreed to its passing through Committee on the understanding that the discussion on the remaining new clauses should be taken on the report. On Friday, after the usual questions had been disposed of, the O'Conor Don rose to call attention to the subject of Irish University Education, and to move a resolution declaring its condition to be unsatisfactory and in need of the immediate attention of Parliament. Mr. Lowe followed with a speech, and then the discussion was interrupted by Sir G. Bowyer rising to order, and having stated that Mr. Wykeham Martin was at the moment lying dead in the library of the House, he moved that they should at once adjourn. Other members, including the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Marquis of Hartington, having expressed their deep regret at the death of the hon. member, and also their acquiescence in the motion, the House rose at ten minutes to six. On Monday, Mr. Hanbury gave notice of his intention to bring under the notice of the House certain language contained in an article in the *Nineteenth Century* on the employment of Indian troops, which purports to have been written by a Privy Councillor of Her Majesty and a former First Lord of the Treasury (Mr. Gladstone), and to move a resolution declaring such language is to be condemned as inopportune and calculated to promote sedition in Her Majesty's Indian Empire. After the Chancellor of the Exchequer had made a similar announcement about the Congress to that made in the House of Lords by the Marquis of Salisbury, and when the telegrams as to the condition of the Emperor of Germany's health had been read by Mr. Bourke, and when the Chancellor of the Exchequer had explained what the Government had done in order to show due respect to the late Earl Russell, the adjourned debate on the O'Conor Don's motion on Irish University education was resumed, but, on a division, it was lost by 200 to 67. The Report on Supply was then brought up and agreed to, and the rest of the business having been disposed of, the House rose. At the morning sitting on Tuesday Mr. Chaplin's motion, that the House at its rising should stand adjourned over Wednesday, the Derby day, till Thursday, was agreed to by 225 to 95. The House then went into Committee on the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Bill, resuming at Clause 12 and agreeing to clauses up to 23 inclusive, when, by the rules of the House, the debate on Clause 24 was adjourned. On resuming at nine o'clock, a motion by Lord R. Churchill on the Endowed Schools of Ireland was discussed, and in the end withdrawn on the understanding that the Government would give the subject their consideration. Shortly after this the House was counted out.

The Queen received with the profoundest grief the sad intelligence of a second and almost successful attempt to assassinate the Emperor of Germany. On the arrival of the news their Imperial Highnesses the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany, who were on a visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury, at Hatfield, left immediately for London, and started from the Charing Cross Station *en route* for Berlin. The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Prince and Princess Christian, the Princess Louise, and the Duke of Connaught were at the station to take leave of their Imperial Highnesses. Their Imperial Highnesses' children left on Saturday afternoon for Eastbourne,

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where it is expected they will remain for some time, in order to enjoy the benefit of the sea air. On Monday, by Her Majesty's command, the Prince of Wales held a Levée at St. James's Palace, at which the Duke of Connaught, the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian, the Duke of Teck, Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, &c., were present. The Hon. Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, under Captain the Earl of Coventry, and the Yeomen of the Guards, under Captain Lord Skelmersdale, were on duty. A large number of presentations was made, these by the Queen's pleasure being deemed equivalent to presentations to Her Majesty. The Duke of Cambridge, the Princess Mary, Duchess and the Duke of Teck dined with the Earl of Beaconsfield on Tuesday evening.

Death has been playing havoc among our public men within the last few days. We have already stated that on Friday last Mr. Wykeham Martin who for the last twenty years had sat in the House of Commons as one of the members for Rochester died suddenly within the precincts of the House of Commons. Mr. Martin was only in his forty-sixth year, and his death is very greatly lamented by his fellow members. The Right Honourable Russell Gurney, who not very long since resigned the Recordership of the City of London, has also died after an illness of only a few days. Mr. Gurney was born in 1804 and had played a distinguished part in connection with the settlement of the Alabama difference between this country and the United States. The remains of the Duchess of Argyll have been removed from Westminster Abbey, where they had lain temporarily, for the north, where they were buried in the family vault on Wednesday, while on Tuesday all that was mortal of the late Earl Russell K.G. and twice Prime Minister of Great Britain, was buried in the family vault of the Russell family at Chenies, the principal mourners being the grandson of the deceased Earl, a youth of twelve who succeeds to the title, and the Hon. Rollo Russell, the surviving son of the Earl. The Duke of Bedford and other members of the family were also present.

We had scarcely had time to congratulate ourselves on the escape of the Emperor of Germany from the assassin's hand, when the news was flashed along the telegraph wires that, on Sunday afternoon, when taking his usual drive, his Imperial Majesty's life was again attempted, and, on this occasion, the would-be murderer almost succeeded in his purpose, as the aged and respected Emperor was wounded by some thirty pellets in the cheek, and on the arm, wrist, back, and breast. The chasseur in attendance at once sprang down, and entered the carriage for the purpose of supporting His Majesty, while the passers-by quickly forced an entrance into the house whence the shots had been fired, and succeeded in capturing the murderer, who proved to be a Dr. Nobiling, though not without resistance, and not till he had wounded himself, it is believed, fatally. The wounded sovereign was driven back to the palace and conveyed to bed, when the physicians having examined and tended his wounds, declared that there were at the time no dangerous symptoms, and favourable reports have been received since of His Majesty's progress towards recovery. The Crown Prince and Princess have returned to Berlin and are in attendance on His Majesty. There seems to be little doubt that the foul deed is the result of a Socialist conspiracy, and equally beyond doubt is it that the attempt has caused almost universal consternation throughout Europe, while the telegrams from other capitals, and from all parts of Germany, testify to the great respect in which the monarch is held. Let us hope that the G.A.O.T.U. may, in His wisdom, see fit to restore the Emperor to health.

The political news in connection with the Eastern Question is of a most hopeful character. It is now settled that the Congress shall meet on Thursday, the 13th inst., at Berlin, and to-day (Saturday) we understand the Earl of Beaconsfield, who will be one of the British Plenipotentiaries, will leave London on his way to the German capital. Prince Bismarck will be one of the German, and Count Schouvaloff one of the Russian representatives, while France, Italy, and Austria will be represented in part by M. Waddington, Count Costi, and Count Andrassy respectively. In the meantime, there is no relaxation on the part of our Government, whose efforts to be prepared for war are continued, and among those matters which are worthy of note must be mentioned the safe arrival of the Indian Contingent at Malta, where, at an early date, they will be reviewed by the Duke of Cambridge, accompanied, it is said, by the Prince of Wales.

We have to thank Bro. E. M. Haigh for a copy of his very beautiful photograph of the picture by Mr. C. G. Rosenberg, of New York, entitled "Freemasonry and Civilization." The original, which may be seen at Freemasons' Tavern, is described as "An Allegorical Illustration of the Rise of the Orders of Architecture," and those who are sufficiently acquainted with our lectures will be able, all the more on that account, to appreciate its beauties. The idea which connects Freemasonry with Civilization in the progress of mankind from the darkness of chaos and ignorance to the light begotten of knowledge and well-ordered institutions, is not only a wise but a just conception, and the artist's success in the execution of the idea is worthy of all praise. A pamphlet which has been published, with a view to explaining the design of the picture in all its details, fully illustrates the plan, and should be read by all who wish to interpret it aright. Here it will suffice if we note the leading points in this description. The general idea is that the progress of man is due to the joint and beneficent influence of Freemasonry and Civilization, and the Chaplain's jewel which the former carries in her right hand is typical of the religious basis on which this influence rests. These two figures, which occupy the centre of the picture, and are very beautifully drawn, are preceded and followed by other figures, arranged in two groups. That in front, and, as it were, upholding Freemasonry and her companion, consists of the Virtues, Charity, Hope, Faith, Justice, Mercy, Fortitude, &c., each of which may be distinguished by its special emblem, or in some special manner. Thus Charity is carrying a cruse of oil, some ears of corn, and some grapes. Faith is looking upwards, *duplices tendens ad sidera palmas*, in firm reliance on the wisdom and goodness of the Great Architect, while Hope has linked herself to Faith. Following Freemasonry is a group of three, which are intended to represent the Masonic principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. These two explain and are illustrative of the basis on which Freemasonry and Civilization rely for the influence they exercise over the human race. But as to the Rise of the Orders of Architecture, our readers will be naturally anxious to learn how this idea is carried out, and how it is associated with the progress we owe to Civilization. A glance at the picture will show this; a closer examination of its details will make it most apparent, even to the outside world. We will remark in the first place that we modern Freemasons claim with reason to be connected with the Architects of old, who were the repositories of artistic and scientific knowlege. The development of architectural beauty through the ages may be taken as illustrating very fully the development of human progress, and, as a consequence, our Freemasonry—which is legitimately descended from Architecture—and Civilization—which is merely another term for the progress in science and art of the human race—are here regarded as co-existent and co-ordinate. Thus the progress in the art of building, from the rude hut and the Cyclopean cave of primitive man to the less rude gabled building, the building into which the Arch is for the first time introduced, the more ambitious Stonehenge, and then through the better known forms or orders of architecture—such as the Tuscan, the Doric indicated by the Acropolis at Athens, and the Ionic by the celebrated Temple of Diana at Ephesus, the Corinthian, which is represented in the foreground, where Callimachus is engaged in sketching the Acanthus overshadowing the box of toys, and the Composite to the left—this progress is contemporary with, and indeed, emblematic of the advancement man has made from ignorance to knowledge; and thus it is, we repeat, that the association of Freemasonry and Civilisation is fully justified. Other details there are, such as the quiet English homestead, with the fields of corn fronting it, which are emblematic of Peace and Prosperity, the line of railway showing our progress in the Practical Arts, the shipping in the distance and behind St. Paul's, representing Trade and Commerce, and St. Paul's itself which, as the work of Wren, forms the link which unites modern Freemasonry and ancient Architecture. All these are part and parcel of the general scope of the picture, while as to the Masonic emblems which are introduced in various places, there is no necessity in addressing a Masonic constituency for us to state more than that, wherever they appear, they will be found most appropriate. We will add that Mr. Rosenberg and Bro. Haigh are both entitled to the thanks of the Craft, the former for the ability with which he has carried out the design of the picture, and the latter for the great beauty and finish of his photographic reproductions.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 8th JUNE.

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

869—Gresham, Chesbunt Great House, Cheshunt Park.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1637—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton.

## TUESDAY, 11th JUNE.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
167—St. John, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1473—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-street, E.C.
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.
R. C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
273—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

## WEDNESDAY, 12th JUNE.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1388—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. John's Wood.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1324—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1565—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. C.—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

125—Prince Edwin, White Hart, Hythe, Kent.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
281—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
463—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
796—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1209—Lewisea, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1344—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1343—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.
1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1562—Llandiloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llandiloes, North Wales.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes.
R. A. 409—Stortford, Chequer's Inn, Bishop's Stortford.

## THURSDAY, 13th JUNE.

Provincial Grand Lodge, Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, Shire Hall, Huntingdon, at 12.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
657—Canonbury, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Cru'ched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
R. C.—St. George, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1204—Royd's, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1313—St. John, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.

## FRIDAY, 14th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
23—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1296—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.

## SATURDAY, 15th JUNE.

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

615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

### SATURDAY.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.

### MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
408—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
1543—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

### TUESDAY.

405—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.
1523—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

### WEDNESDAY.

258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

### THURSDAY.

139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
275—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.

### FRIDAY.

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
459—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.

### SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.
TUESDAY—1—Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.
WEDNESDAY—3—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.
R.A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.
THURSDAY—8—Journeymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.
FRIDAY—56—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, 3rd inst. Present—Bros. Stock W.M., J. Millington S.W., Hallam J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Robison S.D., W. Rowley J.D., W. Jolley I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Pearcy, Baldry, Alford, Willison, Stiles, Marston, Gobby, G. Cook. All formalities having been complied with, the ceremony of initiation was worked by the W.M., Bro. Baldry being the candidate. The W.M. worked the first, Bro. Pearcy the second, Bro. Isaac the fourth, Bro. Tolmie the fifth sections, assisted by the brethren. Bros. C. E. Gobby, of Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1599, and W. M. Stiles of the Savoy Lodge, No. 1745, were elected members. Bro. J. Millington was appointed W.M. for the ensuing fortnight. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

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**Joppa Lodge, No. 188.**—A regular meeting was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street. Present—Bros. Miller W.M., M. Spiegel S.W., Hyman J.W., Baker S.D., Benjamin J.D., Wymann as I.G., L. Auerbaan Treasurer, Albert P.M. Secretary, L. Lazarus I.P.M., Abraham P.M., Dodson P.M.; Bean, Martin, Rybold, Botibol, &c. After the usual formal business, Bro. Burrows was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. At the request of the W.M. of 917, and at the recommendation of Bro. H. M. Levy P.M., Bro. Goldstein, of 917, was passed to the second degree. At the close of the ceremonies several petitioners were handsomely relieved by the Lodge, after which the brethren partook of light refreshment. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P., as usual, responded for the Grand Officers. Bro. Bean acknowledged the good wishes expressed for the Joppa Benevolent Fund, which he stated was in a most prosperous condition. Bro. Albert proposed the health of the W.M., who briefly responded. For the Visitors, Bro. Batchelor of 153, Gibraltar, and Bro. Goldstein replied. The health of the Wardens and Officers was not omitted, and then the final toast was given. The Visitors were Bros. Hunt 1611, I. Botibol 1231, S. Rowley 1602, H. E. Batchelor 153, Gibraltar, M. E. Goldstein 917, and Bro. Hamilton, a late member of this Lodge.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—Met on Wednesday, the 5th instant, at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C. Bro. Walker having opened the Lodge, vacated the chair in favour of Bro. David Posener, who had expressed a wish to practise one of the degrees. There were also present Bros. Bush S.W., Harris J.W., Gottheil P.M., J. K. Pitt Sec., Alex. Posener S.D., Biddle J.D., Moss I.G., Wharman, &c. Bro. Posener's rehearsal of the first ceremony was characterised by an evidently strong desire to render it impressive, in which he succeeded to some extent. It requires intelligence and some amount of elocutionary power to give due prominence to the various interesting and important points of the beautiful Ritual, and he who does not possess the natural gift, may still accomplish a great deal by industry and perseverance. We would, therefore, advise Bro. Posener not to slacken his efforts, but to continue his endeavours; for he being a Past Master, his example is sure to be followed by the younger brethren. The rest of the Officers did their work well, Bro. Moss I.G. deserving especial mention. That brother has not yet attained the rank of M.M., yet he is able to do his duties in a manner rarely seen in a regular Lodge, and has already acquired a knowledge of some of the sectional responses, which he gives with care and intelligence. After the ceremony three of the sections were worked. Bro. Bush was elected W.M. for next Wednesday.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—At Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday last. Present—Bros. Gibbs W.M., Brasted S.W., J. Millington J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner acting Sec., Hallam sen. S.D., Western J.D., C. Lorkin I.G.; also Bros. Moss, Crosbie, Brand, Cuthbert, Elliston, J. Lorkin, Hallam jun., Willison, McDowell, Slaiter, Roberts, Mowbray, Hyland, Fysh, &c. Lodge being opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was very ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Brand acting as candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the first four sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Brasted was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week; after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

**Chapter of Friendship, No. 241.**—The Companions of this Chapter assembled at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on the 27th ultimo. Present—Comps. T. K. Hughes P.Z. as M.E.Z., Jas. Winsor H., A. Samuels as J., J. W. Turley P.Z. as S.E., Chapman as P.S., Thos. Salter as A.S., Davies as A.S., Peter Ball Janitor; and Comps. Henochsberg, Salter, Buchanan, Pugmire, Williams, Whitehead, Johnson, Stoddart, Rotherton, and S. M. Davies as Visitor. The Companions anticipated some work, but from some unforeseen circumstance they were disappointed. It is to be sincerely hoped that the absence of the officers from their posts on this occasion is the exception and not the rule in this Chapter. It may be taken for granted that those Companions who are anxious to improve their time and talents, and who deem punctuality to the duties of our supreme degree a striking illustration of an adherence to an important principle, will seek those rights where they can be found. The Chapter was closed until October, and the Companions were invited to supper by M.E. Comp. Turley. The usual toasts customary on such occasions were given from the chair, and responded to. The Companions spent a couple of hours agreeably, Comps. Henochsberg and Pugmire conducing greatly to their enjoyment.

**Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304.**—At the regular meeting of the above Lodge, on Wednesday the 29th May, an interesting presentation took place. It had been the pleasure and privilege of the brethren of the Philanthropic Lodge to contribute to the happiness of their brethren of the 17th Lancers (which regiment is now staying in Leeds) Lodge, by granting them the use of their rooms for the purposes of their meetings. In recognition of this favour, the brethren of the Military Lodge have testified their regard by presenting to the Philanthropic Lodge three handsome ebony mauls, for the use of the W.M., S.W. and J.W. Each maul or gavel is inlaid on the front with a silver plate, which bears the following inscription:—"From the 17th Lancers Lodge, 218, Irish Constitution, to the Philanthropic Lodge, 304, English Constitution, in token of their appreciation of the fraternal reception accorded to them in Leeds. May 1878." In handing the present to the W.M. of the Philanthropic Lodge, Bro. Williams, W.M. of the 17th Lancers Lodge (who was accompanied by Bro. Brown I.P.M. and Bro. Abbot P.M.), said he begged to express the sentiments of the brethren of his Lodge, and say how highly they valued the many kindnesses that had been shown them by their brethren in Leeds. The reception accorded them was far greater than they as strangers could have expected; still, it proved that in the Philanthropic Lodge, and in Leeds generally, the true spirit of Freemasonry flourished in a great degree. (Applause.) In concluding, in the name of his brethren he begged the acceptance by the Philanthropic Lodge of that small token of their esteem, and he hoped that as the mauls passed into other hands, from year to year, they might carry with them pleasant memories of their meetings together. One thing was certain, that in the 17th Lancers Lodge, the Philanthropic, 304, would long live in their memories. Bro. Taylor, W.M. 304, suitably acknowledged the unexpected present, and in the name of his Lodge accepted it, at the same time remarking that the brethren of the 17th Lancers Lodge had endeared themselves to the Craft in Leeds by their ability in working the ceremonies (which had been done in a most efficient manner), and by their geniality and courtesy. He bade them a hearty welcome on all occasions of their meeting, and if when they left Leeds (which he hoped would be some time first) they ever came near the town, he hoped they would endeavour to give them a visit. In concluding, he hoped the brethren of the Philanthropic Lodge would ever be ready to extend the right hand of fellowship to all Military brethren who might be staying in or passing through Leeds. He heartily tendered the 17th Lancers Lodge his hearty good wishes.

**Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on the 5th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The W.M. Bro. R. L. Armstrong was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. J. Page S.W., R. G. Salmon J.W., G. W. Lax Sec., S. M. Harris S.D., G. Dumford J.D., J. S. B. Bell I.G., E. Clark and Macdonell Stewards, G. Simms Tyler. The Past Masters present were—Bros. W. Munday, W. S. Hughes, T. J. Armstrong, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed. One candidate was initiated by the W.M. in a most impressive manner, and as this was the first work the new Master had the opportunity of doing, it bids fair for the ensuing year. No other business offering, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Some capital harmony enlivened the evening. The Visitors were Bros. Jos. Cook P.M. P.P.S.G.W., G. I. Dean W.M. 541, W. M. Bell S.W. 1557, J. H. Bernstone 1118, S. Falk, Cape of Good Hope, &c.

**Derby Lodge, No. 724.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult. Present—Bros. Asher Hart W.M., Becker I.P.M., R. Crispe S.W., H. Trevitt J.W., Chesworth P.M. Treas., M. Hart P.M. Sec., P. Armstrong S.D., Gadd as J.D., Ellis Org., Gordon I.G., Pendleton Steward. Past Masters Bros. Ballard and Vaughan. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. After the customary routine business, the W.M. passed Bro. Croudace to the second degree, and raised Bros. Walls and Noble to the third, in a manner which clearly proves that he has studied his work thoroughly during his short term of office. It is pleasing to note that 724 is progressing favourably, and from all accounts, will become a powerful aid to the province and the Craft generally. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the sum of £10 10s be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, from the funds of the Lodge, for the purpose of endowing the Lodge as Life Subscriber. The Lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when they spent a pleasant hour.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—A meeting was held on 31st May, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, at half-past 7 p.m. Present:—Bros. Costelow W.M., Gunner Hon. Sec. S.W., Blasby J.W., Acworth S.D., Goss J.D., Talbot I.G.; J. C. Roe P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Kyezor, White, &c. Lodge opened; the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; the W.M. ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Kyezor candidate; and the brethren were called to refreshment. Upon the resumption of labour, Bro. White was admitted a member. Bros. Blasby (late Hon. Sec.), and Gunner (Hon. Sec.) were elected honorary members, a high compliment being paid those brethren, for which they respectfully tendered their thanks. The resignation of a member tendered last meeting was withdrawn, and Lodge having been opened up to the sublime degree, and closed down, the meeting was adjourned.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, the Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Forss W.M., Carr S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., C. Lorkin S.D., Gilham J.D., Wardell I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Slaiter, Bonner, M. Christian, Milner, Bessell, Borer, Wyman, Weige and others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes read, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Polak as candidate. Bro. Dallas worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren, the Preceptor worked the fourth section. Bro. Brasted giving the answers in a masterly style. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M., for his able working. Bro. Carr will preside at the next meeting.

**Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.**—At the weekly meeting held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street, Bro. Bull in the chair, Bros. Abell S.W., J. S. Brown J.W., Marston S.D., Kidder J.D., Thompson I.G., Long Preceptor, and many others. After the opening of the Lodge and the confirmation of the minutes, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very able manner, and four sections of the first

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degree were worked by the brethren. As the Fifteen Sections are worked here next Wednesday by Bro. Tate, the S.W. Bro. Abell, was elected W.M. for the Wednesday following. It being the first time Bro. Bull had presided in this Lodge, an unanimous vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the great ability he had evinced, and the Lodge was closed. The following are the names of those who will work the Sections on Wednesday next. Bro. R. P. Tate J.D. 862, in the chair, Stacey P.M. 180, S.W., Marston P.M. 1599, J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Bull, Webb, Abell, S. Rowley, Long, Stacey, Thompson. Second Lecture—Bros. Daniel, Larchin, Hallam, Gush, J. S. Brown. Third Lecture—Bros. Vincent, Fox, and Marston.

**Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.**—This renowned and prosperous Lodge held its usual meeting at Bro. Clayton's, the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, at 8 o'clock on Friday evening, the 31st ult. Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. of the Israel Lodge, occupied the chair. Bros. Francis S.W., McDonald J.W. and a large number of brethren being present. The ceremony of initiation was worked in the most impressive manner by the W.M., and the sections of the degree by Bro. Webb, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Musto, Secretary rose and called the attention of the brethren to the fact of the Lodge being without a Preceptor in consequence of the death of the late lamented Thomas Austin, and that it was necessary for its welfare that it should have some one to look up to as an authority, he therefore had much pleasure in proposing that Bro. Cundick should be Preceptor of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Ellis seconded the motion, and said he hoped Bro. Cundick would accept the office, as he (Bro. Ellis) was sure, that from the kind and temperate manner in which Bro. Cundick communicated Masonic instruction, they would find him a fitting successor to the late Thomas Austin. The motion was unanimously carried with truly Masonic acclamation. Bro. Cundick, in returning thanks, expressed his deep regret at the loss of Bro. Austin, and said that he considered himself flattered by the honour conferred upon him; he would endeavour to the best of his ability to fill the late brother's place with the same amount of care and attention as he had done. He always felt it his duty to impart Masonic knowledge to those who were in search of the same, and hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would spare them for many years to benefit by each other's teachings. Bro. Francis was elected as W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned until Friday, the 7th inst.

**Rose of Denmark Chapter, No. 975.**—A Convocation of this Chapter was held on Saturday last, 1st instant, at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. There were present Comps. Henry Martin M.E.Z., Joseph Peeke Richards H., John Green J., H. G. Buss P.Z. Treasurer, Wm. Dodd P.Z. Scribe E., G. Pitt-Lewis Scribe N., J. Walker P.S., J. Warner Assist. Soj.; P.Z.'s John Newton, James Terry, A. A. Pendlebury, &c. Visitors—Comps. W. T. Howe, Atkins, F. Brown, Morgan, &c. The Chapter was formally opened, and the minutes of last Convocation were read and confirmed. Bro. Edward Barlow P.M. Kent Lodge, who had been balloted for at a previous Convocation, and Bro. Alfred W. Wells, J.D. Lodge 299, Dartford, for whom the ballot was successfully taken at this meeting, were then exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the M.E.Z. and his Principals performing their work in a most impressive manner. The Chapter was then closed, and the members repaired to Comp. Stanbury's new Banqueting Hall, where a capital repast was served. At its conclusion, the M.E.Z. briefly introduced the toasts. To Comp. J. Newton was entrusted that of the health of the M.E.Z., which he offered to the assembled guests in most felicitous terms, complimenting Comp. Martin on the excellent way in which he had conducted the proceedings of the day. This toast was gracefully replied to, and the M.E.Z. next gave the health of the Visitors, Comps. Howe and C. Atkins acknowledging the compliment. The toast of the P.Z.'s followed, and full honour was paid this august body; then the M.E.Z. summoned the Janitor, who gave the final toast.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—Held at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 31st ult. Bros. Peall W.M., Smith S.W., Crouch J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Hines S.D., Bolton J.D., Stroud I.G.; also Bros. Richmond, Sargeant, Pearcy, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in a very correct manner, Bro. Richmond acting as candidate. Bro. Peall vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Smith. Bro. Bolton answered the usual questions. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by Bro. Smith. On the resumption of the Lodge, Bro. Fenner worked the first and second sections, assisted by the brethren; also the third, assisted by Bro. Townsend. Bro. Crouch was appointed W.M. for next meeting.

**Finsbury Park Master Masons Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.**—Held at Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Friday, 31st May. Bros. Parslow W.M., Walker S.W., Press J.W., Payne S.D., Dunn J.D., Greenfield I.G.; L. R. Rogers P.M. Preceptor, H. B. D. Dunn Secretary; Frampton, Cox, J. Pigot P.M., T. Parslow, Edmunds, Thompson, I. Greenwood, W. D. Bayley, E. Jackson 1048, T. Bell 795. Lodge opened in ancient form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Edmunds being candidate. Bro. Thompson, a candidate for the second degree, was examined. The Lodge was then opened in the second, and the W.M. worked the ceremony of passing. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. H. B. D. Dunn worked the fourth section of the lecture. A vote of thanks was recorded to the W.M. Bro. P.M. Walker was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Hamer Lodge, No. 1393.**—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday, the 24th ult. Present—Bros. Thomas Sammons W.M., J. McCarthy I.P.M., Thos. Large S.W., Robert Leason J.W., W. C. Irwin Sec., J. Pilling J.D., R. H. Evans P.M. D.C., W. H. Jewitt as I.G., G. B. Tenison and M. Callaghan Stewards, Ball Tyler. Past Masters Bros. H. Jackson Prov. G.A.D.C., Jones, Houlding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and declared correct, after which the W.M. worked the Lodge to the second, and passed Bro. Atherton to the F.C. degree. There was some discussion with reference to changing the night of meeting, but from all appearance, the Lodge cannot do better than meet on the fourth Friday. The Hamer Lodge should certainly take a foremost rank with the Lodges of Liverpool; should be as popular, strong in numbers and talent, and progressive and harmonious as any Lodge in existence. This conclusion is adduced from an acquaintance with the Masonic virtues of W. Bro. Sammons, the present W.M., whose zeal for the welfare of the Lodge, and love for the Craft, would preclude every idea of his supporting or even tolerating any thing contrary to the principles of the glorious Order he has learnt to love, and which in him has so worthy a representative. It was regretted that so few members were present on such an important occasion as the election of W. Master for the ensuing year. After the ballot was taken, the W.M. declared that Bro. Thos. Large S.W. was elected W. Master of the Hamer Lodge for the next year. It was proposed, seconded and carried, that Bro. R. H. Evans P.M. be the Treasurer of the Lodge for the same term. It was proposed by Bro. J. McCarthy, and seconded by Bro. Jones, and supported by Bro. Large, that a sum of £10 10s be devoted from the funds of the Lodge for the purchase of a Past Master's jewel, carried unanimously. There being no father business before the Lodge, the brethren proceeded to refreshment. On the W.M. rising to propose the first toast, he said, the toast he had the honour of giving was always drunk most loyally by Englishmen in every clime, and especially among Freemasons, but to-day being the birthday of our gracious Queen, the toast would be received with more than ordinary enthusiasm. The brethren responded to the remarks of the W.M. in a right loyal manner, all singing God save the Queen. After the toast of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, and our Masonic rulers, supreme and subordinate, had been given and heartily drunk, Bro. Evans rose to propose the health of the Master; in doing so he eulogised the virtues of the W.M., virtues which were so justly esteemed among good Masons. He referred to the devotion of Bro. Sammons for the Craft, and the good he had done for the Lodge, and the Lodge of Instruction. In the name of the Lodge he tendered him his sincere thanks for his invaluable services, and expressed the hope that Bro. Sammons might long be spared to come among them. The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, and musical honours. Bro. Irwin favoured the brethren with a song. The W.M. on rising to respond said:—Brethren, I can only return you my sincere thanks for the very complimentary manner in which my health has been proposed, and the cordial way in which it has been received, on my retiring from the chair. When you did me the honour of electing me your W.M., I resolved to endeavour to follow in the footsteps of those who had occupied the chair so satisfactorily. By your expressions to-night, I am glad to know that I have succeeded in doing so. It was at one time stated by some, without proper consideration, that the Past Masters of this Lodge would drop off; such a statement has proved to be an unfounded rumour. No Lodge has ever been better supported by its Past Masters; I have received every aid during my term of office from the P.M.'s, who from their experience are so capable of rendering valuable assistance in the conduct of the Lodge. I cannot sit down without giving you the toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge, and I am sure I need not add a word of commendation to ensure its hearty reception. Bro. Large kindly responded to the call for a song. Bro. Jones, as the Senior P.M., availed himself of the pleasure of responding to the toast just given by the worthy W.M. He expressed his conviction that the P.M.'s had done their duty well, and he expressed himself as ready to render the same aid in the future. He felt sure he was uttering the sentiments of his Brother Past Masters that such was their feeling. He had no hesitation in believing that the W.M. elect would follow in the footsteps of his worthy predecessor, and he augured prosperity for the Lodge. He thanked the W.M. for proposing the toast, and the brethren for warmly receiving the same. Bros. Evans and Jackson followed, to the same purport. Bro. Leason gave the next toast, and proposed the health of the W.M. elect. No one rejoiced more than he did at the accession of Bro. Large to the exalted position of W.M.; he assured all present that his efforts should not fag to render every assistance to further the interests of the Lodge in future as he had done in the past. The W.M. elect responded, thanking the brethren for their mark of esteem in electing him to the chair, and expressed the hope that the Lodge during his term of Office might be as prosperous as in the preceding year. The toasts of the Visitors and the Officers of the Lodge were given and appropriately replied to, after which the Tyler was summoned, and the brethren dispersed.

**Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.**—At the Pembury Tavern, Amherst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 3rd June, at 7.30. Present—Bros. Grist W.M., McDowall S.W., Jacob J.W., Aspinall S.D., Glaskin J.D., Slaiter I.G.; also Bros. Hunt, E. Bishop, Fieldwick, Stanton, Lockett, &c. After preliminary business, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Slaiter candidate; the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Glaskin candidate; Bro. Fieldwick answered the questions leading to the third degree, and Bro. Grist carefully worked the ceremony, giving the Traditional History and Lecture. Bro. McDowall was elected W.M. for the next two Lodge meetings. It was further resolved that the meeting be adjourned for two weeks, next Monday being Bank holiday. All Masonic business being over, the Lodge was closed until Monday, 17th June.

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**Lodge of Emulation, No. 1505.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on the 23rd ult. Present—Bros. W. E. Quayle W.M., H. Morris I.P.M., J. T. Callow P.M. as S.W., J. Capell J.W., H. G. Vernon P.P.G.C. Chaplain., H. Coulson Sec., R. Foote S.D., H. H. Smith J.D., R. Lythan I.G., W. H. Ball Tyler. After reading the minutes of the previous meeting, Mr. Wm. Foulkes was elected and initiated into the order. There were five brethren raised to the degree of M.M. It is to be regretted that so many brethren should be advanced to the third degree in a room which is obviously too small for such an event The manner in which these brethren were raised savoured considerably of rush and business, and our sublime ritual will and must fall short of its object under such disadvantages. The brethren were invited to refreshment by Bro. Quayle, and on the the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily drunk. During the interval between the toasts Bros. Chapman, Reily, Childs, McGanly Worthy, Foulkes, Leah, favoured the brethren with some good music. The evening's pleasures were bought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**—At the Havelock Hotel, on Wednesday evening. Bros. H. Meyer W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., R. Olley S.D., Slaiter J.D., McDowell I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, G. Ferrar Treas., E. Dietrich Sec. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Ferrar candidate. The W.M. then worked the first, second, third and fourth sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. C. Lorkin was appointed W.M. for next meeting. The Secretary gave notice that he would make a proposal that £5 5s be voted from the funds to the R.M.I. for Boys.

**St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 1676.**—A meeting was held on the 3rd instant at the Masonic Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Present—Bros. T. Cochrane P.P.G.A.D.C. W.M., John Thomas Taylor S.W., Arthur T. Taylor J.W., M. Catcheside Sec., J. R. Pringle Treas. Visitors—Bros. E. D. Davis P.M. 541 &c. P.G.D.C., Thos. Cranston P.M. 636, J. Cook P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 481, &c.,— Scott P.M. 1132, P. J. Jackson W.M. 424 and Treas. 1613. B. P. Ord S.W. 1427, J. Braithwaite Sec. 1427, W. M. Taylor 24, Thos. Walton 24 and 1661, W. Harbutt 910, R. H. Walters 1094, G. F. Charlton 1664, Henry Wilson 24 and 1664, W. Guthrie 240, W. J. Haggeston 240, J. M. Marr 1636, — Robins 101, &c., &c. The Lodge having been opened in due form, was raised to the F.C. degree, when the Installing Master, Bro. E. D. Davis P.M. and P.G.D.C. Northumberland, assumed the chair, and Bro. J. T. Taylor was presented to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. After the obligation had been subscribed to, the Lodge was raised, and those below the rank of P.M. were requested to withdraw. The Board of Installing Masters was then opened, and in a most impressive manner the new Master was placed in the chair of K.S. The brethren being re-admitted, were informed that during their absence, their new Master had been regularly installed, and they were requested to salute him. The charge was then given, and the tools of the degree presented. The saluting charges and presentation of the other degrees was gone through, and the appointment of officers followed :—Bros T. Cochrane P.P.G.A.D.C. I.P.M., J. Cook P.M. P.P.G.S.W. D. of C., A. T. Taylor S.W., M. Catcheside J.W., F. Blencowe Sec., J. R. Pringle Treas., John Mackay S.D., W. Cummings J.D., E. Marston I.G., R. Ferry Organist, J. Curry Tyler, R. Veitch S. Steward, J. P. Clark J.S. The Treasurer's report was read and confirmed. It showed a very satisfactory result. The Lodge having been opened one year only, all liabilities were discharged, and a balance of £36 remained in hand. Some other routine business was disposed of, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the Douglas Hotel, where a splendid banquet was served, to which about fifty sat down. The toasts were given and responded to in a very genial manner. The health of the I.P.M., proposed by the W.M., was very heartily received; it was due to his great exertions that the Lodge was inaugurated, and is now in so flourishing a condition. The toast of the W.M. was then cordially received by all present; he, in returning thanks, assured the brethren that he would do his best to sustain the good feeling and harmony, and trusted the Lodge might not lose its lustre while in his charge. The Installing Master was proposed by Bro. P. J. Jackson W.M. 424, who, as a visitor, was proud to find the toast of so well known and loved a Mason as esteemed Bro. E. D. Davis, who to know was to admire, was given to him to propose; he regretted it was in not more able hands, so that a tithe of the praises of so noble a Mason might be sounded; but he was sure every member present would endorse the sentiment expressed, when he wished that the G.A.O.T.U. would spare for long years to come so eminent a brother who had done so much for Masonry, and preserve him with health and happiness. He trusted that Bro. Davis might soon regain his health, and was sure it was a matter of deep regret to all, that, owing to indisposition, he had not been able to join them at the banquet, where his presence would have added so great a charm. The other toasts were given and responded to; that of the present Officers most humorously by Bro. Catcheside, while Bro. J. Cook gave, in his happy way, "The Ladies." The harmony of the evening was good indeed, and was subscribed to by Bros. Probert, Ord, Cook, Goss, Ferry, Grant, McKay, Jackson, &c. The W.M. then gave the Tyler's toast, and the brethren departed, well satisfied with the first annual meeting of their Lodge.

Crusaders Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677.—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, E.C., on Thursday evening, 30th May. Bros. Cook W.M., T. H. Simmons S.W., Garrard J.W., Rothschild S.D., W. Rowley J.D., Cummings I.G., Hunter Preceptor, Calderwood Treas., T. Goode Hon. Sec. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. J. Woodman being the candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Rothschild, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Cook being the candidate. The Lodge was then closed down. Bro. Millward proposed and Bro. Kidder seconded, that Bro. Churchyard, W.M. of No. 376, become a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Churchyard acknowledged the compliment in an appropriate manner, and expressed his intention of availing himself of the instruction he should here be able to receive as often as his presence in town would permit. Bro. T. H. Simmons having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, the Lodge was closed in the usual manner.

**Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. Present—Bros. Pringle W.M., Clegg S.W., Ould J.W., Breden W.M. 781 Secretary, Robinson S.D., Andrews J.D., Maxwell jun. I.G., Turquand Preceptor; Bros. Morton, Day, Robertson, Williams, Warner, Keable, Westcott. The ceremony of initiation was worked by the W.M., Bro. Morton being the candidate. Third section of the lecture worked by Bro. Ould, fifth by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren, sixth by Bro. Turquand, assisted by Bro. Andrews, and seventh by Bro. Turquand, assisted by Bro. Clegg. Proposed and seconded that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the able manner the ceremony was worked, this being the first time the W.M. had acted in that capacity in this Lodge. Bro. Clegg will take the chair at the next meeting.

## THE THEATRES, &c.

**ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA, COVENT GARDEN.**—This evening, AIDA. On Monday, LUCREZIA BORGIA. On Tuesday, FAUST E MARGHERITA. On Wednesday, PAUL ET VIRGINIE. On Thursday, DON GIOVANNI. On Friday, LES HUGUENOTS. At 8.30 each evening.

**HER MAJESTY'S.**—This evening, LA TRAVIATA. On Monday, MARTHA. On Tuesday, RIGOLETTO. On Wednesday, IL DON GIOVANNI. On Thursday, ROBERT LE DIABLE. At 8.30 each evening.

**HAYMARKET.**—At 8.15, A CRUSHED TRAGEDIAN.

**PRINCESS'S.**—At 7.30, MR. AND MRS. WHITE. At 8.15, ELFINELLA.

**STRAND.**—At 7.15, TWO TO ONE. At 8.0, OUR CLUB. At 10.15, DORA AND DIPLUNACY.

**GAIETY.**—At 7.30, SOLD AGAIN. At 8.0, RAJAH OF MYSORE. At 9.30, LITTLE DON CÆSAR DE BAZAN.

**GLOBE.**—At 7.0, MY WIFE'S OUT. At 7.45, A FOOL AND HIS MONEY. At 9.45, MIND THE SHOP. On Monday, MY POLL AND MY PARTNER JOE.

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## THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR A SECRETARY.

AS the time is appproaching when the election of a successor to the late Bro. Little will take place, it is desirable that we should have a look round, with a view to appreciating the better the importance of this necessarily unusual event. Of course, in the remarks we are about to offer, we shall avoid all reference to the merits of the different candidates. In the first place, they are sufficiently before our readers, who can judge for themselves as well as we can. In the next place, it would be manifestly unjust to compare their several qualifications, even if it were possible so do so. What we are concerned with, and what indeed concerns every member of the Craft is, that the best man shall win, and we are not so foolish as to undertake the responsibility of even hinting at the likelihood of one being in any way superior to another, and if so, in what particular respect that superiority is noticeable. We are thinking of the Secretaryship only, and all we are about to consider now is the character and extent of the qualifications which, in our humble judgment, a candidate should possess. These qualifications may be regarded under various heads, but we shall note only the most important.

In the first place then it is absolutely necessary that a Secretary should possess habits of business. He must be a model of punctuality, a man of method, and one in every way qualified to discharge the onerous duties of an office. A man who has no order or method in his composition will generally find the official work in a state the reverse of orderly and methodical. Each day, and it may almost be said each hour of the day, has its appointed task, and unless these are disposed of regularly, there is every chance of their being done perfunctorily and imperfectly. The performance of official duties is not difficult. They are not of an exacting character as a rule, but there should be a certain amount of routine observed without of course going to the length of that circumlocution and red-tapeism which were so sharply, and in some cases, so justly ridiculed by the late Charles Dickens. Given then this quality of method, and the new Secretary will speedily find himself at home in his duties. But method alone, valuable and indeed essential as it is, must be supplemented by sundry other qualities, which are partly personal and partly business in their character. Thus a Secretary of one of our Institutions must be blessed with an unusual share of energy. He must spare no pains to make his administration a success. He must be ready to initiate any movement he may think desirable in the interests of the School. He should be the opposite of Mr. Micawber, who was always waiting for something to turn up. There is, of course, such a thing as excess of zeal, which is trying, and often attended with disadvantages more or less serious. What we are desirous of indicating is simply that the man should have his wits well about him, and be ready at the right moment with the right suggestion, instead of waiting while others are be-thinking themselves of what is needed. But in addition to energy, he must have a rare amount of tact. In the course of his duties, he will be brought into almost daily contact with all classes and conditions of men, men of different tempers and dispositions, who will require a good deal of delicate handling, as different circumstances may arise. The *suaviter in modo* will generally be found enough for most purposes, but a Secretary's bed is by no means a bed of roses, and it may occasionally happen that the *suaviter in modo* will happen to give place to the *fortiter in re*. Even in the management of Freemasons, genial as they mostly are, the suasive force of officialism is not always successful, and the quality of firmness will be of very considerable value. Then, as it has grown to be the custom for our Secretaries to range throughout the Metropolis and the Provinces for the purpose of making known more generally the claims of the Institutions to the support of the Craft, it will be desirable that the new Secretary should possess something of the *vis dicendi*, something in the way of eloquence, which will excite the enthusiasm of his audience and induce them, as occasion may require, to open wide their pursestrings and support liberally the cause he advocates. The late Bro. Little's health was such, for some months previous to his death, that he was unable to appeal in person to the liberality of brethren, and not the least gratifying evidence of the estimation in which the Girls' School is held will be found in the amount of money which was subscribed at the Festival last month. Many there are who think it undesirable that so much labour and responsibility should be cast on the Secretary. This is a matter of opinion, and it may or may not have weight, but the custom we have alluded to exists, and, therefore, it seems to us at the least desirable that the new Secretary should be able to take an active part in canvassing the support and assistance of Lodges and Provinces, and to do this well he should be a tolerably fluent and impressive speaker. He need not be a Demosthenes or a Cicero, a Gladstone or a Beaconsfield, but he should be capable of unfolding a plain unvarnished tale in a manner which will commend itself to his hearers. Thus far we have spoken of his business and personal qualifications, and it only remains for us to add a few words as to his Masonic qualifications. These have been fixed by the General Committee, and any one within the prescribed age who has been a Master Mason for three years is eligible. But though not the slightest objection can be raised to this proposal, seeing that it affords an opportunity for every young brother who considers he has the requisite capacity, and has been a member sufficiently long to have acquired a fair knowledge of the Craft and the working of its Institutions, to compete for the post, still there can be no doubt that, other things being equal, the candidate who has the rank and privileges of a Past Master should be preferred to one who has not—not because of his superior rank, but because of the greater influence such rank confers upon him. Indeed, a man who holds several positions of eminence in the Craft will—in the case of that perfect equality in other respects which we have assumed, will be preferable to the one who holds only the rank of a Master Mason. He comes into contact with so many more people. He has access to so many other sources where his appeals will be listened to, and be productive of good to the Institution. 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whole nine of them at the head of the poll. That, of course, is out of the question, and we shall close our remarks, by wishing success to him who, on examination of the testimonials of the different candidates shall be deemed the most worthy.

## BRO. JOHN H. YOUNGHUSBAND, P.M., P.Z. P.P.G.J.W. WEST LANCASHIRE.

ON Tuesday evening, the 28th ult., Bro. Younghusband delivered a lecture in the Masonic Temple, under the auspices of the Merchants' Lodge 241, on the subject of "Memory," to a large and appreciative gathering of brethren. Our esteemed Brother has recently made London his residence, and the announcement that he was about to visit Liverpool Masonically created quite a stir among the Lodges. The worthy Brother has been so intimately connected with every Masonic movement in the town that he has the honourable distinction of being called one of the Fathers of the Order. To speak here of his indefatigable zeal for the Craft in Liverpool, of his intense love for the Order, would be a pleasure which would lead us back into a volume of work extending over a period of twenty years; what good changes were effected by him, what benefits Freemasonry has derived from the excellent virtues of our esteemed Brother and his associates, Craftsmen of the present day in Liverpool have little or no idea. Indeed, Bro. Younghusband's Masonic career is full of the deepest interest, and illustrates clearly what has been enunciated through this journal so often—what good one true Mason can accomplish for the welfare of his fellow men, and the furtherance of the interests of the Craft.

As we shall some future day revert to Masonry in West Lancashire, and particularly in Liverpool, we shall then more particularly bring periods and circumstances before our readers with which the name and Masonic career of Bro. Younghusband is closely identified.

With reference to the Lecture of our worthy Brother, on the 28th ult., the peculiar method by which he asserts the memory may be made never-failing in a person of sound health is, by means of the science called Mnemonics, practically developed. In order to demonstrate the actual utility and practicability of the science a black board was brought into requisition, and by chalking out the various problems Brother Younghusband clearly illustrated the several degrees, to the astonishment of the majority and the edification of the few, in a masterly manner. It would be impossible here to enter into a full detail of Bro. Younghusband's teaching, but Mnemonics, as a practical system, by which we learn how to remember, must be invaluable to our brethren who desire an infallible rule to follow, by which they may with safety guide their distracted thoughts to the desired end through the many intricate and lofty researches of Masonic art. On the conclusion of the lecture W. Bro. Peet, in a very pleasing manner, tendered the thanks of the brethren present for the very able lecture given by Bro. Younghusband. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be tendered the Worshipful Brother for his able lecture, the same to be entered on the minutes of the Lodge. The Lodge being closed, with solemn prayer, the brethren were invited by the Worshipful Master to adjourn for refreshment. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received by the brethren with the utmost cordiality.

On rising to propose the toast of the evening, W. Bro. Peet said—I feel very delighted to-night in having the honour of proposing a toast which all present must anticipate, and which, I am sure, all present are eager to respond to in the heartiest manner, as a testimony of their appreciation of the esteemed and worthy Brother whose zeal for the Craft, and whose enduring talents are so constantly brought into practice. As a Brother of this Lodge he stands senior on the list of Past Masters, and as a Mason he has no superior. The high position of 241 is mainly due to the solid foundation, the strict principles, laid down and carried into effect by Bro. Younghusband and his worthy brother coadjutors, and to them belong the praise for the prosperity of the Merchants. We, as succeeding Masters of the Lodge, have had little difficulty in managing its internal welfare; it is a pleasure as well as a duty to follow as near to the letter and spirit as possible the ritual and landmarks so ably and forcibly laid down by Bro. Younghusband. To-night we have had additional proof of the talent of our Worshipful Brother, and I am pleased to see so many brethren present to testify their regard to the worthy lecturer, as well as to reap an amount of useful knowledge which all will agree is most valuable. Brethren, without detaining you with any further remarks, I give you the health of Bro. Younghusband.

The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiam. Bro. Hatton favoured the brethren with a song, which he rendered beautifully.

Bro. Younghusband rose, amid the applause of the brethren, and said—I have come expressly among you again to deliver the lecture you have done me the honour of listening to with such marked attention. I do not suppose that I should pass out of your remembrance while in this mortal state, but should any brother be troubled with a bad memory I have endeavoured to-night to show him a system by which I may be remembered. The very kind remarks made by the W. Master in reference to me, and the complimentary manner in which you have endorsed those remarks, touches me greatly. My past services performed for this Lodge and the Craft generally, and the ability I have for doing any future good, are amply repaid in the gratitude I find emanating from you to-night. Your reception, brethren, I highly esteem, and I assure you I shall be able to remember it without the aid of Mnemonics (cheers).

Bro. Wilson, P.M., by request of the W.M., proposed the toast of the visitors, in a very able manner, coupling with it the names of Bro. Laidlaw, and Bro. Bulley, P.G. Sword Bearer of England. Bro. Bailey kindly responded to the call for a recitation. Bro. Bulley replied in a very happy and eloquent manner for the visitors. Bro. Bulley, with the permission of the W.M., assumed the gavel, and in a very hearty manner proposed the health of the W. Master. He trusted that No. 241 would prosper in the future, as it did at the present under the able brother who now filled the chair. W. Bro. Peet, in responding, said—He was taken by surprise in being called upon to respond to the toast so kindly proposed and cordially received by the brethren. He spoke in his usual genial manner of the pleasure it gave him in occupying the chair, of the profound and cordial feelings he should always entertain for the Lodge, and the Brotherhood. He could not sit down without speaking of the pleasure he had in the presence of Bro. Hormer, P.P.G.S.W., a brother all felt delighted to welcome.

Bro. Hormer said—He was taken by surprise to be called upon to reply to any toast. He expressed himself as very pleased with the cordial reception given him by the brethren of the Merchants, and regretted (as most P.G.L. officers unfortunately too frequently do now-a-days) that he had not visited their Lodge before. He paid a warm tribute to Bro. Younghusband, to whom he was greatly indebted for the true insight into Masonry, and declared his love for the Order. Brother Younghusband rose to propose the health of Bro. Broadbridge, to whose indefatigable exertions they were mainly indebted for the success of the evening. Bro. Broadbridge, P.M., &c., &c., thanked the W. Brother for the kind manner he had mentioned his name in connection with the evening's programme. He felt proud of being the means of bringing Bro. Younghusband to Liverpool upon such a pleasing and instructive mission. It afforded him great pleasure to know that the visit had been one of enjoyment and satisfaction to that worthy brother, and his lecture highly appreciated by such a crowded meeting. Bro. Broadbridge spoke of the excellent qualities of Bro. Younghusband; showed what a debt of gratitude the brethren of Liverpool, and particularly the Merchants' Lodge, owed him. He, in concluding his remarks, again thanked the brethren for the token of respect and confidence shown him. A very pleasant evening was spent, and Bro. Younghusband received an ovation of sincere regard from all the brethren,—which is his undoubted right,—and such an ovation as may truly make any brother proud of the distinguished position he holds in the Craft, and in the hearts of the brethren. Let all who read emulate him.

## COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday last, at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Colonel Creaton presided. The other brethren who attended were Bros. Jabez Hogg, John G. Stevens, J. Newton, Charles G. Hill, Jas. Willing jun., S. Rawson, Erasmus Wilson, Geo. Bolton, Thos. Cubitt, Charles John Perceval, Charles F. Hogard, L. Stean, and James Terry. Bro. Terry read the House Committee's Report, that the Stewards of the late Festival visited the Institution on the 7th May, when they were pleased to express their high gratification with what was done for the comfort of the residents, and with the admirable order of the building and grounds. On the 31st May the House Committee visited the Institution with the Secretary, and paid the annuitants, after which they presented to Dr. Strong the testimonial voted at the last meeting of the Committee of the Institution. The report stated that the presentation was made by Col. Creaton, and that it was graciously acknowledged by Dr. Strong. The residents are all in good health, considering their advanced age. The Institution is in a thorough state of repair, and as far as can be foreseen, will not require for some time any considerable outlay to keep it so. Bros. John Hervey, Benjamin Head, John Creaton, W. Hale, and H. G. Warren were elected the Finance Committee, and Bros. Head, Creaton, Stewart, J. A. Farnfield, and C. J. Perceval the House Committee. The Committee granted to a widow half her late husband's annuity; also the use of the large Hall of the Institution for a summer entertainment to the old people. Bro. W. Stephens gave notice of motion for giving to Bro. Cubush a Life Governorship of the Institution in acknowledgment of the large gifts of flowers and shrubs made by him for the ornamentation of the grounds at Croydon. Bro. Terry stated, in answer to Bro. Stephens, that during the last three years these gifts were of the value of £100. Bro. Erasmus Wilson suggested that the donations to the Institution should be altered from pounds to guineas, it was arranged, as he gave notice of a motion to that effect, that it should be considered at a Special Meeting to be called for that purpose.

The Consecration of the Excelsior Mark Lodge will take place at the Masonic Hall, Anglesea Hill, Plumstead, Kent, on Tuesday next. The ceremony will be performed at one o'clock precisely, by Bro. C. Fitz Gerald Matier, Past Grand Warden of England, the Officer appointed by the Grand Mark Master of England. We are informed there are forty-eight candidates for advancement. We tender our congratulations to Bro. Capt. Ritchie, the W.M. designate, on so happy an inauguration of his new Lodge.

The Installation Meeting of the Frederick Lodge of Unity, No. 452, will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Tuesday next. Bro. C. E. Edmunds is the W.M. elect.

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# THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

Bro. R. F. Gould.

§ 1.—It is the design of the following remarks, primarily, to elucidate the history and status of the survivors of the Four Old Lodges who, on the Festival of St. John the Baptist A.D., 1717, met and instituted the premier Grand Lodge of the World*—and, incidentally, to trace back to their earliest periods and places of assembly in the last century, various Lodges now existing, which were called into being during the half century immediately following such Masonic revival.

We all, as Masons, enter into the original inheritance of tradition, but there is no brother who has a larger share in that noble inheritance, than he who has had the good fortune to be received into the Craft, under the auspices of either of those old Lodges, whose vigorous offspring, the United Grand Lodge of England, has now attained such a meridian splendour.

An interest, however, in the Time Immemorial Lodges, is not restricted to their own members, since every brother holding under the English Constitution, is directly concerned in the history, privileges, and status, of the Masonic parents of all English Lodges now existing. But our "Old Lodges" have, in truth, been too much neglected and forgotten, to the lasting reproach of the English Craft; not so, however, under the Masonic government of a sister kingdom—the old Lodges of Scotland are encircled by a halo of prestige, enjoy an honourable precedency over all Lodges of later date, and in Bros. R. D. Lyon and Laurie† have found able chroniclers, with whom it has indeed been a labour of love, to dilate upon their unrivalled antiquity. The oldest Lodge records in the world, those of the Lodge of Edinburgh, St. Mary's Chapel, No. 1; the archives of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; the store of manuscripts preserved in Mother Kilwinning, and other pre-eighteenth century Lodges, having each in turn been laid under contribution by these indefatigable brethren.

With us, however, a history of Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of *England*, remains to be written; our premier Lodges yet await an adequate and enduring memorial, of their exertions as the pioneers of Masonic progress; neither have they been compensated for this neglect of the Craft, by any especial favours from Grand Lodge, which has not judged it unreasonable that the equanimity of its "Masonic parents" should be periodically disturbed, by having passed over their heads Lodges of later date, to higher positions of rank and precedency.

The following slight sketch of the history and privileges of the Four Old Lodges, is, in the main, based on materials accessible to the entire Craft, viz., the Constitutions, published from time to time by order of Grand Lodge; the various lists of Lodges, and the "Illustrations of Masonry" (Editions 1775, 1796 and 1804) by the late W. Preston.

It is a curious coincidence, that the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, on 30th Nov. 1736, was also due to the exertions of Four Metropolitan Lodges (Edinburgh), who convened a meeting "at St. Mary's Chapell," "in order to concur in the election of a Grand Master." Thirty-three Lodges are recorded to have been represented on this occasion, and at the first Quarterly Communication, almost all the Lodges applied for new Constitutions, and by a ready and voluntary renunciation of their former rights, evinced the steadiness of their attachment to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and their unfeigned acknowledgment of her jurisdiction and power.‡

It will be convenient to proceed, firstly, with a chronological record of the Four Old Lodges; secondly, with a consideration of the especial privileges (if any) stipulated for by, and accorded to them; and, thirdly, with some concluding observations on their status at the present day.

§ 2.—"And after the Rebellion was over, A.D. 1716,‖ the few lodges at London, finding themselves neglected by *Sir Christopher Wren*, thought fit to cement under a *Grand Master*, as the Centre of Union and Harmony, viz., the *Lodges* that met—

1. At the *Goose* and *Gridiron* Ale-house in *St. Paul's Churchyard*.

2. At the *Crown* Ale-house in *Parker's Lane* near *Drury Lane*.

3. At the *Apple Tree* Tavern in *Charles Street, Covent Garden*.

4. At the *Rummer* and *Grapes* Tavern in *Channel Row Westminster*.

"They and some old Brothers met at the said *Apple Tree*, and having put into the chair the *oldest Master Mason* (now the *Master* of a *Lodge*), they constituted a Grand Lodge pro tempore in due form, and forthwith revived the *Quarterly Communications* of the *Officers* of Lodges (call'd the *Grand Lodge*), resolved to hold the annual Assembly and *Feast*, and then to chuse a Grand Master from among themselves till they should have the Honour of a *noble Brother* at their Head.

Accordingly

On *St. John Baptist* day, in the 3rd year of King George the 1st, A.D. 1717, THE ASSEMBLY and *Feast* of the *Free and Accepted Masons* was held at the foresaid *Goose* and *Gridiron* Alehouse.

"Before Dinner, the *oldest Master* Mason (now the *Master* of a *Lodge*) in the chair, proposed a list of proper candidates: and the Brethren by a majority of hands elected

Mr. ANTONY SAYER Gentleman *Grand Master of Masons*,

who being forthwith invested with the Badges of *Office* and *Power* by the said *Oldest* Master and install'd was duly congratulated by the Assembly who pay'd him the *Homage*."

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| | Capt. Joseph Elliot, | Grand |
| | Mr. Jacob Lamball | Wardens |
| | Carpenter | |

§ 3.—LIST OF LODGES, No. 1.

The following is the first List of Lodges ever printed, and was appended to the earliest Book of Constitutions, published in 1723.

Philip, Duke of Wharton, GRAND MASTER.

J. T. Desaguliers(1), LL.D. and F.R.S., Deputy Grand Master.

Joshua Limson, William Hawkins } Grand Wardens.

And the *Masters* and Wardens of particular Lodges, viz.:—

| | |
|---|---|
| I.—Thomas Morris sen. | Master. |
| John Brislow, Abraham Abbot | Wardens. |
| II.—Richard Hall | Master. |
| Philip Wolverston, John Doyer | Wardens. |
| III.—John Turner | Master. |
| Anthony Sayer(2), Edward Calo | Wardens. |
| IV.—Mr. George Payne(3) | Master. |
| Stephen Hall, M.D., Francis Sorell, Esq. | Wardens. |
| V.—Mr. Math. Birkhead(4) | Master. |
| Francis Baily, Nicholas Abraham | Wardens. |
| VI.—William Read | Master. |
| John Glover, Robert Cordell | Wardens. |
| VII.—Henry Branson | Master. |
| Henry Log, John Townshend | Wardens. |
| VIII.— ..... | Master. |
| Jonathan Sisson, John Shipton | Wardens. |
| IX.—George Owen, M.D. | Master. |
| Eman Bowen, John Heath | Wardens. |
| X.— ..... | Master. |
| John Lubton, Richard Smith | Wardens. |
| XI.—Francis, Earl of Dalkeith(5) | Master. |
| Capt. Andrew Robinson, Col. Thomas Inwood | Wardens. |
| XII.—John Beal, M.D. and F.R.S. | Master. |
| Edward Pawlet, Esq., Charles More, Esq. | Wardens. |
| XIII.—Thomas Morris jun. | Master. |
| Joseph Ridler, John Clark | Wardens. |
| XIV.—Thomas Rogbe, Esq. | Master. |
| Thomas Grave, Bray Lane | Wardens. |
| XV.—Mr. John Shepherd | Master. |
| John Senex, John Bucler | Wardens. |
| XVI.—John Georges, Esq. | Master. |
| Robert Gray, Esq., Charles Grymes, Esq. | Wardens. |
| XVII.—James Anderson, A.M.(6) | Master. |
| The Archoll of this Book | |
| Gwinn Vaughan, Esq., Walter Greenwood, Esq. | Wardens. |
| XVIII.—Thomas Harbin | Master. |
| William Attley, John Saxon | Wardens. |

* Hughan, Masonic Memorials of the Union.

† History of the Lodge of Edinburgh, R. D. Lyon. History of Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Laurie.

‡ Laurie, pp 97, 101.

‖ Constitutions 1738, p 109.

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| XIX.—Robert Capell | . . . . | Master. |
| Isaac Mansfield | . . . . | Wardens. |
| William Bly | . . . . | |
| XX.—John Gorman | . . . . | Master. |
| Charles Garey | . . . . | Wardens. |
| Edward Morphey | . . . . | |

(1) Grand Master 1719.

(2) Grand Master 1717.

(3.) Grand Master 1718 and 1720.

(10) *Semble*—the son of author of E.A. song, the words of which are bound up with this Edition of the Constitutions, headed "by the *late* Mr. Mat. Birkhead."

(5) Grand Master 1723.

(6) Author (or Editor) of the "Book of Constitutions," published by the "Grand Lodge of England" in 1723 and 1738 respectively.

The above list comprises the *four old Lodges*, together with the sixteen *new* Lodges, constituted between 1717 and 1721. It will be seen that Bro. Anthony Sayer, the premier Grand Master of Freemasons, was a member of original No. 3, and Bro. George Payne, his successor in the Grand Mastership, a member of original No. 4. Indeed, to the close connection between Bro. Payne and this latter Lodge is entirely due its present continuance on the roll.

### § 4.—LIST No. 2.

(Extracted from Pine's lists in Grand Secretary's office.) *

| 1723 | | No. | Dates | 1725 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Goose and Gridiron | St. Paul's Church-yard | 1 | | No change |
| Queen's Head | Knave's Acre | 2 | | " |
| Queen's Head | Turn Stile | 3 | | " |
| Moon or Black Ball (?) | Arundel-street | 4 | | Out |
| Horn | Westminster | 5 | | No change |
| —— Head | Ivy-lane | 6 | 17 Jan. 1720 | " |
| Griffin | Newgate-street | 7 | | " |
| Three Swans | Poultry | 8 | 11 July 1721 | Out |
| Three Compasses | Silver-street | 9 | | No change |
| Three Fishes (?) | In the Strand | 10 | | " |
| Crown & Cushion (?) | King-street, Westminster | 11 | | No change |
| Greyhound | Fleet-street | 12 | | " |
| Crown | Near Cripplegate | 13 | | Out |
| Rummer | Charring Cross | 14 | | No change |
| Crescent | In the Strand | 15 | | " |
| St. John's Gate | Clerkenwell | 16 | | Out |
| Castle | Drury-lane | 17 | | " |
| D B and Figure | Southampton-row, Covent-garden | 18 | | No change |
| Castle | St. Giles | 19 | | " |
| E C and Figure | Charring Cross | 20 | | " |
| Swan | Fish-street-hill | 21 | | " |
| Bull | Southwark | 22 | | " |
| Anchor | Dutchy-lane, in the Strand † | 23 | 28 Mar 1723 | " |

* For access to Pine's lists, in the archives of Grand Lodge, I am indebted to the courtesy of the Grand Secretary and his obliging assistant, Bro. Buss.—R.F.G.

This is the earliest of the engraved lists, and gives neither *Numbers* or *dates of Constitution*. The above numbers are, therefore, only appended for purposes of reference, or to facilitate a comparison with other lists. Dates are also added in a few instances, where identification is complete.

The list for 1725 is an exact reprint of that of 1723, as far as the above extract extends, except that Nos. 4, 8, 13, 16, and 17, have dropped out, in the interval between the two publications.

The entire absence of dates and numbers, renders these lists of little or no value at present, though they might still prove of great service, as connecting links in the chain of Masonic history, could copies of the missing lists for 1726-27-28 be recovered. In the above list, the Horn, Westminster, one of the Time Immemorial Lodges, stands fifth in order, with *four* senior Lodges preceding it, which we know could not be the case. The conclusion, therefore, is forced upon us that in these very early lists, the seniority and precedency of Lodges were very little attended to by the engraver.

† The first 23 Lodges in the 1723 list are shown in above extract, for purposes of comparison with List No. 3 (1729-30); the last Lodge in either list (No. 23 on list 2; No. 13 on list 3) being the same, viz., that meeting at the sign of the Anchor, in Dutchy-lane, now the Lodge of Antiquity, Chatham. For full list of 1723, see List No. 6, *post*.

### § 5.—LIST No. 3.

LIST OF LODGES 1729 (PINE).

| | | Constituted | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | St. Paul's Church-yard | | 1691 |
| 2 | Furnivals Inn, near Holborn | | 1712 |
| 3 | Westminster | | |
| 4 | Ivy-lane | | |
| 5 | Poultry | July 11th | 1721 |
| 6 | Clare-street | Jan. 19th | 1722 |
| 7 | Behind the Royal Exchange | Jan. 28th | 1722 |
| 8 | Edgworth | April 25th | 1722 |
| 9 | Noble-street | May | 1722 |
| 10 | Brewer-street | Nov. 25th | 1722 |
| 11 | Knave's-acre | Feb. 27th | 1722 |
| 12 | Swithin's-alley | March 27th | 1723 |
| 13 | Duchy-lane‡ | March 28th | 1723 |

LIST OF LODGES 1730 (PINE).

| | | | Constituted | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | King's Arms | In St. Paul's Church-yard | | 1691 |
| 2 | Rose and Buffler | Against Furnival's Inn in Holborn | | 1712 |
| 3 | Horn Tavern | At Westminster | | |
| 4 | Swan | At Hampstead | Jan. 17th | 1720 |
| 5 | Three Swans | In the Poultry | July 11th | 1721 |
| 6 | Tom's Coffee House | In Clare-street, near Clare-market | Jan. 19th | 1721 |
| 7 | Rummer | In Queen-street, Cheapside | Jan. 28th | 1722 |
| 8 | Devil Tavern | At Temple Bar | April 25th | 1722 |
| 9 | One Tun | In Noble-street | May | 1722 |
| 10 | Lion and Shield | In Brewer-street | Nov. 25th | 1722 |
| 11 | Queen's Head | In Knave's-acre | Feb. 27th | 1722-3 |
| 12 | Three Tuns | In Swithin's-alley | March 27th | 1723 |
| 13 | Anchor‡ | In Dutchy-lane | March 28th | 1723 |

‡ Vide footnote to List No. 2. It is singular that whilst 10 Lodges drop out between 1723 and 1729, *none* lapse between 1729 and 1736.

In these lists we for the first time touch firm ground, and an examination of the numbers and dates of constitution given therein, tend to the inference that all four of the old Lodges were then in existence, this inference being strengthened and confirmed by the lists of later date, especially that appended to the Constitutions 1738 (List 4). In 1729-30 the old Lodges would seem to have been thus described, viz.:—

Original No. 1, as No. 1, King's Arm's, St. Paul's Churchyard, now No. 2, Antiquity.

Original No. 2, as No. 2, Rose and Buffler, Furnival's Inn, died out *circa* 1737.

Original No. 3, as No. 11, Queen's Head, Knave's Acre, now No. 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland.

Original No. 4, as No. 3, Horn, Westminster, now No. 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness.

### § 6.—LIST No. 4.

(From Anderson's Constitutions 1738.)

A LIST OF LODGES IN AND ABOUT *LONDON* AND *WESTMINSTER*.

Many *Lodges* have by accidents broken up, or are partitioned, or else removed to new places for their conveniency, and so, if subsisting, they are called and known by those new places or their *signs*.

But the *subsisting Lodges*, whose *Officers* have attended the Grand Lodge or *Quarterly Communication*, and brought their Benevolence to the Grand *Charity* within twelve months past, are here set down according to their Seniority of *Constitution*, as in the Grand Lodge Books and the Engraven List.

Nos. Signs of the Houses.

1 King's Arms Tavern *St. Paul's Church-yard*
This is the *Senior Lodge*, whose Constitution is immemorial.

2 Horn Tavern In *New Palace-yard, Westminster*
The *Old Lodge* removed from the Rummer and Grapes, *Channel Row*, whose *Constitution* is also immemorial, it being one of the *Four Lodges* mentioned p 109.—(See § 2.)

3 Shakespeare's Head *Marlborough-street* 17th Jan. 172[illegible]

4 Bell *Nicholas-lane* 17th July 1721

5 Braund's Head *New Bond-street* 19th Jan. 172[illegible]

6 Rummer Tavern *Queen's-street, Cheapside* 28th Jan. 172[illegible]

7 Daniel's Coffee House *Temple Bar* 25th April 1722

8 Red Cross *Barbican* May 1722

9 King's Arms Tavern *New Bond-street* 25th Nov. 1722

10 Queen's Head *Knave's Acre* 27th Feb. 172[illegible]
This was one of the *four Lodges* mentioned p 109, viz., the Apple Tree *Tavern*, in *Charles Street, Covent Garden*, whose Constitution is immemorial. But after they removed to the Queen's Head, upon some difference, the Members that met there came under a *New Constitution*, though they wanted it not, and it is therefore placed at this number. N.B.—The Crown, in *Parker's-lane*, the other of the *four* old *Lodges*, is now extinct.

11 Castle March 172[illegible]

12 Bury's Coffee House *Bridges Street* 28th March 172[illegible]
Where there is also a *Masters' Lodge*.

(*To be continued.*)

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## THE VACANT SECRETARYSHIP.

*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have a very great respect for Bro. Gottheil's opinion, but I am afraid the suggestion in his letter last week is not of a sufficiently practical character, and smacks rather of the idea of trotting out the candidates, as if they were so many horses at a sale, and it was desirable to see "their paces." It strikes me that on an occasion like this, the best, and indeed the only way, is to read carefully the testimonials of the different competitors. It would be an undoubted advantage if the electors could make the acquaintance of the candidates first, but where can they be interviewed, and when? and even if they are, how can any one form a just estimate of a man's qualifications merely by having five minutes speech with him. I think we must leave matters as they stand, and trust that the electors will exercise a proper judgment in the selection of the fittest candidate.

Fraternally yours,

T. P. C.

## CONFLICTING ACCOUNTS ABOUT THOMAS DUNCKERLEY.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the Cyclopædia of Freemasonry just issued, article "Dunckerley," the editor, or compiler, says:—

"It is well here to observe that all later biographers have taken their accounts from three sources—the notice in the *Freemasons' Magazine*, vol. I., 1793; the account in the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review* for 1842, page 155; and Bro. *Dr. Oliver's Revelations of a Square*. Bro. Jacob Norton tells us that there is, in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1795, another obituary, very much opposed to our commonly received versions of Dunckerley's life. But we see no good reason in re-opening a question difficult in itself and so long buried; and so prefer to follow our Masonic writers in this respect."

Dr. Johnson used to say: "The *fact* may be useless, but if it is a fact, I want to know it." I agree with Dr. Johnson's opinion, and presume that intelligent Freemasons of the present age would rather know both sides of a question than only one. Be it remembered that the first narrative, viz., of 1793, was written during the lifetime of Dunckerley, and was intended by the writer as a compliment to the said Bro. Dunckerley. The account in the *Quarterly Review* of 1842 is too far removed from the time of Dunckerley to expect from it any original information. The writer of that article merely repeated the story from the 1793 Magazine, and was equally partisan in his narrative; for instance, he says, "But were we to enumerate his [Dunckerley's] general virtues, we should extend this article to an inconvenient length." The fact is, there is very little known about Dunckerley's virtues, save and except what may be found in the said Magazine of the last century. Again, says this *veracious* writer: "His [Dunckerley's] chronological sketch of the Order of Knights Templar is deserving attention." The said sketch was printed in 1795, page 119, of the same Magazine, and if any one would take the trouble to read it, he would agree with me that it is the most contemptible trash he ever read; a school girl of 14 would be ashamed of such utter ignorance of history and chronology. And as to Oliver's authority, and most especially his *Revelations of a Square*, the less we rely upon it the better. I really can see no good reason for smothering information for the purpose of perpetuating a one-sided account about a man who died over eighty years ago. Under these circumstances, I propose to reproduce both accounts about Dunckerley, and though it is impossible to demonstrate which account is true, the reader will have a chance of judging for himself. Here is the first.

"In the year 1760, upon Mr. Dunckerley's return from the Siege of Quebec, an event happened which could not but fill him with astonishment, as it placed him in a new and most extraordinary point of view. A lady, receiving the sacrament on her death bed, made a declaration in all the awful solemnity of the occasion, by which it appeared that Mr. Dunckerley owed his birth to the first personage in the kingdom, and Nature was determined that it never should be questioned; for those who recollect the high personage alluded to, will require no further proof when they see the subject of these memoirs. . . . Notwithstanding this discovery of Mr. Dunckerley's descent, he determined not to quit the service of his country until the end of the war, but unfortunately for him, in the meantime, the sudden dissolution of the great personage we have alluded to, deprived him of a friend, who died without knowing that such a person existed.

"In 1764 he applied for and obtained a superannuation, but it was not until 1767 that his case was laid before a great personage, who was graciously pleased to make a provision for him."—*Freemasons' Magazine*, 1793, page 378.

The above story indicates that Dunckerley's mother (for who else could make such a revelation?) on her death bed, in 1760, made known to her son that King George II. was his real father, and he applied in 1767 for a pension, which George III. granted to him. In fact, Dunckerley actually did receive a pension of £800 per annum, and had apartments assigned him in Hampton Court. And now for the other story.

"Mr. Dunckerley was the son of a servant maid in the family of Sir Robert Walpole at Houghton, whence his father married her, and got a place of porter at the Somerset House. His mother died when he was very young, and his grandmother took care of him till he was put apprentice to a barber. From this place he ran away, and got aboard the ship of Sir John Norris, who was then going abroad. Sir Edward Walpole, informed of this circumstance, wrote to Sir John . . . requesting that the boy might have such instruction given to him as the ship would afford. He seems to have continued in the service, as the next thing we hear of him was his being at the siege of Quebec by Wolfe, where he behaved so well as to have had a recommendation to fill some employment in the Royal Academy at Portsmouth, which he did with credit. About twenty years ago he availed himself of the remarkable likeness he bore to the Royal family to get it represented to his Majesty that the late King was in truth his father, and that he owed his existence to a visit which that King, when Prince, had paid to Houghton, and he ventured to refer to Sir Edward Walpole for his knowledge of the circumstance. His Majesty, ever attentive to charitable applications, directed inquiry to be made of Sir Edward. Mr. D. has apprised this gentleman of what he had done. Sir Edward expressed his astonishment that he should refer to him to support such a tale,—then for the first time suggested to him,—who had known him all his life, and then brought forward when his father, mother, and grandmother were all dead. Sir Edward added, that he had at all times been his friend, that he believed him meritorious in the capacity in which he had served, but he could never be made an instrument of imposing this story as true. He, however, got a pension and apartments at Hampton Court, and was afterwards entered at some Inn of Court, and was called to the Bar, but not succeeding, soon quitted the profession."—*Gentleman's Magazine*, 1765, 2nd part, page 1052.

It is said that Dunckerley published "a remarkable and able address in 1757," viz., "The Light and Truth of Masonry Explained, being the substance of a Charge delivered at Plymouth in April 1757." I have read an address by Dunckerley in Dr. Oliver's works. I could see nothing remarkable in it; the very same explanation may be heard in every English Lodge of Instruction, and I doubt very much whether Dunckerley made any address at all at Portsmouth in 1757. Be it known that, owing to his want of patronage from any one connected with Parliament (so says his biographer in 1842), Dunckerley, on board of a man-of-war, never rose higher than gunner, and he seems to have remained in that position until 1764. It seems, therefore, improbable that a mere gunner could either have spared time to acquire the ritual, or that he could have had influence and means to lecture and to print his lecture in 1757. After Dunckerley's appointment in the Royal Academy at Portsmouth in 1764, with a prospect of being acknowledged uncle to His Majesty, then, indeed, it became the easiest possible thing for Brother Dunckerley to rise in the Masonic profession, to be applauded as a great orator, profound lecturer, a man of science, and what not; and the said "remarkable address" was, therefore, probably not delivered at Portsmouth before 1767.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 23rd May 1878.

## UNWORTHY CONDUCT.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is a pleasure to read the accounts given in your interesting paper of the meetings of the various Lodges where harmony exists, and I have at times been envious of Masonic brethren in my own Province; at the same there are Lodges even in this country that are worked on bad principles, and nothing short of vigorous measures from the "powers that be" will set many of these right.

I unfortunately belong to a Lodge (and it being my mother Lodge I hope not to be compelled to leave it) where the whole of the proceedings are conducted by two or three, or, perhaps I should speak more correctly if I stated, by one member, who has assumed a dictatorship that has driven many a good brother to speak but little and think less of Freemasonry. This Lodge possesses about a hundred subscribing members, but the amount disbursed in charity does not average £20 per annum, the funds being invested in the trading banking account of the Treasurer, and no member seems to be able to get office, or to keep it, unless he trades with that individual, whose success in life no doubt has depended in a great measure upon his connection with Masonry, and this Lodge in particular; and although he is now, or is supposed to be, in affluent circumstances, this brother has not contributed a single penny in the shape of quarterage during, I believe, the past twelve years, certainly not since my connection with the Lodge—say about five years. He has, however, attended nearly every banquet at the expense of the Lodge, and duly pays his Grand Lodge fees out of its funds. He is always talking of resigning his "duties," but this he never does, as he would have to pay over the balance in hand (over £100), and if he does not have his own way in everything, he threatens to resign the Lodge, while if he is spoken to in reference to the matter, he falls into a violent passion, and if raving does not take effect, pleads indisposition, and retires in a hysterical sort of way. It is amusing to watch his tactics at an initiation. When he announces the candidate has "paid the customary fees," he walks up the south side of the Lodge, packs up his case and departs, fearing, I suppose, some more generous brother might propose a sum of money to some indigent brother or widow. He seems to look upon all distressed Masons as tramps, and even when obliged, he doles out charity like a relieving officer. Dear brother Editor, did you ever meet such a

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person? You may have done so at Grand Lodge, or at some great ceremony, for although not a subscribing member to any Craft Lodge, our friend has held office lately in Grand Lodge, and is very proud of the purple, he exhibits a bland smile for every one, and some confiding Brother will pour the Masonic oil over his character and position, and he retires to rest with an extraordinary idea of his own importance, and rises in the morning ready to take a stray order from any initiate Brother who has been carried away by his grandiloquence the previous evening, and who may have been told, as I was, that it was policy to give the W. Treasurer an order as soon as possible after joining the Lodge.

This is no fiction, but is the well-known pantomime monthly enacted at a Provincial Lodge. I trust this is an isolated case, but I am afraid it is not so; however, every true Mason should denounce such unworthy conduct, and I think Grand Lodge should recommend that all Masonic monies be paid into a separate banking account in the names of the Master and Treasurer of Lodge, and that the bank pass book should be forthcoming whenever required by the Finance Committee.

I enclose you my name, address, and Lodge, but not for present publication, as I prefer giving the Brother I have referred to a warning ere I ask his sanction to the publication of our names.

Yours fraternally,

M. F. C.

11th June 1878.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742.**—As briefly announced by us last week, the installation meeting was held at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Thursday, 6th June. The Lodge was opened at 3 o'clock, when the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The auditors' report was presented; it showed that the funds were in an eminently satisfactory condition, and there was a good balance in hand. The report was unanimously adopted. Bro. Hilbert, a candidate for the third degree, passed his examination, and after being regularly prepared was advanced to the sublime degree. Bro. Charles D. Hume, P.M. Etonian Lodge, No. 209, was then introduced to the outgoing Master to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. Bro. Roberts administered the customary obligation, and requested all brethren below the rank of Installed Master to retire. A Board of Installed Masters was then formally opened and the ceremony performed. On the re-admission of the brethren the salutes were given, and Bro. Hume appointed the following brethren his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Henry Speedy S.W., D. Radclyffe J.W., Thos. Foxall P.M. Treas., Wm. Land P.M. Sec., J. Blundell S.D., Fredk. Orme J.D., S. Eyre I.G., G. Cole D.C., Seymour Smith Org., Lassam W.S., Woodstock Tyler. The address to the Master was given by Bro. Roberts, those to the Wardens and Brethren by Bro. P.M. Foxall, and the Installing Master then resumed his seat, amid the congratulations of all present. The new Master was at once called on to exhibit his ability as a worker, as the ballot was taken for Messrs. George William Meacock, Thomas Woodward Bloot, and James Graddon. It proved successful in each case, and these three gentlemen being present, were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The W.M. then rose, and with a few happy remarks, presented a Past Master's jewel to the worthy brother who had preceded him. Bro. Roberts in acknowledging the gift remarked he was greatly pleased at being the recipient of so handsome a jewel. It would ever be highly prized by him, and he trusted he might have many opportunities of wearing it in the Lodge. Several communications in reference to home matters were then read and discussed, after which Lodge was closed. The banquet was served in the New Hall, and was produced in the customary excellent style of Bro. Stanbury's establishment. The hall was handsomely decorated, with choice flowers, and several Masonic devices and emblems had been tastefully arranged about the tables. When we inform our readers that this was the artistic work of Bro. Dick Radclyffe, the well known horticultural decorator, who is the J.W. of the Lodge, they will be able to form an idea of the effect produced. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Hume stated that he intended during his year of office to be as brief as possible in introducing the toasts. He then offered for the acceptance of the brethren the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty and Prosperity to the Craft. After the National Anthem by Bro. Seymour Smith, the W.M. rose to propose H.R.H. the M.W. the Grand Master, which received full recognition, and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was sung. After the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Dep. Grand Master, and Grand Officers Past and Present, the W.M. proposed the health of the Initiates. The brethren of the Crystal Palace Lodge might on this occasion congratulate themselves, inasmuch as it was, he thought, the first time in the history of the Lodge that they had had three initiates on one evening. From the way the new brethren had conducted themselves during the ceremony he believed they had the true metallic ring, and he trusted they would add lustre to the Lodge. The Entered Apprentice Song having been given, the initiates severally responded. Bro. Roberts I.P.M. then took the gavel, and proposed the health of the W.M. He had known Bro. Hume for some time and in him they would find they had a good representative of King Solomon. The purest precepts of Freemasonry were ever uppermost in his mind, and he would be found untiring in his endeavours to advance the welfare of the members. He called on the brethren to drink their Worshipful Master's health, and wish him a prosperous year of office. Brother Seymour Smith, by request, gave his humorous song, "Mrs. Brown's Silver Wedding," which elicited warm applause from all present. The W.M. then replied. He thanked Bro. Roberts for the many kind things he had said of him. He assured the brethren he would do all he could to promote their comfort. He then pleasantly referred to the first impressions he had experienced on being made a Mason, and recounted how he made up his mind to attain a high position if energy and perseverance would assist him. Before resuming his seat he proposed Prosperity to the Masonic Charities, and called on Bros. Binckes and Terry to reply. Bro. Binckes had not for many years had the pleasure of visiting the Crystal Palace Lodge. The W.M. had indulged in a hope that the three initiates would eventually become good and charitable Masons; he could inform these brethren that their Lodge had never failed in its devotion to the Charities. Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—in spite of the unsettled state of affairs abroad, and the fearfully depressed state of trade at home—had had a very successful Festival this year. The Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls had likewise resulted satisfactorily, and under these circumstances he (the speaker) looked forward, not without great anxiety, that the endeavours of his Board of Stewards would be successful. Bro. Binckes then recounted what was being done by the Institution whose claims he advocated, and drew a comparison with what was accomplished seventeen years ago. He referred to what was urged by that section of our Brotherhood who desired that spontaneous effort should take the place of missionary enterprise. In conclusion, Bro. Binckes referred to the efforts that were being made by Bro. Land, who was Steward for the Lodge at the Festival, which will take place on the 8th July, and trusted he would receive the continued support of the members of this Lodge. Bro. Terry followed: He recognized the kindness he always received, and gratefully acknowledged the great services rendered by the Crystal Palace Lodge. He then referred to the vacant Secretaryship, and trusted that, whoever might be elected, the three Officers would be able to work amicably together, and continue the good feeling which had always hitherto existed. After a song, by Bro. Morgan, the health of the Visitors was given, and Bro. Z. D. Berry P.M. 179 responded. With the toast of the Past Masters was associated the name of Bro. Thompson, who, having acknowledged the compliment, the W.M. gave the Officers. After a song—"Wilt thou be my bride, Kathleen"—admirably sung by Bro. Hume, the Wardens acknowledged the honour conferred on them, and shortly afterwards the W.M. summoned the Tyler, who brought an interesting day's proceedings to a close. Amongst the Past Masters present were Bros. Roberts I.P.M., Watson, Cox, Elsley, Acton, Thompson, Baxter, Weekes, &c., and in addition to those we have already enumerated, there were several visitors.

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**Hartington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1085.**—The anniversary meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held on Wednesday, 29th ult. Bro. J. O. Manton (Secretary) as W.M. worked the ceremony of raising, Bro. E. R. Ward S.W. 253 acting as candidate. The Preceptor Bro. M. H. Bobart P.P.S.G.W. and Bro. A. G. Taylor W.M. 253 illustrated and explained many usages in Continental Lodges, and other brethren, prompted by the Preceptor, contributed to the work of the evening. Bro. Bobart was re-elected as Preceptor and Treasurer of the Lodge, and Bro. Manton as Secretary, high encomiums being passed upon their very efficient conduct in their respective positions hitherto, special reference being made to Bro. Bobart's long services. The Bye-Laws of the Lodge were read. The report of the Audit Committee on the accounts for the past twelvemonths were presented, and unanimously adopted. Several propositions were submitted to the brethren, after which the Lodge was adjourned until the 26th June. Business being ended, the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet. Bro. Batterfield will act as W.M. at the next meeting.

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**Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.**—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 7th instant. Present—Bros. E. Kirby W.M., A. H. Des Barres I.P.M., J. Laggett S.W., H. R. Botting J.W., J. B. Harrison P.M. Chaplain, T. J. Usher P.M. P.P.G.R. and Secretary, J. Carpenter S.D., W. Carterfield J.D., J. Westaway Org., F. R. England as I.G.; D. Fraser, J. C. Cross, T. Spurgeon, S. Holgate Tyler. Lodge opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The business on the agenda paper comprised the balloting for a joining member, which was found to be unanimous in his favour. Lodge opened up, and Bro. Spurgeon being a candidate for the third degree, was examined and answered the questions satisfactorily. This brother was then raised by the W.M. in a most able and impressive way, the ancient lecture and charge being given. The whole of the Officers did their work in a creditable and painstaking manner. Lodge was closed regularly down, after which the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and spent a very pleasant and social hour together.

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**Neptune Lodge No. 1264.**—A meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on 3rd June. Present—Bros. Joseph Healing W.M., A. Cotter I.P.M., J. Korn S.W., W. C. Webb J.W., P. B. Gee P.M. Treasurer, J. H. Linaker Secretary, A. C. Wylie S.D., T. Arden J.D., C. Fothergill I.G., P. Ball Tyler. After the usual routine business was disposed of, Mr. Chas. Cavers was initiated, and the installation of W.M. and Officers for the ensuing year performed by the retiring Master, Bro. Healing. The following are the Officers for the next 12 months:—Bros. Joseph Korn W.M., Joseph Healing I.P.M., W. C. Webb S.W., A. C. Wylie J.W., J. H. Linaker Secretary, P. B. McGee P.M. Treasurer, T. H. Arden S.D., C. Fothergill J.D., A Cotter P.M. D.C., R. Battersby, G. Crute and J. Sickle Stewards, J. S. Warden I.G., W. H. Ball Tyler. The appointment of the Officers were ratified, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed in an appropriate manner, and rapidly reaching the toast of the Prov. G. Officers Bro. Korn coupled therewith the name of Bro. Burgess, who, after Bro. Dealey had favoured the brethren with a song, responded in as brief

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a manner as possible. The fifth toast on the list was proposed by the I.P.M., and in doing so, he expressed the pleasure he had felt that day in installing Bro. Korn as W.M. of the Neptune Lodge, and particularly so as he had the honour of initiating him. He trusted that his term of office would be prosperous and happy, and hoped that he would have the same hearty cooperation of the brethen as he had received, and the aid of the P.M.'s whose assistance had been of so much value to him. The toast was recived with Masonic honours. W. Bro. Chapman responded to a unanimous call for a recitation, which was capitally rendered and highly applauded. The W.M. on rising to respond to the toast of his health, said: It is some eight years ago since I first saw light; I have held, during that time, the various offices, and have done my best to discharge their duties to the utmost of my ability. If I have satisfied you in my efforts, it is a source of satisfaction to me. In my new and exalted capacity I will endeavour to do my duty. Our Lodge is a very large one, and a very influential one, and its interests shall be carefully watched by me. We have had many good Masters in this chair, brothers who have done a deal of service for the Lodge, and if I am spared I will endeavour to emulate their good example, and during my term of office in carrying out my present intentions I have little fear of failing to give you satisfaction. The W.M. again rose, to propose the health of the I.P.M., who had so ably performed the duties of installing Master. Bro. Korn paid a very complimentary tribute to Bro. Healing, and the toast was received with musical honours. In the interval, Bro. Linaker complied with a request for a song. Bro. Healing I.P.M. returned thanks for the cordial manner in which the brethren had received the toast last given from the chair. He thanked the officers and brethren for past kindnesses, and with such hearty cooperation as he had received they could well understand how the good old ship, "The Neptune," had been laid down, was equipped, and now sailed forth in splendour and success. May all future Masters of this Lodge act as good commanders of a noble Craft, and steer it through its career of usefulness for all generations. The next toast was the Past Masters of the Neptune Lodge, which was heartily given by the W.M., and so received by the brethren. Bro. Hobart responded to the call for the next song. Bro. Gee returned thanks on behalf of the Past Masters, followed by Bros. Healing and Cotter. The health of the Visiting Brethren was very kindly proposed and cordially received, after which Bro. Niel favoured the brethren with a song. Several brethren returned thanks in response to the toast of the visitors. During the evening, the talented and genial P.G. Organist, Bro. Skeaf, delighted the brethren with his execution on the piano.

**Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609.**—This Lodge held its regular monthly meeting at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 28th ult. Present—Bros. W. J. Chapman W.M., J. B. Mackenzie as S.W., B. B. Marson P.M. as J.W., J. A. Ruison Secretary, A. Woolrich Treasurer, W. Sandbrook S.D., F. Wilkinson J.D., J. Capell as D.C., J. Pyer and W. Savage Stewards, W. P. Squire I.G., W. H. Ball Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Bell and Johnston. There was a strong muster of the members of the Lodge, and a few visitors. After the usual routine business had been disposed of, Mr. H. B. Cosby was balloted for, accepted and initiated. The Lodge having been worked up, Bros. Sanderson, Heap, Armand, Whittle, and Owen, of this Lodge, and Bros. Jones and Brown of Emulation Lodge, No. 1505, were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge voted two sums, one of three guineas and one of five guineas, for benevolent purposes. The Dramatic Lodge is, as a matter of course, quite a favourite in the province, and especially in Liverpool. There is great vitality amongst its members, and splendid talent for Masonic ritual. The Lodge is in its infancy, and it remains to be seen whether its prosperity in the future will be as sure as its rapid rise during the three years of its existence. The present W.M. is a Brother of power and action, yet there are others whom we have heard in our glorious ceremonies more impressive with less demonstration, more comprehensive with less effort. If ever the heart should—nay, must be—in unity with the word, it is most undoubtedly in Masonic ritual. No amount of vocal power, of energetic gesture, of rapid eloquence, can carry our solemn and beautiful teachings home to the heart of a listener, unless it proceeds from the eloquence immediately dictated by the heart of the speaker. After the termination of business the Lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to dinner, where a plain but substantial spread was duly appreciated. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts in quick succession. The object was evidently to enhance the enjoyment of the occasion as much as possible in a given time, as there were many of the professional brethren who had appointments to keep at the various theatres. In proposing the toast of the Visitors, W. Bro. Chapman accorded all a most hearty welcome, and Rev. Bro. Leslie responded. During the evening Bros. Richardson, Penney, Saunders, Cook and Haywood greatly delighted the brethren, with good subjects capitally rendered. The ever obliging and talented P.G. Organist, Bro. Skeaf, presided at the piano. After the Tyler's toast the brethren dispersed.

**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.**—A meeting was held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, the 6th inst., at 7.30 p.m. Present—Bros. W. Seward jun. W.M., E. C. Porter S.W., A. J. Burr J.W. Sec., Cross S.D., J. R. Fernee J.D., Wills I.G., H. E. Tucker Treas. Bros. Owen, Clark, Wright, Kusner, Davies 1146, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. Owen having volunteered as a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. This was followed by the rehearsal of the ceremony o passing, Bro. Clark being the candidate. At the request of the W.M. Bro. H. E. Tucker (Treas.), delivered the lecture on the tracing board of the degree. Lodge was opened and closed in the third, and closed to the first degree. Bro. Davies, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the first and second sections of the lecture. On the motion of Bro. Cross, seconded by Bro. Tucker, Bro. Davies was elected a member. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Davies for the instruction he had given the brethren. After this brother had acknowledged the compliment, Bro. E. C. Porter was elected W.M. for next meeting, 20th June, and the Lodge was closed.

**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, but in consequence of the day being a general holiday, the Lodge was called off until Wednesday evening, when it was called on at 7 o'clock. Present—Bros. T. B. Whytehead W.M., T. Cooper I.P.M., J. S. Cumberland S.W., C. G. Padel J.W., A. T. B. Turner as S.D., J. T. Seller J.D., M. Millington I.G., J. Kay Secretary, J. W. Craven Organist, G. Simpson M.C., T. D. Smith Steward, P. Pearson Tyler; and Bros. Leah, Wilkinson, Jackson, Husband, &c. The business consisted of a raising and two initiations, which were worked by the W.M. The reports of the Lodge Committees were received and adopted, and Bro. G. H. Simpson, of the York Lodge, 236, was proposed as a joining member. After the close of the Lodge, the brethren met at refreshment, and were enlivened by solo and part singing by the musical members, who muster very strong under the banner of the Eboracum. The brethren of this Lodge purpose entertaining, at luncheon, a party of American Masons, who will visit York next month, deeming it a fitting opportunity of extending a fraternal welcome to their Transatlantic brethren, who are themselves world-famed for their hospitality.

**The Panmure General Lodge of Instruction.**—The first meeting of this new Lodge of Instruction, which has been formed for the purpose of affording instruction in the Craft, Mark, and Royal Arch degrees, by an ingenious arrangement which, whilst keeping the several ceremonies distinct, will enable brethren to associate for the general support and advancement of each other in the respective degrees, was held at the Antelope Tavern, Sun-road, Brixton, on the 6th inst. The Lodge was opened at 7.30 p.m. by Bro. James Stevens P.M. as W.M., Thomas Poore P.M. S.W., John Coe J.W., E. Francis S.D., J. Dunn J.D., C. T. Pearce I.G., T. Dickie P.G.P. acting Secretary. There were also present Bros. W. Ackland, C. P. McKay, Henry Lovegrove, E. Farwig, Joseph Croker, J. H. Wilkinson, and others. The ceremony of initiation having been rehearsed, the brethren proceeded to discuss the several propositions placed before them by Bros. Stevens and Poore, to whom had been granted the sanctions required from the Panmure Craft Lodge, the Panmure Mark Lodge, and the Panmure Royal Arch Chapter respectively. These were fully discussed, and the following resolutions were adopted, viz:—"That the Panmure General Lodge of Instruction be founded on the programme set forth in the circular convening the meeting, and that the order of working shall be:—

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| First Thursday in the Month | | | Craft Ceremony and Sections, First Degree |
| Second | " | " | Mark Ceremony and Lecture |
| Third | " | " | Craft Ceremonies and Sections, Second and Third Degrees |
| Fourth | " | " | Royal Arch Ceremony, and Sections |
| First fifth Thursday in the Year | | | Craft Installation and Annual Festival |
| Second | " | " | Mark Installation Ceremony |
| Third | " | " | Fifteen Sections (Craft) |
| Fourth | " | " | Royal Arch Installation Ceremony |

The whole of the brethren present were constituted founders, and to their number will be added those who may be present at the first meetings of the Mark and Royal Arch sections of the General Lodge. Bros. James Stevens P.M. and P.Z., and Bros. Thomas Poore P.M. and J. were appointed Honorary Preceptors. Bro. Thomas Dickie, P.M. P.Z., was appointed Hon. Sec. The settlement of the By-laws was deferred until the expiration of three months, in order that the several sections might be properly represented in the General Lodge when holding its meetings in the first degree. The thanks of the meeting were voted to the respective Lodges and Chapter for the sanction accorded, and to Bros. Stevens and Poore for their services in preliminary formation of the Lodge. Bro. Coe was elected W.M. for the next Craft meeting, June 20th. Lodge was then closed, and the Craft meeting adjourned to that date. The first meeting in the Mark degree will take place on Thursday, the 13th inst., Bro. Thos. Poore W.M.

**Panmure General Lodge of Instruction, Mark Masonry.**—The second meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Antelope Tavern, Sun-road, Brixton, on the 13th inst. The evening being devoted to Mark instruction. The Lodge was opened by Bros. Thomas Poore P.G.I.G. as W.M., James Stevens P.G.J.O. S.W., C. P. McKay J.W., and the several offices below the chairs were efficiently occupied. The full ceremony of advancement was rehearsed, and explanations afforded by the presiding officers. A most instructive evening was the result, and a cordial vote of thanks to the Preceptors was carried with acclamation. The next meeting of the General Lodge will be devoted to the second and third degrees of Craft Masonry, and the subsequent Thursday evening to Royal Arch Ceremony and Lectures.

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Office—6 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street,
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# ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

## To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Life Governors and Members of the General Committee.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—

I have the honour to acknowledge most gratefully the extensive and cordial support I have received in my Candidature for the Secretaryship of your valuable Institution, and to thank those Members of the Committee who have favoured me with the promise of their vote and interest.

I beg most respectfully to solicit the assistance of those who remain unpledged, and I base my appeal on the following grounds.

In the enjoyment of perfect health, at the age of Thirty-eight, I feel myself possessed of those physical qualities requisite for the discharge of the arduous duties of the office.

I am a Life Governor of *all* our Institutions, and am this year acting as Steward for the Anniversary Festivals for the Eighth time.

Initiated into Freemasonry in 1863, I have been, and still am, an active member of the Order. Have passed the chairs in the Craft and Royal Arch, and held high rank in *all* the allied degrees and orders.

Engaged in commercial pursuits, I have for many years enjoyed exceptional opportunities of making the acquaintance of leading Brethren in the principal towns in the United Kingdom—to most of whom I am well and intimately known.

From my numerous Testimonials I have submitted several to the House Committee, which will, I trust, be regarded as exceedingly favourable, coming as they do from those who have had ample means of forming their judgment of my fitness for the position I aspire to attain.

*** The Election, to be by Ballot, will take place in the Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., on Thursday, 11th July next, from Two to Five p.m.

Your personal attendance is absolutely essential, and I earnestly hope you will find it convenient to be present to record your vote in my favour.

I need scarcely say, if I have the honour to be elected no exertion on my part shall be spared to still further increase the usefulness and efficiency of the Institution.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies and Brethren,

Yours obediently and fraternally,

CHARLES FITZGERALD MATIER.

14th June 1878.

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The Committee for securing the Election of Bro. C. FITZ GERALD MATIER have to add, in support of his Candidature, the following Testimonial, which, with many others, has been submitted to the House Committee.

STEPHEN BARTON WILSON,
*Hon. Sec.*

27 Walbrook, E.C.

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From His Grace the Rt. Hon. the EARL OF ROSSLYN,
Late Ambassador Extraordinary to the Court of Spain, and Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

HOLYROOD PALACE,
*3rd June* 1878.

SIR,—I have great pleasure in bearing my testimony to your fitness for the post for which you are a Candidate.

As a Mason of high standing and unblemished character, I can imagine no one more calculated to give satisfaction to the authorities, in the position of Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, than yourself.

Very faithfully and fraternally yours,

ROSSLYN, P.G.M.

C. Fitz Gerald Matier, Esq.

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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

PARLIAMENT has been enjoying a short respite this week from its labours, by reason of Whitsuntide, but owing to the Easter holidays having lasted longer than in ordinary years, and owing to the amount of work that remains to be got through, the rest is only a short one. The Commons has met again already, and on Monday the Peers will reassemble. Thursday last—the latter had an hour's sitting, when the Armenian Christians and the Congress were briefly referred to, while on Friday their Lordships sat for a couple of hours and a half, and the Lord Chancellor took an opportunity of proving his statement that on several occasions in the course of last century the Crown employed troops in various parts of the Empire which were not included in the Grant voted in the House of Parliament. In the House of Commons a considerable amount of progress was made with the Civil Service Estimates, and the Admiralty and War Office Retirement of Officers' Bill received a second reading, while on Friday further votes were agreed to in Committee of Supply. New writs have also been issued, in place of Mr. Russell Gurney late Member for Southampton, and Mr. Wykeham Martin late Member for Rochester.

The Queen and the Princess Beatrice are still in the Highlands, but it is expected that Her Majesty will return to the South some time next week. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught have gone to Paris, where the former is busily engaged in the performance of his duties as Chairman of the Royal Commission at the Paris International Exhibition. The Duke will go on to Berlin, and will there visit Prince Frederick Charles, to whose third daughter, as our readers will recollect, his Royal Highness was recently betrothed. On his return home he will be accompanied by his affianced bride and her father, as the marriage will take place in this country. On Wedn the Princess of Wales and her three daughters paid to the Horse Show at the Agricultural Hall, Lord and Suffield being in attendance on her Royal Highness. Duchess of Edinburgh is at St. Petersburgh, whe mother, the Empress of Russia, lies in a precarious st health, so much so, indeed, that her Imperial Majo prayed for in the churches.

The Great Horse Show which was opened in the Ag tural Hall on Saturday last is, in respect of the numb variety of the exhibits, quite up to the average, a been inspected by a very large number of visitors, wh watched the leaping and parade of the winners great deal of interest. Yesterday was the last da though the weather has not been the most favourab management have every reason to be satisfied wi results. It is not perhaps so agreeable a place to the Alexandra Palace grounds, but there is no doubt the quality of the horseflesh exhibited.

We have got well into the Cricket season, as is by the fact that this week has witnessed one of the annual fixtures, namely, one of the matches between and South. Of late years, the South have generally victorious owing to the tremendous batting powers c brilliant players as the Graces—W. G. and G. F others; but this week the victory at Prince's rested w North, who had three more wickets to fall wh winning hit was made. Mr. W. G. Grace scored 77 in his two innings, the other principal scorers side being Mr. Lucas 30 and 9, Mr. Ridley 49 and Mr. Hadow 40 and 22. Among the North Mr. Ho and 27, Lookwood 13 and 38, Mr. D. Q. Steel 26 a Greenwood 36 (not out) and 18, and Pinder 18 an out) 21 were the most successful. The Australia still in Yorkshire, where, on Tuesday and the followir they played an 18 of Batley, making 170 in their fir only innings, Mr. Horan being top score with 50 Eighteen had lost seven wickets for five runs, wh rain came down heavily and put a stop to the furth gress of the match. There has also been a good activity in the other branches of sport, in the yachti athletic worlds, several important events having be in the latter. Next week will be Ascot week, and hope, therefore, the weather will be a little mo pitious than it has been.

The Bank holiday had little to boast of in the weather, but the public went out in full strengt withstanding. The Crystal Palace and Alexandra were the principal attractions, but the favourite resorts were pretty well crowded with visitors, Bri Margate, Ramsgate, &c., being highly favoured. gards the different lines of railway, no doubt the had a hard day's work, but they had their rew course, if trains and stations offer any criterion returns. As to the Great Western, we believe tha previous year has the number of travellers by th been so great.

How the House of Lords will look next week the Prime Minister and his colleague at the Foreig may be imagined, nor is there much prospect of ar taking place in that august assembly until the re the plenipotentiaries from the Congress at Berlin. course, does not detract one iota from the political a of the moment, but we must be content to remain an expecting the events that may happen. It is son for the Congress to have assembled together, a enthusiasm with which the Earl of Beaconsfield ceived at Charing Cross Station and at Dover ar factory evidence that the country is well content its destinies at the Congress in the hands of the nob and his colleague. There was great cheering at the and when his Lordship embarked for Calais the spe gave him rounds and rounds of applause. All alo route his Lordship was received with great respect, was he on arriving at Berlin. His colleague starte days later, and has also arrived. Indeed, the repr tives of all the Powers are now in Berlin, and on Th the Congress was formally opened at what was know Von Radziwill palace. It is considered that a few will suffice for the transaction of the necessary bus

We have hardly had time to recover from the u sorrow for the loss of life by the sinking of the Kürfurst when the news is spread abroad of an terrible calamity in one of our mining districts. Si last wrote there has been a fearful colliery explo

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Haydock, in Lancashire, by which it is feared over 200 lives have been lost. A meeting was held in Liverpool on Wednesday, under the presidency of the Earl of Derby, and among those present were the Bishop of Manchester, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Liverpool, Dean Howson of Chester, and other persons of influence. His Lordship having dwelt on the greatness of the calamity, a series of resolutions was passed having for its object the raising of a sufficient sum of money to relieve the distress caused by the death of so many bread winners. It is years since any such terrible calamity occurred, in fact, nothing has been heard of which can compare with it since the fatal explosion at the Oaks Colliery. At present it is not known how many deaths have actually occurred, as the work of exploration proceeds but slowly, and up to Wednesday only sixty-five bodies had been recovered. The scene in the neighbourhood can better be imagined than described. We trust the subscriptions of the public will be on the most liberal scale.

The Paris International Exhibition is likely, according to the accounts we have of it, to prove a great success financially. On Monday, over 200,000 people visited it, and had there been admission by payment as well as by ticket this number would have been largely increased. There seems to be a fair amount of visitors, but the hotel keepers would have more business if their charges were less exorbitant. However, that is sure to be the complaint in every capital, when a fête of this kind is in progress.

News of the somewhat sudden death of George V., ex-King of Hanover, reached London on Wednesday, and takes us back to the days when German unity existed only in the brain of Emperor William and his ministers. The late monarch had been deposed from his throne ever since 1866, when he sided with Austria against Prussia in the Seven Weeks' War, and Hanover became an integral part of Prussia. Then was established the North German Confederation, and a few years later followed the establishment of the German Empire. George V. was son of the late King Ernest, who, till the year 1837, was known in this country as Duke of Cumberland, one of the least popular of the sons of George III. On the death of William IV., in 1837, the throne of Hanover passed, by the operation of the Salic Law, to Ernest, and, on his death, his son became King, as George V. The deceased was, therefore, first cousin to our Queen, and the Court will consequently go into mourning. He is succeeded in his English Dukedom by his only son, the Crown Prince, who is unmarried. George V. was blind, and like many other blind men was a great musician. Until his reign came to a close, he was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Hanover, but this has now ceased to exist as a separate and independent organization.

The political world is in a state of suspense, and will remain so for some time to come, until the issue of peace or war is settled. The most disquieting news relates to Austria, who is mobilising a part of her army. But Austria has been so vacilliating, that the *quidnuncs* have not yet made up their minds as to whether this is ominous of peace or war. All we can do is to trust in Providence that the peace of Europe may not be further broken.

## ANECDOTES, &c. IN RELATION TO MILITARY MASONRY.

**A French Merchant Captain.**—In the summer of 1835, the schooner Vigilant, Captain Bergoun, from Dunkirk, arrived in Lerwick harbour, with loss of sails and other damage. The captain procured an agent, with whom he agreed for the necessary repairs, which were soon effected, and the vessel declared ready for sea. A misunderstanding, however, arose between the captain and the agent, on the charges incurred, which, in the sequel, proved to be excessive; the captain threatened to sail without acknowledging the account unless corrected, whereon a *mediationæ fugæ* warrant was procured against him. I knew him to be a man incapable of acting with dishonesty, although a little acute in the detection of certain mistakes, and was struck with astonishment at seeing him marched off to prison, and incarcerated beside a felon convicted of theft and burglary. As the captain understood the English language but very imperfectly, I proffered my services in his forlorn state. After the burst of indignation which naturally followed had subsided, he earnestly requested that a Freemason might be sent to him. I was acquainted with several gentlemen reputed to be of the Order, and to whom I made his case known. The agent who procured the warrant, the judge who signed it, and the captain who suffered by it, were all Freemasons; instant justice was rendered, and the captain immediately liberated. I was so struck with the wonderful influence of the mystic tie over the usual tardy operation of official regulations, that I eagerly seized the opportunity to become a Freemason.—*Balcarres.*—*F.Q.R.*, Vol. IX., p 140.

**The Surgeon and the Calcutta Masons.**—The surgeon of a large trading vessel left England on a voyage that was calculated to extend over three years. The passage was not congenial to his nature, for the captain behaved to him with contempt, and he was not therefore treated as he ought to have been by others. The motive for the captain's conduct arose from the surgeon's non-compliance with certain peculative views which affected the interests of the owner, as well as the comforts of the ship's company, but which circumstances it would have been imprudent to have divulged, as such a course would have drawn upon him all the severity it was then in the power of a sea captain to inflict. On reaching a distant port, the surgeon left the ship, preferring to throw himself on the consideration of strangers rather than to endure a continuance of such cruel treatment, and his prospect was brightening. Several passengers, however, who were desirous of returning home, would only take berths in the ship on condition that the surgeon would resume his duties, his character being highly esteemed. On this the captain, by apologising for his past conduct, by promises of amendment in himself, and of full pay and privilege, succeeded in changing the determination of the surgeon, much to the satisfaction of the passengers. The surgeon packed up his moveables, and consigned them to a person to convey them on board. He saw his trunks secured on a sort of cart, which drove off, he himself following at a brisk walk. On the cart nearing the place where the boat was waiting, he observed the driver to use increased speed, and turn suddenly into the bush way, where in an instant he was out of sight! The blue peter was at the mast head, not a moment was to be lost, and the poor fellow boarded the ship without even a change of linen. The passengers kindly supplied him with many things, but the captain's conduct became harsher than ever; to jeers on his misfortune succeeded every species of vindictiveness in his power. His end had been answered. He had obtained passengers, with their money and stores, and he forgot all his promises to the surgeon, whom he unceremoniously dismissed on his arrival in Calcutta, and who became a wanderer and an outcast in the "City of Palaces." But the surgeon was a Mason, and in the hour of need, starving and scarcely clothed, he remembered that as he had promised to relieve others in their trouble he was probably himself entitled to ask relief. He applied to a Provincial Grand Master, who supplied his immediate wants, and shortly enabled him to make a decent appearance; soon after which he was engaged by a native gentleman in the upper provinces as secretary and medical attendant, in which capacity he still remains. Before leaving Calcutta he called on his friend the Grand Officer, and repaid the advance, with the most grateful acknowledgments for the powerful and truly Masonic kindness afforded him in the hour of affliction.—*F.Q.R.*, Vol. IX, p 403.

### The Jubilee of H. Langley, Esq.

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Come, sing with me the jubilee; 'tis fifty years ago
Since first our honor'd Master sailed to meet old England's foe,
He left his happy home, in Kent, so buoyant and so free,
And cheerful went, wherever sent, to serve on land or sea.
When George the Third called England's sons, he answered to the call,
And now we sing his jubilee, in this his festive hall.

He was in that dire hurricane that swept o'er ocean's waves,
When hundreds brave, in Christian's fleet, were hurried to their graves;
The seamen strove in that dread hour against the angry deep,
But, far beyond all human power, the awful whirlwinds sweep.
To Thee, O God! their cry was raised, on Thee for mercy call,
For him Thou spared Thy name be praised, in this his festive hall.

Wild anarchy had raised her head, and terror reigned around,
And all the noblest blood of France was shed upon the ground;
Bravely against their rebel hands he fought for many a day,
And when the dreadful battle raged was foremost in the fray.
But heaven preserved him, while around so many comrades fall,
And now we sing his jubilee, in this his festive hall.

He served when dreadful pestilence was spreading far and wide,
And saw his gallant messmates sink in numbers by his side;
Heedless of almost certain death, his willing aid was near,
While many from infection's breath shrank far away with fear.
But he was spar'd, while o'er his friends was laid the funeral pall,
And now we sing his jubilee, within his festive hall.

When tyrant France imprisoned him, his spirit never pined,
But to relieve his distress'd friends was foremost in his mind;*
His freedom oft he strove to gain, and reach his native shore;
Sickness and want, with manly pride, most patiently he bore.
And days and nights at sea had passed in little skiff so small,
Where now we sing he reached at last, o'er this, his festive hall.

This is his year of jubilee; we hail the happy day;
Long may he live, and we to serve beneath his gentle sway;
May He whose mercy grants him health, largely increase his store,
Freely he shares his hard-earned wealth in comforting the poor.
That heaven's choicest blessings upon his head may fall,
So let us pray who meet this day, within his festive hall.

W. F. WOLFE.

April 1842.

* Upon Mr Langley's arrival, a prisoner, at Verdun, he found six of his fellow townsmen, prisoners, in the greatest distress, these he relieved, and continued his kindness to them and the rest of the English prisoners during their captivity.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 15th JUNE.

Provincial Grand Lodge, Middlesex, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.

## MONDAY, 17th JUNE.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, 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.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road.
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.
K. T.—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
622—St. Cuthbert's, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction.)
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Dover.
1238—Gooch, Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, 18th JUNE.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.
R. C.—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
R. A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
346—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
463—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
907—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1008—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle. (Instruction.)
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, 19th JUNE.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1388—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. C.—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
131—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
501—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction.)
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction.)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
874—Holmesdale, Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
989—Sun and sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.
1066—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale.
1184—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool. (Instruction.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.

## THURSDAY, 20th JUNE.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1360—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instru
1613—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Ins
K. T.—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
605—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction.)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby.
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town.
1331—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.
R. A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts.
K. T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle.

## FRIDAY, 21st JUNE.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instru
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 165 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruct
1237—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1366—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Taver
1376—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8.
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 7.30.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8.
M. M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.

347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on
793—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction.)
R. A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford.

## SATURDAY, 22nd JUNE.

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

1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.
1531—Chislehurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst.
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

### SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Melsham.

### MONDAY.

302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

### TUESDAY.

446—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

### WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
1016—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1341—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.

### THURSDAY.

600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1414—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.

### FRIDAY.

1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
R. C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—44—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.
406—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 82 Nicolson-street.
THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
R. A. 152—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Constitution-stree
FRIDAY—R. A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.**—At the
cules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday evening
Bros. Campbell W.M., Da Silva S.W., Nordon J.W., Grammer
Gladwell J.D., Moss I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor,
other brethren. The ceremony of the second degree was rehear
Bro. Turquand acting as candidate. The first, second, third
fourth sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Turquand, assi
by the brethren. A vote of thanks was entered on the minute
the W.M., Bro. Campbell, this being the first time he had filled
chair in this Lodge. Bro. Da Silva was elected W.M. for next w

**Angel Lodge, No. 51.**—This Lodge held its monthly mee
on Tuesday, the 11th of June, at the Lodge Room, Cups Hotel,
chester. Present—Bros. Thos. J. Ralling W.M., E. Henoem
S.W., Isaac Harris J.W., John J. C. Turner Secretary, Alfred C
Treasurer, C. E. Denton J.D., W. P. Lewis D.C., G. Mercer I.
P.M.'s Bros. G. Gard Pye I.P.M., A. Welch, F. A. Cole, E. Fray

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W. Richey, &c. Visitors—Bros. W. Lindsay 593, and T. G. Mills 697. Two new members were initiated, and it was announced that the Annual Festival of St. John would be celebrated on Wednesday, 26th June. After Lodge, the brethren assembled round the festive board, and spent a most happy evening. The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, thanked the P.M.'s and brethren generally for the manner in which they had rallied round him during his year of office, and expressed his confidence that the Lodge would prosper under the presidency of the W.M. elect, Bro. Henuemeyer.

**Hermes Chapter, No. 77, Gravesend, Kent.**—This Chapter met, the first time this season, on Wednesday, at the Old Falcon, when the following Comps. were present:—E. J. Scott M.E.Z., A. Cameron H., E. C. Woodward J., T. Marley S.N., Rev. J. Holden P.S., J. Hall A.S., J. Kelso P.Z., Brown Janitor, and other Comps. There being no candidates for exaltation, the Officers were installed as follow:—Comps. A. Cameron M.E.Z., E. C. Woodward H., Rev. J. Holden J., C. A. Cottebrune S.E., T. Marley S.N., J. Hall P.S., W. Forstick 1st A.S., Kelso 2nd A.S., Brown Janitor. The Chapter was then closed in due form, when the Comps. retired to banquet, which elicited great satisfaction, and praise was given the worthy host for the way he had placed it on the table. The attendance was everything that could be desired; the wines were of excellent brands. The Comps. did not separate till the exigencies of the train service compelled them to return to town, after spending a most social and convivial evening, which will not soon be forgotten. During the evening the worthy host gave his name in for joining the Chapter at the next meeting in August.

**Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101, (K.T.)**—The regular meeting of this Preceptory was held at York, on Tuesday. Present—The following members:—Thos. Cooper, T. B. Whytehead, T. B. Priasick, J. S. Cumberland, Geo. Simpson, G. H. Simpson, J. Ward, &c. Pursuant to notice on the summons, the Registrar, E. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead, announced the circumstances attending the contemplated visit of a party of American Knights Templar to York, on the 25th July, and moved that a Committee be appointed to make arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors. This was carried unanimously. E. Sir Knight J. W. Woodall P.G. Constable for N. and E. Yorkshire was proposed as a joining member.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—At the meeting of this Lodge on Wednesday last, held as usual at the Railway Tavern, London-street; there were present Bros. T. W. C. Bush W.M., K. Harris S.W., A. Posener J.W., Gottheil P.M., Biddle S.D., Fells J.D., Moss I.G., J. K. Pitt Sec.; Walker, Campbell, Anderson, Sayer, Claridge, Woodward, G. H. Stevens. The ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed, the Officers being well up in their duties, the W.M. giving proof of steady progress. Two of the sections were worked, in which Bro. Campbell, a young Scotch Mason, who has, during the comparatively short period of his stay in the Metropolis, striven to acquire the English mode of working, especially distinguished himself. Not only was he able to dictate the responses, but gave the illustration of the six grand periods in a manner which elicited hearty approbation. Bro. K. Harris was elected to preside on Wednesday next.

**The Mariners Lodge, No. 249.**—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 6th inst. Present, Bros. J. C. Robinson W.M., F. Barnett S.W., W. P. Jennings J.W., R. Collins Sec., Wm. Corbett S.D., John Whalley J.D., H. P. Parry I.G., Leighton Org., P. Ball Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Hayes, Pearson, Smith. Mr. Fitz-Gerald and Mr. Messenger were initiated, after which the Lodge was worked up to the third degree, and Bros. F. G. Porter and R. Thompson were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge was then lowered, and the election of Master for the coming twelvemonths was proceeded with; it resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. F. Barnett to the chair; Bro. Smith was re-elected Treasurer for the year; Bros. Cangley, Howarth and Jennings Auditors; Bros. Smith, Pearson and Rose as Lodge Trustees. Ballot was taken in favour of the Rev. Bro. Pennington being elected an Hon. Member of the Lodge. It was proposed by Bro. Hayes and seconded by Bro. Stern, that a sum of £10 be voted from the funds of the Lodge for a Past Master's jewel,—carried. The Lodge was then closed in harmony, and the brethren, by request of the W.M., adjourned to refreshment. After proposing the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily received, the W.M. rose to propose the health of the W.M. elect, and in doing so spoke of the great pleasure he had in giving that toast. They all knew how deserving Bro. Barnett was of the exalted post he had been so unanimously voted to that night. They knew his untiring zeal for the Craft, the constant attendance he had given to his duties, and how he had worked himself up from the post of I.G. to the proud position he had just attained. No one felt greater joy in congratulating Brother Barnett than he did that night, and he had full confidence that, prosperous as the Lodge had been under his Mastership, it would be even more so during the coming year. Every Brother felt that it was a great advantage to have a Master who possessed so many excellent qualifications for the office as Bro. Barnett exhibited; his working will prove itself of such an unexceptional character as to give the most fastidious Brother satisfaction. The toast was drunk with Masonic honours. After Bro. Grey had favoured the brethren with a song, Bro. Barnett, in a very able but unassuming manner, returned his sincere thanks for the great honour conferred on him by their unanimous vote, and trusted that he would still, by the same course of procedure as had characterised him in the past offices, merit their esteem in the future. The W.M. next gave the newly initiated brethren, and said he had the pleasure of proposing that toast at nearly every meeting in his term of office; he felt sure the present brethren would prove themselves as valuable and honourable to the Craft as any of those he had previously had the honour of initiating. After the Entered Apprentice Song, each of the Initiates responded in a very appropriate manner. The last toast but one which it pleased the W.M. to propose was the Masonic Press; he said it was not often they had two representatives of the Masonic Press present. He spoke of the great value of Masonic journals, and the advantages which accrued to the brethren from reading them; it expanded the ideas, and instructed them with reference to leading questions in the Craft at home and abroad. In proposing the toast he would couple the names of Bros. Davies and Wood. Bro. Davies, on behalf of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, thanked the Worshipful Master for the able manner in which he had proposed the last toast; he congratulated him on possessing those appreciative sentiments which alone could prompt him to speak of Masonic literature so favourably. The fraternal greeting he had experienced that evening was a pervading characteristic of the estimable and hospitable brethren of Liverpool. His visit among them had been an uninterrupted source of satisfaction, as regards the majority of Lodges. He exhorted the brethren to read and study as much as possible, as one-half the pleasure we derive in being Masons is acquired from a knowledge of what transpires in the Craft universally. In conclusion, he paid a high tribute of praise to the healthy Masonic tone existing among the brethren generally, and the appreciative talent of those brethren he had come intimately into contact with in Liverpool. Bro. Wood sincerely thanked the brethren for drinking the toast so warmly, and the W.M. for mentioning his name. He spoke plainly, however, and rated the brethren present, and the members of the Craft in Liverpool generally, for not reading the paper he represented. He said it was disgraceful to think that the Liverpool brethren would not buy the *Freemason*,—as it was their paper. He thanked the W.M. for the opportunity of speaking to them on such an important matter, and expressed his unqualified protest against the brethren spending their money for any trivial diversion, and not thinking fit to spend a couple of pence in purchasing a copy of the *Freemason*. Bro. Wood concluded his remarks by again thanking the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast. Of course it is needless to say that Bro. Davies did not sympathise with the whole of Bro. Wood's remarks, as his experience among the brethren of Liverpool is that, Masonically, they are very intelligent, and the extensive patronage given the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE is a proof of this assertion. Bro. Wood should allow that every Brother Mason must have the right of exercising his own opinion. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Visitors, in a very genial manner, and expressed the sentiments of the Lodge when he said they were always heartily welcome. Bro. Wright ably responded to the toast, after which the Tyler was called, and the brethren dispersed.

**Lodge of Hope, No. 433.**—The Annual Festival of this Lodge was celebrated at the Swan Inn, Brightlingsea, Essex, on Whit Monday, there being a very large attendance of members and visitors. The ceremony of installing Bro. W. S. Ling, the W.M. elect, was performed by the outgoing Master, Worshipful Bro. A. E. Rogers P.P.G.O., and the following were afterwards appointed and invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. C. Athill S.W., John Dean J.W., Rev. A. Portwee Chaplain, W. Clarey P.M Treas., J. E. Wiseman P.M. Sec., Jas. Lewis S.D., S. Lord J.D., J. Skinner I.G., T. Wilson Tyler. After the Lodge, the brethren dined together, a capital repast being provided by the hostess, Mrs. Harmer. The usual toasts followed, and a very happy social hour was passed. Among those present, either at Lodge or banquet, in addition to those already named, were the following visitors:—W. Bros. Joseph Burton Prov. G. Treas., Thos. J. Ralling W.M. 51 Prov. G. Sec., W. Bell W.M. No. 1024, Geo. Harvey W.M. 697, W. R. Crozier W.M. 370, J. Nicholls P.M. 276, the Rev. E. H. Crate, Alfred Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W., W. P. Lewis P.M. 51 P.P.G.D., Thos. Eustace P.M. 697, H. Everett, Rev. J. P. Britton, W. H. Ablitt, T. G. Mills, Jas. F. Ralling, and A. W. Ralling, Members of No. 433. Past Masters Bishop, J. Richardson, H. York, C. Blyth, W. Bragg, W. Minter, and Jas. Ames; Bros. A. A. Jeffries, Closson, W. Day, Bowdell, F. Eagle, H. Foulger, Nicholls and Wagstaff.

**Fidelity Chapter, No. 477.**—An emergency meeting of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Chambers, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead, on Thursday, the 30th May. Present—Comps. A. Samuel M.E.Z., R. Gracie H., J. G. Adams J., Wm. Bennett P.S., Samuel Jones P.Z. S.E., Bennett P.S., Holtaway Janitor; F. K. Stevenson P.Z. P.P.G.J. Cheshire, a good muster of Comps. of the Chapter; and Comps. S. M. Davies, No. 16, G.R.C., and M. McVerney 605. There were three candidates for exaltation, viz., Bros. Geo. Lloyd, James Marsh, and Enoch Evans. The beautiful ceremony was very ably performed by M.E.Z. Samuels. It is gratifying to state that this Chapter is now in a very flourishing state, and judging from the talent among the Companions, and the decided interest they all take in this supreme degree, No. 477 must go on prospering. When the offices of a Chapter are filled by proper and worthy Companions, it is inevitable that the same must prosper. When a Chapter declines, there is something very wrong, which should at once be looked into and immediately rectified. The Chapter being closed in due and ancient form, the M.E.Z. invited the members to supper. After the Companions had done justice to the good things provided, they were conducted into a very comfortable apartment to spend an hour or so in social intercourse. This arrangement on the part of mine host, Comp. C. H. Berry, was greatly appreciated. The usual toasts having been duly honoured, the M.E.Z. proposed the health of the Past Principals of the Chapter, and in doing so reverted, in a very touching manner, to the loss the Chapter had sustained in the death of P.Z. Harboard. In giving the toast he had great pleasure in coupling the names of Comps. Gracie and Jones. E. Comp. Jones

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returned thanks, and trusted he might be with them for many years to come. E. Comp. Gracie, in following, expressed the warm interest he took in Royal Arch Masonry, and the hearty sympathy and support he was ever willing to render to his Chapter. He was pleased to see so many Companions present—a sign which augured well for the future, and such pleasant meetings as the one they were enjoying was a source of gratification to him, and he felt it must be so to all present. Before he sat down he most cordially proposed the health of the M.E.Z. This having been honoured, Comp. Bennett kindly responded to the call for a song. M.E. Comp. Samuels, in reply to the last toast, expressed the satisfaction he felt in seeing so many Comps. attending the summons which brought them together that night; he regretted they were not brought together under such pleasing auspices more frequently. He was always pleased to fulfil the important office confided to him, and judging from the enthusiastic manner in which his health had been proposed and received, he had the satisfaction of believing he retained their esteem and confidence. He sincerely thanked the Comps. for their mark of esteem. E. Comp. Fraser proposed the health of the Officers, and in doing so spoke approvingly of their attention to duty, and their efficiency in executing the same. He coupled with the toast Comp. Bennett. E. Comp. Jones favoured the Companions with a song. Comp. Bennett, as P.S., returned thanks on behalf of the Officers; he said that he was induced to be regular in attendance and efficient in his duties as he felt that these were essentials to the welfare of the Chapter. As the E. Comp. had so kindly proposed the health of the Officers this side, he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the second and third Principals. Comp. Russell volunteered the next song. E. Comps. H. and J. responded, and expressed hopes that the success of the Chapter might in the future be equal, if not greater, than the present. Comp. Fraser consented to give the next song. After which the toast of the newly exalted Comps. was given, and appropriately replied to by each. E. Comp. Samuels, in proposing the toast of the Visitors, did so in a very happy and cordial manner, extending a hearty welcome to those who had assisted to enhance the delights of the evening. He had great pleasure in coupling the name of Comp. Davies, who had kindly responded to his invitation to come and see their working. He trusted that he (Comp. Davies) had enjoyed himself, and that he was pleased with their work. Comp. Davies was connected with the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and had ample opportunities of acquiring Masonic knowledge, as he had visited much, at home and abroad. He (Comp. Samuels) had received some information from Comp. Davies with reference to R.A. Masonry in America which was very interesting, and no doubt Comp. Davies would give them some further particulars, as they were always delighted to glean whatever had a tendency to their advancement from Visitors of such extended experience as their guest possessed. Comp. Davies, in response to the toast of the Visitors, touched upon many points of interest concerning the Craft universal, the mission of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE in relation to the Order, the tone for Freemasonry in its entirety which must actuate the staff of a purely representative Masonic journal, and the great delight he felt in seeing the beautiful ritual of our glorious Order properly carried out. In conclusion, he thanked the Comps. for the marked reception accorded him that evening. The M.E.Z. thoughtfully and heartily proposed the health of their host, Comp. Berry, who had so liberally and thoroughly provided for their wants, and without whose aid they would not be so well cared for. The toast was deservedly well received, and Comp. Berry returned thanks. The Janitor's toast brought the meeting to a close, and the Companions separated, every one being well satisfied.

**St. John's Lodge, No. 673.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 4th June. Present—Bros. H. Burrows W.M., T. Roberts I.P.M., D. Jackson S.W., W. Brackenbury J.W., W. T. May P.M. Sec., T. Clark P.M. Treas., L. Harman S.D., J. Seddon J.D., J. T. Callow P.M. D.C., H. Marshall Steward, T. Smith I.G., W. H. Ball Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Corless, Kyle, Hocken, and Stephenson. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and declared correct, the I.P.M. took the gavel, as Bro. Burrows, suffering from the effects of his late illness, was unable to go through the hard work which came before the Lodge that evening. Bro. Roberts initiated two candidates, and passed two to the second degree; after which the Lodge immediately proceeded to elect the W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Jackson was unanimously elected to the chair, and Bro. T. Clark re-elected Treasurer for the same term. Ten guineas was voted for relief cases, and ten guineas for a P.M.'s jewel, from the funds of the Lodge. After a protracted sitting, during which time a discussion came up as to holding the annual pic-nic, besides many other questions, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren, by command of the W.M., proceeded to supper. After the brethren had refreshed the inner man, the W.M., in consequence of the lateness of the hour, proposed in rapid succession the Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. The W.M., on rising to propose the toast of the W.M. elect, said, when the time came for Bro. Jackson to occupy the chair, he was sure he would do so with credit to himself and honour to the Lodge. The toast was drunk with musical honours. Bro. Jackson, in responding to the toast, thanked the brethren one and all for the unanimous mark of esteem shown him in electing him to the important post of their W.M. He trusted he should merit their continued esteem, and promised that every effort should be made on his part to give them satisfaction. Bro. May, in proposing the health of the W.M., said he, as well as all the brethren, regretted that Bro. Burrows had not enjoyed the blessing of health during his term of office. Although he could not, from his delicate state of body, undertake to go through his business to-night, yet all knew how ably he could perform his part when well. He knew all would join and drink to his better health. Bro. Marsh favoured the brethren with a song. W. Bro. Burrows, in responding to the toast, thanked the brethren for the kindness and consideration shown him. He was glad to say, at the termination of his year, that the Lodge was very prosperous, and that in addition to providing for all necessary Charities they could afford to devote one hundred pounds to a pic-nic; he concluded by saying he wished every prosperity to the Lodge in the coming year. The next, the Past Masters' toast, was given with a few words of thanks for the assistance rendered by that body during the year, and Bros. Roberts and May responded. After Bro. Whitehead had sung a song, the W.M. gave the Officers, which toast was replied to by the Senior and Junior Wardens. During the interval Bro. Collier responded to the call for a song, and the W.M. wound up by proposing the health of the Visitors, to which Bro. Wright very tersely replied. The Senior Warden's toast brought the evening's enjoyment to a close, and the brethren retired.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. Gomm W.M., Acworth S.W., Goss J.W., Gunner Hon. Sec., Tucker Treas., Porter S.D., Costelow J.D., Talbot I.G., J. C. Roe P.M. Preceptor, and Bros. Blasby, Botley, Dorey, Kyezor, &c. Lodge having been opened with due observance of ancient custom, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Beckett tendered himself as candidate, and the W.M. ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. Bro. Beckett then answered the questions and retired. Lodge was opened up to third degree, and closed down again, after which Bros. Gunner and Tucker were unanimously re-elected Hon. Sec. and Treas. respectively; and having been invested, acknowledged the high compliment paid them. Bros. Costelow, Blasby and Acworth were appointed to audit the accounts of the past year. After the W.M. for next meeting had been elected, the meeting was adjourned in due form.

**Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781.**—Held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, at the Silver Tavern, Barnlett-road, Limehouse. Present—Bros. Clegg W.M., Breden S.W., Robinson J.W., Breden Sec., Ives Treas., Maxwell S.D., Westcott J.D., Warner I.G.; Turquand P.M. Preceptor, and Hogg P.M. 1349. Lodge opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Maxwell acted as candidate, and the ceremony of passing was very ably worked by Bro. Clegg. Some of the sections of the lecture were worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. A short lecture on the early history of Freemasonry in England was submitted to the brethren by the Preceptor. Bro. Breden will preside next Wednesday.

**Eden Valley Lodge, No. 812, Appleby.** — The annual meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel, on Thursday, 6th June, at four o'clock in the afternoon. The W.M. Bro. R. Warton was supported by Bros. Cockfield S.W., W.M. elect, Whitehead P.M., &c., Fulton P.M., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.M. Past Grand Chaplain of England, Dr. Sayer, Arnison P.M. (Penrith), W. Kirkbride P.M., &c., Cassins W.M. Penrith Lodge, McKay W.M. 129, John Bowes P.M., &c., Robinson (York), Bentley, Ridge, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bros. Bentley and Ridge claimed preferment, and having sustained their claim, were entrusted. The chair was now assumed by Bro. John Bowes, and the candidates were separately admitted and raised under the able deaconate of Bro. Warton. Resuming labour in the second degree, Bro. W. Kirkbride took the chair, and with the assistance of Bro. Bowes installed Bro. Cockfield as W.M. for the ensuing year. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent dinner was tastefully served. The cloth being withdrawn, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, in proposing the toast of the Installing Masters, paid a high compliment to the choice and master spirits who had kindly visited them, and performed the ceremonies in such a correct and impressive manner. Bro. Robinson, of York, in responding for the Visitors, begged to add his hearty concurrence with the complimentary remarks of his friend and brother, Canon Simpson. The meeting had been an exceedingly profitable one, and he congratulated the W.M. and members of the Eden Valley Lodge that they were able to command the services of brethren so competent to interpret their beautiful ceremonies. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close at ten o'clock.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—At the weekly meeting on Tuesday evening, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Carr W.M., Wardell S.W., Slaiter J.W., Polak S.D., Christian J.D., Forss I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor. Lodge was opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Holsworth candidate. Bro. Gilham answered the questions, the Lodge was opened in the second, and the Preceptor assumed the chair and passed Bro. Gilham. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and the Lodge was opened up and regularly closed down; the Preceptor then worked the fourth section of the First Lecture, assisted by Bro. Allen. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for his able working in the chair for the first time. Bro. Wardel will preside at the next meeting.

**Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.**—Held its weekly meeting on Friday, 7th instant, at Bro. Clayton's, the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road. Bros. Francis W.M., Ellis S.W., McDonald J.W., Wolley S.D., Job J.D., West I.G. A number of other brethren were also present. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the cere-

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mony of initiation, Bro. Norden candidate. Bro. Webb worked the first, second, third, fourth and fifth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Norden 205 was elected a member. Bro. Ellis was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. It was proposed by Bro. Cundick, and seconded by Bro. Stephens, that Bro. Butler, W.M. of the Patterson Lodge, be invited to work the ceremony of installation at the next meeting. This was carried unanimously. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M., for the excellent manner in which he had worked the ceremony. The Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned until Friday, the 14th inst.

**Royal Victoria Lodge, No. 1013.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. Present—Bros. T. K. Hughes P.M as W.M., J. Thompson S.W., J. R. Rowan J.W., J. Stoddart Sec., E. Rogers P.M. Treas., C. Vick S.D., H. Glover J.D., H. Shewell I.G., P. Ball Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Lowe, Kenyon, Younghusband and Baker. Visitors—Bros. Wright, Davies, Broughton 493, New York. There were very few members. The business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year; also Treasurer for the same term. Bro. J. Thompson was elected to the former post, and Bro. E. Rogers re-elected to the latter. It is a matter of deep regret that this once compact, well attended, and well worked Lodge, bears such evident signs of having fallen into the sear and yellow leaf. It is useless trying to conceal the fact that there must be a reason for this falling off. The cause should be immediately looked into, and without loss of time removed. It could not have been pleasant for the founder, the first Master, the consecrator, yea, the Grandfather of the Royal Victoria Lodge, to be present and see the offspring of the noble and prosperous Merchants' Lodge, of which he is the Father so to say, languish and droop from sheer inanition. Let us hope that the presence of the illustrious brother, who recalled to mind the proud position No. 1013 held among the sister Lodges years ago, may infuse new zeal, new Masonic fire among the dead embers, and that this Lodge will again have good officers, energetic members, and a career of uninterrupted prosperity. The business of the evening was followed by the W.M. *pro tem* inviting the brethren to refreshment. After the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, and immediately proceeded to give what he considered a special toast; in doing so he expressed the great pleasure he felt in having the presence of Bro. Younghusband that evening. He, as the oldest P.M. and principal founder of the Lodge, had kindly, on his visit to Liverpool, come amongst them, and his presence recalled many recollections of the past; of the early history of the Lodge; we may safely say he was the Father of the Lodge, for without him in all probability No. 1013 would not have been founded, and without his invaluable aid its existence to the present time might have been a matter of doubt. Words fail to convey the feelings of the W. Brother in expressing the debt of gratitude the brethren of the Lodge, many of whom had never seen Bro. Younghusband before to-night, although all had heard him so frequently and respectfully spoken of during his absence from Liverpool; he therefore called upon the brethren to drink the health of their esteemed Brother in the hearty manner his name deserved. The toast was drunk with Masonic honours. Bro. Younghusband said he had great pleasure in being with them that night. No one knew better than he the early history of their Lodge. He was its first Master; he consecrated the Lodge, he watched over its infancy, and with all his zeal and love for the Craft presided over its chequered progress for four years. He never left his post vacant until the Lodge was strong and able to start on that course of progress and prosperity which distinguished its career, and placed it in the honourable position it occupied among its sister Lodges. He hoped that the future would prove as brilliant to the Lodge as the past, and most heartily thanked the brethren for their cordial greeting. In proposing the toast of the Visitors, the W.M. expressed the pleasure he felt in having the company of brethren from far and near at their Lodge that night. It was always pleasant to entertain visiting brethren, and the toast—cordially received at all times—would be drunk with more than usual warmth from the fact that a distinguished brother from New York honoured them with his presence. As this brother was about to start on his return voyage the next day, to the far West, he hoped he would carry with him some pleasing recollections of having visited the Royal Victoria Lodge. Bro. Broughton (New York) responded on behalf of the visitors; he said that the fraternal welcome given him that evening would make an indelible impression on his mind. He appreciated the genial manner in which the brethren gathered round the festive board, the hospitable nature of which he was so kindly invited to partake of, and which he almost regretted to say was not a custom in American Lodges; he doubted, however, if any Masons in the world gave a more hearty welcome to their brethren than was accorded, according to the custom there, than in the United States. He expressed the great pleasure he derived from being among them, and with many thanks concluded, offering a sincere wish for their prosperity and happiness. A few more toasts were proposed, duly received, and responded to, and after spending a couple of hours, during which time several of the musical brethren gratified all with some good glees, quartetts, and songs, the brethren dispersed.

**Hartington Lodge, No. 1085.**—Held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday, 5th June. Present—Bros. G. Pipes W.M., W. Heathcote P.G.D.C. I.P.M., M. H. Bobart P.P.S.G.W. as S.W., W. B. Hextall J.W., J. O. Manton Sec., H. Biggs W.M. 802 as S.D., P. Wallis as J.D., W. Butterfield I.G.; Past Masters Bros. F. Iliffe P.P.J.G.W. and J. Wosnof P.P.G.P., and a large number of other brethren. The Lodge was opened at 7.40 p.m. Bros. Hefford, Baxter and Arnold were passed to the second degree by the W.M. A Quarterly Communication from Grand Lodge was presented, and other business connected with the working of the Lodge was transacted. The case of a distressed brother, suffering from illness, received the favourable consideration of the Lodge. After the usual formalities, the Lodge was adjourned until the first Wednesday in July.


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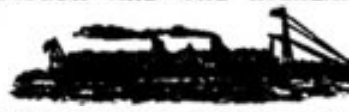

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## AN AMERICAN KNIGHT TEMPLAR PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE.

EARLY next month the Sir Knights of the Mary Commandery, No. 36, of Philadelphia, U.S.A. will start on a Pilgrimage to Europe, the countries it is proposed to visit being the United Kingdom, France, Switzerland, the Rhineland, and Belgium. All the necessary arrangements have been made with Messrs. Cook, Son, and Jenkins, and a short sketch of them will probably interest our readers. There are four separate programmes, or rather the original programme will be varied after a certain date, so as to admit of the Pilgrims extending their visit to other countries than those at first contemplated. The whole party will leave home on Saturday, the 6th July, by the steamer Anchoria, and on the 15th they are expected to land at Mobille, and go thence to Londonderry. The day following they will go by train to Port Rush and visit the Giant's Causeway. The 17th will be spent in Belfast, and the 18th and 19th in Dublin. On the 20th the party will return by express train to Belfast, and take boat for Greenock and Glasgow, reaching the latter early on Sunday morning, the 21st. On the 22nd they will go through Lochs Lomond and Katrine, and the Trossachs, to Stirling and Edinburgh. The 23rd will be spent in the Scottish capital, whence, on the 24th, a visit to Melrose and Abbotsford, and then by train to York. Here we are given to understand the Pilgrims will experience a K.T. reception, which, it is needless to say, will be of a very cordial nature, and at Sheffield, on the following day, the reception will be Craft in its character, and equally cordial. London will be reached on the 27th, and the four remaining days of the month will be occupied in seeing its lions. On the 1st of August, after a flying visit to Brighton, the party will leave for Paris, *viâ* Newhaven and Dieppe. Here a stay will be made till the 7th instant, the ordinary attractions of the French capital being this year increased by the Exhibition. Here, too, we doubt not, the French Craft will welcome the opportunity of receiving the Pilgrims, and extend towards them that kindness for which they are distinguished. They leave Paris for Geneva by the night train, and reaching it early on the 8th, will devote the rest of that day and the next to seeing the sights for which the centre of the Swiss watch trade is remarkable. Then Chamouny on the 10th and 11th, Martigny and Bouveret on the 12th, Lausanne on the 13th, Interlacken on the 14th, on the 15th *viâ* the Brunig Pass to Lucerne, reaching Neuchatel on the 17th, and returning to Paris on the night of the 18th, and to London on that of the 19th. The return journey to New York will be commenced on the 21st, and the Pilgrims will reach again their native shores on the 3rd September. Thus, the Pilgrimage will last fifty-nine days, of which twenty-two will be occupied with the ocean passage out and home, while nineteen are assigned to the United Kingdom, six to Paris, and the other twelve to the rest of the Continental trip. The arrangements have been made with that regard to comfort and accommodation for which the Messrs. Cook and Co. are so well known, and the cost is set down at 360 dollars gold. The second programme is intended for those who do not propose to visit Switzerland, and the cost is set down at 275 dollars gold. The arrangements will be the same as for the main party up to the 6th August, when a ticket will be provided for London and New York. The third programme is for those who, not caring to visit Switzerland, are desirous of prolonging their sojourn in Paris. These accordingly will pay 300 dollars in gold, remaining in Paris till the 13th, and returning home *viâ* London and New York. The fourth and last programme is for Pilgrims who, remaining with the main party as far as Lucerne, may wish to see the Rhine country and Belgium. These will therefore continue their journey from Lucerne *viâ* Bale to Baden-Baden, thence to Heidelberg, and *viâ* Worms to Mayence. Continuing thence by boat to Cologne, they will leave that city by morning express to Brussels on the 23rd August, and after a stay of two days will go by boat to Antwerp on the 26th, and reach London on the 27th. They start by Anchor Line steamer for New York on the 28th, and may be expected home on the 10th September. These will pay 490 dollars gold. Such is the series of programmes as prepared for the Pilgrimage of the Mary Commandery, No. 36, of Philadelphia. We trust that everything may turn out as favourably as possible, and that the Sir Knights will thoroughly enjoy their trip to Europe. We are certain that, wherever they go, be it in the United Kingdom or on the Continent, they will be heartily welcomed.

## MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 59.)

### THE LORD OF UNDERLEY.

Beatus ille, qui procul negotiis,
Ut prisca gens mortalium,
Paterna rura bubus exercet suis;
. . . . . .
. . . aut adultâ vitium propagine
Altas maritat populos,
Inutilesque falce ramos amputans
Feliciores inserit;
Aut in reductâ valle mugientium
Prospectat errantes greges.

THE Northern Counties of England—once the scene of almost incessant warfare—enjoy at the present day, in common with the rest of the country, a very high degree of prosperity. The mineral wealth of Northumberland is proverbial, while Cumberland and Westmoreland take high rank among those counties which are more particularly devoted to agriculture. Travel where you will, in the lake region, in the mountain districts, along the banks of the Eden and the Kent, in the Cheviots or on the Tyne, and you will find evidences of a peaceful prosperity, such as the richest and most influential countries might regard with envy. This has not always been the case. Ever since Britain has had a history of its own, almost even from the days when Julius Cæsar landed on the shores of Kent, the counties immediately south of the Tweed have witnessed many important historical events, and it is impossible to traverse any considerable portion of these without lighting on some more or less interesting relics of former days. When Britain was a province of Imperial Rome, the wall of Adrian was built to keep off the incursions of the Picts and Scots, and there were Roman camps and Roman roads for the greater security of the country. Hence the number of Roman remains in these parts is very considerable, and the antiquarian who visits them finds his time well occupied in the study of their history. Many supposed Druidical remains are likewise to be found, while not a few of the names, such as Helvellyn and others, are suggestive of the Ancient Britons. Indeed, even as late as the reign of Elizabeth, the language of the ancient inhabitants of the island was spoken here almost as

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purely as it now is in Wales. In the days of our Saxon and Roman ancestors the two westernmost counties formed the Principality of Cumbria, and the Kings of Scotland did homage to the Kings of England for these and the other lands they held south of the Tweed. In the many wars that took place between the two kingdoms these border counties had the most considerable share; indeed, the Wardens of the Marches were among the most important officers under the rival sovereigns, for on their sleepless vigilance and energy the safety of the frontiers depended. Even in the middle of last century, when the final effort to recover the throne of Britain for the Stuarts was made, we read of Carlisle being taken and retaken, and of fighting in the neighbourhood of Kendal. Since then, however, where once were continual forays, and cattle-lifting and other deeds of lawlessness were of frequent occurrence, the land has enjoyed an uninterrupted course of prosperity, and the history of these counties has been one of peace and plenty. No wonder then that Freemasonry should have established itself here, and having regard to the moderate extent of the population, to a degree that may be described as respectable. How soon it made its appearance in Cumbria is of no great moment, for in the state of society which formerly prevailed here, it would be difficult to obtain authentic records. Probably, in the old border days, there was a something which corresponded with our modern Freemasonry; for though men were breaking each other's heads from a sense of duty one day, they were clinking glasses from a sense of good fellowship another. It is probable, therefore, there was some mysterious bond of union which brought these rough but good-hearted fellows together at the festive board; and if they were not Masons in a speculative sense, seeing that the fracture of pericrania forms no part of our Masonic rites and ceremonies, they had an excellent idea of our fourth degree and its adjunctive properties, such as geniality and kindness, and the like. However, we must leave, without more ado, the consideration of this interesting problem, in order that we may sketch the career of a worthy Cumbrian, who, for over a decade of years, has held the supreme Masonic authority over the Counties of Cumberland and Westmoreland, and who, in the nature of things, may be expected to retain that authority for even a longer period. He is yet in the prime of life, having been born in the year 1844. After the usual course of study at Eton, he was entered at Christ Church, Oxon, and, during his stay there, was received into the mysteries of Craft Masonry, within the precincts of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357. This was in 1863, and though the shortness of his career at Oxford did not admit of his making any sign of his proficiency in the Royal Art, it is evident he must have taken very considerable interest, and made unusual progress in it, for in two years' time, when the Underley Lodge, No. 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale, was chartered, we find him occupying the position of Worshipful Master, and so satisfactory to the members was his discharge of the duties of that office, that he was elected to fill it for the following year. In 1867, he was appointed by the late Earl of Zetland to be the Grand Master of the Province, and in that capacity he has gone on winning golden opinions from all classes and conditions of Freemasons. In 1869, he became a joining member of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, and in the same year, as exemplifying the favourable impression his rule as Prov. G. Master had made among his brethren of the Province, a Lodge (No. 1267) was founded at Egremont, bearing, as its name, one of the titles which belong to his family. In 1875, a second Lodge was founded at Carlisle (No. 1532), and in this instance, likewise, the compliment was paid him of naming the Lodge after another of the family titles. If we add that during the period he has ruled over the Province the number of its Lodges has been increased from thirteen to nineteen, or by about thirty per cent., we shall see at once that these compliments were not the meaningless things which compliments, unfortunately, too often are. There is, indeed, no doubt whatever of his popularity as a ruler, and Cumberland and Westmoreland Masons must rejoice, in season and out of season, at the wise selection made by the late Earl of Zetland, when he appointed him to be their chief. We are not aware that he has at any time held office in Grand Lodge, where he is entitled to sit by virtue of his Prov. G. Mastership, but he is the chosen representative of the Grand Lodge of Greece in our Grand Lodge, and in selecting him for his Legate, Grand Master the Prince Rhodocanakis could hardly have made a worthier choice. In other branches of the Masonic Art, he has attained to equal eminence. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and when the Bective Chapter, No. 1074, was consecrated, he was appropriately enough installed its First Principal, and at the conclusion of the ceremony he was installed as first Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch Chapter of the Province. This auspicious event happened as recently as the month of October of last year, and as a somewhat lengthy account was given in these columns, we need not say more than that the muster of Companions was in every way worthy of so rare an occasion as the consecration of a new Chapter, followed by the constitution of a new R.A. Province; while all present congratulated themselves on the admirable appointment, by His Royal Highness the Grand Z., of one who already enjoyed such considerable experience as Craft ruler of the Province. Our respected brother is also a Mark Mason, and of high degree. He is a joining member of the Cumberland Mark Lodge, No. 60, Carlisle, a Past Grand Senior Warden of the Mark Grand Lodge, and was appointed Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason for the counties of Cumberland and Westmoreland in 1872. Thus he combines in his own person the supreme rule over these counties in Craft, Arch, and Mark Masonry, a further evidence, were any needed, of his Masonic ability and the esteem in which he is universally held. It was, indeed, only a few days since that his Province was the scene of a very considerable gathering of Mark Masons. On that occasion a Moveable Grand Lodge was held at Keswick, under the auspices of his Provincial Grand Lodge, the business being the consecration of two new Mark Lodges, the Fletcher, No. 213, and the Henry, No. 216, and the installation of their respective Worshipful Masters. Everything passed off most admirably, and—need we say it?—there was great rejoicing that day in Keswick, nay, in the whole of the Province, over so unusual an event. Besides his Craft, Arch, and Mark honours, he is also a Past Grand Sovereign of the Masonic and Military Order of the Knights of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, and for aught we know to the contrary, still further honours may await him in these and other branches of Masonry. However, enough has been achieved in the fifteen years since he obtained his first insight into the secrets of Freemasonry to satisfy the most ardent ambition; though if we bear in mind that his father is at the present time the Grand Senior Warden of Ireland, and therefore that his love of the Royal Art is in some measure hereditary, we may find him directing his energies to the attainment of still further and higher distinctions. As regards those Institutions in which all true Masons take such honest pride, the Province is a liberal supporter of them all, and he himself has set them an admirable example by enrolling himself as a Vice President of the Boys' School, and a Life Governor of the Girls' School and of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Moreover, he has served the office of Steward in the case of our two Schools, and has thus actively as well as pecuniarily promoted their claims on the support of all Craftsmen.

Such are the main features in the Masonic career of the Lord of Underley, and a few words respecting his public career will serve to bring this sketch to a fitting conclusion. During close on fifty years the county in which he resides had had as one of its representatives in Parliament his maternal grandfather and his father successively, and he himself was elected to succeed the latter on his elevation to the peerage, early in 1871. He is likewise a J.P. and D.L. of the county, and in 1868 he filled the important office of High Sheriff. But it is chiefly in connection with agriculture, and especially as a breeder of cattle, that our brother has made for himself a name among the general public. Some of the most magnificent specimens of the famous short-horned breed have been reared on his estate, and the prices which many of the principal among them have fetched are almost fabulous. Many may regard the deep interest he takes in these pursuits as a simple hobby, but we are inclined to regard it as of far greater importance. We consider that the man who devotes a considerable part of his energies to the encouragement of agriculture, and especially to improving the breed of cattle is, in fact, rendering a great national service. The societies that have been established thoughout the country, the exhibitions which are annually held, and the Royal and noble patronage which is so liberally bestowed upon everything connected with agriculture, all these are proofs that the agricultural, not less than the manufacturing and commercial prosperity of the country, is a matter of

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common interest, and the leaders, the supporters, the encouragers of the art are as deserving of praise as the leaders of a commercial or manufacturing enterprise. It is among these leaders and promoters of agriculture that, for years past, the Lord of Underley has held a foremost place. Thus, by the public generally, in the political world, and in his county, no less than in the ranks of Masonry, our Cumbrian brother is widely esteemed and respected, and we are but giving utterance to the wish of every true Craftsman, when we express a hope that this esteem and respect may continue to be his portion for many, many years to come, while at the same time he may enjoy most amply those—

> "Rural delights, the joy and sweet repast
> Of every noble mind,"

which he has so long and so successfully pursued.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH WALES (EASTERN DIVISION).

THE Annual Meeting was held at Brecon, on Thursday, the 13th inst., under the banner of the Brecknock Lodge, No. 651. The Lodge was held in the Town Hall, which was tastefully fitted up as a Lodge room. At one end there was a raised dais, on which there were shrubs, ferns, and plants, with pedestals of blue, white, and gold, surmounted with flowers, vases of flowers being interspersed. The windows were darkened with scarlet curtains, the interior being lighted with gas. At the other end of the Hall were the names, printed in colours, of the whole of the Lodges (11) of the province. The following mottoes adorned the walls:—"Provincial Grand Lodge, South Wales, Eastern Division," "May all Masons ever be the Pattern of Virtue," "Prosperity to Masons and Masonry," "May every Mason attain the Summit of Masonry," "Give Relief to all Indigent Brethren," "Peace, Plenty, and Unanimity," "May Sincerity, Charity, and Peace, be Established in our Lodges," "A Cordial Welcome to Brecknock Lodge." The whole had an artistic effect, and reflected great credit on the artist employed.

The Lodge was opened at half-past one o'clock, by Bro. Richard Webb, W.M. of the Brecknock Lodge. The Officers of the Grand Lodge were then announced, and received with the usual honours. The chair was taken by Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was supported by his Officers and a large number of brethren from various parts of the province. A letter from the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir George Elliot Bart., M.P., expressed his regret at not being able to be present.

The Prov. Grand Secretary read the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held last year at Aberdare, at which Sir George Elliot was installed, and also the minutes of Provincial Grand Lodge held subsequently under the banner of the Glamorgan Lodge, Cardiff, both of which were received and adopted. Letters were also read from Mr. C. R. M. Talbot, M.P., Lord Lieutenant of the County, in reply to copy of resolution passed at the Cardiff meeting in reference to the great loss Freemasonry had sustained in the death of his son, Bro. Theodore Mansel Talbot, late Provincial Grand Master; also a letter from Bro. Edward J. Morris, late Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in reply to a resolution passed at the same meeting. Both letters were ordered to be entered on the minutes. Letters of apology were also read from Bro. Colonel Philips the Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for the Western Division; from the Deputy Provincial Grand Masters for Monmouthshire and Gloucestershire, and other brethren of distinction, expressing regret at not being able to be present.

The Treasurer's accounts for the past year were received; and Bro. Canton W.M. of the Indefatigable Lodge, Swansea, was appointed Provincial Grand Treasurer, in the room of Bro John Jones, of Aberavon, who retires by rotation.

The report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee was read and adopted. The report was as follows:—

The Provincial Grand Lodge Committee have pleasure in placing before the Provincial Grand Lodge their usual annual report, and are pleased to be able to express approbation of the satisfactory working of the several Lodges of the Province. Petitions from brethren at Bridgend and Penarth respectively, for the formation of new Lodges in those districts, have recently, with the approbation of the Right Worshipful and Provincial Grand Master, been presented to Grand Lodge. During the past year, Brother Marmaduke Tennant, the Worshipful the Deputy-Provincial Grand Master, acted as Steward for the Girls' School, Bro. William Taylor, of the Glamorgan Lodge, Cardiff, acted in a similar capacity for the Boys' School. To both these brethren grateful thanks are due for the manner in which they have performed their onerous duties as representative Stewards. Bro. David Rees Lewis W.M. of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, Merthyr Tydfil, has kindly undertaken to act as Steward for the Boys' School for the ensuing year. The Committee have great pleasure in reporting the election to the Boys' School of Samuel Curry Roberts, the Aberavon candidate, at the April election. It is recommended that the following grants from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge be voted to the Masonic Charitable Institutions, viz.:—To the Boys' School forty guineas, and to the Girls' School twenty guineas. The Committee recommend as a candidate for the Boys' School, Earnest Handel Jones, close upon ten years of age, son of late Bro. William E. Jones, artist, and Past Master of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, Merthyr Tydfil. The candidate is one of three children, bereft of both parents, and unprovided for. Subject, however, to the election of the girl Agnes Kerr, whose candidature was resolved upon at a previous meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee, and to the election of the boy Ernest Handel Jones, by purchase, as hereinafter proposed, the Committee recommend for the Boys' School Ivor Stuart Price, aged nine years, son of late Bro. Thomas Price, of Cardiff. This candidate is one of four children who have been left totally unprovided for. In consequence of the large number of votes now required to secure the election of a candidate to either of the Masonic Schools—more particularly to the Boys' School—this Province is now much indebted for votes to the Province of the Western Division of South Wales and other Provinces, which must be repaid during the ensuing year. This circumstance renders the task of successfully returning the first-named candidate at the next election, by the ordinary method, unusually difficult. It is, therefore, recommended to the Lodges of the Province and the brethren generally, that a special effort be immediately made to raise a sum of 170 guineas for the purchase of his admission to the Boys' School, and that the said sum of 170 guineas shall form part of a larger sum of 300 guineas, if hereafter determined upon, to be collected for the purpose of purchasing the privilege of ensuring the admission and maintenance of one boy from the Province during the life of some brother to be hereafter fixed upon, and subject to such conditions as may hereafter be agreed upon by this Committee.

The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to invest and instal the Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Brother Edward Daniel P.M. Lodge 833 and 1,323 Senior Grand Warden, Richard Webb W.M. 651 Junior Grand Warden, Rev. John William Wynne Jones M.A. 679 and T. Watkins 1578 Grand Chaplains, Wm. Thomas Canton W.M. 237 Grand Treasurer, David Rees Lewis W.M. 110 Grand Registrar, Evan Jones W.M. 679 Grand Secretary, James Livingston P.M. 1,573 Senior Grand Deacon, Edwin Sidney Hartland W.M. 1,323 Junior Grand Deacon, Matthew Wayne Morgan P.M. 1,578 Grand Superintendent of Works, John S. Woolley P.M. 237 Grand Director of Ceremonies, Austin H. Parsons W.M. 364 Grand Director of Ceremonies, David Roderick David W.M. 833 Grand Sword Bearer, Frederick Atkins 960 Grand Organist, Samuel Hern W.M. 966 Grand Pursuivant, George Bullerwell Tyler 237 and 1,323 Grand Tyler, Thomas Phillips J.W. 679, T. Matthews 960, J. Mayor Sec. 36, Henry N. Davies 1,578, and John Whitelaw Gunn 110 Stewards.

The Deputy Grand Master, as he invested Bro. Webb, begged to thank him, in the name of the Province, for the very satisfactory manner in which, as W.M. of the Brecknock Lodge, under whose banner they had assembled, he had provided for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Referring to the petitions from brethren at Bridgend and Penarth for the formation of new Lodges, he said that in the course of the next month the requisite warrant would be issued for the consecration of both Lodges. He further alluded to the efforts which Bro. Woolley had made in reference to the new Lodge at Bridgend, and to the eligibility of all the brethren who had that day been installed, as instanced by their success in the various Lodges to which they belonged.

Bro. J. G. Hall then rose and said, They had a brother present who had signally distinguished himself in connection with the Masonic Charities, and had also acted as Steward to the Masonic Schools. He alluded to their worthy Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who had collected a large amount of money on behalf of the Schools. He now had the pleasure to present to their worthy brother the jewel which fell to his lot, and he was quite sure that no brother in the Province more richly deserved it. In presenting the jewel, he also presented to him, on behalf of the Province, their best thanks for the highly satisfactory way in which he had performed the duties which he had undertaken.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master thanked the Lodge for the honour they had conferred upon him. He could only say that if he had no jewel whatever, he should have been more than satisfied in knowing that he had done what he could in so excellent a cause as Masonic Charities.

The sum of 40 guineas was then voted for the Masonic School for Boys, and 20 guineas for the Girls' School. It was stated that last year not less than £100 had been sent from the Province towards the School Funds and other Masonic Charities. On the motion of Bro. Webb, the sum of five guineas was voted to the Brecon Infirmary. There was also £7 1s collected in Lodge, which was ordered to be handed over to the Vicar to be dispensed for charitable purposes.

After the Lodge had been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared for them. The D.P.G.M. presided. Bro. Hall, in proposing the toast of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, spoke of the Masonic services he had rendered, not only to his Province, but to all the Masonic Charities. Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, in responding, thanked the brethren for the very hearty manner they had received the toast. Masonry had its charms for him, but some twelve months ago, when the appointment of D.P.G.M. had been offered to him, he had certainly hesitated before accepting it, and had he known that the duties of the Grand Master himself would, in some measure, have devolved upon him, he would have hesitated still more. He sincerely thanked the brethren for the way in which they had received the toast.

Bro. Matthew Wayne Morgan, in replying to the toast of the Visitors, complimented the Brecknock Lodge on the excellent reception they had given them. He had attended many Provincial Grand Lodges, but he must state that the Brecknock had eclipsed them all.

The other toasts were the Provincial Grand Officers, the Lodges of the Province, and the Secretary of the Brecknock Lodge, all of which were responded to.

There was some excellent singing and music, the musical arrangements being in the hands of Bro. Atkins, of Cardiff.

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# THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

Bro. R. F. Gould.

(Continued from page 387.)

§ 7.—LIST No. 5.

| Description 1878. | Description 1736.* | No. in 1736* | No. in 1738* | No. in 1740* | No. in 1741* | No. in 1743* | No. in 1750* | No. in 1752* | No. in 1756(8) | No. in 1765(9) | No. in 1878 | Constituted |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Grand Stewards' | Stewards' Lodge | 117 | 117 | 115 | 115 | 115 | 115 | 115 | 115 | 70 | Head of List(11) Without a No. | 25 June 1735 |
| Antiquity | King's Arms | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | Time Immemorial |
| | Bull and Gate | 2 | Out(2) | | | | | | | | | Time Immemorial |
| Royal Somerset House | Horn | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | Out(7) | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | Time Immemorial |
| Friendship | Shakspear's Head | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 17 Jan. 1721 |
| | Bell | 5 | 5 | 3(4) | 3 | Out(5) | | | | | | 11 July 1721 |
| British | Braund's Head | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 19 Jan. 1721 |
| Westminster and Key Stone | Rummer | 7 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 28 Jan. 1722 |
| | Daniel's Coffee House | 8 | 8 | 7 | Out(3) | | | | | | | 25 April 1722 |
| Royal Alpha | Red Cross Barr(1) | 9 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 8(10) | 16 | May 1722 |
| Tuscan | King's Arms | 10 | 10 | 9 | 9 | Out(6) | 9 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 25 Nov. 1722 |
| Fortitude and Old Cumberland | Queen's Head | 11 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 6(10) | 12 | Time Immemorl. 27 Feb. 172‡ |
| Old Dundee | Castle | 12 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 9 | 9 | 18 | 1722 |
| Antiquity (Chatham) | Off the List (2) | Out | 13 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 28 March 1723 |

(1) The words "Red Cross Barr" have been pasted over the original printed description of this Lodge.

(2) Replaced on the roll as Bury's Coffee House, Bridges Street, in 1738.

(3) In the List of 1738 (Constitutions) this vacancy is filled up, the Horn, No. 3, becoming No. 2.

(4) An example of the irregular manner in which vacant numbers were apportioned to Junior Lodges.

(5) Erased 4th April 1744.

(6) Erased 25th March 1745.

(7) Erased 3rd April 1747. Restored 4th September 1751.

(8) This is the order in which the Lodges stand in the Constitutions 1756, though no numbers are given. It also corresponds with the engraved lists.

(9) With the exception of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, which became No. 60 in 1770, and No. 47 in 1780, the numbers of the remaining Lodges above cited, remained unaltered by the general closing up of numbers in 1770, 1780, and 1792 respectively, and were numbered *as at present* at the Union in 1814.

(10) Nos. 6 and 8 of previous list have changed places.

(11) Placed at the head of list some time before change of numbers in 1792.

* From Engraved Lists (Grand Lodge).

§ 8.—It is a task of much nicety identifying the old Lodges of to-day with those of a bygone period, since in most cases their early records have been destroyed or lost, and even where this has not happened the occasions are rare in which any histories of the old *regular* Lodges have been compiled. In the absence therefore of positive information, it is in the generality of instances necessary to work "backwards," and laboriously trace the old Lodges of current date from one number to another, and, by the aid of the various lists published from time to time throughout the eighteenth century, from tavern to tavern, until, by a concurrence of all essential requirements, in number, place, day of meeting, and date of constitution, the happy result of identification is rendered presumably complete. Names are of great use in connecting the *present* with the *past*, whilst *dates* of *Constitution* are equally serviceable in identifying the latter with the former; the period, however, commencing about 1765, and ending 1781, during which the *numbers* of Lodges were twice closed up (1770 and 1780) is the hardest to bridge over, since the dates cease to be given in full, and distinctive names were not generally adopted by Lodges until *after* 1776, and shortly before 1781.—(See § 14). Much confusion, moreover, has ensued from the relative positions of Lodges constituted in a particular year being occasionally varied; also through many Lodges which have been temporarily struck off the list being re-entered at one time, according to the date of re-admission, and at another reverting to the dates of their original constitution. On 24th February 1734-5,* the following resolution was passed by Grand Lodge:—"If any Lodge, within the Bills of Mortality, shall cease to meet regularly during twelve months successive, its *Name* and *Place* shall be erazed or blotted out of the *Grand Lodge Book* and engraven List, and if they petition to be again inserted and own'd as a *regular Lodge*, it must lose its former Place and Rank of *Precedency*, and submit to a *New* Constitution."* Under which rule, aided by a disposition of Grand Lodge, to visit with heavy penalties all Lodges who were irregular in attending the Quarterly Communications, a very wholesale clearing off of defaulting Lodges took place, though the reinstatements were very numerous. The present Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, then No. 9, meeting at the King's Arms, New Bond Street, was thus struck off in 1745, reappearing, however, on the list for 1759, to be again erased in 1764.†

On the 25th November 1774,‡ Grand Lodge further resolved "that all Lodges who have not contributed or shall neglect to contribute, to the General Charity . . . if no remittance is made, or satisfactory excuse given . . . the said Lodges will be erazed out of the list of Lodges."

§ 9.—Original No. 1, meeting at the *Goose* and *Gridiron* in 1717, removed from this tavern between 1723 and 1729, from which latter year until *after* 1765, its description on the lists was the King's (or Queen's) arms, St. Paul's Churchyard,‖ with the additional title in the engraved list for 1763 *only*, of the "West-India and American Lodge." In 1775-6 it appears as the Mitre, Fleet-street, but in 1778 had assumed the title of the *Lodge* of Antiquity.¶ At the Union in 1814, the rank of No. 1 having devolved by lot

* Constit. 1738, p 156.

* N.B.—Lodges reinstated in their former places in the list, if the same are not filled up, on paying two guineas for a Constitution, and two guineas to the publick, to the Charity.—Constit. 1767.

† Constit. 1767.

‡ Appendix to Constit. 1767. Published 1775.

‖ In the list for 1735 (Picart), as the Christ and Cross, Ludgate-street. *Sed. query?*

¶ Hughan's *History of Freemasonry in York*, pp 55-102.

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upon No. 1 "Ancient's"* (now the Grand Masters' Lodge), the *premier English Lodge*, was relegated to the position of No. 2 on the roll.†

§ 10.—Original No. 2, last appeared in the List of Lodges for 1736, as No. 2, meeting at the Bull and Gate, and would seem to have died out in 1737, as in 1738 the number is left blank in Pine's list for that year. Though in that published with the Constitutions 1738, the No. 3 of 1736 (Horn) has become No. 2.

§ 11.—Original No. 3 moved from the *Apple Tree Tavern* to the *Queen's Head, Knave's Acre*, before 1723; thence to the *George and Dragon*, Portland St., Oxford Market, in 1740; to the Swan (same locality) in 1744; in 1750 it appears as the *Fish and Bell*, Charles St., Soho Square, and continued to meet there until at least 1765; in 1775-6 it met at the *Roebuck*, Oxford St.; and in 1781 is described as the *Lodge* of Fortitude.

Some time between 1814 and 1832 it amalgamated with the *Old Cumberland* Lodge,‡ and is now the Fortitude and O.C. Lodge, No. 12.

This Lodge, as will be seen by the Note to No. 10 in the List of Lodges No. 4, (Constitutions) for 1738, tacitly renounced—so far as such renunciation may be valid, as to which some remarks will appear hereafter—or, at all events, suspended the exercise of their undoubted rights and privileges as one of the old Time Immemorial Lodges. Waiving, however, for the present, any inquiry into the effect of this act, it seems clear that the existing No. 12, the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, has derived, by an unbroken succession of members, whatever privileges original No. 3 was capable of transmitting to its direct descendant. It should be borne in mind that Dr. James Anderson,‖ the compiler of the Books of Constitutions for 1723 and 1738, was not only the authorised chronicler of, but also a leading actor in, the early Masonic history of the past century, indeed almost certainly a member of one of the four old Lodges in 1717, and that consequently his statement in regard to original No. 3, with the members of which—notably Bro. Anthony Sayer—he must have been personally acquainted, ought to be taken as absolutely conclusive.

The question, however, suggests itself, *When* did original No. 3 submit to a new constitution? And this inquiry becomes pertinent as regards the probable date of original No. 2 dying out. If, therefore, for the sake of argument, it be supposed that original No. 2 dropped out before 1729, original No. 3 must have taken its place in the list of that year, and remained as No. 2 until between 1736 and 1738, when it probably moved to the Queen's Head, and accepted a new constitution. This contention, however (besides involving an *amalgamation* with a junior Lodge), can only be supported by a mere *cursory* inspection of Pine's lists of Lodges for 1723 and 1725. As before stated, the absence of *dates* and *numbers* in these lists renders their value to the Masonic student, as standards of accuracy, most questionable, which view is amply confirmed by a careful scrutiny of their contents, for example: The "Horn," Westminster, which is *known* by subsequent investigation to be original *No.* 4, stands *No.* 5 in Pine's list for 1723: One "*warranted*" Lodge, at least, has therefore been bracketted with the Time Immemorial Lodges, and whether this be the 2nd, 3rd, or the 4th in order, it is difficult to determine. No. 4 on this list, the Moon (or Black Ball?) was dropped out in 1725, but whether this had the effect of closing up the four old Lodges to their proper number, or not, cannot be even approximately settled by reference to these Lists only.

Indeed, they throw darkness, rather than light, upon the inquiry, since it may be urged (on their authority only), that the fact of original No. 3 meeting in 1738 at the Queen's Head, Knave's Acre, where it had been so meeting continuously since at least 1729, justifies an inference being drawn that this sign and place of meeting are identical with those appearing second in order on the list for 1723, thereby pointing to the conclusion that as original No. 3 thus passes as No. 2, original No. 2 must *then* necessarily have dropped out. It should be noted, however, that No. 2 *and* 3 on the list for 1723, *each* met at the sign of *a* Queen's Head.

It is submitted that the No. 2 of Pine's List for 1729, meeting at the Rose and Buffler, can only be original No. 2, the remaining three of the old Lodges being otherwise disposed of. The expression, moreover, by Anderson in 1738, "The Crown, the other of the four old Lodges, is *now* extinct," is open to no other interpretation than that of a comparatively *recent* lapse.* The better opinion would seem to be that the list of 1723, being Pine's† first work of the kind, was very irregularly put together,‡ and it being beyond doubt that original No. 4 has been placed *fifth* in order of rank and precedence, it may fairly enough be inferred from attendant circumstances that a similar deprivation of its rights has occurred in the case of original No. 2, which appearing nominally as No. 3 (Queen's Head, Turnstile), yields therefore the position of No. 2 *on this list* to original No. 3.

Returning, however, from the region of surmise and conjecture, to the unimpeachable testimony of Dr. Anderson,* we find *as a matter of fact*, so attested by the sanction of Grand Lodge, that original No. 3 having moved to the Queen's Head, with its immemorial privileges intact, *afterwards*, "upon some difference, came under a new constitution:" and was subsequently given a *place* and *number*,‡ in accordance with the date of this alteration. (27th February 172$\frac{8}{9}$).

A further element of confusion in this Lodge's history is afforded by the fact of original No. 3, which was No. 11 from 1729 to 1740,‖ and No. 10 from 1740 to 1756, at the general closing up of numbers in the latter year, having been put ahead of other Lodges of the *preceding* year, and, like the Grand Stewards' Lodge (later on), placed before the fair date of its (nominal?) constitution.

The following details will render this clearer:—

The Lodges meeting in,

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1740 at the Red Cross; | King's Arms; | and George and Dragon ¶ | |
| Now the Royal Alpha; | Tuscan; | and | Fortitude and O.C. |
| Nos. 1756** | 6; | 7; | 8 |
| Nos. 1765 | 8; | 7; | 6 |

§ 12.—Original No. 4 moved from the *Rummer* and *Grapes* to the *Horn* Tavern, Westminster, before 1723, and continued to meet there until 1765 or after; in 1775 it met at the *Turk's Head*, Gerrard-street, Soho; in 1776 at the *Adelphi*, Strand; between this latter year and 1781 it amalgamated with the Somerset House *Lodge*, whose name it assumed. At the Union in 1814 it descended from the second to the fourth place on the list, by operation of the 8th Article of Union.††

After the Union, it further absorbed the Royal Inverness

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* Grand Lodge of England according to the "Old Institutions."

† The two first Lodges under each Grand Lodge to draw a lot in the first place for priority; and to which of the two the lot No. 1 shall fall the other to rank as No. 2; and all the others shall fall in alternately, that is, the Lodge which is No. 2 of the fraternity whose lot it shall be to draw No. 1, shall rank as No. 3 in the United Grand Lodge, and the other No. 2 shall rank as No. 4, and so on alternately through all the numbers respectively.—Articles of Union (VIII.) between the two Grand Lodges of Freemasons of England.—Hughan, *Masonic Memorials*.

‡ Constituted 1733. Met at the Lion and Goat, Grosvenor st., 1756-1770; Red Lion, Berkeley-sq., 1781; and styled in 1788 list the Old Cumberland *Lodge*.

‖ Appointed to arrange and digest the old Gothic Constitutions 29th September 1721; Book of Constitutions, first produced in print 17th January 1723. Authorised to print a second edition of the Book of Constitutions, with improvements, 31st March 1735; new edition of the Constitution Book approved 25th January 1738.—Constit. 1738, pp 113, 199.

* Note to No. 10, list 4.

† New Regulations. III.—In the Mastership of Dalkeith, a list of *all Lodges* was engraven by Brother *John Pyne* in a very small volume, which is usually reprinted on the commencement of every *New Grand Master*, and dispersed among the brethren.—Constit. 1738, p 154.

‡ Precedency *must* have been unknown, prior to 1717, whilst Lodges were *independent Masonic communities*, and *may* not have become established (except the broad distinction between Lodges by inherent right, and Lodges by creation of Grand Lodge), until after 1725. Colour is lent to the supposition by Art. III. New Regulations (Constit. 1738) viz., "Dec. 27 1727.—The precedency of Lodges shall be grounded on the seniority of their constitutions."

*Query?*—Was it in consequence of this regulation that the dates 1691 and 1712 respectively, were assigned to Nos. 1 and 2 in Pine's list for 1729?—(See § 13, *post*.)

‖ Pine's Lists.

¶ Removed from the Queen's Head, Knave's Acre, in 1731.—Pine's Lists, 1739-40.

** Constit. 1756.

†† See § 9, Note 4.

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Lodge* and it is now the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge No. 4.

Original No. 4 became No. 3 in list of 1729 (possibly earlier), No. 2 on that of 1740 (1738 Constit.); but on List of 1750 there appeared but *one* Time Immemorial Lodge, as original No. 4, then No. 2, had been struck off the roll in pursuance of the following order of Grand Lodge:—

"April 3, 1747.—Ordered that the Lodge No. 2, at the *Horn*, in Westminster, not attending according to the order of the last *Quarterly* Communication, be erazed out of the Book of Lodges." †

Four years later,‡ this Lodge resumed its old position on the Roll, the following entry in the Constitutions explaining the reason of its restoration:—

"Sept. 4, 1751.—Upon the petition of several worthy brethren, after a long debate, it was ordered, that in respect to Brother Payne, late *Grand Master*, the Lodge No. 2, lately held at the *Horn* in *Palace Yard*, Westminster, should be restored, and have its former rank and place in the list of Lodges."‖

§ 13.—LIST No. 6.

PINE'S LIST OF LODGES—1723.

EARL OF DALKEITH G.M. 1723.

| | |
|---|---|
| Goose and Gridiron | St. Paul's Church yard |
| Queen's Head | Knave's Acre |
| Queen's Head | Turnstile |
| Moon (or Black Ball ?) | Arundel St. |
| Horn | Westminster |
| —— Head ? | Ivy Lane |
| Griffin | Newgate Street |
| 3 Swans | Poultry |
| 3 Compasses | Silver Street |
| 3 Fishes ? | In the Strand |
| Crown and Cushion ? | King's Street West |
| Greyhound | Fleet Street |
| Crown | Near Cripplegate |
| Rummer | Charring Cross |
| Crescent | In the Strand |
| St. John's Gate | Clerkenwell |
| Castle | Drury Lane |
| D B and Figure | Southampton St., Covent Garden |
| Castle ? | St. Giles |
| E C and Figure | Charring Cross |
| Swan | Fish Street Hill |
| Bull | Southwark |
| Anchor | Dutchy Lane, in the Strand |
| Baptist Head ? | Chancery Lane |
| Sun ? | Clare Market |
| Crescent | Cheapside |
| Crown | Behind the Royal Exchange |
| Swan | Ludgate Street |
| P P and Figure | Cavendish Street |
| Ben's Coffee House | New Bond Street |
| Ship | Bartholomew Lane |
| Arms ? | St. Paul's Church Yard |
| Queen's Head | Great Queens Street |
| Crown | St. John's Wapping |
| St. George and Dragon ? | Charring Cross |
| Ship | Behind y^e^ Royal Exchange |
| Dolphin ? | Tower Street |
| Arms ? | At Edgworth |
| Crown | At Acton |
| The Busybody and Figure | Charring Cross, near the Hay Market |
| Dick's Coffee House | By y^e^ New Church in y^e^ Strand |
| Ship | Without Temple Barr |
| Nag's Head | Princess Street by Drury Lane |
| Ship | Fish Street Hill |
| Bell | King's Street, Westminster |
| Crown and Anchor | Against St. Clement's Ch. in y^e^ Strand |
| Bear | Near Shoe Lane, Fleet Street |
| Mitre | Near Temple Barr, Fleet Street |
| Tom's Coffee House | Clare Street, near Clare Market |
| Lion ? | Tottenham Court Road |
| Two Posts ? | Near Middle Row, Holborn |

* No. 648, "Royal Inverness Lodge," Gray's Coffee House, Holborn, was the first new Lodge on the Roll of the *United* Grand Lodge of England.—Hughan, *Masonic Memorials*.

† Constit. 1756, p 248.

‡ It is curious to reflect, that had one of the periodical closing up of numbers occurred during 1747-51, original No. 4 must have sunk to even a lower depth than original No. 3, with regard to position on the Roll.

‖ Constit. 1756, p 252.

This, as before stated (see § 4), is the *earliest* of the engraved lists: the "Signs of the houses," as continues to be the practice throughout the entire series, are shown in miniature, and their exact signification cannot always be conjectured, especially with regard to "Coats of Arms," and "effigies" of contemporary celebrities.

If the Lodge meeting at the Anchor, in Dutchy-lane (twenty-third in order on above list) is rightly identified as existing No. 10, constituted 28th March 1723 (See § 4, List 2): *then* we can arrive at no other conclusion than that precedency by virtue of seniority of Constitution, has been entirely ignored. Excluding the four old Lodges, which are probably at, or near, the top of list, we should find, assuming the list had been arranged in chronological order, that *nineteen* Lodges, ending with the Anchor in Dutchy-lane, had been Warranted between 1717 and 28th March 1723; whilst, in the short period from March 1723, to, *say*, even December same year (Pine's first list was probably brought out some *two* or *three months* after St. John Baptist Day, 24th June) no less than *twenty eight* additional Lodges were added to the roll! (See § 11, Note 4).

§ 14.—LIST No. 7.

| Description 1776(1). | Description 1781(2). | Description 1878. |
|---|---|---|
| Mitre, Fleet-street | Lodge of Antiquity | Lodge of Antiquity. |
| Adelphi, Strand | Somerset House Lodge | Royal Somerset House & Inverness L. |
| Star and Garter, New Bond St. | Lodge of Friendship | L. of Friendship. |
| Sun, Curzon st., May Fair | British Lodge | British L. |
| Talbot, Tottenham-ct. Rd. | Tyrian Lodge | Westminster & Keystone L. |
| Running Horse, David st., Grosv. Sq. | Ionic Lodge | Royal Alpha L. |
| Kings Arms, New Bond st. | Tuscan Lodge | Tuscan L. |
| Roebuck, Oxford-street | Lodge of Fortitude | Fortitude & Old Cumberland L. |
| Red Lion, St. Wapping | Dundee Arms Lodge | Old Dundee L. |
| Post Office (Chatham) | Kentish Lodge of Antiquity | Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity (Chatham). |
| (1) *Freemasons' Calendar*, 1776. | | (2) *Ibid.*, 1781. |

The very general assumption of distinctive names by Lodges within the short space of *five* years (1776-1781), is worthy of more attention than the subject has yet received.

"Lists of Lodges" referred to:—

ENGRAVED LISTS (18).—1723; 1725; 1736; 1738-41; 1744-5; 1750; 1752-55.—(G. Secy.'s Office.)
1729; 1734; 1763.—(Pub. by Bro. W. J. Hughan.)

MISCELLANEOUS LISTS (14).—1722; 1738; 1756.—(Constit.)
1730 (Hughan); 1733 (Rawlinson).
1735 (Picart); 1764 (*Pocket Companion*); 1765 (J. Cooke); 1775-6; 1781; 1788 (*Freemason's Calendar*); 1797 (E. Newberry); 1813-14 (Hughan's Mss. Mem.)

The "FRIENDSHIP" met in 1723 at the —— Head, Ivy Lane; 1730-5 the Swan, Hampstead; 1736-44 Shakespear's Head, Marlbro St.; 1756 George, Grafton St., St. Anne's; 1763-5 Sun and Punch Bowl, High Holborn; 1775-6 Star and Garter, New Bond St., appearing as the *Lodge* of Friendship in 1781.

The "BRITISH" met in 1729-30 at Tom's Coffee House, Clare St., Clare Market; 1735-56 Braund's Head, New Bond St.; 1763-5 Crown and Rolls; 1775 King's Arms, Oxford St.; 1776 the Sun, Curzon St., Mayfair; and in list for 1781 is styled the British *Lodge*.

The "WESTMINSTER AND KEYSTONE" met in 1729-44 at the Rummer, Queen St., Cheapside; 1750-56 Tower St., Seven Dials; 1763-5 Fox and Goose, Seven Dials; 1775-6 Talbot, Tottenham Court Road; 1781-8 styled the Tyrian *Lodge*.

The "ROYAL ALPHA" met 1729-35 at the Tun, Noble St.: 1736-45 Red Cross Barr, Barbican; 1750-4 Sun, Milk St.; 1755-6 Crown, Leadenhall St.; 1763-76 Running Horse, David St., Grosvenor Sq.; styled the Ionic *Lodge* 1781-97; and the United Lodge Ionic and Prudence in 1814.

The "TUSCAN" met 1729-30 Lion and Shield, Brewer St.; 1734-76 King's Arms, New Bond St.; styled the Tuscan *Lodge* in 1781.

The "OLD DUNDEE" met 1729-30 at the Three Tuns, Swithin's Alley; 1734-9 Castle, Drury Lane; 1740-45 New Crane, Wapping; 1750-76 Dundee Arms, Wapping; styled in 1781 the Dundee Arms *Lodge*.

The "ROYAL KENT LODGE OF ANTIQUITY" met 1723-30 at the Anchor, Dutchy Lane; 1734 Covent Garden; 1735 Bedford, Covent Garden: 1738-45 Bury's Coffee House, Bridge's St.; 1750-56 Grapes, Chatham; 1763-5 Globe, Chatham; 1775-6 Post Office, Chatham; styled in the 1781 list the Kentish *Lodge* of Antiquity.

(To be continued.)

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### UNWORTHY CONDUCT.

*To the Editor of* THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your Correspondent M. F. C. is not at all singular in his ideas respecting "the powers that be" in his Mother Lodge. To begin with, the Treasurer *has no business* to *receive* the fees or contributions from the *members*; the *Secretary* should receive them, and hand over to the Treasurer the amount that belongs to the Lodge, and to the Master the amounts that belong to the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Treasurer should be *compelled* to open a separate banking account for the Lodge, and if he does not comply, he should be prepared at every meeting of the Lodge to show the state of account and the *balance*, at the request of any member; but where is the W.M. and the Finance Committee that this Brother should do just as he likes? and as to "paying his quarterages out of the funds of the Lodge," it is simply suicidal; for, although he may now be in affluent circumstances, the adverse time may come; then, where will he be?

A Lodge with a hundred members ought to disburse in Charity one hundred pounds per annum, and then have a respectable balance. There should be an Almoner in the Lodge, to whom distressed brethren should apply for relief, and this Officer should be supplied with funds by the Treasurer. As to attending banquet *at the expense of the Lodge*, it is really dishonest; as no Brother but a Secretary can claim that privilege, "his *services* being equivalent."

Cannot M. F. C. give us extracts from the by-laws of his Lodge, where the duties of Officers are stated? A little more light on this subject perhaps would cure the Treasurer of his hysteria.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

I. P. W., P.M., &c.

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*To the Editor of the* FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In respect of the case mentioned by "M. F. C.," I would ask that worthy brother, Who is to blame that so undesirable a person should occupy the position of Treasurer of his Lodge but the Lodge itself, of which he is a member, and in whose grave delinquency he has an undoubted share? If the Lodge goes on year after year electing this member to so important an office, if it voluntarily thrusts the wrong man into the wrong place, then I say it has only itself to blame if it finds the conduct of its finances is unsatisfactory. Of course, I know nothing of this case beyond what I have gathered from "M. F. C.'s" letter, but it strikes me he would have acted in a more manly and Masonic manner had he boldly opposed in open Lodge the re-election of this brother. I can well understand that his single voice might be of no avail, but I should think that under the circumstances as described there must be others equally opposed to this brother remaining in office, and therefore it ought not to be a matter of serious difficulty to get rid of him. It only needs some one to "bell the cat," and a brother who has mustered up courage to write to you, Sir, for the purpose of enlisting your sympathy and that of your readers, might, I think, screw his courage to the sticking point, and move that another brother be elected Treasurer. There is an old proverb that "God helps those who help themselves," and "M. F. C." will find this holds good in the present instance, if he will make the necessary effort. It is absurd to suppose that a Lodge numbering some hundred members is obliged to retain an objectionable Treasurer in office, whether he is in the habit of going off occasionally into violent passions or hysterics, or not.

Yours fraternally,

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## MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE regular meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, when the list of applications for relief was much smaller than usual. Bro. Joshua Nunn presided, and the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents' chairs were occupied respectively by Bros. James Brett and Eleazer P. Albert. There were but few brethren who attended, but among them were Bros. S. Rawson, S. Poynter, Griffiths Smith, C. F. Hogard, C. P. Cobham, H. Bartlett, W. Hopekirk, Charles Atkins, J. T. Miller, E. C. Massey, James Kew, C. W. Smith, W. H. Cohen, J. J. Unite, J. Diprose jun., Hugh Cotter, John Mason, Edward Terry, William Russell, H. C. Levander, John Hervey Grand Secretary, H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Sec., Joseph Smith, W. Dodd, and G. P. Britton. Four cases were deferred, and the remaining fourteen were relieved with £295, the highest grant being £50, and the lowest £10.

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## FREDERICK LODGE OF UNITY, No. 452.

THE installation meeting of this excellent Lodge was held, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Tuesday, the 18th inst. The chair was punctually taken by Bro. A. T. Jeffery W.M., and there were present Bros. George Wright S.W., Chas. H. Edmands J.W., Jas. Robins P.M. Treasurer, Magnus Ohren P.M. Secretary, Charles Pawley S.D., E. H. Sugg J.D. and Organist, J. W. Sugg P.M. D.C., F. A. Manning I.G., a strong muster of the members, and the following P.M.'s of the Lodge and Visitors, namely:—P.M.'s C. W. Dommett, R. H. Evans, W. S. Masterman and Wm. Sugg; Visitors—E. P. Albert P.G.P., W. W. Morgan 211, Jas. Robbins P.M. 231, W. H. Boswell J.D. 1339, J. M. Collins 1601, C. H. Woodward 463, A. W. Williams W.M. 875, Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C. and D.P.G.M. Surrey, F. H. Wilson Ilex P.G.S. Herts, T. H. Boulton 880, H. Massey P.M. 619. The Lodge was opened with the usual formalities, and the minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Magnus Ohren proposed a motion to the effect that a sum of ten guineas be paid out of the Lodge funds to the widow of a deceased brother, who at the time of his death was a subscribing member of the Lodge. The W.M. seconded the proposal, and it was carried *nem con*; and it was also arranged that the Lodge should support the candidature for the Boys' School of one of the deceased's sons. The Report of the Special Committee having been read and unanimously adopted, the business of installing the new Master was at once entered upon. The ceremony of installation was entrusted to Bro. J. W. Sugg P.M., and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Sugg proceeded to induct Bro. Chas. H. Edmands into the chair of K.S. in accordance with ancient usage, and this task he fulfilled most admirably. The W.M. then received the usual salutations from the brethren, and Bro. Jas. Robins having been invested as Treasurer, Bro. Edmands appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year, namely—Bros. Charles Pawley S.W., Edwin H. Sugg J.W. and Organist, A. T. Jeffery I.P.M., Magnus Ohren P.M. Secretary, F. A. Manning S.D., Rogers J.D., John Methven I.G., and Chas. M. Ohren and D. W. Sugg Stewards. Bro. C. T. Speight having been re-elected and invested as Tyler, Bro. J. W. Sugg P.M. rose and proposed, and Bro. Jas. Robins seconded, that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. A. T. Jeffery, as a slight token of respect from the members for his services as W. Master. The jewel having been presented and appropriately acknowledged, the remaining business was disposed of, and the Lodge closed in the usual manner. The brethren adjourned to banquet, which was capitally served by mine host of the Greyhound, and on the removal of the cloth, the customary series of toasts was given from the chair. After the Queen and the Craft, and the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., which were duly honoured, followed that of the Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the other Grand Officers present and past, and the name of Bro. E. P. Albert being associated with it, that brother briefly, and in suitable terms acknowledged it. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Prov. G. Master and his Officers, and, in doing so, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be able to associate with this toast the name of Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold, the Deputy G. Master of the Province, whom it had been his good fortune to meet on previous occasions at the Masonic banquet table, though it had never occurred to him that it would be his lot to have him seated, as he was that evening, at his right hand. He spoke of Bro. Arnold's admirable qualities, and also laid great stress on the impression his sermon, on the occasion of the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, had made upon his mind. The Rev. C. W. Arnold, in reply, acknowledged most cordially the very eulogistic terms in which the toast had been proposed, and the handsome reception accorded it. Since his appointment in 1877 to the office of Deputy G. Master of the Province, he had laboured, to the best of his ability, to make himself acquainted with its Lodges, and he had been able to visit all of them but three, and in the case of one of these he had been unable to discover its place of meeting. He was especially pleased at finding himself present in the Frederick Lodge of Unity, for he was well acquainted with the earnest zeal of its members, and the admirable manner in which they fulfilled their duties. Indeed, nothing had so much struck him as the able and impressive manner in which the ceremony of Installation had been rendered that evening by Bro. J. W. Sugg. Bro. Woodward replied on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers, and after mentioning that Provincial Grand Lodge would meet on the 16th July, at Dorking, said that when he came into the Province there were but seven Lodges, and now there were eighteen, so that those who were anxious to obtain Provincial honours must look out and exert themselves, as the Provincial Grand Master only honoured those with office who were worthy. Bro. J. Walter Sugg proposed the toast of the W.M., and in acknowledging it Bro. Edmands expressed his regret that he had not been longer a Mason, as had he been such, he believed he would have been a better man. Years ago it had been his custom to revile Masonry, but since he had joined the Brotherhood, he had become a wiser, and he trusted a more profitable member of society. Bro. J. W. Sugg very happily responded to the toast of the Installing Master, and Bros. Dr. Wilson Ilex, A. W. Williams, and T. H. Boulton replied for the Visitors. Bro. W. Sugg, in acknowledging the toast of the Past Masters, expressed his regret at the absence of Bro. Jeffery I.P.M., on whom ordinarily the duty of returning thanks for this toast devolves, and especially at the cause which compelled him to be absent, while Bros. Jas. Robins, Magnus Ohren, and Charles Pawley responded for the toasts of the "Treasurer and Secretary," and the "Officers" respectively. The Tyler's toast concluded the list. In the intervals between the toasts, several of the brethren, among whom must be mentioned Bros. Magnus Ohren, C. M. Ohren, W. Sugg, E. W. Sugg, the W. Master, and Masterman, sang a variety of choice songs, to the evident delight of all present. Thus ended a most agreeable meeting, and one at which it would be difficult to say, whether the excellence of the working, the harmony existent among the members, or the pleasure of the Visitors, was the most noticeable feature.

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102 CHANCERY LANE, W.C.

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**To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors of the**

## Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—

I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a candidate for the post of Secretary to your valuable Institution, rendered vacant by the lamented death of our esteemed Brother R. WENTWORTH LITTLE.

I have been a Freemason upwards of Nine years, during which time I have taken a very active interest in the Order. I am a P.M., and have been for some time past, Secretary of my Lodge, and Scribe E. of my Chapter.

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I am thirty-three years of age, and in good health, and previous to receiving my present appointment, I was engaged in business with a Marine Insurance Broker at Lloyds'.

Soliciting the favour of your kind interest and support,

I have the honour to be,
My Lords, Ladies and Brethren,
Yours obediently and fraternally,

WILLIAM WORRELL,
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**To the Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.**

BRETHREN,—I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for the office of Secretary, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Little. Should you do me the honour to elect me, I can only say that I will endeavour to fill the office efficiently, and I hope that the manner in which I have discharged my various duties in Masonry will be considered a sufficient qualification.

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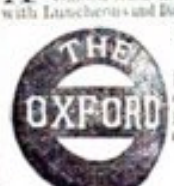


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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE House of Lords reassembled on Monday after the Whitsun recess. As a matter of course, no time was lost by the Opposition in questioning the Government as to the authenticity of the Project of a Memorandum of Agreement between this country and Russia, and purporting to bear the signatures of "Schouvaloff" and "Salisbury." The answer of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon was to the effect that the Memorandum had been obtained for publication surreptitiously, and that, as it was incomplete, it must be regarded as unauthenticated. Earl Granville was satisfied with this answer, but not so Earl Grey and Lord Houghton, who pressed the Duke for further information, but his Grace replied somewhat tartly, to the effect that he was the best judge of how far it was proper for him to go, and declined to say anything more.

In the House of Commons on Thursday last, a motion by Mr. Rylands, to the effect that all future treaties should be laid on the table of both Houses of Parliament before being ratified, so that both Houses might have an opportunity of expressing their opinion on them, was withdrawn, both Mr. Gladstone and the Chancellor of the Exchequer expressing strongly their disapproval of it. A motion of Mr. Hayter's, on the subject of the Militia, having been disposed of, the House went into Committee on the Army Estimates, and several votes were passed. On Friday, the Chancellor of the Exchequer was interrogated respecting the so-called Anglo-Russian agreement, but the right honourable gentleman contented himself with saying that the Government were in no way answerable for its publication, and that until he had read it more carefully, it would not be in his power to say anything as to its authenticity. On Monday the Marquis of Hartington was curious as to the same matter, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer answered in terms almost identical with those used by the Duke of Richmond in the House of Lords. The same evening, the Steam Power on Tramways Bill was read a third time, by 210 to 119, and Mr. Hanbury withdrew the resolution, of which he had given notice before the holidays, as to the article written by Mr. Gladstone in the *Nineteenth Century*. The House subsequently went into Committee on the Valuation of Property Bill, after rejecting an amendment by Mr. Clare S. Read, by a majority of 24. On Tuesday, the greater part of the sitting was occupied in discussing the question of Church and State in Scotland, Mr. Baxter, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Gladstone, and Mr. Cross being the principal speakers. The debate was adjourned. Wednesday was devoted to the second reading of the Women's Suffrage Bill. Mr. Courtney moved it, and Mr. Hanbury moved its rejection, the amendment being carried by a majority of 79, the supporters of the second reading mustering 140, and the opponents 219. Mr. Cubitt having obtained leave to introduce the Bill to amend and further extend the Acts for the Commutation of Tithes in England and Wales, the House rose shortly before six o'clock.

It was expected that the Queen and Princess Beatrice would leave Balmoral Castle yesterday afternoon for Windsor, where in due course she would have arrived this morning. The Prince of Wales has returned to London, and next week the Duke of Connaught is expected home from Berlin, where he has been on a visit to Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia. His Royal Highness will be accompanied on his return by the Prince and his affianced bride, the Princess Louise. The gradual recovery of the Emperor William is announced, but it is believed that his restoration to health will be a work of time only. The Empress of Russia, also, whose health has caused considerable alarm, and whose recovery had been prayed for in the churches, is pronounced to be much better, the inflammation having almost entirely left the pleura. Her daughter, the Duchess of Edinburgh, is with her Imperial Majesty.

The funeral of the late King of Hanover took place in the little Lutheran Church in the Rue Chauchat, Paris, on Tuesday. All the most distinguished personages in France, the Ambassadors, and members of the English and Hanoverian Royal families took part in the mournful ceremony. The principal mourners were the late King's only son, Prince Ernest Augustus and our Prince of Wales, and among those present were M. Patrick de MacMahon, and two Generals representing the President of the French Republic, the Comte de Paris, the Duc d'Aumale, Don Francisco d'Assisi, Lord Lyons, Prince Orloff, &c., &c. The procession was a most imposing one, and there was a strong force of cavalry, artillery, and infantry lining the route, or acting as escort to the body. The pall-bearers were the deceased sovereign's Cabinet Ministers, and the chief officers of his household. Among those present in the church were the Duc d'Alençon, the Princess Clothilde, Princess Metternich, and other ladies who went thither before the cortége set out. As to the future resting-place of the late King, the German Imperial authorities, had given permission for its interment in the family vault at Herrenhausen, but without any public ceremonial, but it has since been arranged,—such at least has been the latest announcement,—that the body shall be buried at Windsor. The *Gazette* of Friday last, contained orders for the usual Court mourning, and likewise for a brief period of general mourning, out of respect to the late monarch, who, it must be remembered, was a Prince of the English Blood Royal, being Duke of Cumberland and first cousin to Her Majesty.

The Duke of Cambridge may be expected early next week on his return from Malta, whither he set out about a fortnight since for the purpose of reviewing the Indian Contingent now quartered there. On Monday His Royal Highness held a grand review of the troops in garrison, the post of honour being accorded to the Indian troops, who mustered 6500 men, with 1600 horses, while the British troops on the ground were about 5000. On Tuesday the Duke inspected the Field Artillery and Indian Cavalry, and on Wednesday the Indian Infantry, and his Royal Highness is declared to have expressed himself in every way satisfied with the appearance and efficiency of the Contingent. On the afternoon of Wednesday a levée was held at the palace, at which the native officers were presented to his Royal Highness, both the guard of honour of one hundred Infantry, and the escort of sixty troopers, being furnished by the Native force. It was arranged that the Duke, after having witnessed some practice with the heavy ordnance in the fortress, should leave Malta for England late on Thursday evening. We are now beginning gradually to see the full effect of our recent warlike preparations. At least, off Portland is now assembled one of the most magnificent ironclad fleets which has been seen on any occasion. Among the vessels which compose it are such monsters as the Hercules, flagship of Sir Astley Cooper Key, the admiral in command, the Thunderer, and the Warrior, flagship of Rear-Admiral Boys, second in command. The ironclads, including turret-ships, number some fourteen or fifteen, and in addition there are several gunboats. This is called the Reserve Squadron, and in the event of war, might visit the Baltic, or be kept near home for the purpose of protecting our shores. Nor has there been less activity on land, for the troops at Aldershott, under General Steele, are being constantly exercised, and now that the Reserve have joined the colours for close on two months, the regiments must be in splendid working order.

The fifteenth anniversary of the Repeal of the Corporation and Test Acts was celebrated on Tuesday evening by a grand dinner at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Earl Granville presided, and there were present in support of the noble Earl, Mr. Richard M.P., the Vice-Chairman, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Lord E. Fitzmaurice M.P., Lord Arthur Russell M.P., Earl Fortescue, Mr. W. E. Forster M.P., Lord Aberdare, Lord Kennington M.P., Mr. Dillwyn M.P., Earl Cowper, and many other leading Liberals and Nonconformists. The principal toasts of the evening were the event that was commemorated, and In Memory of Earl Russell. The latter was drunk in solemn silence, and acknowledged by Lord A. Russell. In the course of the evening it was announced that the Queen, in order to show her sense of the important public services rendered by the late Earl, had continued Pembroke Lodge,

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Richmond Park, as the residence of the Earl's widow for the remainder of her life.

The chief sporting event of the week has been the Ascot Races, but in great measure shorn of their usual bravery, as the Court is in mourning for the late King of Hanover. An enumeration of the principal events and their results will suffice. On Tuesday, Her Majesty's Gold Vase was won easily by Count F. de Lagrange's Verneuil, the only other competitor being Lord Falmouth's Lady Golightly. The Prince of Wales's Stakes, for which Sefton was the favourite, fell to Mr. Houldsworth's Glengarry, Childeric being second, and Sefton and Bonnie Scotland running a dead heat for third place. The Ascot Stakes was won by Chesterton, who beat Advance by a length and a half, Finis finishing third. On Wednesday, Julius Cæsar carried off the Royal Hunt Cup, Belphœbe and Rosy Cross being second and third respectively, while Lord Falmouth secured the Coronation Stakes with Redwing, the Duke of Hamilton's Strathfleet, three lengths behind, taking second place, and third honours being shared between Baron A. de Rothschild's Brie and Lord Bradford's Blue Ridge, who passed the post together several lengths to the rear of Strathfleet. On Thursday, Verneuil was again victorious, and trotted in winner of the Gold Cup six lengths ahead of Silvio, St. Christophe being third.

As regards other events in the sporting world, the weather has been unfavourable for yachting, and, consequently, the Royal Cinque Ports Regatta has not excited as much interest as usual, but there has been great activity in cricket circles, and the Australians have been somewhat heavily defeated by the Gentlemen of England, who came off victorious in one innings by a single run. This was a result which had not been anticipated, as the visitors had scored 57 with five wickets still to fall, but these went rapidly, and they only contrived to raise the score among them to 63, which, added to the total of their first innings, gave them 138 to the Gentlemen's 139. The chief contributions on the side of the Australians were C. Bannerman 28 and 0, Midwinter 6 and 26, A. Bannerman 13 and 0, and Mr. T. Garrett 0 and 15. For the Gentlemen Mr. W. G. Grace 25, Mr. Gilbert 20, Mr. G. F. Grace 11, the Hon. A. Lyttelton 16, Mr. G. Strachan not out 21, and Mr. J. A. Bush 16, were the double figures. On Thursday, the Australians play Middlesex, at Lords. In the match between Kent and Derbyshire the former, thanks to the fine batting of Lord Harris (106), was victorious by 82 runs.

Of course all kinds of rumours are flying about as to the doings of the Congress, and it is very entertaining to read the dispatches of the different Special Commissioners and Correspondents. At best, however, much of what they communicate must be guesswork. According to all accounts, however, the Congress has entered on the Bulgarian question, and the admission of Greece has been mooted by our plenipotentiaries, though, as yet, no decision has been arrived at. We hear that Prince Gortschakoff, after a light repast of strawberries, was enabled to take part in the deliberations on Monday, and that on visiting Prince Bismarck, the latter's favourite dog made an attack on the Russian Chancellor, which, however, was prevented having any serious consequences as the German Chancellor effectually used his herculean strength and choked off the immense brute. On Wednesday, we are told, the wily Russian was carried in his chair into the hall of congress by a couple of stalwart footmen or chasseurs, while when riding in his brougham he acknowledged with great *empressement* the rare salutations paid him by the bystanders. Then Lord Beaconsfield has one day the appearance of being in deep cogitation with himself, and his serious demeanour is much commented upon by the public, who consider his pre-occupied manner is a sign that the Congress is not working promisingly. As to the Plenipotentaries, their number is now complete, for the Sultan's representatives have now arrived, and it said they are well satisfied with all that has been done so far. As to the effect caused by the premature publication of the Anglo-Russian agreement, the excitement is somewhat toning down, and people are beginning to think that until the whole truth is known respecting this important document, it is hardly worth while speculating about the value of partial truths. No doubt we shall hear in time what has been done at these momentous assemblies of the European Areopagus, but for the present we must be content with amusing gossip.

As to the state of things at Constantinople, matters are certainly critical, and the slightest accident might bring about a renewal of hostilities. Indeed, it was rumoured a few days since that the Turks had sent an ultimatum to General Todleben, to the effect that certain temporary watch towers from which the movements in the Turkish lines were visible by the Russians, must be removed, and troops were hurried up by the latter, the result being that there was a very considerable scare. Then the Mussulman rising in Roumelia still continues, and the Turks, though pressed by their enemies to surrender Shumla, Varna, and Batoum, resolutely decline to do so. Servia, too, is arming and appropriating territory, and the Roumanian and Russian forces might at any moment be brought into collision. All which shows that we are a long way off yet from a peaceful settlement of the Eastern difficulty.

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Mr. George Magrath's Matinée Musicale will take place on Friday next, at 3 o'clock, in St. George's Hall, Langham-place, when he will perform selections from Mendelssohn, Beethoven, Chopin, and Liszt.

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We have received several letters—one written within the last few days—from Bro. James Stevens, in which he requests us to mention that he is the "*originator*, and more than four-fifths *designer*," of the picture recently noticed in these columns, and entitled "Freemasonry and Civilization." We have seen that a controversy has been raging on this point elsewhere, and as it is a question which in no way concerns us, we must respectfully, but firmly, decline expressing any opinion whatever on the matter. That Bro. Stevens might well have evolved such a sketch as this out of his inner consciousness is not unlikely, but whether he evolved this particular sketch or not is, as we have said, a matter with which we have no concern whatever, and we cheerfully relegate to others the task of settling the point in dispute.

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JAPANESQUE STATIONERY.—Although, for several centuries, the nations of the West have possessed a dim, and so to speak, semi-mythical knowledge of the Japanese, the wonderful people who have been aptly styled the English of Asia, it is only since the troubles that ended in the opening of the Treaty Ports to all the world, and destroyed the Dutch monopoly, that we have become really familiar with them, their manners and customs, and their manufactures. Now the intercourse between the two nations is very great, and although they have become very good customers of ours, they have also taught us very many things good for us to know. Japanese art is full of a strange and unique beauty of its own; their work in several fabrics is matchless. They have taught our colourists strange secrets. Their carvings in soft woods never cease to be a source of wonder. Their pottery and so-called Japan-ware are unrivalled. But, perhaps, in no fabric have their achievements been more remarkable than in paper. For centuries the Japanese have made from paper nearly everything — ships, drinking vessels, fortifications, packing-cases and other strong and heavy articles, on the one side, and on the opposite, the most delicate fans, lace, embroidery, &c. But they have also used paper as we have done for the purposes of letter writing; they never use a pen, a brush takes its place; but have not rested content with the plain material. Their love of symbols and signs has shown itself so strongly here, that when a Japanese receives a letter he knows at once the rank, sex, and condition in life of the sender, and can form a very good guess at the contents,—the nature of them there is no doubt about,—even before he opens and begins to read the missive. Thus there is a certain symbol for every rank, from prince to peasant, answering to a certain extent to our coronets, but descending much lower, which forms the basis of the ornamentation of the paper. Then comes the personal sign, responding to our crest, and finally the special ornamentation, telling the nature of the writer's business. In such variety are these last symbols employed, that a tradesman has one set of paper for applications for orders, and another for demands for payment. But the most beautiful of them are naturally enough those applied to social subjects, to times of merry making, or of mourning; in fact, to births, marriages, or deaths; and these certainly should be eagerly welcomed among ourselves; so we notice with pleasure that Messrs. Goodall and Son, the eminent and world famous stationers, of Camden Works, are extending, in many directions, their beautiful introductions of "Japanesque stationery." In all these, the paper is of the best possible tone and texture, and the purchaser may, if he choose, employ the symbols which, in Japan, are sacred to royalty, or send out his invitations to a dinner party, a ball, or a wedding, ornamented with the "Kiro," the "Mume," the "Kiku," orange bloom, and many others, or a delicate spray of mistletoe, which we doubt not, will have its own particular use among our young folk, especially at Christmas. More affecting, and equally appropiate, is the symbolism as applied to death. Instead of the ugly, cumbrous, black-edged paper, with which we have been too long familiar, Messrs. Goodall show us the stem of the bamboo-tree (the emblem of death and of mourning), running up one side of the paper, with the graceful tendrils and branches drooping over at the top, as though in tears, and these are so printed, in silver or black, as to be suitable for what is called complimentary, for half, or for deep mourning.

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# DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 22nd JUNE.

1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, at 3.0. (Consecration.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.
1531—Chislehurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst.
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.

## MONDAY, 24th JUNE.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1506—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1611—Eboracum, Stonegate, York. (Emergency.)

## TUESDAY, 25th JUNE.

14—Tuscan, 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.)
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 8.0. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 209 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.
Royal Order of Scotland, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
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.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield.
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
R. A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, 26th JUNE.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester, at 2. (Installation.)
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
999—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
R. A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, 27th JUNE.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (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.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1420—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
111—Restoration, Freemason's Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
807—Caldwell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport.
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale.

## FRIDAY, 28th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 156 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)

749—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1393—Hanover, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 669—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

## SATURDAY, 29th JUNE.

M.M.—Prov. Grand Lodge Middlesex and Surrey, Greyhound, Croydon, at 3.0.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

### Wednesday.

304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
1283—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.

### Thursday.

904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.

### Friday.

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

### Saturday.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
R. A. 306—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—349—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.
TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, 429 High-street.
" R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.
WEDNESDAY—113—St. John Fisherrow, Royal H Hall.
THURSDAY—393—Caledonian, Freemasons'
FRIDAY—223—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

# NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—Considering the time of year, the meeting of this Lodge, held at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 20th inst., was well attended. Bro. Kennett Harris occupied the chair of W.M., and there were also present Bros. A. Posener S.W., Biddle J.W., Gottheil P.M., J. K. Pitt Sec., Moss S.D., Staley J.D., Woodward I.G., Bone, Sayer, Medcalf, Bush, Walker, W. E. Gomperts jun., J. P. Black. The chief business of the evening consisted in the rehearsal of the third degree, in which the W.M. exhibited considerable proficiency. Indeed, the Preceptor took occasion to compliment that Brother, and to assure him that he had disappointed him (the Preceptor) most agreeably; for while going through the minor offices, nothing appeared to indicate the possession of the capability displayed that evening. Subsequently, several of the brethren expressed themselves highly gratified with the able manner in which the work had been performed. One of the sections was worked, after which the ceremonies of closing down were practised. Bros. W. E. Gomperts jun. 869, and James P. Black 1185, were elected members. Bro. A. Posener will be W.M. on Wednesday next.

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**Beaconsfield Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 205.**—A general meeting of this Lodge was held at the Chequers, Marsh-street Walthamstow, on Saturday, 15th June. Present—Bros. J. Pinder W.M., W. T. Christian S.W., W. Claridge J.W., F. Hallows Secretary, W. Groome M.O., W. G. Hallows S.O., T. Franklin J.O., J. H. Cambridge S.D., J. M. Hunt as J.D., E. Brown I.G., T. Upward Organist, Gilchrist Tyler, and several brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. G. H. Gilham of Lodges Nos. 192 and 1632, it proved unanimous in his favour, and, being present, he was regularly introduced and advanced into the Order according to ancient form and custom. The election for W.M. was then proceeded with, and Bro. W. T. Christian S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the office for the ensuing year. The Treasurer, Bro. W. Groome, and the Tyler, Bro. Gilchrist, were re-elected to their respective offices. It was proposed, seconded, and carried that Bros. Sheppard, De Metz and Gilham be the lay members to serve on the Audit Committee. It was proposed by Bro. Christian S.W., and seconded by Bro. Groome, that the sum of two guineas be taken from the Lodge Funds to provide a P.M.'s jewel for Bro. Pinder, for his able and efficient services as first W.M. of the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned until Saturday the 19th October.

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**Borough Lodge, No. 424.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on Monday, the 17th June, at the Halfmoon Hotel, Gateshead-on-Tyne. Bro. P. J. Jackson W.M. in the chair; Hartle I.P.M., J. M. Lowick S.W., J. Mackay J.W., J. Marchent P.M. Treas., E. A. Gibson Sec., G. I. Dean P.M. as S.D., J. Bryden J.D., T. Miller I.G., J. Redpath and R. Nicholson Stewards, J. Curry Tyler. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed; the Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and one brother was passed. The Lodge was worked up to the third, and Bro. Pond was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., in a most impressive manner by the W.M. The routine business having been gone through, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshments. The preliminary toasts being disposed of, the W.M. rose to give the Visitors; he said there was no Lodge in the Province that was more proud to see a good array of visitors than they were. He

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would couple with the toast the name of Bro. G. I. Dean P.M., who had given valuable assistance in the Lodge. Bro. Dean, in a few well chosen remarks, thanked the W.M. for the welcome he had given the Visitors, expressing the pleasure he and they must feel at being present. He congratulated the Master on the admirable manner he had given the third degree that evening; rarely had he heard it given in such an impressive and solemn way. Again he thanked the brethren for the kind way they had responded to the toast. In proposing the health of the W.M., Bro. Marchent P.M. expressed the pleasure he had in seeing him do the work in the way he had; it gave hope for the future. Had Bro. Jackson been a greater stranger, he felt he could have said more, but as he was his bosom friend, he would content himself by merely calling on the brethren to drink his health. Bro. Jackson, on rising, assured the brethren that nothing on his part should be wanting to forward the interests of the Borough Lodge, and he thanked them for the hearty way his name had been received. Before sitting down, he proposed, in a few well-chosen remarks, the health of the Past Masters, to which Bro. Marchent replied. The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close, which had been enlivened by some capital singing, rendered by Bros. Goss, Ferry, Poad, Thompson, Mackey, Jackson, Cook, &c. The visitors present were J. Cook P.M. 481 P.P.G.S.W., J. Ridsdale P.M. 406 P.P.G.S.D., R. A. Luck P.M. 111, G. I. Dean P.M. 511, T. Halliday P.M. 406, J. Mitchell J.W. 1613, J. Goss S.S. 481, W. Leon 1342, Buchan 223, R. Ferry 48, and S. M. Harris S.D. 406, &c.

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**Alliance Lodge, No. 667.**—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, 18th June. Present—Bros. J. Ellis W.M., H. Firth S.W., J. H. Gregory J.W., T. Peake Secretary, T. Ocklesbaw P.M. Treas., D. Lloyd S.D., A. Bucknall J.D., Bailey and Craghill Stewards, R. Foulds I.G., P. Ball Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Bolton, Devaynes, Jackson, and Willings. Visitors—Bros. Jones P.M. 1393, Morris P.M. 786, &c. The minutes of the last meeting were read and declared correct, after which the Lodge was worked up to the third degree, and Bros. Dumbell, Jackson, T. R. Willings, Broadbent, and Barker were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. Bro. Willings I.P.M. performed the ceremony in his usual splendid and impressive manner. The Lodge was reduced to the first degree, and W. Bro. Willings kindly gave the lecture in the first degree, which delighted and edified all who had the good fortune to be present. Several sums of money were voted from the funds of the Lodge for benevolent purposes, and the business of the evening being finished, the Lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren, by command of the Worshipful Master, adjourned to refreshment.

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**Panmure General Lodge of Instruction.**—The second Craft meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held at the Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, on Thursday evening, the 20th inst. Bros. John Coe W.M. of the Stockwell Lodge as W.M., E. A. Francis S.W., H. Lovegrove J.W., Dr. C. T. Pearce S.D., R. Hooker J.D., C. P. McKay W.M. Panmure Lodge 720 I.G., James Stevens and Thomas Poore Preceptors, J. G. Dickie P.G.P. Sec., also Bros. W. H. Cohen, H. Baldwin, G. Lambert, and others. The minutes of the former Craft meeting having been confirmed, the ceremonies of the second and third degrees were ably rehearsed. The brethren present, not already members, were unanimously added to the list of founders of the general Lodge. Bro. Francis was elected W.M. for the next Craft meeting, to be held on the first Thursday in July, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The Royal Arch ceremony will be worked by Companions connected with this general Lodge on Thursday evening next at 8 o'clock.

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**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—On Friday, 14th June, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Blasby W.M., Acworth S.W., Costelow J.W., Gunner Hon. Sec., Gomm S.D., Tucker (Treas.) J.D., Talbot I.G.; P.M. Bro. J. C. Roe; Bros. Goss W.M. 780, Kyezor, W. W. Morgan, Botley, &c. Business—Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened up and resumed, when Bro. Goss answered the questions leading to second degree, and was passed in good style. Bro. Botley presented himself as a candidate, and answered the questions leading to the sublime degree. The W.M. resumed, and ably rehearsed the initiation ceremony. Bro. Sec. gave notice that the Audit Committee would meet on 21st inst., Bro. Acworth was appointed W.M. for next meeting. The Lodge was then closed in accordance with ancient custom, and adjourned in peace, harmony, and brotherly love, till Friday 21st June, at half-past 7 p.m.

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**Croxteth United Service Lodge, No. 786.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 13th inst. Bros. E. W. Parnell W.M., J. P. Wright S.W., F. J. Bailey J.W., J. Johnstone Sec., T. B. Browne S.D., P. B. Deuchar J.D., C. Wise I.G., W. J. Newman P.M. D.C., R. Neville Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Carr and Holt. Visitors—Bros. T. K. Hughes P.M. 1013, S. M. Davies, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. The customary business having been disposed of, and Bro. C. Wise unanimously elected to the office of Treas. of the Lodge for the next year, Bro. S.W. the W.M. Elect, was formally presented to the W. Master, who in due form put the usual questions, and further obligated, finally installed, and proclaimed Bro. J. P. Wright to be the W. Master of the Croxteth United Service Lodge, No. 786 for the ensuing year. After the W.M. had received the salutations of the brethren, he immediately proceeded to install his Officers, which, with the able assistance of the efficient I.P.M., was rapidly and gracefully accomplished. The following are the Officers for the next year:—J. P. Wright W.M., E.W. Parnell I.P.M., F. J. Bailey S.W., J. Johnstone J.W., T. B. Browne Sec., C. Wise Treas., P. B. Deuchar S.D., W. T. Smith J.D., W. E. Skevington I.G., W. J. Newman P.M. D.C., E. Rayner Steward, R. Neville Tyler. The usual sum of five pounds was voted from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of making the I.P.M. a Life Governor in the West Lancashire Educational Institution. This method of presenting a retiring Master of No. 786 with something more truly Masonic than a Past Master's jewel is highly noteworthy. It was announced at this time in the labours of the Lodge, that it was the Worshipful Master's command that the brethren adjourn to banquet. The Croxteth United Service is a very happy, compact, and as regards the services, well represented Lodge. The military costumes of a number of brethren had a brilliant effect, as they intermingled with those of less striking attire. After the brethren had done justice to a seasonably selected and well catered *menu*, the Worshipful Master rose, for the first time, to propose the toast of the Queen, which was drunk with enthusiasm, the brethren singing the National Anthem. The next toast that W. Bro. Wright had to propose was His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family, which was heartily received, accompanied with the anthem, "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The third toast, Our Masonic Rulers, Supreme and Subordinate, was next proposed, and cordially drunk, after which the I.P.M., by permission of the Worshipful Master, assumed control of the gavel, to propose the next toast, and in doing so, said it was a matter of great pleasure to him to give the health of their new W. Master. He said he felt great gratification in seeing Bro. Wright occupying the exalted post he so justly merited, as they all knew how faithfully he had worked to attain it. He wished the W. Bro. every happiness and prosperity in his year of office, and he knew he had the entire support and sympathy of the brethren. He earnestly hoped and confidently believed that the Lodge during his term of office would be more prosperous than in the preceding year. The toast was drunk with great cordiality. Bro. Deuchar favoured the brethren with a song. The Worshipful Master in responding to the toast said, Worthy and Worshipful brethren, there are certain positions and periods in one's life which call forth the deepest and most active sympathies, and under such peculiar influences it is very difficult to express and convey adequately the extent of one's feelings. I have arrived at that peculiar period, and am placed in that delicate position, and words fail to express how deeply and truly I feel the responsibility of my exalted office. The cordial manner in which our worthy I.P.M. has proposed this toast, and the hearty manner in which it has been received by you, impresses me greatly, and such fraternal expressions have been the means of making the arduous duties of the Master a pleasure, and tend to inspire redoubled energy into the work, and make this Lodge hold such a good and compact position among its sister Lodges. I know you all desire the future prosperity of the Lodge to be equal to that of the past, and I sincerely reciprocate that feeling, and nothing shall be wanting on my part to ensure the attainment of so desirable an end. Brethren, I have now a particular pleasure, as well as a duty, devolving upon me, in proposing the next toast. During the past year we have been under the Mastership of a Brother who has advanced the interests of the Lodge, performed his difficult duties with punctuality, efficiency, and zeal, and during his term we have upon all occasions seen his goodwill towards the Craft, and that excellent trait of a Mason, brotherly love shown towards us to the utmost. I should be wanting in my duty to our I.P.M., as well as to the Lodge, if, in proposing his health, I said less than I have. As a crowning point to his many excellencies, you have seen and admired the admirable manner in which he has done the duties of Installing Master to-night. I now ask you to drink to the health of our esteemed and worthy I.P.M. in the most cordial manner. The toast was drunk with musical honours. During the interval Bro. Tompkinson kindly responded to the call for a song. The I.P.M., on rising to return thanks for the very kind manner in which his name had been brought before the brethren, and so warmly received, said he looked back upon his year of office with great pleasure, but the position he had attained was one which he had looked forward to with equal pleasure, and as the I.P.M. he would render every aid in his power for the interests of the Lodge. The toast of the Past Masters was very tersely put by the W.M., and Bro. Newman replied in as short and appropriate a manner as possible. Bro. Holt followed, and copied the same example as regards brevity. Bro. Wise favoured the brethren with a very humorous song. The next toast, that of the Officers, was given with considerable ability, in his remarks the W.M. alluded to the absolute necessity of the various offices being punctually and efficiently filled, so that the Master might have proper support, and that good, steady, practical working might be the prevailing characteristic of every officer. Bro. Tompkinson again volunteered a song. Bro. Bailey, in responding to the toast said, he was exceedingly pleased to reply to the toast from the West, and while feeling confident of being able to perform the duties devolving upon him in his new office, he looked forward to the time when, as a result of his discharging his present office to the satisfaction of all, he would be able to attain the exalted post in the East. The other Officers followed, and returned thanks, after which the Worshipful Master gave the toast of the Visitors, and in doing so said he had experienced great kindness from every Lodge he had visited, and he was sure that the brethren regretted as much as he did they were not favoured with a larger response to the invitations sent out. He had, in visiting as often as possible, gleaned a great deal of useful information, and expressed an opinion if there were more visiting done there would be less likelihood of divergence from that uniformity in our ritual which was so much to be desired. The W. Brother kindly alluded to the presence of Bro. Davies, who had faithfully responded to the invitation, and informed the brethren that he had great pleasure in forming the acquaintance of that brother who he regarded as a thorough Mason, and said that there would always be the same cordial welcome extended towards him at all times in No. 786. The toast was drunk with musical honours. Bro. 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the Lodge was called from refreshment to labour, and finally closed in harmony. The Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren dispersed, after spending a delightful evening.

We subjoin the Bill of Fare:—Soups—spring; mock turtle. Fish—salmon; turbot. Entrees—ducklings; cutlets; spring chicken. Roasts—lamb; sirloin of beef. Sweets—blancmanger; rhubarb tart; gooseberry tart; jellies. Dessert.

**Everton Lodge, No. 823.**—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, 19th June. Present—Bros. John Houlding W.M., H. Ashmore S.W., J. S. Cuthbert J.W., P. W. Glesby Sec., W. J. Lunt P.M. Treas., T. Webster S.D., J. Boyle J.D., John Beesley Steward, T. H. Carefull I.G., W. H. Ball Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Holland, Cottrell, Shaw, and Wilson. Visitors—Bros. Robinson W.M. 249, Burgess P.M. 1325, Wright W.M. 786, &c. Minutes of the last meeting having been read and declared correct, the ceremony of initiating Mr. John Jackson was ably done by W. Bro. Houlding. The Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Sumner was passed to the second degree of F.C. The working of Bro. Houlding in this degree is as efficient and easy as in the first, and the Everton Lodge under his Mastership is one of those Lodges in the town that we never tire of visiting. The impression produced at our first visit to the Lodge is unchanged to-day, and it is with great regret we say that there are too few Lodges which work so admirably as the Everton, in the ritual of the Order, and in the harmony that prevails. The Lodge was then lowered to the first degree, and on the Worshipful Master retiring for a few minutes, Bro. Wilson occupied the chair. In pursuance of a notice of motion, Bro. Cottrell P.M. proposed, and Bro. Holland seconded, that a sum of twelve guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to purchase a P.M.'s jewel for the retiring Master, Bro. Houlding. Carried unanimously. The ballot was now taken for the election of Worshipful Master for the next twelve months. The result was the election of Bro. H. Ashmore to that high office. The ballot was next taken for Treasurer for the same term, but previous to the vote being cast, Bro. Holland proposed, and Bro. Bagnall seconded, the re-election of Bro. Lunt, and the brethren, as well as the Worshipful Master, paid a high tribute of praise for the very able manner in which Bro. Lunt had fulfilled that important office. On the ballot being taken Bro. Lunt was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bros. Callow and Gibb were elected Auditors for the same term. Bro. Callow proposed, and Bro. Carefull seconded, that a sum of money be voted from the funds of the Lodge to defray the expense of the annual picnic. Bro. Lunt proposed an amendment, to the effect that they have a picnic, but each brother pay his own expenses, so that more funds from the Lodge might go annually to the Charities. The amendment was seconded by Bro. Beesley. A lengthy discussion followed, and eventually Bro. Callow added to his motion that each brother defray his railway expenses, which gave satisfaction. Other matters relative to the picnic were discussed at some length. There were two votes of money from the funds of the Lodge for benevolent purposes. The Lodge was then closed, in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—On Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Wardell W.M., M. Christian S.W., Finch J.W., J. Lorkin S.D., Gilham J.D., Brasted I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., Allen P.M. Preceptor; C. Lorkin, Borer, Polak, Turquand, Webb and others. Lodge opened and the minutes were read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Webb candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree; Bro. Weige answered the questions. Bro. Allen then occupied the chair; he opened the Lodge in the third degree, and raised Bro. Weige to the degree of M.M. Bro. Turquand gave the Traditional History. The W.M. resumed the chair. Bro. Webb worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed down. Bro. Borer of Lodge 192 was elected a member. Bro. Christian will preside at the next meeting.

**Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 12th of June, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Arthur Welch W.M., W. G. Flanagan S.W., J. Early Danks J.W., W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., Rev. C. R. Honey Chaplain, W. Ferguson S.D., E. J. Blackwell J.D., Thos. Newman D.C., J. H. Hawkes Steward, Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Margrett, Hurley, Brown; Members—Bros. Pulley, Rhind, Hickie, Hunt, Bailey, Rolfe, Creed. Visitors—Bros. E. Baker W.M. 414, Withers, Hawkes 414. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bro. Hickie satisfactorily answered the usual questions leading to the third degree, and retired to be prepared. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, Bro. Hickie was admitted and raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The W.M. performed the whole of the ceremony in a masterly manner; he gave the lecture on the Tracing Board with such effect that it rivetted the attention of every member present; he appeared to feel every word he uttered, and this it is which gives such a beautiful effect and solemnity to this interesting ceremony. The Lodge was resumed in the second and first degrees, when the election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place; Bro. Flanagan was elected. Bro. Stransom, who was absent through indisposition, was re-elected Treasurer. Both announcements were received with acclamation. The Worshipful Master elect returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him by the Lodge, and nominated Bros. W. Ridley, Ferguson, and Newman as his Banquet Stewards. Bro. Hemmings was re-elected Tyler, and returned thanks. Bro. Newman, having given notice, now moved, "That the sum of twenty-five pounds per annum be offered to the Lodge of Union, 414, as a rent for the Hall, &c., &c., from Midsummer 1878." Bro. Hurley P.M. seconded it After a very interesting discussion, Bro. Pulley moved, and Bro. Bailey seconded, "the previous question" as an amendment. This was put to the Lodge and declared to be carried. The I.P.M. moved in a complimentary and appropriate speech, "That a P.M. jewel be presented to the W.M., in recognition of his services while occupying the chair," this was seconded by the W.M. elect, and carried by acclamation. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed and adjourned till the second Wednesday in October.

**Lewis Lodge, No. 1185.**—A meeting was held on Saturday, 15th June, at the Kings Arms Hotel, Wood-green. Present—Bros. W. Sayer W.M., Thos. W. Bone S.W., James W. Berrio P.M. 1293 J.W., A. Leared P.M. P.Z. 1185 Sec., A. Durrant P.M. H. 1185 Treasurer, G. D. Hooper S.D., C. E. Lloyd J.D., G. J. Row P.M. M.E.Z. 1185 D.C., T. H. Turner P.M. 1185 Steward, T. Harrison I.G., C. T. Speight Tyler; Past Master J. R. Cover, with many of the members. Visitors—Bros. C. L. Marsh 464, W. Woodward 1728, Thomas Smith 8, and H. T. Thompson P.M. 742. Bro. John Jefferey Drake, P.M. Morning Star 1396, was elected as a joining member. Bros. Black and Hearson, of the Lewis Lodge, and Bro. W. Woodward, of the Temple Bar Lodge, No. 1728, were raised to the degree of Master Mason. Bro. Best was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. A petition was signed in favour of Emma Eliza Williams, as a candidate for the Girls' School. Her father, Bro. H. Williams, was initiated in the Lewis Lodge; he is now in a lunatic asylum, and this is a case in which the support of the Craft is earnestly solicited by the members of that Lodge. Proxies will be thankfully received by the Secretary.

**Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.**—On Friday, the 14th of June, at the Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, N. Present—Bros. T. Press W.M., Bayley S.W., Frampton J.W., H. B. D. Dunn Secretary, G. D. Edmands S.D., Pare J.D., Oldis I.G. Past Masters Bros. L. R. Rogers 902 Preceptor, John Walker 27, J. Pigot. Visitor—Bros. Oldis. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Walker candidate. The ceremony of passing was also gone through, Bro. Oldis candidate. Bro. Bayley was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Press for the able manner in which he worked the ceremonies.

**Square and Compass Lodge, No. 1336.**—This Lodge held an emergency meeting at the Masonic Rooms, Public Hall, Wrexham, on Tuesday, the 18th inst. Bros. E. Smith W.M., J. Eyton-Jones S.W., J. C. Owen J.W., J. Williams Sec., T. F. Elisbury Treas., H. Davies S.D., J. W. M. Smith J.D., W. Garret Jones, William Pierce, and J. A. Chadwick Stewards, C. K. Benson I.G., Thomas Lee Tyler; Bro. E. Lovatt, J. Abbott Harris, John Bradshaw, Geo. Manley, Isaac Shone, J. Milligan, G. E. Woodford, R. W. Evans, J. B. Shirley, J. Edgar, &c. The usual formal business having been disposed of, the Worshipful Master initiated, in his accustomed efficient and impressive manner, Messrs. James Francis Kelly, Abraham Williamson, and Charles James Gibbons into our glorious Order. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed in due and ancient form, and the brethren, by command of the Worshipful Master, adjourned for refreshment to the Wynnstay Arms Hotel, where the brethren were catered for by Bro. Marlees. After the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were cordially received and duly responded to. A pleasant evening was spent, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

**Fermor Hesketh Lodge, No. 1350.**—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 11th instant. Present—Bros. W. H. Cooper W.M., J. M. Bennett P.M. S.W., W. P. Evans J.W., T. F. Cooper Sec., C. P. Titherly S.D., J. A. McMahon J.D., R. Carruthers Steward, R. Thomas I.G., P. Ball Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and found correct, the W.M., in his usual capable manner, initiated Mr. H. B. Browne and Mr. William Charles Riches into Freemasonry. The Lodge was then worked to the third degree, and Bro. T. H. Allbut was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The Lodge was then lowered to the first degree, and the brethren proceeded to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year; the unanimous choice fell upon Bro. W. P. Evans to fill that important office. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of a jewel to Bro. J. A. McMahon J.D., on his leaving England for New Zealand. The jewel was presented to that brother by the members of the Lodge, as a token of their fraternal regard. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. Cooper on his retiring from the chair. There was a good muster of brethren present, and among the visitors were Bros. T. Marwood P.G.J.W. West Lancashire, J. R. Goepel P.P.G. Director of Ceremonies West Lancashire, and several W.M.'s and Past Masters of Liverpool Lodges. The business of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

**Weyside Lodge, 1395.**—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on 11th inst., at Woking. Bro. Street W.M. was supported by his Officers, and a large attendance of members and visitors. After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. J. H. Parker Wilson was installed into the chair. Bros. Tyler and Lord Ouslow were appointed S.W. and J.W. respectively. Bro. Charington having resigned the office of Secretary, it was unanimously resolved that he be presented with an appropriate testimonial, in the shape of a jewel. It was also resolved that a vote of thanks be recorded to him, expressing the regret of the members at his resignation. Bro. Eager P.M. was appointed Secretary in his stead. Several matters in

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conjunction with the Lodge were then discussed, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where a very sumptuous banquet was provided by the worthy host. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were fully honoured. Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold G.C. eloquently responded for the Grand Officers. In proposing the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Street, the W.M. paid him a deserved compliment for the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair. The toasts of the Wardens, Officers, and Visitors followed, and were duly responded to, and the brethren separated.

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**Merchants' Lodge, No. 241.**—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 11th inst. Present—Bros. Geo. Peet W.M., J. Windsor S.W., T. Sheen J.W., T. Salter Sec., S. J. McGeorge P.M. Treas., Wm. Williams S.D., John Latta J.D., Geo. Broadbridge P.M. D.C., J. Whitehead I.G., Peter Ball Tyler; Past Masters—Bros. Knight, Robinson, Brown, and Lunt. The minutes of previous meeting were read and found correct; the Worshipful Master then initiated Mr. S. Jude into Freemasonry, after which the ballot was taken for the election of W.M., followed by that for Treasurer. Bro. J. Windsor S.W. was elected to the former, and Bro. S. J. McGeorge P.M. re-elected to the latter office, for the ensuing twelve months. It was proposed by Bro. Geo. Broadbridge, and seconded by Bro. Robinson, that the usual grant of five pounds be voted to the Relief Committee from the funds of the Lodge—carried. It was proposed by Bro. Geo. Broadbridge, and seconded by Bro. McGeorge, that the customary P.M.'s jewel be voted to the W.M. on his retiring from the chair. Bro. Latta proposed an amendment, which was seconded by Bro. Stainbury, that the sum of seven guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge for the purchase of said Past Master's jewel—carried. Bro. Brown proposed, and Bro. Windsor seconded the vote of five pounds from the funds of the Lodge for a benevolent purpose—carried unanimously. Before closing the Lodge, the Worshipful Master availed himself of the opportunity of testifying his regard for the noble Lodge he had presided over during the past twelve months. W. Bro. Peet announced, in a few appropriate and touching remarks, that he had taken upon himself to present what he considered would be acquisitions to the pedestals in the west and south. He trusted the Lodge would accept from him, on his retiring from the chair, two exquisitely finished and massive brazen columns, and two gavels. It can be readily understood that such timely and valuable gifts will be highly prized by the brethren of No. 241, and they will be handed down to future generations as a fitting souvenir of the generous donor, whose name will be linked therewith as one of the most esteemed Masters that the Merchants' Lodge has had the good fortune to reckon among its own. On the presentation being accomplished, Bro. McGeorge, P.M. and Treas., proposed that the gift to the Lodge be accepted, and that a vote of thanks be tendered the Worshipful Master from the Lodge, and entered on the minutes, for the handsome presentation. The above motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

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**Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.**—Held its weekly meeting at Bro. Clayton's, the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, on Friday, the 14th instant, Bros. Butter W.M., Job S.W., Wallington J.W., Waterer S.D., I. P. Cohen J.D., McDonald I.G., Musto Hon. Sec.; also a large number of brethren, including the following Past Masters:—Bros. Myers, Koch, Barnes, Scott, Hogg, Atkins, Candick, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes read and confirmed; the Lodge was opened up, and the W.M. worked the installation ceremony in a most impressive manner, after which he rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Bro. Barnes proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had performed his duties, and that he be elected an honorary member of the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Barnes, in the course of his remarks, said he was pleased that upon him devolved the duty to move this resolution; he had had a large experience in working the ceremonies, including that of installation, and he must say, and felt sure every Past Master present would confirm the statement, that it was not often the ceremony, in its entirety, was so well performed as it had been that evening, especially so if it were taken into account that Bro. Butter had rehearsed it only once before. Moreover, Bro. Butter had broken away from the traditions of the locality in which his sphere of action lies, and had come to the fountain whence the method he had adopted sprung—to a Lodge of Instruction noted for the number and excellence of its workers; and where his work was sure—not unkindly, but closely—to be scanned and criticised; circumstances likely to unnerve even the most expert, but more especially so the novice. Bro. Butter had, however, passed the ordeal with great credit to himself, and he (Bro. Barnes) was sure to the satisfaction of every brother present. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Candick, Preceptor of the Lodge, and unanimously carried. Bro. Butter expressed his deep sense of the obligations he was under, not only to the brethren, for so courteously allowing him the privilege of occupying the chair in a Lodge so justly celebrated for its excellent working,—he hailing from a Provincial Lodge,—but also to the P.M.'s, for the invaluable aid he had received. To his esteemed friend Bro. Musto, the Hon. Secretary of the Lodge, he was especially indebted; Bro. Musto was aware that he (Bro. Butter) had shortly, in his mother Lodge, to instal his successor, and had, in this kind manner, invited him to rehearse the ceremony at the Doric Lodge of Instruction. Bro. P.M. Musto had further rendered him material assistance in overcoming the difficulties of the ceremony, and had in a great measure conduced to that success the brethren had so pleasantly recognised. Moreover, his personal sense of obligation was deepened by the

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THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey will be holden at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Saturday, 29th June 1878, when all Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Acting Wardens of Lodges in the Province, are hereby summoned to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are invited to be present.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be opened at Three o'clock punctually, and will attend at the Parish Church at 3:30, when (by kind permission of the Vicar) a special service will be held, and a sermon preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain.

The Croydon Mark Lodge, No. 198, will be opened at Two o'clock, for Advancement of Brethren.

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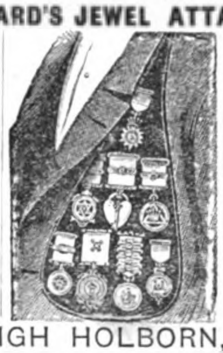

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